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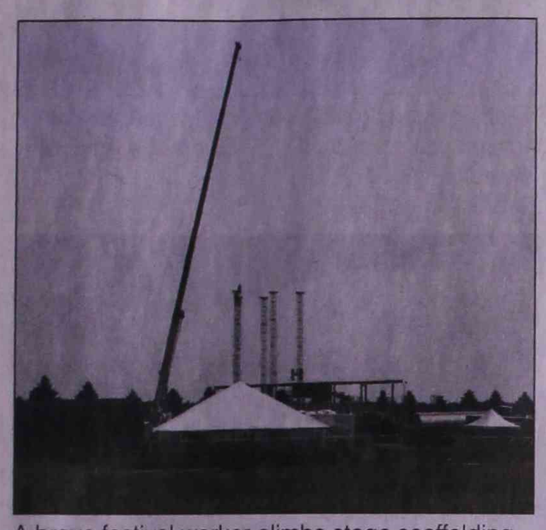
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A brave festival worker climbs stage scaffolding at the Barry Expo Center on Tuesday ahead of this weekend's Rock the Country music festival.
**Photos by Molly Macleod**

## Barry County ready to rock

**Molly Macleod**
Editor

Don't panic — it's here.

The 2025 Rock the Country music festival is taking place this weekend, Friday, June 13, and Saturday, June 14, at the Barry Expo Center in Hastings. The two-day festival is a first of its kind for the county, and emergency crews have been preparing for the event for months.

Hastings is one of 10 cities across the country selected as a host site for the Rock the Country festivals. Music begins at 2 p.m. on Friday and at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Music will stretch late into the evening both days of the festival.

The general admission parking lot opens at noon each day. Camping for this event began at 8 a.m. on Thursday and campers will leave by noon Sunday.

Barry County Emergency Management Coordinator Patrick Jansens said his crews feel ready for this weekend's event.

"Obviously, we've never experienced anything like this in this community, so there's things that we don't know," Jansens said at Tuesday's Barry County Board of Commissioners meeting. "We certainly have asked and drawn on the experience of the entertainment company and our peers, and like I said, all of the emergency managers around us, for some guidance on this.

"We feel ready at this point. We're ready for it to begin," Jansens said.

Crews could be seen setting up the stage, restrooms, tents and other festival necessities at the fairgrounds as early as Monday this week.

Jansens said crews are anticipating some weather during the weekend's shows.

"That would be one of our concerns for this event — any sort of inclement weather," Jansens said.

The other big concern? Traffic.

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Families gathered at Tyden Park in Hastings on Saturday morning for the annual Very Barry Family Event, where they visited dozens of local businesses, organizations and community resources. **Photos by Jayson Bussa**

## Families connect with community resources at annual Very Barry Family Event

**Jayson Bussa**
Contributing Writer

Saturday's Very Barry Family Event was a clear reminder that boredom doesn't stand a chance for kids in Barry County.

The annual gathering brings together local organizations and businesses for a single purpose: to offer a day of family fun while promoting a wide variety of resources available to children and their families.

Hosted each year by the Barry County Great Start Collaborative, the 2025 edition of the Very Barry Family Event took over Tyden Park on Saturday morning, transforming it into a vibrant hub with 40 community partner booths. Each booth offered games, snacks, prizes, and helpful information.

Families began their day by checking in and receiving a free tote bag and a stamp sheet. As they visited each booth, they collected stamps; once they had enough, they could enter a raffle for a chance to win one of several themed prize baskets.

Serving as an unofficial kickoff to summer, the event featured organizations ranging from pediatricians and eye care providers to nature centers,

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## Lake Odessa business to stay open under new ownership

**Dennis Mansfield**
Staff Writer

A longtime business in Lake Odessa was set to close its doors, but now it's set to continue on with new ownership.

Vern's Repair and Sport, located at the intersection of M-50 and M-66, just east of the Village of Lake Odessa, was set to close. Kyle Makley, the store's general manager, said he'd even posted a sign on the door to let customers know and bought an ad in The Reminder to make the announcement.

But, then last Thursday, Makley got a call from his father and the store's owner, Rick Makley, telling him to take the sign down. Vern's was staying open – just under new ownership.

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# Amatrol equipment arrives at Delton Kellogg High School



DKHS junior Trayton Jameson is on hand to help with the new Amatrol equipment as it moves into the DKHS metal shop.



New Amatrol equipment has been delivered to Delton Kellogg High School and has moved into the revamped metal shop. **Courtesy photos**



New Amatrol equipment recently rolled into the new revamped metal shop at Delton Kellogg High School.



From left, DKHS junior Gabe Pharr is standing next to his classmate, junior AJ Lorenz and shop teacher Tess Knobloch as they wait for the new Amatrol equipment to be loaded into the metal shop.



From left, DKHS shop teacher Tess Knobloch stands next to sophomore David LePert while shop teacher Brad Knobloch waits for more equipment to come through the door.

**Karen Turko-Ebright**
Staff Writer

New Amatrol manufacturing equipment has been delivered to Delton Kellogg High School and has moved into the revamped metal shop. Amatrol is a leader in career and technical education training solutions. They provide equipment for hands-on learning in schools across the nation.

It was announced to school officials earlier this year that through the advocacy efforts of the Michigan Manufacturing Association (MMA), Delton Kellogg High School, Athens High School in Troy, and LIFT: The National Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Innovation Institute in Detroit are all recipients sharing a $1-million appropriation from the state legislature with the bulk of the allotment going to the schools. The funding paid for the new Amatrol equipment.

Shop teachers and school officials are excited that students will be able to gain hands-on experience in manufacturing. But before that happens, Tess Knobloch, who teaches shop with her husband Brad, said they are both preparing this summer to be ready to teach the IGNITE/Amatrol program this fall.

In June, the Knoblochs will spend a week training at LIFT, the National Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Innovation Institute in Detroit. In addition, they are learning online.

"We've already started working through a three-month subscription to the IGNITE/Amatrol program," she said. "It's the online learning part of what the students will be working on in the fall."

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

LIFT Executive Vice President, Joe Steele, who also handles public affairs, explained in March that the equipment at DKHS is similar to what is at the LIFT Detroit Institute and is a key part of the IGNITE: Mastering Manufacturing curriculum.

Furthermore, he said the students will be given a wide look at various advanced manufacturing tools and techniques. Learning robotics, electronics, electrical systems and pneumatics is among the lessons the equipment will provide in hands-on experience inside the classroom. Steele stressed that "hands-on" is the most important thing. The equipment is critical to learn about advanced manufacturing in 2025. Steele said he hopes that once students have the opportunity to begin the program, they will feel the excitement and want to start a career in advanced manufacturing in Michigan.




## Hastings Area School System appoints Spencer White as CERC director

Spencer White, longtime Hastings Area Schools band director and a key figure in the operations of the Hastings Performing Arts Center, is expanding his role within the district.

Hastings Area School System administration has named White the director of the Community Education and Recreation Center (CERC).

In his new role, White will oversee the operations of the CERC, the community's hub for educational and recreational activities. He will remain actively involved in the HASS band program, collaborating with band boosters and continuing to drive the HPAC's programming. His proven leadership will ensure the seamless integration of these roles, fostering opportunities for students and residents alike.

"Spencer White's dedication to our students and community makes him the ideal leader for this expanded role," said HASS Superintendent Dr. Nick Damico. "His success with the HPAC and band program demonstrates his ability to build vibrant, extraordinary spaces. We're excited to see him elevate the CERC as a cornerstone of our Exceptional Schools, Exceptional Community, Building Successful Saxons mission."

"I'm really excited to step into this new role as HPAC and Community Center Director," White said. "Over the past few years, the arts in Hastings, especially at the HPAC, have grown tremendously, and with that growth has come the need for more focused leadership and support. This new position allows us to better serve our students, staff, and community across all areas of the fine arts. I'm also looking forward to helping take the CERC to the next level. It's an important resource for our district and community, and I'm happy to play a role in helping it move toward long-term success."

The district invites the community to celebrate this milestone and invest in the future of recreational and educational programs at the CERC.

Locals can learn how they can make an impact by contacting White at Spencer.White@HASSK12.org or call 269-948-4400. For more details about the CERC, visit hassk12.org. — *Hastings Area School System*

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# State rep. calls treatment at board meeting 'very rude'

**Dennis Mansfield**
Staff Writer


Gina Johnsen

State Rep. Gina Johnsen wasn't happy about having her statements before the Lakewood Public Schools Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday, June 9, being cut short, and she let board members know it.

Near the end of Monday's meeting, Johnsen got up to address the board during the public participation period to comment on various issues, including transgender participation in high school sports and potential increases in state funding, that had been discussed by the board and other district officials earlier.

But, Johnsen was seemingly annoyed when LPS President Jamie Brodbeck-Krenz interrupted her to inform the Republican who represents the state House's 78th District she had just 30 seconds left to speak.

"Very rude," Johnsen said after leaving the podium. "I'll let you know I've never been treated like that at a board meeting.

"I'm here to help you," she added.

According to board policy, individuals must first register that they want to address the board and are then limited to three minutes for their comments.

Four persons, including Johnsen, had signed up to speak at Monday's meeting. Three of the four, again including the state lawmaker, had their comments cut short due to the enforcement of the time constraint.

Trustee Adam McArthur, who has previously voiced criticism of the time limit for participation, said it is important for school board members to garner input from members of the public.

"I appreciate Gina for coming," McArthur said. "(But) at this time, I'm ashamed of how this board treats the public.

"I've had quite enough."

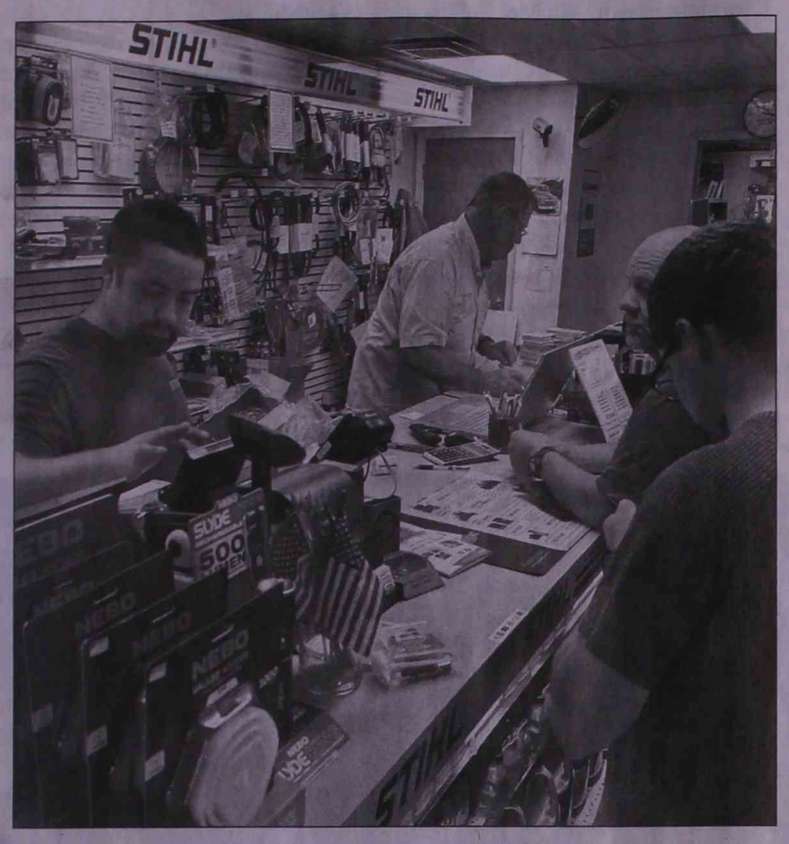
Brodbeck-Krenz and the board's vice president, Darin Weller, both defended the public participation policy and its enforcement, including limiting comments to only three minutes.

"We will hold to that policy until that policy is changed," Weller said.

Brodbeck-Krenz added it was unfortunate that Johnsen or her staff hadn't informed LPS officials of her attendance at the school board meeting in advance.

"I wish I would have had a heads-up," she said. "We could have put her on the agenda and she could have had as much time as she needed.

"I'm glad she showed up," the board president added.



Customers stopping in at Vern's Repair and Sport in Lake Odessa get help from two of the store's employees, Jacob Day (left) and Randy Frantz, on Thursday, June 5. The longtime local business was set to close but will instead remain open after being sold, according to the store's general manager, Kyle Makley. **Photo by Dennis Mansfield**

## OWNERSHIP

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"We have been sold," Kyle Makley said, confirming the news. "(And) no changes for now, as far as I know."

