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House bills would restore local control over 'green' energy projects

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

While the battle over passage of a new state budget for 2025-26 has dominated recent headlines, a pair of bills in the Michigan House of Representatives could restore local control over so-called "green" energy projects, such as wind generator and solar farms.

The Republican-controlled House passed HB 4027 and 4028, which would effectively repeal Public Act 233, earlier this year. But the two pieces of legislation continue to languish in the state Senate, where Democrats maintain a one-seat majority.



Rep. Gina Johnsen

PA 233 was passed and signed into law by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2023 and laid out new statewide clean energy standards, requiring 80% clean energy by 2035 and 100% by 2040.

The law allows developers to petition the state if townships or counties try to prevent landowners from using their land for a renewable energy project. It also grants the Michigan Public Service Commission with authority to grant permits if a local government fails to adopt a compatible renewable energy ordinance or denies a permit for an application that meets state requirements.

The two House bills have received the support of the Michigan Township Association.

"We do not feel that PA 233 was necessary – as evidenced by the fact that we believe there are multiple developments where the developers are working with the local communities," said Jenn Fiedler, MTA communications director.

"MTA supports House Bills 4027 and 4028, which were passed by the House in May and would return true local control over siting for large-scale renewable energy facilities to Michigan's communities," Fiedler added. "And while we are supportive of the Senate taking up the bills, we do not anticipate that this will happen."

Despite a lack of movement in the Senate, state Rep. Gina Johnsen, R-Portland, a co-sponsor of the two House bills, said the legislation is still "alive and well," though she also doubts Democrats in the Senate will bring the issue to a vote anytime soon.

"The Democrats don't want local control," said Johnsen, who represents the House's 78th District. "They want the (state) mandates.

"But, we still had to try."

And, Johnsen said the bills could still have a future, depending on the 2026 election cycle, with Whitmer being unable to run for a third term due to term limits.

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City agrees to pay back HASS after failing to collect sinking fund dollars

Molly Macleod
Editor

The City of Hastings entered an interlocal agreement with Hastings Area School System this week to pay back sinking fund dollars after city staff were made aware last month of a tax error. Hastings City Council members approved the agreement at a special meeting Monday, Sept. 29.

"There was an error (that) occurred, resulting in the school sinking fund millage not being collected in the winter '24 tax bills," explained Hastings City Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale on Monday. "So, to correct for that, this agreement would allow us to tax that amount on the upcoming winter tax bill to make up for that."

According to Moyer-Cale, the city failed to collect on HASS's previously authorized sinking fund millage of .9481 mills on its winter 2024 tax bills.

Moyer-Cale said the district needs those missing funds, amounting to $246,520.42, before the city's board of review can meet in December to officially correct the error. The interlocal agreement approved on Monday will advance the nearly $250,000 amount to HASS in October.

"We would advance the school the amount of money that we will be collecting (in the upcoming winter tax bills). And once that's been billed and collected, we will retain that amount. And if the school gets delinquent taxes, they will send that over to us to make us whole for that amount," said Moyer-Cale.

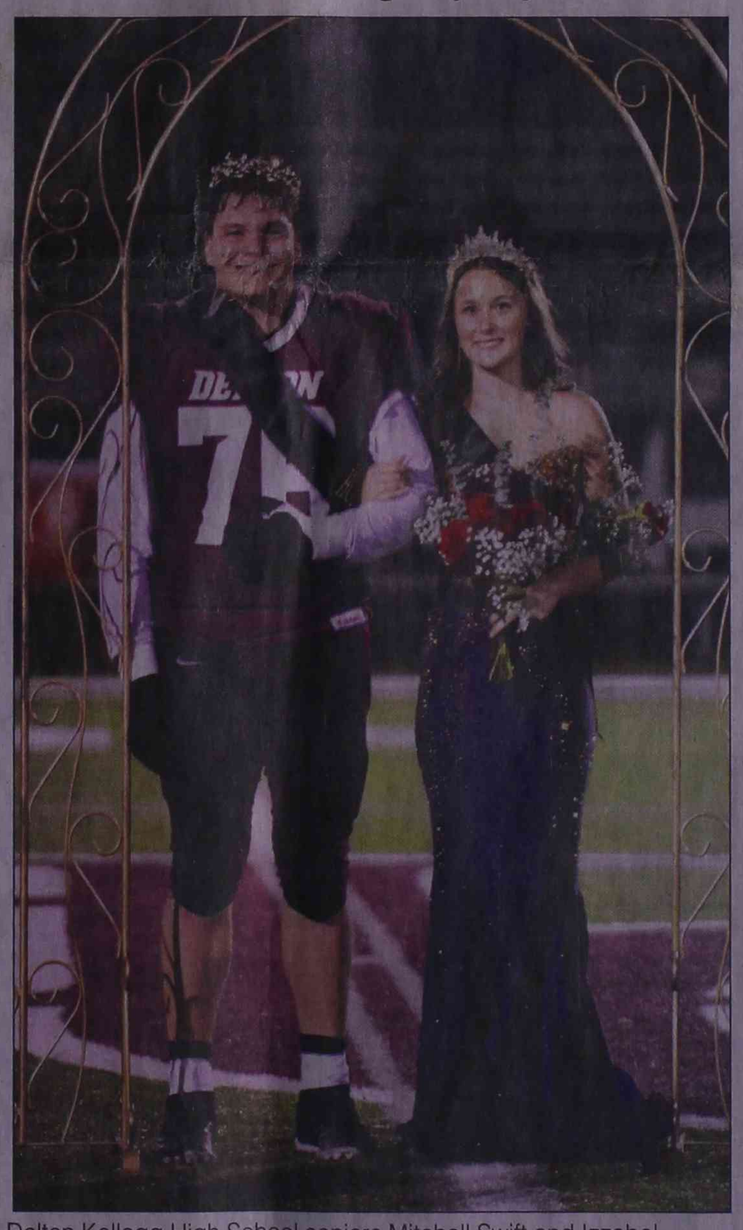
The interlocal agreement between the district and the city will lay out how the funds will be collected and dispersed, Moyer-Cale said.