He added the news has caused some confusion for customers, who thought they were stopping by for what might have been the last time.

"Yeah, we've had a lot of people coming in … they know we're closing," he said. "It's been overwhelmingly happy when you tell them (about the sale)."

According to Kyle Makley, Vern's dates back to 1971 when the local business was founded by his grandfather south of Woodland, before moving to its current location.

Makley said the sale and change of ownership at Vern's is set to be completed by July 1. The only change, so far, is that Vern's may no longer service or store boats.

Other than that, he expects operations to continue on as usual. Even current staff members have reportedly been informed they're invited to stay.

"From what I know, the employees have been told they can stay on if they want," Makley said. "They have been offered that they can stay on."

## Highpoint Community Bank reopens newly renovated lobby


Members of the community, elected officials, stakeholders and staff gathered at Highpoint Community Bank in Hastings last week to celebrate the bank's newly renovated lobby. The lobby, which has been closed to the public during renovations since February, reopened on Wednesday, June 4. The renovated lobby ditches the antiquated teller line in favor of a more open-space concept with teller desk "islands." Construction crews worked to preserve the lobby's personality while bringing it into the 21st century. Here, folks attending Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony pose for a photo in front of the new teller desks. **Photo by Molly Macleod**



Lori Lomoro of Blandford Nature Center gave kids a chance to get up close and personal with several animals, including this young owl, which the center is caring for after it was injured by a car.

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Boy Scouts and youth sports programs.

One of the event's most anticipated highlights was the massive bicycle giveaway, sponsored by the Hastings Rotary Club and Barry County Lumber. Kids entered a drawing for a chance to win one of 40 bicycles, with winners announced toward the end of the festivities.

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## Should you pay off debts or invest?

Some financial decisions can be challenging — like whether to use your money to reduce your debt or to invest. If you already have a significant amount of debt and not a lot in savings or investments, it can be hard to figure out which issue should be a priority.

There's no simple answer, and everyone's situation is different, but here are a few suggestions for helping you make a good choice:

• *Evaluate your cash flow.* If you already have enough after-tax income to meet your monthly living expenses, you might lean toward investing any leftover cash, but if you are just getting by, possibly due to heavy debt payments, then you might be better off using your funds to reduce your debt load.

• *Build an emergency fund.* Paying off your debt as fast as possible may seem like the responsible thing to do, but not having an adequate emergency fund or saving for your future could leave your finances at a permanent disadvantage. It's a good move to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Once you have such a fund, you could use it, instead of going into debt — or adding to your debt — to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

• *Evaluate your debts.* Some of your debts are actually more "expensive" to you than others. This expense level doesn't necessarily refer to the size of the debt, however. You might have a large mortgage, for instance, but because your interest payments are typically tax deductible, your "after-tax" interest rate may be relatively modest. Therefore, you might consider investing rather than paying down your mortgage. But if you have consumer loans or credit cards that carry a high interest rate and whose interest payments are not deductible, you might be better off paying down or refinancing this debt.

• *Take advantage of any employer match.* If your employer sponsors a retirement plan and offers a match, you will want to prioritize contributing at least what is required to receive the match. It's essentially free money. So, if your employer matches up to 3% of your contributions, for example, you should contribute at least 3% of your income to this retirement account. Additionally, some employers will match a portion of your contributions to a Health Savings Account. Eventually, you'll likely want to get to a point of saving more than just the match, but you'll have to weigh the benefit of additional contributions against the cost of any debt you're carrying.

• *Make it easier on yourself.* To make achieving these goals easier, automate as much as you can. For example, you can divert part of your paycheck into an emergency savings account or a retirement account through automatic payments for any debt reduction or savings needs.

While it may seem like a huge endeavor to pay off your debt while still saving for the future, it doesn't have to be. Taking small, incremental steps is key to helping you get to where you want to go.

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Rock the Country festival workers await trucks entering with stage equipment on Tuesday.

## ROCK

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Roughly 50,000 people are expected to travel to the Barry Expo Center this weekend, according to Jansens. That influx of people will cause traffic backups and delays along M-37 and elsewhere.

In an effort to keep folks safe, Jansens said his crews will be implementing traffic and road closures. Area residents and visitors should expect temporary traffic delays beginning June 12 continuing through June 15. Motorists should also expect traffic backing up into Middleville and Hastings, with drivers encouraged to avoid the M-37 corridor.

Detailed maps and routing information will be shared in advance through county social media channels such as Facebook, X and Nextdoor, as well as Michigan State Police platforms and local media outlets

Drivers are asked to follow all posted signs and obey law enforcement instructions to ensure emergency routes remain open and accessible.

According to the announcement by BCEM officials, some local neighborhoods, especially those in cul-de-sacs, will experience restricted access during peak event hours, including 8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 10 p.m. on June 12; 8 a.m. to noon and 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on both June 13 and 14.

Also, those planning to attend the concert, as well as area residents, are reminded to use hands-free devices and focus on the road when driving, follow detour signs and law enforcement instructions, and call 911 if emergency assistance is needed.

For more information, individuals may text "Rock" to 226787 to opt in for alerts regarding the event or visit "BarryCountyEMD" on Facebook.

# Hastings Live concert series underway now

The 2025 Hastings Live Summer Concert Series is in full swing this week with an amazing "bubbly" performance, a talented local musician performing at the Barry County Courthouse and an incredible band returning from last year, according to Steve Hoke, the arts and events coordinator for Hastings.

BubbleBri will be bringing Bubbles-R-Fun to the Thornapple Plaza at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, for a hands-on learning experience.

And, on June 13, the "Friday at the Fountain" series will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Barry County Courthouse lawn. Michael Fahey, a singer/songwriter who specializes in alternate tuning acoustic music, will be joined by his former teacher, Dan Palmer, a musician and jazz guitar instructor at Hillsdale College.

Then, on Friday night at Thornapple Plaza, the Fat Animals combine an incredible groove, addictive guitar combos, and amazing lead and harmonic vocals to produce a first-rate show that will get audiences up and dancing, according to organizers.

Guests attending the local concert series are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs. A concession stand, operated by volunteers from Hastings' Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, will be open for evening performances.

Organizers also stated that smoking, vaping, non-service animals and outside alcohol will be prohibited. Also, there is no rain venue for Hastings Live. And, unless there is thunder and/or lightning, each show will be held as scheduled.

Hastings Live is made possible through support from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, National Endowment for the Arts, and donations from Barry County Lumber, the Baum Family Foundation, Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Highpoint Community Bank and other local businesses. — *DM*

# Hastings Public Library dedicates Jane Arnold Storybook Walk




Families can take a walk along the Thornapple River while reading a children's book thanks to the new Jane Arnold Storybook Walk. This month, "Some Bugs" by Angela DiTerlizzi; illustrated by Brendan Wenzel will be featured along the walk. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

**Molly Macleod**
Editor

Dozens gathered behind the Hastings Public Library last week, Tuesday, June 3, for a dedication ceremony for the new Jane Arnold Storybook Walk.

The Storybook Walk honors the late Arnold, who dedicated her life to educating children in Barry County. Beginning her career in the Banfield School, Arnold went on to teach at Hastings Area Schools, with stops at Delton Kellogg Schools and a stint teaching student teachers at Michigan State University in between.

Hastings Public Library Director David Edelman explained the storybook walk consists of 20 stations along the Hastings Riverwalk, beginning just behind the library near the Thornapple Plaza bridge. The storybook walk extends east along Railroad Street.

A dedication plaque to Jane can be found just behind the library parking lot, near the solar-powered picnic table.

"She lived most of her life in the same house on South Street until my parents moved within town a few years ago," said Jeff Arnold, Jane's son. "She lived her whole life here. Education, kids, books, reading — that was all important to her."

This month, "Some Bugs" by Angela DiTerlizzi; illustrated by Brendan Wenzel will be featured along the walk. Edelman said the books will be changed out at least once each quarter, if not monthly.

"Thank you for doing this — for recognizing our mother," said Arnold. "As (Edelman) said, she was an educator. Kids were important to her—books, reading as well as all the family. I think this all helps us keep on her memory. So, thank you."

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Absent: None

Approved the Agenda as amended

Approved the Consent Agenda

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## FROM THE SUPE'S DESK: Career and technical education's importance

**Rich Franklin**
**Barry ISD Superintendent**

For years, we have led kids and families to believe that all students must attend college—and I mean four-year universities—to be successful in life. Many of our parents and grandparents didn't attend four-year universities but did not deter us from pushing this narrative. We may have actually believed it.


Rich Franklin

However, it is patently untrue. All students deserve and need the chance to further their education beyond high school–that I believe. What form that post-secondary education takes depends on where a student's talents and interests lie. All students have talents, and all students have interests. It's our job in education to help students find them and match them up with a bright future.

Many young people, most perhaps, learn better by doing than by hearing or reading. This does not discount the need to be a good listener and a good reader. It does tell us that students need hands-on, real-world opportunities as part of their education.

Sure, the world is changing. It is increasingly technological, and also increasingly post-literate.

Here in Barry County, students have many opportunities for hands-on learning through what we call "career and technical education," or CTE, but more kids need more of these types of opportunities. Not every school can offer every program, but why can't we talk about ways to get to programs at other schools? Not all students attend traditional public schools, but why shouldn't they have opportunities for hands-on learning that prepares them for good careers, too?

A local business leader once said in a meeting I was in, "We have an employee shortage, and we will solve it. We prefer to solve it here, but we will solve it." Some companies look to other communities and other states if they can't find the skilled workforce they need. Some look to automation. Some even look overseas. That's not what we want for our county. We want good jobs here, so we need to prepare our students to compete for them.

There's been a community conversation that's building momentum about ways to get kids to programs in their own schools, in other schools, at places like Gilmore Garage Works at the Gilmore Car Museum, at a career center that's not in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Lansing, or Grand Rapids. Let's keep that conversation going.

On June 24, at 6 p.m., in the Delton Kellogg High School auditorium, the boards of education of Delton Kellogg Schools, Hastings Area School System and Barry ISD will hear the results of a recent survey that was available to all adult residents of our school districts. It won't be a decision-making meeting, but the information that we get from the consultant we've hired will help inform next steps that have to do, in part, with career and technical education for students here in Barry County.

Please join us and hear what we hear, so that you can become part of the conversation.

## ITC conducting aerial patrols of transmission lines this week

ITC is conducting aerial patrols of the high-voltage transmission structures and lines in Barry County this week.

According to a statement released by ITC officials, the helicopter patrols are conducted to provide an overall status of the overhead transmission system that is operated by ITC's Michigan operating entities – ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Co.

The aerial inspections will cover nearly all of the Lower Peninsula.

The effort began on May 27 with patrols in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

Patrols this week are set to include Barry County, as well as Allegan, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lenawee, Monroe, Ottawa, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Van Buren and Washtenaw counties.

The effort reportedly will wrap up with patrols over counties in the northern portions of the Lower Peninsula from June 24-30.

The patrols are a North American Electrical Reliability Corporation requirement for ITC's vegetation management program, support proactive maintenance objectives and are in line with the company's model for operational excellence. They include inspections of all transmission structures and equipment including, but not limited to, monopoles, steel towers, wood poles, conductors (wires), insulators and other equipment.


ITC is conducting aerial patrols of transmission lines in Barry County this week. **Courtesy photo**

According to the company's recent statement, crews check for damaged or worn equipment and vegetation hazards.

The inspection flights are often conducted at low altitudes to allow accurate visual inspection of equipment for lightning damage, wear or other potential problems. ITC officials state this is normal procedure, so there is no cause for alarm if a low-flying helicopter is sighted near transmission lines.

For more information about ITC, persons may visit online at itc-holdings.com. — *MM*

## HMS announces most recent honor roll

Hastings Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2024-25 academic year.

Students earn placement on the honor roll for earning all A and B grades for the quarter. Those who earn all A grades are named to the Principal's List.

Middle school students who qualified at the conclusion of the most recent marking period include:

**Sixth grade**
**All A's**

Ian Ansorge, Carter Graham, Ainsley Haas, Aubrey Kingshott, Everly Lancaster, Ava Lilley, Payton Mills, Christopher Neubauer, Matthew Renner, Delaney Ricketts, Maya Ricketts, Dirk Seymour, Lacie Shepard and Natalya Solmes.

**A's & B's**

Wyatt Bailey, Isabella Barcroft, Levi Bekker, Hunter Bierens, Audra Bolt, Patton Boomer, Annabelle Brand, Autumn Bruce, Madison Carley, Olive Day, Sophie Donnini, Kaiden Dykstra, William Edger, Gavyn Elkins, Rhilan Frame, Makenna Gentis, Iley George, Lexie Griffin, Brenden Haywood, Aubree Huver, Jacee Jacinto, SeQuoyah Jackson, Konnor Kent, Korra Leonard, Colt Lewis, Ava Lucas, Eva McCracken, Alexander Minogue, Lucas Monday, Baylee Nelson, Caleb Pollet, Sylvia Purdum, Noelle Randall, River Reed, Nathan Shoup, Mason Slaughter, Kaitlynn Snyder, Ayla Solmes, Olivia Steeby, Olivia Terpstra, Angela Vidal, Achilles Wondergem and Isaac Wymer.

**Seventh grade**
**All A's**

Ava Anderson, Ashlynn Auten, Kinley Beadle, Gracelynn Burke, Kylie Curtis, Ainslie Dygert, Jayden Garner, Claire Gergen, Sophia Gordon-Rodriguez, Colton Haywood, Bentley Justice, Carter Kramer, Harliequinn Krebs, Maren Marlatt, Abigail Mix, Aubrey Mix, Zachary Neubauer, Lucy Nickelson, Jasmim Ramirez-Tapia, Emily Rhoades, Garrett Rhoades, Marley Seeber, Abella Smith, Ayla VanBelkum, Kaelyn Walsh and Fiona Watkins.

**A's & B's**

Annelise Armstrong, Brooklynn Auten, Laney Awrey, Charlotte Bagley, Alexander Bertrand, Eden Bivens, Bo Bourassa, Lilly Bronsink, Arianna Brubaker, Karter Case, Ryan Coller, Reuben Day, Landon DeGoa-Appel, Rhylie DeMarsh, Brennan Denton, Blake DeWyse, Isabella Duits, Chloe Endres, Elliana Erb, Gabriella Gole, Avery Hetrick, Preston Heuss, Karter Hill, Khloe Jablonski, Jaelyn Jimenez, Malcolm Kniaz, Julian Kretz, Ava Lundstrum, Emmalia Mansager, Ainslee Mattice, Adyson Mayack, Austin Milcher, Destiny Newton, Milo Oliver, Ericka Peck, Winter Pirtle, Sophie Pohja, Ava Roath, Alex Smith, Owen Smith, William Sparks, Zoey Storm, Jackson Storrs, Eilysha Stratton, Robert Tompsett, Kylee Troyer, Davis Wattles, Lenna Wendt, Jonah Wescott, Olive Wescott and Kylah Wise.

**Eighth grade**
**All A's**

Ashtyn Denton, Riley Furrow, London Hammond, Sebastian Hernandez-Hernandez, Lexi Heydenberk, Wyatt Sanders, Breeya Solmes and Katherine Stevens.

**A's & B's**

Layla Armour, Zoey Armour, Payton Arnie, Khloe Baker, Ariana Benjamin, Mavie Bernstein, Porter Blessing, Lainah Brasher, Leigha Brown, Eleanor Clark, Elodie Clore, Sage DeCamp, Greyson Delcotto, Lucy Furrow, April Gates, Jacelyn Goodroe, Hadley Grove, Lauren Harris, Makenzie Harris, Ryan Harris, Temprance Jiles, Temperance Jiles, Jeralynn Lancaster, Emerson Leary, Rylee Long, Alyssa MacLeod, Colten Melchert, Haley Miles, Addelyn Nurenberg, Alyssa Olin, Natalie Olmstead, Isabella Perez, Micah Randall, Joseph Renner, Joshua Roberts Jr., Gabrielle Robertson, Brielle Salazar, Ella SanInocencio, Abigail Shafer, Lucy Sporer, Brynn VanderMale, Haley Vaughn, Riley Vaughn, Emiliano Vilchis Rodriguez, Claire Walters, Karrigan Williams, Haley Williamson and Abram Winebrenner.

## Barry County Indivisible hosting rally June 14

Barry County Indivisible will join others around the country this weekend to express concerns with the nation's democracy and lift their combined voices to declare "America will not have a king."

Organizers say there are over 1,500 registered demonstrations across the country this Saturday, June 14, for the "No King" peaceful demonstrations. The demonstrations will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, with Barry County Indivisible hosting its rally at Thornapple Plaza.

Speakers will share how changes in Washington have impacted their lives. Michael Lynch, a Democrat who is running for Michigan's 2nd Congressional District seat in 2026, will be present at the Barry County demonstration on Saturday to share some of his observations on how what's happening in Washington, D.C. impacts Michiganders.

Barry County Indivisible is inviting everyone to come out to Saturday's event.

"Maybe you're looking for more firsthand information about what's happening in our country, or maybe you're not sure what you feel — stop by and listen, talk to others and find out for yourself," said organizer Marcia Szumowski. "We are a non-partisan group of Barry County residents who are joining together to get our message heard in Lansing, Washington and around the world. We hope to see you there." — *MM*

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## New Barry County nonprofit fosters inclusion and opportunities for locals with disabilities

**Molly Macleod**
Editor

A new nonprofit serving residents with disabilities is setting up shop in our area. The Ability Collective of Barry County, headed up by Maggie and Rob Bayerl, was formed in January of this year. The Ability Collective serves Barry County residents, championing inclusion and opportunities for individuals with disabilities, aiming to build an equitable community where everyone thrives.

"We're a brand-new nonprofit here in Barry County," said Maggie Bayerl, who serves as the organization's acting director. "We're really focused on building community solutions to make Barry County more inclusive for those with disabilities."

To start, Bayerl said the organization plans to conduct a community needs assessment, partnering with community agencies to disseminate a survey and conduct listening sessions.

"(We're) really trying to hear from people with disabilities and their families — what they need and what their ideas are for how we can make Barry County more inclusive for them," said Bayerl.

"It's the unseen part of any community — it's really hard to find spaces that are accessible to everyone…" said Rob Bayerl. "It's really hard to find those common spaces, so I think those are barriers we are trying to break involving everyone everywhere."

The community survey will be posted to the Ability Collective of Barry County's Facebook page, along with on its website, theabilitycollective.org, this Saturday, June 7. The Bayerls were present at last weekend's Very Barry Family Event, as well.

"Right now, our focus is across the board, the umbrella of people who identify as having a disability. We recognize that's a huge population, and we might find that there are particular sectors of people with disabilities in Barry County who need more help than others or are more interested in being part of our collective than others," said Bayerl.

According to the most recent Census records, roughly 8,500 residents in Barry County have disabilities. Of those, 6,000 of those residents are under the age of 65 — meaning their disabilities are non-age related.

"We know there's a ton of isolation, and we're trying really hard to reach everybody to figure out where we can do the most good," Bayerl said.

On July 26, the Ability Collective of Barry County will be hosting a celebration for the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. More information is yet to come on that event.

More information on the Ability Collective of Barry County and its upcoming events can be found on its website, theabilitycollective.org/ or by searching "The Ability Collective of Barry County" on social media. Additionally, residents can support the Ability Collective of Barry County at its Barry Community Foundation fund at barrycf.org/funds/the-ability-collective-of-barry-county-inc/.

## 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 12** – Movie Memories and Milestones watches a 1955 thriller starring Robert Mitchum, Shelley Winters and Lillian Gish, 5 p.m.; Homestead Farm & Greenhouse Tour (address given in event reservation), 6 p.m.

**Friday, June 13** – Friday Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, June 16** – Community Weaving Project, all week on the library's main floor; Crafting Passions, 10 a.m.; Lego Club, 4 p.m.; Soaring Safely: A Beginner's Guide to Hot Air Ballooning, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 17** – Baby Cafe, 10 a.m.; Youth Makerspace with 4-H: Upcycling (grades 3-12), 10:30 a.m.; Youth Garden Club, 3:30 p.m.; Powerful Tools for Caregivers, 4 p.m.; mahjong, 5 p.m.; chess, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 18** – Community health workers at the library, 10 a.m.; Itsy Bitsy Book Club, 10:30 a.m.; Open Art Studio, 11:30 a.m.; Bubble Science Show and Lab with Bubbleologist Angelina Bertoni, 3 p.m.; "Climate Sisu" film and discussion, 6 p.m.

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

## PIERCE CEDAR CREEK INSTITUTE EVENTS

– JUNE 12-19 –

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.

**Friday, June 13** — Fun Friday, 10 a.m.-noon. Join the Institute for hands-on activities, special guests, games, and crafts centered around a new theme each week. This is a come-and-go event, and all caregivers must remain with their children during this free event.

**Saturday, June 14** — Social Hike, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 17** — Cedar Creek Book Club reads "The Light Eaters" by Zoe Schlanger, 10 a.m.

**Thursday, June 19** — Social Hike, 10 a.m.

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

## Lake Odessa Fair set to celebrate 90th year

**Dennis Mansfield**
Staff Writer

It's almost time again for one of Lake Odessa's signature events, with the 90th edition of the Lake Odessa Fair set for Wednesday through Sunday, June 18-22, at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds on Fairgrounds Road.

One member of the fair's board of directors, Rachel Haskin, said the Lake Odessa Fair isn't as big as county fairs but still provides local residents and visitors a chance to get out and enjoy a popular small-town event.

"It is the village fair," Haskin said. "It's not the Ionia County (Free) Fair, obviously.

"The Lake Odessa Fair is a tradition. You'll definitely see someone you know and haven't seen in a while," she added. "And, bring a friend."

And, for 2025, the fair will have a "'90s" theme.

"The whole fair has like a '90s theme because it's our 90th year," she said. "For some people, there will be a lot of nostalgia."

In some ways, Haskin said the local event is like a "pre-show" for younger participants competing to show off their farm animals in a number of categories over the event's schedule.

And, the fair schedule is again packed with fun and festivities for persons of all ages. Haskin said that includes an expanded schedule of Grand Stand festivities, now set for all five nights.

Individuals may purchase a Grand Stand pass for $30 that covers admission for all five highlight events.

The fun will get underway when midway at the village fair opens at 5 p.m. on June 18, with a Grand Parade at 6 p.m. and draft horse pulls at 7:30 p.m.

The fair's second day includes a plethora of activities, with goat and rabbit shows and Figure 8 Derby, as well as the unique and popular dodgeball tournament.

"There's not an event like it in the state," Haskin said of the dodgeball competition. "It's something where people are never disappointed."

The fair wraps up on June 22 but with plenty still left to see and do, such as a pickleball tournament, adult volleyball, cowboy church service, ice cream social and a "derby night of destruction."

Haskin said the fun also includes many new kids' events – many which are free.

"It's all free, which is really exciting," she said. "Just things for the kids, to go along with the carnival, with the animals."

Unfortunately, one event not listed on the fair schedule for a second consecutive year is a fireworks display.

Prior to the 2024 fair, Haskin described omission of the fireworks show as "a difficult decision, but the best one to make in order to provide more to the community with that money."

Part of the decision came from the rising cost of fireworks. A second factor the board took into consideration were the dates of the fair.

"It's so hard to justify when our fair has gotten further away from the 4th of July," Haskin previously stated. "The Lake Odessa Fair always used to be over the Fourth.

"We were kind of a staple for people in the fireworks show. Well, now, with social media and mass communication, it's so easy for people to find a fireworks show."

A full schedule of events, as well as other information, is posted on the fair's website, lakeodessafair.org.

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# TURNING BACK THE PAGES

## The history of Hastings' own radio station: WBCH

**DAVID MILLER**
Special to The Banner

Hastings has not always been known for WBCH or its familiar tagline, "The World's Best Country Hits."

In April of 1957, the Federal Communications Commission granted authorization to Donald G. Garey to establish a new radio station under the call letters WAHL. The station was licensed to operate on 1,220 kilocycles with a modest power of 250 watts, and only during daylight hours. Mr. Garey arranged to install the transmitting equipment on the second floor of his Hastings Theatre, located along M-37—a building that today houses the Hastings Roll-A-Rama skate rink. At that time, Garey was also managing the adjacent drive-in theater, which would later become known to local residents as the Hastings Drive-In, owned by Floyd Bloss.

In June of that same year, a 160-foot transmission tower was erected behind the Hastings Theatre to support the emerging WAHL radio station. Just two months later, a second tower followed—both of which still stand today as quiet sentinels of local broadcasting history. To place Garey's WAHL in perspective: the station initially operated at 250 watts of power, comparable to what many amateur "ham" radio operators achieve with standard transceivers in the 100W to 200W range. With such output, WAHL's daytime-only signal could reach an estimated 20-mile radius—effectively covering all four corners of Barry County.

In the early morning hours of July 15, 1957, Garey conducted the first test broadcast of his 250W station. The trial transmission took place between 1 and 5 a.m., and spirits were high among the fledgling station's operators when they received word from a ham radio enthusiast in Jamestown, New York, who reported receiving their signal at 1,220 kilocycles on his 11-tube receiver. It was a remarkable confirmation of the station's reach and potential. With that milestone achieved, all that remained was to receive final authorization from Washington, D.C., allowing similar tests during daylight hours. Once those were completed, Hastings' very first radio station would be ready to begin full programming.

After four months of rigorous testing and adjustments to meet federal broadcasting standards, WAHL officially signed on the air for the first time on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 3, 1957. Broadcasting from its pair of 150-foot towers, the station's inaugural day of programming ran from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular weekday hours were soon established, operating from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. At the time, Garey employed a staff of six to operate the station. WAHL broadcast on the 1,220-kilocycle frequency on the AM band—a position it has faithfully maintained on the radio dial for the past 67 years.

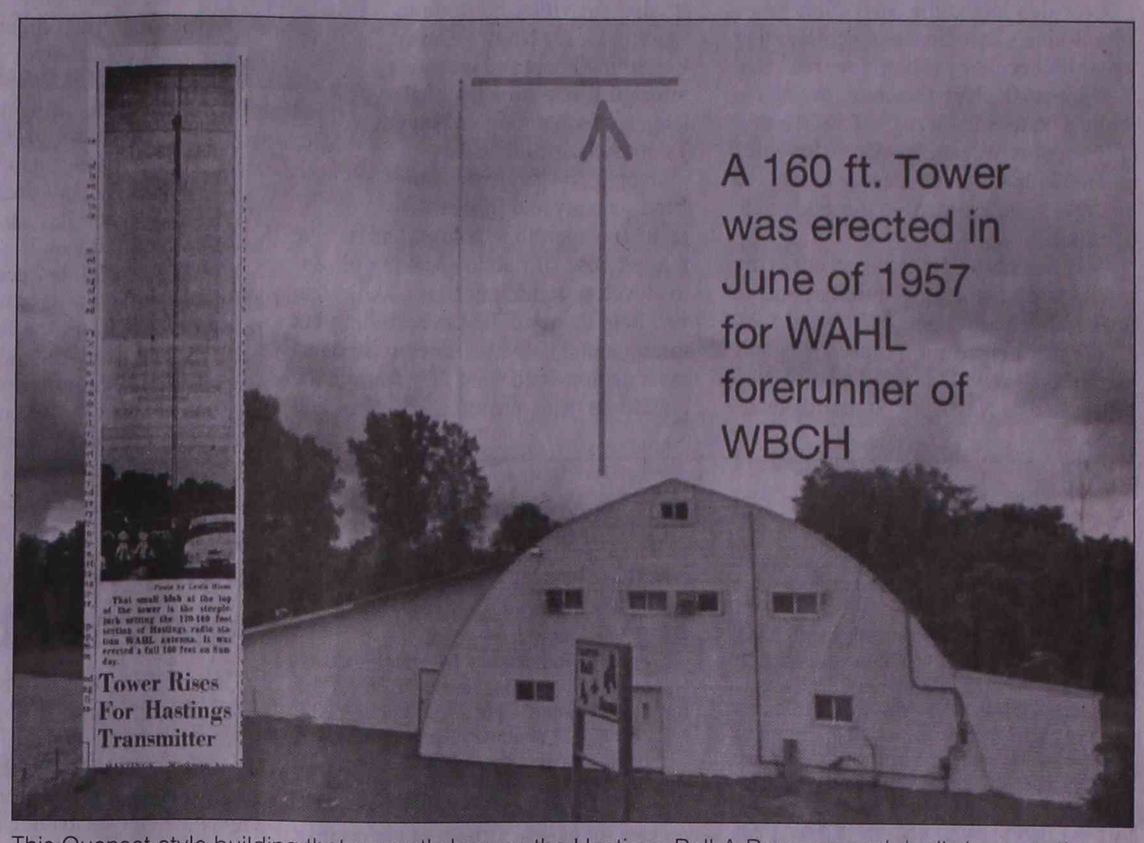
Although WAHL marked Don Garey's first foray into radio, he was no stranger to the world of entertainment. He began learning the trade from the ground up, working at Lansing's old Bijou Theatre as an usher, doorman, and general jack-of-all-trades after completing two years of business administration studies at Lansing Business University. Garey also spent time employed with the A&P grocery chain before operating three concessions during the Chicago World's Fair of 1933–34. In 1937, he married Virginia M. Hummel, and the couple relocated to Hastings in December 1944. Don initially worked as a butcher at the Food Center before purchasing Fay Hummel's store on South Hanover. In 1950, the Gareys leased the store to Ralph Shirley, having opened their drive-in theater the previous year, on June 18, 1949.

Following the success of their drive-in theater, the Gareys opened the Hastings Theatre in a Quonset-style building on March 20, 1955. The main auditorium of that structure would later serve as the primary studio for their new radio venture. On the second floor, five rooms were dedicated to housing broadcast equipment, managing station operations and conducting on-air programming. At the time, the station's chief engineer and manager was Irving Grove, a native of Pewamo who had previously worked in Charlotte. Among those joining the early effort was Jack VanCarey, a youthful, Milwaukee-trained disc jockey and announcer. Marshall Horn took on the role of sales representative, while his wife, Dolores Horn, served as the afternoon receptionist and stenographer. Norma Garey, Don's wife, greeted listeners each morning and also hosted a daily women's program titled Mostly for Women.

From the very beginning, the Gareys received strong financial backing from several prominent Hastings businessmen, including Roger Wiswell, Leslie Hawthorne, Roman Feldpausch, Donald Roth, Arthur Behnke and Clayton Brandstetter. Additional investors came from nearby Charlotte, among them Duane Wertz, Frank Gregg, Donald Smith, Frank Loucks, Ray Spotts, O.E. Latchaw, Angus MacCloud, and Robert Greenhoe. Notably, Greenhoe was the manager of Charlotte's WCER radio station and would later relocate to Hastings to take on the role of station manager at WAHL.

In July of 1958, several of the previously mentioned individuals came together to form the Barry Broadcasting Company and proceeded to purchase WAHL from Garey Broadcasting. Just two months later, on September 19, 1958, the station's call letters were officially changed to WBCH—understood to represent "Barry County Hastings." Robert Greenhoe, who had managed WCER in Charlotte and played an instrumental role in the transition, was appointed president and general manager of the newly rebranded station.

In August of 1959, WBCH marked its first anniversary with a festive celebration in downtown Hastings. Dale Bassett, proprietor of Dale's Bake Shop and president of the Chamber of Commerce, baked a large cake especially for the occasion. The event took place on State Street in front of Bullings and featured the station's widely recognized broadcast trailer, "Big Mike," as the broadcast booth. Under the leadership of the Barry Broadcasting Company—headed by President Robert Greenhoe and Vice President Roman Feldpausch—WBCH had already made significant strides and improvements during its first full year on the air.

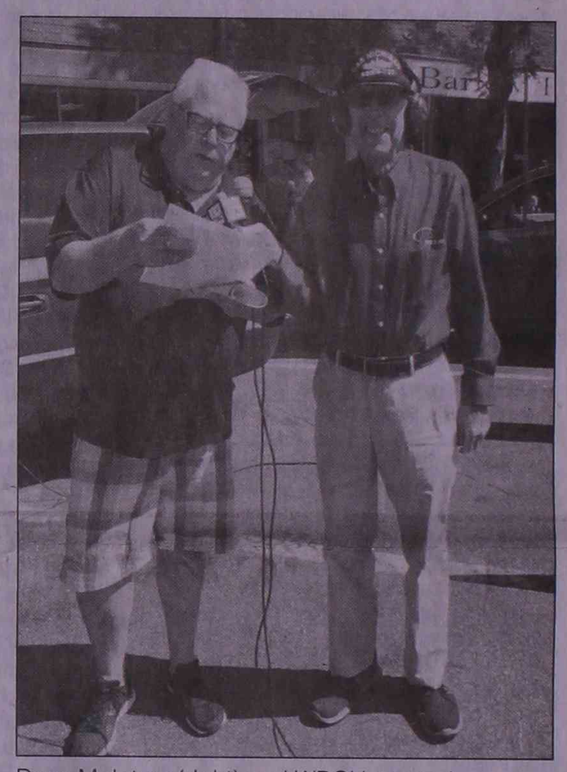



This Quonset-style building that currently houses the Hastings Roll-A-Rama was originally home to the WAHL radio station — now known as WBCH. **Courtesy photos**

Before WBCH relocated its studios in May of 1960 to a second-floor space above City Food & Beverage in downtown Hastings, Ken Radant was promoted from program director to assistant manager of the station. In 1959, Radant hired David McIntyre, who would become the station's longtime on-air broadcaster. Together, the two would collaborate for nearly six decades. According to McIntyre, Ken Radant was truly a pioneer in local radio broadcasting. In 1969, Radant went on to become the owner of both WBCH AM and FM, solidifying his lasting impact on the station and the community it served.

In 2019, during the City of Hastings' official proclamation celebrating the 60th anniversary of WBCH, Mayor David Tossava presented special commendation to longtime broadcaster Dave McIntyre. He was recognized for his remarkable dedication to informing and entertaining WBCH's AM and FM audiences since 1959. Day after day, year after year, McIntyre faithfully delivers the local news, weather and sports each morning, becoming a trusted and familiar voice in countless homes across Barry County. On a personal note, I have been listening to Dave McIntyre deliver the morning news since 1964 and continue to do so today from my home in Dallas, Texas, through WBCH's internet broadcast. His enduring presence remains a cherished link to the community I have long held dear.

With WBCH remaining locally owned, it has long served as the heartbeat of the Barry County community. From lively parades and high school concerts to ball games, county fairs, and even Sunday church services, the station ensures that the sounds and stories of the community are shared and celebrated.

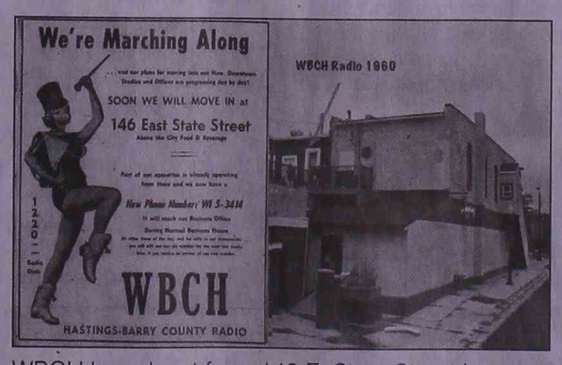


Dave McIntyre (right) and WBCH general manager Steve Radant are seen at a past Hastings Summerfest. Radant is the son of the late WBCH owner and manager Ken Radant. In 1959, Ken Radant hired McIntyre, who would become the station's longtime on-air broadcaster. Together, the two would collaborate for nearly six decades.

Broadcasting today from its current location on the first floor of the Hendershott Building at 119 West State Street, WBCH continues to be more than just a radio station. Today, country music has risen to the most popular genre of music in the country. Its DJs and announcers are familiar faces—neighbors who know the children on the field, the voices in the choir, and the pastors in the pulpit. This deep connection is what truly sets WBCH apart, keeping it an essential and cherished part of daily life in Hastings, not only for generations past but for those yet to come.

Sources: Battle Creek Enquirer & News (1957-1960), The Hastings Banner (1957-1960).

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




WBCH broadcast from 146 E. State Street in Hastings in 1960. The station hasn't moved far; it is located today at 119 W. State Street.




WBCH has remained locally owned throughout its 65-plus-year history.




WBCH celebrated its first anniversary in August 1959. The event took place on State Street in Hastings and featured the station's widely recognized broadcast trailer, "Big Mike," as the broadcast booth.

# Hastings native serves with the next generation of U.S. Navy Recruiters

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** — Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Crowden, a native of Hastings is serving in the U.S. Navy assigned to Navy Recruiting Orientation Unit (NORU) with the next generation of U.S. Navy Recruiters.

Crowden is a 2001 graduate of Marion County High School.

Crowden joined the Navy eight years ago. Today, Crowden is a student learning the skills necessary to be a Navy recruiter.

"I joined the Navy because I wanted to build a better life for myself and eventually support my family," Crowden said.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Hastings.

"My parents taught me to get out of my shell, to do something different and to make life an adventure," Crowden said. "This has helped me pursue my goals within the Navy."

Located at Naval Air Station Pensacola, NORU is the Navy's sole recruiting schoolhouse responsible for the instruction of Enlisted and Officer personnel in professional sales, prospecting techniques, marketing, applicant processing, recruiting terminology, leadership, ethical behavior and activity analysis. It also provides continuum training for the Navy's Career Recruiting Force and prepares selected leaders for the challenges of operating a Navy Talent Acquisition Group.



Richard Crowden

Over 3,500 students come from sea duty and shore to attend basic recruiting courses and receive a good dose of public speaking classes to develop communications skills that will help them not just in recruiting but throughout their Naval careers. Students must demonstrate what they learn in the classroom with prepared speeches and perform in a simulated sales environment, where they must help an applicant make an informed, mutually beneficial decision to join the Navy. These steps are critical to ensuring that prospective applicants fully understand what naval service entails and that the Navy receives highly motivated and committed officers and enlisted sailors to serve.

The U.S. Navy is celebrating its 250th birthday this year.

According to Navy officials, "America is a maritime nation and for 250 years, America's Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom."

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Crowden serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

Crowden has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"My proudest accomplishment was making rank to petty officer second class," Crowden said. "I know with this responsibility, I would have to show how good of a leader I am for my junior sailors."

Crowden can take pride in serving America through military service.

"Serving the Navy makes me feel accomplished and makes my family proud of me," Crowden said.

Crowden is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I would like to thank my wife, Whitney," Crowden added. "She has been the heart and soul of this family, and she has done a great job of taking care of us all. Without her pushing me, I wouldn't be where I am in my career." — *MM*

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, Michigan, starting promptly at One o'clock in the afternoon on 10th day of July, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

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

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of 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

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, Michigan, starting promptly at one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, July 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by 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.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

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

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

Elisabeth M. Von Eitzen
WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP
150 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 1500
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487
(616) 752-2000
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# Corewell Health announces summer blood drive schedule

Corewell Health, in partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, is hosting a series of 26 blood drives scheduled throughout West Michigan in June, July and August. The summer schedule includes a variety of available appointment times, including mornings and evenings, designed to fit into busy summer plans.

In Hastings, blood drives will take place during the following dates and times:

• Wednesday, June 11, from noon to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

• Thursday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

• Wednesday, July 16, from noon to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

• Wednesday, Aug. 20, from noon to 6:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

Other Corewell blood drives in West Michigan include:

**June 2025**

• Wednesday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., 4700 60th St., Grand Rapids, Versiti Mobile Bus

• Wednesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Grand Haven Center, Community Room, 15100 Whittaker Way, Grand Haven

• Thursday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital, YAW Conference Room, 1840 Wealthy St. SE., Grand Rapids

• Friday, June 13, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Corewell Health Greenville Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 615 S. Bower St., Greenville

• Thursday, June 19, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital, Big Rapids Classroom, 605 Oak St., Big Rapids

• Thursday, June 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital, Room 1710 EF, 100 Michigan Ave. NE., Grand Rapids

• Tuesday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Reed City Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 300 N. Patterson Road, Reed City

• Wednesday, June 25, from noon to 4:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Cardiovascular Services – Bradford, Heart Cafeteria, 2900 Bradford St. SE., Grand Rapids

**July 2025**

• Wednesday, July 2, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. John Episcopal Church Fellowship, 124 S. Sullivan St., Fremont

• Wednesday, July 9, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Grand Haven Center, Community Room, 15100 Whittaker Way, Grand Haven

• Thursday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Corewell Health Ludington Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, One Atkinson Drive, Ludington

• Tuesday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital, YAW Conference Room, 1840 Wealthy St. SE., Grand Rapids

• Tuesday, July 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital, Conference Room AA, 8333 Felch St., Zeeland

**August 2025**

• Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at St. John Episcopal Church Fellowship, 124 S. Sullivan St., Fremont

• Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 9 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Grand Haven Center, Community Room, 15100 Whittaker Way, Grand Haven

• Thursday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital, YAW Conference Room, 1840 Wealthy St. SE., Grand Rapids

• Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital, Conference Room AA, 8333 Felch St., Zeeland

• Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 4700 60th St., Grand Rapids, Versiti Mobile Bus

• Thursday, Aug. 21, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital, Big Rapids Classroom, 605 Oak St., Big Rapids

• Thursday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Reed City Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 300 N. Patterson Road, Reed City

• Friday, Aug. 22, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Corewell Health Greenville Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 615 S. Bower St., Greenville

• Thursday, Aug. 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital, Room 1710 EF, 100 Michigan Ave. NE., Grand Rapids

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan is the primary provider of blood for Corewell Health hospitals, and blood donated can help trauma victims, surgery patients, premature babies, people with anemia and those undergoing treatment for cancer.

The process for donating blood takes about an hour. This includes registration, a brief medical screening and blood collection. Individuals 17 and older who are in good health and not experiencing symptoms of cold or flu may donate blood. Donors who are 16 years old may donate but must have parent or guardian permission. A photo ID is required to donate.

For information on donating blood or to schedule an appointment, visit donate.michigan.versiti.org or call 866-642-5663. — *MM*

# Historic Charlton Park's Father's Day Car Show is Sunday

This Father's Day, Historic Charlton Park is appealing to dads with a need for speed.

The 43rd Annual HCP Father's Day Car Show returns this weekend, Sunday, June 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hot rods, muscle cars, classic cars and more will line the village green on Sunday.

Spectators can enter the show for $5. Kids under 13 get in free. The show will go on rain or shine.

Exhibitors can register the day of the show for $20. Exhibitors' admission includes passengers in the cars. Vehicles entered in the show must be from 1999 or earlier.

Free parking can be found off River Road during the event. A free shuttle will transport eventgoers to and from the historic village.

Exhibitors can access the park from M-79 only. Charlton Park Road will be one way, going north, from approximately 6 to 10 a.m. on Sunday. Awards begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Show awards include:
Best of Show
Misfits Club Selection
Charlton Park Director's Award
Long Distance Award
Top 25 Awards
Under 21 Award
Club Participation Award
N.S.R.A. Safety Inspection Award

The event also features cash prizes and door prizes. Dash plaques will be handed out to the first 1,000 cars entered on Sunday.

The Historic Charlton Park Father's Day Car Show is sponsored by Misfits Car Club of Battle Creek. — *MM*

# CITY OF HASTINGS
## (Barry County, Michigan)
## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16
## RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Barry County, State of Michigan (the "City"), held on June 9, 2025.

PRESENT: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

ABSENT: Barlow, Rocha

The following resolution was offered by McLean and seconded by Brehm:

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings (the "City"), through its City Council (the "City Council"), does hereby determine that it is necessary in one or more series to defray the cost of improvements along Fish Hatchery Park to Broadway Street on Green and from Green to State on Market Street, within the City, including but not limited to (i) resurfacing of such roads; (ii) construction of a mini roundabout at the intersection of Green and Market; (iii) lead service line replacements, storm, and sanitary sewer replacement on Green and Market; (iv) water main replacement on Market Street; and (v) acquiring and constructing any and all other related appurtenances and site improvements within, or immediately adjacent to, the road right of way (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($8,500,000); and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to issue bonds under Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), and to use the proceeds of the sale of such bonds to pay the cost of capital improvement items such as the Project; and WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to issue bonds and to use the proceeds of the sale of such bonds to finance all or part of the cost of the Project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan, as follows:

1. AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS - PURPOSE. Bonds of the City aggregating the principal sum to be determined by order of the Authorized Officer (defined below) but not in excess of Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($8,500,000) shall be issued and sold for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of the Project.

2. BOND DETAILS. The bonds shall be designated "Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025" or such other title and series designation as may be determined by the Authorized officer; shall be dated the date of their delivery; shall be numbered from 1 upwards; shall be fully registered; shall be in the denomination of $5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the aggregate principal amount for each maturity at the option of the purchaser thereof; shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 6.00% per annum to be determined upon the sale thereof payable semiannually on such dates as shall be determined by order of the Authorized Officer; and shall be serial and/or term bonds and mature on such dates and in such amounts as shall be determined by order of the Authorized Officer; provided, however, that the final principal maturity of the bonds shall be not later than twenty-one (21) years after the issuance of the bonds. If the original purchaser of the bonds shall designate certain of the bonds as term bonds, the principal maturities of the bonds shall become mandatory redemption requirements in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 and the form of bond set forth in Section 10.

3. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. The principal of and interest on the bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States. Principal shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the bonds to the bond registrar and paying agent as they severally mature. Interest shall be paid to the registered owner of each bond as shown on the registration books at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month preceding the month in which the interest payment is due. Interest shall be paid when due by wire transfer, check, or draft by the bond registrar and paying agent to the registered owner at the registered address.

4. BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM. Initially, one fully-registered bond for each maturity, in the aggregate amount of such maturity, shall be issued in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") for the benefit of other parties (the "Participants") in the book-entry-only transfer system of DTC. In the event the City determines that it is in the best interest of the City not to continue the book-entry system of transfer or that the interests of the holders of the bonds might be adversely affected if the book-entry system of transfer is continued, the City may notify DTC and the bond registrar and paying agent, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of bond certificates. In such event, the bond registrar and paying agent shall deliver, transfer and exchange bond certificates as requested by DTC and any Participant or "beneficial owner" in appropriate amounts in accordance with this resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the bonds at any time by giving notice to the City and the bond registrar and paying agent and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law or the City may determine that DTC is incapable of discharging its duties and may so advise DTC. In either such event, the City shall use reasonable efforts to locate another securities depository. Under such circumstances (if there is no successor securities depository), the City and the bond registrar and paying agent shall be obligated to deliver bond certificates in accordance with the procedures established by this resolution. In the event bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this resolution shall apply to, among other things, the transfer and exchange of such certificates and the method of payment of principal of and interest on such certificates. Whenever DTC requests the City and the bond registrar and paying agent to do so, the City and the bond registrar and paying agent shall cooperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the bonds to any Participant having bonds credited to its DTC account or to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution to the contrary, so long as any bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of, interest on and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds and all notices with respect to the bonds shall be made and given, respectively, to DTC. The authorized Officer is authorized to sign the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations on behalf of the City in such form as such official deems necessary or appropriate in order to accomplish the issuance of the bonds in accordance with law and this resolution.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution to the contrary, if the Authorized Officer deems it to be in the best interest of the City, the bonds shall not initially be issued through the book-entry-only transfer system of DTC.

5. OPTIONAL REDEMPTION. The bonds shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by order of the Authorized Officer.

6. MANDATORY PRIOR REDEMPTION. If any of the bonds are designated by the original purchaser as term bonds such bonds shall be subject to mandatory prior redemption at par and accrued interest in accordance with the maturity schedule as determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the form of bond contained in Section 10 hereof. The bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot.

7. BOND REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT. The Authorized Officer shall designate, and may enter into an agreement with, a bond registrar and paying agent for the bonds that shall be a bank or trust company located in the State of Michigan that is qualified to act in such capacity under the laws of the United States of America or the State of Michigan. The Authorized Officer may from time to time as required designate a similarly qualified successor bond registrar and paying agent. Alternatively, the City Treasurer may serve as bond registrar and paying agent for the Bonds if the Authorized Officer determines it is in the best interest of the City.

8. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION AND DELIVERY OF BONDS. The bonds shall be executed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the bond registrar and paying agent, and the seal of the City ( or a facsimile thereof) shall be impressed or imprinted on the bonds. After the bonds have been executed and authenticated for delivery to the original purchaser thereof, they shall be delivered by the City Treasurer or the Authorized Officer to the purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price. Additional bonds bearing the facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and upon which the seal of the City ( or a facsimile thereof) is impressed or imprinted may be delivered to the bond registrar and paying agent for authentication and delivery in connection with the exchange or transfer of bonds. The bond registrar and paying agent shall indicate on each bond the date of its authentication.

9. EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER OF BONDS. Any bond, at the option of the registered owner thereof and upon surrender thereof to the bond registrar and paying agent with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the bond registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney, may be exchanged for bonds of any other authorized denominations of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered bond.

Each bond shall be transferable only upon the books of the City, which shall be kept for that purpose by the bond registrar and paying agent, upon surrender of such bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the bond registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney.

Upon the exchange or transfer of any bond, the bond registrar and paying agent on behalf of the City shall cancel the surrendered bond and shall authenticate and deliver to the transferee a new bond or bonds of any authorized denomination of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered bond. If, at the time the bond registrar and paying agent authenticates and delivers a new bond pursuant to this section, payment of interest on the bonds is in default, the bond registrar and paying agent shall endorse upon the new bond the following: "Payment of interest on this bond is in default. The last date to which interest has been paid is [insert applicable date]."

The City and the bond registrar and paying agent may deem. and treat the person in whose name any bond shall be registered upon the books of the City as the absolute owner of such bond, whether such bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such bond and for all other purposes, and all payments made to any such registered owner, or upon his order, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this resolution shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such bond to the extent of the sum. or sums so paid, and neither the City nor the bond registrar and paying agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. The City agrees to indemnify and save the bond registrar and paying agent harmless from. and against any and all loss, cost, charge, expense, judgment or liability incurred by it, acting in good faith and without negligence hereunder, in so treating such registered owner.

For every exchange or transfer of bonds, the City or the bond registrar and paying agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum. or sums shall be paid by the person requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer.

10. FORM OF BONDS. The bonds shall be in substantially the following form with such necessary and appropriate changes as are permitted or required hereby and are approved by those officers executing the bonds and the execution thereof by such officers shall constitute conclusive evidence of such approval:

11. DEBT SERVICE FUND. There shall be established for the bonds a debt service fund, which shall be accounted for separately and may be pooled or combined for deposit or investment purposes only with other debt retirement funds for non-voted debt, other than special assessment debt. From the proceeds of the sale of the bonds there shall be set aside in the debt service fund any premium and accrued interest received from the purchaser of the bonds at the time of delivery of the bonds in such amounts as determined by the Authorized Officer. Funds of the City to be used to pay the principal and interest on the bonds when due shall be placed in the debt service fund and so long as the principal or interest on the bonds shall remain unpaid, no moneys shall be withdrawn from such debt service fund except to pay principal and interest on the bonds.

12. CONSTRUCTION FUND. The remainder of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be set aside in a construction fund and used solely to defray the cost of constructing the Project, including any engineering, legal and other expenses incidental thereto. Any unexpended balance of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds remaining in the construction fund after completion of the Project shall be deposited in the debt service fund established in Section 11 hereof or, if authorized by resolution of the City Council, to construct additional capital improvements.

13. SECURITY. The full faith and credit of the City are pledged hereby to the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution. Each year the City shall include in its budget as a first budget obligation an amount sufficient to pay such principal and interest as the same shall become due. The ability of the City to raise such funds is subject to applicable constitutional, statutory, and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City. The amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law.

14. ESTIMATES OF PERIOD OF USEFULNESS AND COST. The estimated period of usefulness of the Project for which the bonds are to be issued is hereby determined to be twenty five (25) years and upwards, and the estimated cost of the Project in an amount of approximately $8,500,000 as submitted to this City Council is hereby approved and adopted.

15. TAX COVENANT. The City covenants to comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") necessary to assure that the interest on the bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

16. QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS. The bonds are hereby designated as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" as described in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code.

17. DEFEASANCE. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay, at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, or any portion thereof, shall have been deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased with respect to such bonds, and the owners of the bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

18. REPLACEMENT OF BONDS. Upon receipt by the City Treasurer of proof of ownership of an unmatured bond, of satisfactory evidence that the bond has been lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken and of security or indemnity that complies with applicable law and is satisfactory to the City Treasurer, the City Treasurer may authorize the bond registrar and paying agent to deliver a new executed bond to replace the bond lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken in compliance with applicable law. In the event an outstanding matured bond is lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken, the City Treasurer may authorize the bond registrar and paying agent to pay the bond without presentation upon the receipt of the same documentation required for the delivery of a replacement bond. The bond registrar and paying agent, for each new bond delivered or paid without presentation as provided above, shall require the payment of expenses, including counsel fees, which may be incurred by the bond registrar and paying agent and the City in the premises. Any bond delivered pursuant to the provisions of this section in lieu of any bond lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken shall be of the same form and tenor and be secured in the same manner as the bond in substitution for which such bond was delivered.

19. APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. The issuance and sale of the bonds shall be subject to permission being granted therefor by the Michigan Department of Treasury pursuant to Act 34, unless the City has qualified status pursuant to Act 34, and, if necessary, the Authorized Officer, the City's attorney, the City's municipal financial advisor, and other authorized designees are authorized and directed to make applications to the Michigan Department of Treasury for permission to issue and sell the bonds as provided by and in

furtherance of the terms of this resolution and Act 34.

20. SALE, ISSUANCE, DELIVERY, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE OF BONDS. The Mayor, City Manager, City Treasurer, and Clerk of the City, or any one or more acting alone or together ( each, an "Authorized Officer") are hereby authorized to sell the bonds at a competitive sale at a price not less than 98% of their par value and approve by written order the interest rates on the bonds and the winning bidder upon the sale of the bonds. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to approve an Official Notice of Sale for the bonds and publish the same in accordance with law in The Bond Buyer at least seven (7) days before the date set for the sale of the bonds. After the receipt of bids, the Authorized Officer, if determined that it is in the best interest of the City to do so, shall enter an order awarding the bonds to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest interest cost in accordance with the notice of sale. Alternatively, if determined to be in the best interest of the City, the Authorized Officer is authorized to reject all bids and negotiate the terms of sale with a purchaser as determined by the Authorized Officer.

The Authorized Officers are authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate the sale, issuance, delivery, transfer and exchange of bonds in accordance with this resolution.

21. OFFICIAL STATEMENT: CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to cause the preparation of a preliminary official statement and a final official statement for the bonds for the purpose of enabling compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") by the winning bidder or bidders and to do all other things necessary to enable compliance with the Rule by the winning bidder or bidders. After the award of the bonds, the City shall provide copies of a "final official statement" ( as defined in paragraph ( f)(3) of the Rule), on a timely basis and in reasonable quantity as requested by the winning bidder or bidders, to enable the winning bidder or bidders to comply with paragraph (b )( 4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rule making Board.

The Authorized Officer is authorized to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the City (i) a certificate of the City to comply with the requirement for a continuing disclosure undertaking of the City pursuant to subsection (b)(5) or (d)(2) of the Rule, as applicable, and (ii) amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"). The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The remedies for any failure of the City to comply with or carry out the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall be as set forth therein.

22. BOND INSURANCE. The Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to take any actions that may be necessary or appropriate to purchase a policy or policies of municipal bond insurance with respect to the Bonds to the extent that the Authorized Officer determines that the purchase of such municipal bond insurance is in the best interest of the City. If the Authorized Officer makes such a determination, the purchase of a policy or policies and the payment of premiums therefor and the execution by the Authorized Officer of any necessary commitments with respect thereto are hereby authorized.

23. CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they are in conflict herewith, are rescinded.

YEAS: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressegue, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barlow, Rocha

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Linda Perin, Clerk
City of Hastings

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on June 9, 2025, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 et. seq., as amended.

Dated: June I 0, 2025

Linda Perin, Clerk
City of Hastings

# Talented group of youngsters, including Jensen, at D2 Finals

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Hastings junior Daniel Jensen shot his way to a 47th-place finish over the weekend at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Boys' Golf Finals at Bedford Valley Golf Club.

Jensen fired a 78 Friday and an 81 Saturday at the 36-hole, two-day event for an overall score of 159.

It was Jensen's first appearance in the Finals.

He opened day two with a birdie on par-5, 543-yard number four, and shot par on five of his final six holes to close out the tournament.

Jensen had a bit of a rocky start with a triple on his second hole, the par-5 number four, Friday morning. He recovered nicely though to be just four over through his first nine holes of the tournament. He was just two over on the back nine at Bedford Valley on day one.

Grand Rapids Christian put on a dominant performance over the weekend at the finals. The Eagles tallied a team score of 289, just one over par, Friday and then shot a 295 on Saturday. Cranbrook Kingswood and Forest Hills Eastern both shut under 300 Saturday, but couldn't come close to catching the Eagles.

Kingswood and Forest Hills Eastern did climb into second and third place in the final team standings with their day two performances. Kingswood tallied a 304-289-593 as a team to earn the state runner-up trophy. Cranbrook Kingswood and FHE were tied in third place with scores of 304 after day one. FHE shot a 299 on day two to finish at 603 for the tournament. South Christian was second at 301 after day one, but slipped back to fourth with a 309 on day two that gave the Sailors an overall score of 610.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's was fifth with a score of 611 ahead of Gull Lake 622, Unity Christian 629, Chelsea 632, Allendale 633, Bay City Western 634, Vicksburg 640, East Grand Rapids 342, Lutheran North 645, Parma Western 655, Adrian 667, St Johns 675, Tecumseh 677 and Freeland 679.

Chelsea senior Brian Tillman was the tournament's individual champion with a score of 71-68-139. He beat out a pair of Grand Rapids Christian guys on day two to move into the lead. Christian junior Cooper Reitsma was the state runner-up with a score of 69-71-140 and his junior teammate Sawyer Grady tied for third at 69-72-141.

The competition could look quite similar a year from now, in Jensen's senior season. Tillman was the only senior among the top nine.

Cranbrook Kingswood got a 71-70-141 from junior Andrew Chang and a 73-70-143 from junior Henry Delzer. Junior Drew Rayman from Plainwell was tied with Delzer for fifth at 143 overall and East Grand Rapids sophomore JP Levan was seventh at 145.

Grand Rapids Christian also had senior John Cassiday 12th with a score of 150 and junior Ty Erickson 22nd at 153.

Forest Hills Eastern sophomore Jack Kilmek and South Christian sophomore Harris Hoekwater tied for eighth individually with scores of 148.



Hastings junior Daniel Jensen watches his tee shot fly on number six at Bedford Valley Golf Club Friday during day one of the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Boys' Golf Finals. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on July 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): 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

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 22, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1561854 (05-22)(06-12)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**
**PROBATE COURT**
**BARRY COUNTY**
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**Decedent's Estate**
**CASE NO. and JUDGE 2025-30128-DE**

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

Estate of Catherine Jean Slocum. Date of birth: October 5, 1946.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Catherine Jean Slocum, died April 3, 2025.

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

Date: 06/04/2025
Stephanie S. Fekkes P43549
Rhoades McKee, 607 N. Broadway, Ste. A
Hastings, MI 49058
269-945-1921
Deborah Kay Wright
c/o Rhoades McKee, 607 N. Broadway
Hastings, MI 49058
269-945-1921

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**Decedent's Estate**

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

Estate of Richard Sebastian Pitsch. Date of birth: 4-8-1950.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard Sebastian Pitsch, died 7-8-2024.

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

Date: 6-5-25
Amanda S. Sumner
6908 Red Cardinal Loop
Colorado Springs, CO 80908
(405) 593-7723

**PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on July 2, 2025 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairieville Township Hall, 10115 S. Norris Rd., Delton MI, 49046 within the Township, as required under the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and the Zoning Ordinance for the Township.

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

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

1. A request from property owner Danene Shumaker, 9520 Milo Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080 for a variance to allow for the construction of a deck addition to single family dwelling that fails to meet setbacks, pursuant to sections 4.24 "Waterfront Lots" and 4.41"Schedule of Lot, Yard and Area Requirements" of the Prairieville Township Zoning Ordinance. The subject site is located at 9520 Milo Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080. Parcel #08-12-022-002-00 and is currently zoned AG, Agricultural.
2. Such other business as may properly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

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

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

## FROM THE MOUND

Dennis Mansfield, Staff Writer



# Lions fans should celebrate Ragnow's past greatness, team's promising future

Normally, you'd know me as Dennis Mansfield, mild mannered staff writer. But, I'm here to introduce you to The Mound, my opinionated alter ego and purveyor of venomous verbiage,

Actually, I'm here to deliver a message of hope, of inspiration and a rallying call to future glory. OK, it's totally unlike me but let's give it a try.

See, I feel too many of you have bought into the doom and gloom being dished out by both the local and national media. And no, I'm not talking about politics.

I'm here to talk about the somewhat – I'll explain the use of that term later – surprising retirement of Detroit Lions All-Pro center Frank Ragnow and accompanied silly sports pundits who predict the loss of the talented 29-year-old offensive lineman is a torpedo that will sink the team's hopes for a possible title run in the upcoming 2025 season.

"Hooey," I say. The Mound had more colorful terms, but this is a family publication so it's best I speak for him at this point.

There's no need to review the background of this story here. I think every national sports talking head, reporter, podcaster and yahoo with a blog has beat that horse.

It's enough for me to say a beat-up Ragnow had a decision to make – did he want to play professional football year for a few more years, make a lot of money and maybe get a shot at winning a Super Bowl, or did he want to retire when he could still be an active father, husband and outdoors enthusiast.

Frankly (get the pun there?), I think he made the right choice and recently announced his retirement after playing seven seasons in Detroit. I've seen the videos of some NFL greats who played for as long as their bodies would allow. Now, they can barely walk up a flight of stairs – or worse.

Some Lions fans, believing a third consecutive playoff run is in the making, are upset with Ragnow, believing he's deserting the team when they need him most. After all, he's a team captain and leader of the offensive line, one of the best such units in football. They've won two straight NFC North Division titles. He can't go now. It's not right.

"Hooey." Again.

To those so-called fans, I have a suggestion. Take your shoes off and let me hit your big toe with a hammer, and see how you feel.

Ragnow knows pain, from various knee, back and shoulder injuries, a fractured larynx and the well-documented and infamous turf toe injury he's had operated on once already. The man has given his all to his team and fans.

Let him be. He's earned our respect, admiration and affection. Or, he's got mine.

OK, a team losing a top-tier center – and Ragnow was and is one of the best to play the position – is a big loss. There's no sugar coating that. I'm not asking anyone to join me in a chorus of "Kumbaya" or hand out hugs while telling you, "It's going to be all right."

In fact, I should tell you, The Mound is ready to give his version of the Gibb's Slap (see NCIS) and yell, "Snap out of it!" to many Lions fans, especially wanna-be sports reporters on YouTube. He's just that way.

We must remember that football is a great example of a team sport, unlike the NBA where two or three superstars might get you a winning team, even a title.

Every NFL team has an active 53-man roster backed up by a 16-member practice squad. It's far from a one-man show.

Again, I'm not denying Ragnow's importance. He was great, but not irreplaceable. He was just one of five offensive linemen, one of 11 offensive players on the field at any given time.

Now, he's gone, at least from the gridiron. Stop your crying. It's time to move on.

And, this is where I want to go back to the term "somewhat" surprising.

There was some shoddy reporting when Ragnow first announced his retirement. It was due to his frustration over his contract. It was a surprise. There was confusion on who might replace him.

None of that was true. Personally, I think the reporting was more about getting "clicks" and views, than telling what was actually happening. Rumors and opinion had replaced good, factual information.

Anyone who has been following the Lions closely for the past few years should have seen this coming. There were many, many hints, from Ragnow and the team.

The biggest hint was in April, when the Lions drafted not one, but two, interior linemen in Georgia's Tate Rateledge and Miles Frazier from Louisiana State University. Almost immediately after making the picks, the Lions talked about their versatility, about "cross training" them, as they had done with others, so they could play various positions.

For those who really crawl into the weeds on this stuff, like I do, you probably already know that Rateledge is close to a physical clone of Ragnow. They're tall for centers, with Ragnow at 6'5" and Rateledge 6'6". Both are very athletic, with relative athletic scores, or RAS, of 9.90 (10.00 scale) or better. In fact, Rateledge has a better RAS tally than Ragnow, 9.96 to 9.93.

Not that any of this really means anything. What is important is the Lions were a good football team in 2023 and even better in 2024, with a promising season ahead. They're led by a great combination in head coach Dan Campbell and general manager Brad Holmes.

And, while without Ragnow, there's still a ton of talent on this team. Before Ragnow's announcement, it was considered by some one of the deepest, most talented rosters in the NFL.

The point is a team has to play the players who are on the roster, who are available. Let's cheer for them. That would seem far more productive than worrying about who's not playing.

Hey, that might be a great lesson for not just football. Maybe I have talent for this inspirational stuff, after all.

# Matteson and Vikes get first state finals golf experience

**Brett Bremer**
Sports Editor

The Lakewood Vikings were hoping Saturday would be a moving day – moving up the standings.

Delton Kellogg/Martin sophomore Grady Matteson had the same thought.

The scores were a tick better, but there wasn't a lot of moving up the standings on day two of the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 Boys' Golf Finals over the weekend at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University in Allendale.

Day one was a learning experience for all the local golfers, playing in a massive, slow-moving tournament over the course of six-hours.

Matteson did a little bit to save things late Friday with bogies on his final two holes after a rougher stretch on the back nine. He closed the day with an 88 and then shot an 87 on day two. He scored a birdie on the par-4, 397-yard number 11 midway through his Saturday round for his first birdie of the tournament.

He had one of his best shots of the day Friday on the par-5 number nine. Backed up against a pond he fired a ball from about 170 yards out onto the green and finished the hole with a par.

As a sophomore, who missed qualifying for the state finals by a stroke at regionals as a freshman, Matteson thought getting the chance to just participate in the finals was pretty cool.

New Delton Kellogg/Martin varsity boys' golf coach Nick Haas listed the things that make Matteson a golfer capable of getting to the state finals early in his varsity tenure.

"One, super competitor," Haas said. "He is super competitive at everything. I'm sure even if him and his buddies are trying to throw paper in a wastebasket, he's trying to beat him, right?

"Two, he's pretty even keel. He doesn't get too high or too low emotionally.

"Three, usually his miss hits are still going pretty straight, keeping him in play. Usually, most of the time. He has, definitely on our team, he has got the best misses.

"Then he's just he's got a knack for once or twice a nine sticking a close. When it comes to making birdies, you're not always gonna make those 15, 20 foot [putts] right. You're gonna have to hit some close sooner later."

Haas said he saw Matteson get a couple chips to roll to a stop close to the hole during the Friday round.

Matteson said he played a lot of golf in the week and a half between regionals and the state finals.

"I fixed some long irons. Those were a little bit better today … kind of fixed the putter a little bit, which was nice," Matteson said Friday "Those are the two main things."

His driver wasn't working as good as he would have liked Friday.

"It's fun being here," Matteson said. "Wish I had done just a little better, but, you know, there was some holes that kind of got away from me, but other than that, I don't think I did that bad."

Matteson closed the tournament in a tie for 69th with his two-day total score of 175.

The Lakewood boys were in 17th overall at the 18-team tournament. The Vikings shot a 354 Friday, led by an 85 from senior Cole Thrun. Fellow senior Kenny Dutkiewicz scored an 87.

Thrun added an 87 Saturday to close with a total score of 172 that had him in 65th place individually. Dutkiewicz shot an 88 Saturday and was in a six-way tie for 69th with Matteson and others at 175 overall for the weekend.

The Viking youngsters had it a little rougher. Sophomore Vance O'Mara scored a 90, freshman Max Thrun a 92 and sophomore Bryson Boucher a 93.

O'Mara had the biggest improvement from day one to two for the Vikings scoring an 87 Saturday. He closed in a tie for 78th with a two-day total of 178.

Max Thrun scored a 90 Saturday to finish at 182 and Boucher scored a 97 Saturday for an overall total of 190.

Jackson Lumen Christi won the team state championship on the weekend with a 36-hole total score of 626. The Titans shot a 310 Friday and a 316 Saturday. St Francis was five strokes back of Lumen Christi after day one and NorthPointe Christian was ten strokes back. They slipped a little further behind Saturday, still finishing in second and third respectively. St Francis put up a two-day score of 639 and NorthPointe Christian 645.



Delton Kellogg/Martin sophomore Grady Matteson awaits a turn on the number two green at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University in Allendale Saturday during the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 Boys' Golf Finals Friday. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Lakewood sophomore Vance O'Mara gets down low to get a read on the number one green Friday during day one of the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 Boys' Golf Finals at The Meadows in Allendale.

Essexville Garber was fourth with a total score of 652 ahead of Kalamazoo Christian 654, Grosse Ile 657, Chesaning 662, West Catholic 664, Covenant Christian 665, Ann Arbor Greenhills 666, Tawas Area 670, Millington 677, Schoolcraft 680, University Liggett 682, Lansing Catholic 694, Pinconning 702, Lakewood 706 and Leslie 735.

There were no day-one jitters for Shepherd senior Christopher Crockett was the weekend's individual champion. He shot a one-under 70 Friday and came back with a 75 on Saturday to beat out Bullock Creek senior Colton Lower by three strokes for the championship. Crockett closed the weekend with an overall score of 145 and Lower at 148.

Caro senior Cole Marcola shot and Essexville Garber junior Jonah Williams got their moving day mission accomplished on Saturday. Marcola shot an 83-71-154 and Williams an 82-72-154 to tie for eighth place. The state champ, Crockett, was the only other guy to shoot a round better than 73 all weekend.

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(06-05)(06-26)

**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
(06-05)(07-10)

**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
(05-29)(06-19)

# DO YOU **REMEMBER?**



## SLY MR. FOX

— BANNER JUNE 22, 2017 —

Spring brings heightened activity from creatures, including this gray fox spotted outside the J-Ad Graphics offices in Hastings. Gray foxes are typically found in woodlands. Although both red and gray species are found in all counties, fox numbers may be locally abundant, but are down in some areas, perhaps because of increasing coyote populations. **File photo by Joan Van Houten**

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# ASK **DR. UNIVERSE**

## Stuck like glue

**How do bugs cling onto things without falling off?**

*— Carmen, 7, Wash.*

Dear Carmen,

Right now, there's a fly walking on the window in my office. I asked my friend Rich Zack how it does that. He's an insect scientist at Washington State University.

It turns out my window isn't as smooth as it looks. If we zoomed in on the glass, we'd see bumps and dips. It's kind of like a rock face or a climbing wall.

"Surfaces look pretty smooth," Zack said. "But if you get really, really close, you see there are all kinds of little indentations and crevasses. Even a pane of glass is not perfectly smooth. It's got little nicks and bumps that insects can grab onto."

There are also electric forces that help stick together the atoms in an insect and the atoms in the surface—like van der Waals forces. Those act like a weak magnet. They pull together any atoms that are near each other. Big animals like us are too heavy to use those forces to climb stuff, but insects are usually small and light.

Most importantly, insects have legs and feet adapted to do whatever that insect usually does—like cling to stuff.

Insect legs are a lot like human legs. Some of the leg parts even have the same names—even though insects don't have bones. Thighs are femurs. Shins are tibias. At the end of the legs, the feet are tarsi.

"There are specializations when we get down to those tarsi," Zack said. "Many insects that hang onto things have one of two adaptations or maybe both. They may have little suction cup pads on the bottoms of their feet. We call those pulvilli. Or they may have little hook-like claws on the ends of their feet."

House flies have both claws and suction cup pads. They use their claws to grab onto things. They push their hairy pads against the surface. The hairs help grip the bumps and dips—with the assistance of the van der Waals forces. Some of the hairs ooze an adhesive to help the foot stick. Then the fly peels up its foot to take a step.

House flies are good examples of insects that use tarsal claws and pulvilli to hang on. But there are all kinds of specialized insect legs and feet out there.

Some insects have sensors on their front feet. That's how flies and butterflies taste what they touch. Sometimes insects have long, slender cursorial legs. Those help cockroaches and other insects run very fast. Water insects may have paddle-like natatorial legs. That's how they swim. Big jumpers have strong saltatorial legs. Those muscular back legs propel grasshoppers and fleas into the air when they leap. Some predators have grasping, arm-like front legs. Praying mantises use those raptorial legs to nab prey. Sometimes insects have beefy, shovel-like front legs. Mole crickets use fossorial legs like that to dig tunnels.

It's easy to tar-see how different insects use their legs and feet to hold onto their very best lives.

*— Dr. Universe*

*Do you have a question? Ask Dr. Universe.*
*Send an email to Washington State University's resident scientist and writer at Dr.Universe@wsu.edu or visit her website,askdruniverse.com.*

## City of Hastings
## COUNIY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 630
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 90 OF THE HASTINGS CODE OF 1970, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING: ARTICLE 90-VII-8 - BACHMAN FIELDS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, SECTION 90-721.

**THE CITY OF HASTINGS ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.**
Chapter 90 is hereby amended by amending Article 90-VII-8 Bachman Fields Planned Unite Development, to add Sections 90-730 - 90-734.

**Sec 90-730 Zoning Map**
The zoning ordinance of the City of Hastings is hereby amended by rezoning the following described lands from the RI-A One-Family Residential District to the PUD Planned Unit Development District, in accordance with the final development plan of the Bachman Fields Planned Unit Development, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this division:

The NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 8, T3N, R8W, City of Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, excepting therefrom the South 220 feet of the East 165 feet thereof, subject to an easement for public highway purposes for Bachman Road, and any other easements or restrictions of record split/combined on 01/13/2017 from 55-135-001-00.

General Location: Located along the west side of Bachman Road and addressed as 900 Bachman Road. This parcel contains approximately 38 acres.

**Sec 90-731 Development Plan**
The rezoning of the above-described lands to the PUD Planned Unit Development District, in accordance with the final development plan of the Bachman Fields Planned Unit Development ("the development") is expressly subject to all of the following terms and conditions:

1. Development plan. The Bachman Fields Planned Unit Development shall comply in all respects with the final PUD plan of the development. The final development plan has a last revision date of April 9, 2025, as prepared by Exxel Engineering, and also includes the site utility plan dated April 9, 2025; the site grading plan dated April 9, 2025; the landscape plan dated March 6, 2025; the application for planned unit development rezoning; the March 7, 2025 PUD project summary narrative; the sample portfolio of homes; and all other materials submitted with the application, except to the extent that any such materials may be inconsistent with this ordinance.
2. The final PUD plan of the development includes the conditionally approved preliminary site condominium plan.

**Sec 90-732 Permitted Uses**

1. The Bachman Fields PUD is approved for use as a 119-unit single-family residential site condominium.
2. The development shall occur in four phases as detailed in the project summary narrative and illustrated on the final PUD plan.

**Sec 90-733 Development Requirements**

1. The modified lots sizes (6600 sq ft - 14,500 sq ft w/ 8290 avg lot size) and lot widths (60-75 ft) are approved as presented on the final PUD plan.
2. The modified setbacks (24 ft front setback, 20 ft rear setback, and 15/7.5 ft side setbacks) are approved as presented on the final PUD plan.
3. The connected pedestrian network consisting of concrete sidewalks along both sides of the streets and the open space 'walking paths' and 6 mid-block walkways are approved as presented on the final PUD plan.
4. The stormwater management plan, utility system (sewer/water) proposal and public street network shall be subject to City review/approval, per the approval of the Planning Commission on April 7, 2025.
5. The location, description, use/occupancy and maintenance provisions for all general and limited common elements shall be provided in the master deed for the project and shall be subject to City review/approval.
6. All approved PUD design elements shall be applicable to the site condominium design Sec 90-734 Approval Standards The city council hereby determines that the development complies with the provisions of the city zoning ordinance and promotes its intent and purpose. The council further finds that the development, upon construction and use in full compliance with all of the terms and provisions of this division and the city zoning ordinance, will be compatible with city master plan, adjacent uses of lands, the natural environment and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the department. the city council further determines that the development will not have unreasonable economic impact on adjacent lands and will not change the essential character of the area.

SECTION II.
If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion Ordinance No. 630 Page 2 of 5 05-27-2025 shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not
affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION III.
This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as provided by City Charter.

Moved by Councilmember Stenzelbarton, with support by Councilmember Devroy, that Ordinance No. 630 be adopted as read.

YEAS: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
NAYS: None
ABSENT: McLean

CITY OF HASTINGS

Adoption Date: May 27, 2025
Effective Date: June 6, 2025
First Reading: May 12, 2025
Second Reading: May 27, 2025

By: Linda Perin
Hastings City Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Hastings, Michigan, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Hastings, at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 24th day of March 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, and that the original of said Ordinance is on file in the records of the City of Hastings. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, a.nd that minutes were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby. . ~ _

Dated: May 27, 2025

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# Summerfield goes up early, wins big over Lions

**Brett Bremer**
Sports Editor

It all happened really fast.

Maple Valley senior Jakeb McDonald fired the first two pitches past Petersburg Summerfield's Jude Flowers for two called strikes. A ball, a foul, another ball and then a pitch plunked Flowers.

Flowers stole second and scored on a single by teammate Tyler Dafoe. Dafoe stole second and scored from there on a ground out to the left side by teammate Reece Kalb.

McDonald and the Lions got out of that first inning soon after that, but the postseason came to an end sooner than McDonald and the Lions would have liked.

Summerfield led from start to finish eventually taking a 14-2 win over the Maple Valley varsity baseball team in the MHSAA Division 4 Regional Final at Spring Arbor University Friday.

The Summerfield pitcher, Kalb, went the distance to earn the win. He struck out six, walked two and allowed just six hits in seven innings. Only one of the two runs against him was earned.

Five of the first six Summerfield batters reached base against McDonald to start the top of the fifth inning. The Bulldogs pushed their lead to 7-2 and knocked Jakeb from the mound with the bases loaded in favor of his brother, sophomore Teegen McDonald. Trent Miller knocked the first pitch he saw from Teegen into right field for a two-run single that really broke things open. It was 10-2 before the inning was up.

The Bulldogs sealed the victory with four more runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Summerfield was set to face Decatur in the MHSAA Division 4 State Quarterfinal Saturday at Spring Arbor after the two teams clinched their regional championships. Decatur knocked off St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 9-1 in the first regional final of the day at Spring Arbor Saturday.

The Lions rallied for a run in the bottom of the third, after falling behind Summerfield 2-0 right away. James Coblentz knocked a one-out single into right, stole second and then scored on a RBI double into center by teammate Nolan Hoefler.

The teams traded two-out surges in the fourth inning.

The Bulldogs struck back for three runs in the top of the fourth. Consecutive singles by Clark Ciacelli, Rylee Schiffler and Trent Miller brought home one run for Summerfield and then Flowers delivered a two-run triple to center field that made it a 5-1 ballgame at the time.

The Lions put together a second run-scoring rally with two out in the bottom of the fourth inning. Carson Milbourn watched four pitches from Kalb miss the strike zone to start it off. Kaiden Meyers singled to put runners at the corners. Meyers stole second, and then a passed ball allowed him to take Milbourn's spot as third as Milbourn came in to score.

Summerfield closed the ballgame with 15 hits. Miller, Dafoe and Brenden Myshock had three hits apiece. Dafoe drove in four runs. Flowers, Kalb, Schiffler and Miller had two RBIs each.

Hoefler was 2-for-3 at the top of the Lion line-up with an RBI in the final ballgame of his freshman season.

Teegen McDonald, Meyers, Darren Carpenter and James Coblentz had one hit apiece for the Lions.

**Regional Semifinal**

Maple Valley earned its spot in the regional finals with a 4-2 victory over Big 8 Conference foe Concord in the regional semifinal at Addison High School Wednesday, June 4.

Senior Jakeb McDonald got the win over the Yellow Jackets allowing two runs, one earned, on five hits and one walk in four innings on the mound. He struck out four. Sophomore Teegen McDonald came on to start the fifth and shut out the Yellow Jackets over the final three innings. He walked one and struck out four.

See **SUMMERFIELD** on 14



Maple Valley varsity baseball coach Bryan Carpenter has a hearty high-five for pitcher Teegen McDonald after the Lions get out of a jam against Concord in their MHSAA Division 4 Regional Semifinal at Addison High School Wednesday, June 4. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

**Hastings Area School System**
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 23, 2025, at 6:45 o'clock p.m. at 232 W. Grand Street, Hastings, Michigan, the Board of Education of Hastings Area School System will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2025-2026 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2025-2026 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 232 W. Grand Street, Hastings Michigan and/or available online at: hassk12.org.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

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

In the Matter of Robert Lee and Catherine Jean Slocum Trust u/t/a February 8, 2011, as amended. Date of birth: October 5, 1946 - Catherine Jean Slocum.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Catherine Jean Slocum - surviving Trustee, died April 3, 2025 leaving the above Trust in full force and effect. Creditors of the decedent or against the Trust are notified that all claims against the decedent or trust will be forever barred unless presented to Deborah Kay Wright, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 4, 2025

Rhoades McKee PC
Stephanie S. Fekkes P43549
607 N. Broadway, Ste. A
Hastings, MI 49058
(269) 945-1921

Deborah Kay Wright
c/o Rhoades McKee PC,
607 N. Broadway, Ste. A
Hastings, MI 49058
(269) 945-1921

**NOTICE**

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on JULY 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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.

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: 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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## LEGAL NOTICE FOR 2025 BARRY COUNTY CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Barry County Conservation Easement (BCCE) Board is pleased to announce the 2025 application cycle for the Barry County Farmland Preservation Program. **Deadline for submission is FRIDAY, August 1, 2025 at the Barry County Administration Office.** The BCCE program was created to help landowners place conservation easements on their parcels to permanently preserve important farmland and natural land. Landowners retain ownership of their land and may receive compensation for their conservation easement based on a state approved appraisal of their land. Participation is completely voluntary. A land owner work shop is scheduled for Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the Tyden Center Community Rm., 121 S. Church St., Hastings. Interested landowners may obtain an information packet and application for this voluntary program by contacting Heather Wing at 269-275-2351 or heatherlwing@gmail.com.

## SUMMERFIELD

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The two walks by the McDonald brothers, the two aces who helped power the Lions to the state semifinals a year ago, were both to Concord's number nine hitter, Landon Lynn. They each had just the one walk though. They didn't multiply their problems, something the Lions excelled at through the latter part of this season.

Maple Valley led 4-1 through three innings. Jakeb's walk of Lynn came sandwiched between a pair of Concord doubles that helped the Yellow Jackets to a run in the bottom of the fourth to get within 4-2.

Maple Valley head coach Bryan Carpenter swapped the McDonald brothers between shortstop and the pitching mound to start the fifth inning, and the first batter Teegen faced hit a ground ball bounding right at Jakeb who fired high to first for an error. The runner didn't last long though. The next batter popped a little liner to the left side that Jakeb leapt up and grabbed and then fired to first to pick off the runner who had strayed too far from the bag for a double play.

With the slate clean again, Teegen got a strikeout that could have been the end of the inning, but the pitch was so far wide that catcher Nolan Hoefler couldn't get to it and the Concord runner raced to first. Hoefler didn't try and force a throw. Before Teegen even threw a pitch to the next batter, he spun and rocketed a pick-off throw to first baseman Darren Carpenter who dropped down a tag for the out.

"We started off the season and we we let all those little things in our head," Jakeb McDonald said. "Then the whole season, we were like 'we just got peak at the right time, got peak at the right time.' All of a sudden right about a week or two before playoffs, we all started peaking, all started having each other's backs, and said something goes bad, just leave it. We got get the next play."

The bottom of the sixth was a clean inning for the Lion defense, and the bottom of the seventh started with Teegen allowing a lead-off walk to Lynn. This time it was second baseman James Coblentz making the play for the Lions, snagging a line drive and firing to first to catch another Yellow Jacket too far off the bag for a double play. Teegen struck out the next guy and that was the ball game.

Jakeb said this team is able not to compound their errors because the confidence they gained in last year's postseason run and throughout this season. He has trust in his defense. He has a decent fastball and will mix in some off-speed stuff when opponents catch up to that. Mostly he said he's trying to pitch to contact and let his defense do its work.

"We've really learned to just make the next play. Not let that kill an inning. Early in the year, those kinds of things killed us. Right now, they're all confident to make the next play," coach Carpenter said.

Offensively, the three freshmen at the bottom of the Lion line-up really came up big Wednesday. They needed to. Kaiden Meyers scored a run. Carpenter was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Coblentz was 1-for-2 with a double, and he walked twice out of the number nine spot for the Lions too. Hoefler, a fourth freshman regularly in the starting line-up, bats lead-off for this Lion team.

"They're just grinding putting at-bats together," coach Carpenter said. "They just compete. They've got guts, they're not afraid at this point in the year to be baseball players instead freshmen."

Sophomore Bobby Bryson was 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored for Maple Valley.

Maple Valley had just three hits against Concord pitchers Lynn, Nate Fritz and Jordan Medellion. The Lions' top four hitters, Hoefler, Musser, Teegen McDonald and Jake McDonald were a combined 0-for-16 with three walks.



Maple Valley freshman James Coblentz knocks a double to left field during the top of the seventh inning of the regional semifinal against Concord at Addison High School Wednesday, June 4.

Lynn started and allowed three runs, two earned, on one hit, seven walks and two strike outs. He took the loos. Fritz got Concord through the next three innings allowing just one unearned run. Medellion came on for 1.2 scoreless innings of relief to finish the ballgame.

Concord had five hits, the doubles by Medellion and 12, and singles from Fritz, Dustin Hamilton and Lane Blossom.

"It's really special," Jakeb McDonald said of having another long postseason run after the regional semifinal. "At the beginning of the year, we had a lot of doubters saying even districts might be a push, but then we started looking into it. We started playing better and better as the year went on, and then we're like, there's a chance we actually make it back to MSU again. That's our goal right now is to make it back to the same spot if not better."



Maple Valley senior Jakeb McDonald (right) and freshman Darren Carpenter await the chance to douse their head coach following their regional semifinal win over Concord at Addison High School Wednesday, June 4.

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