The move by the city comes as lawmakers in Lansing still debate a budget. After a brief, one-hour state government shutdown early Wednesday morning, lawmakers passed an eight-day stopgap funding bill to keep the lights on for another week as lawmakers continue debate.

Districts across the state are expected to receive

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DKHS homecoming royalty crowned



Delton Kellogg High School seniors Mitchell Swift and Izzabel Wendland are crowned the 2025 homecoming king and queen during a ceremony at halftime of the Panther varsity football team's victory over visiting Saugatuck Friday. **Photo by Perry Hardin**

YAC tackles volunteer landscaping project

Hunter McLaren
Contributing Writer

A group of Barry County student volunteers gave a local elementary school a facelift this weekend.

Members of the Youth Advisory Council spent their Saturday cutting brush and shoveling rocks near the front entrance of Fuller Street Elementary in Nashville. The landscaping near the front door had become overgrown and needed attention.

Emma Weeber, a Thornapple Kellogg junior, said the group lended a helping hand to the school simply because they saw an opportunity to make a difference.

"I didn't have any plans today, so I just thought I might as well," Weeber said. "Might as well leave somewhere better than you found it if you were just going to not do anything."

A Barry Community Foundation program, the YAC is a group of Barry County students who volunteer for several community service and fundraising projects throughout the year. YAC students volunteer at local organizations like Thornapple Manor and The Shack in Delton, and many of their projects are directed by the students.

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Local collector looks to the past in museum preview

Hastings native Terry Dennison went on tour this summer, lecturing at local libraries ahead of the opening of his new art museum, "Just Off Broadway." Last week, Dennison stopped at his home library in Hastings, giving attendees a glimpse into the past.

Dennison owns a collection of fine art, crystal, and movie memorabilia. His movie memorabilia collection includes items from legendary films such as "White Christmas" (1952), starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, "On the Town" (1949) starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly, and "Easter Parade" (1948) starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire.

Dennison is a native of Hastings and a former world geography teacher for 31 years. He said his real passion is Hollywood. While he knows all the big names and has collected memorabilia of them, he also focuses on the lesser-known, the minor character actors and entertainers many may not recognize including dancer Vera-Ellen (one of Dennison's all-time favorites), Rand Brooks, Jan Clayton, Betty Lynn and Maria Pavan.

The museum's location is on 220 W. Colfax St in Hastings, but it is set "Just Off Broadway" south of downtown Hastings.

"I tell people I've been living 'Just Off Broadway' for years," said Dennison. "So, the name for the museum was meant to be."

Dennison is taking donations for the museum at GoFundMe.com. The donations will go toward operational costs.

An opening date for the museum has not yet been announced.

Beginning in July 2025, Dennison began a lecture series at many libraries in West Michigan. He lectured about his historic Hollywood collection of memorabilia and how the costumes shaped his life. The lecture tour began in Marshall and made stops in Richland, Coldwater and Galesburg.

According to Dennison, Just Off Broadway will be a one-of-a-kind, cultural destination in Hastings, which will immerse visitors in the artistic and cultural tapestry of the 20th century. — *MM*



Hastings native Terry Dennison (left) went on the road this summer, previewing his upcoming museum, "Just Off Broadway," at libraries across West Michigan. Here, Dennison lectures visitors at the Hastings Public Library last week, discussing stars including George Chakiris, Marge Champion, and his favorite star, Vera-Ellen. **Courtesy photo**

DID YOU SEE?



POLLINATION GARDEN

Barry County Operation Pollination members and supporters gathered this week on Tuesday, Sept. 30, for a ribbon-cutting at the county's newest pollination garden, located at the corner of Broadway and Court Street in Hastings. The native plant garden will give pollinators a place to rest and fuel up while buzzing about the city. Operation Pollination is a worldwide effort led by Rotary International to increase pollinators' declining populations. Efforts are focused on expanding and improving native habitats on public and private lands and educating community members about the critical role pollinators play in the environment. This initiative was adopted in Barry County in 2022, led by the Hastings Rotary Club. Operation Pollination members thanked Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, the Barry Community Foundation and Hastings Rotary for helping make the pollination garden a reality. **Courtesy photo**

LPS committee examines data points supporting streamlining

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

A three-member ad-hoc committee started to discuss the finer points of a "streamlining" plan that could lead to the closure of one of Lakewood Public Schools' current educational facilities.

The committee, which includes board of education members David Burd, Alisha DeWalt and Adam McArthur, as well as Superintendent Jodi Duits, met for a second time on Friday, Sept. 26, at the district's administrative offices in Woodland.

During the two-hour meeting, committee members discussed "data points," such as bussing routes and schedules, utility and maintenance costs, enrollment trends, building utilization rates, previous survey results and potential next steps.

The committee was formed by the LPS board at its Sept. 8 meeting and charged to look at potential plans to close the Woodland school building, which was opened in 1924 and now serves as the Lakewood Early Childhood Center and is home to the district's Central Office. If the LECC were to be closed, grade levels would be shifted to the district's three other schools.

District officials have estimated that closing the school would save the district $100,000 annually in maintenance costs.

According to Friday's discussions, one of the benefits of the streamlining plan would be the reduction of lengthy bus rides for some students. Overall, some ride times would be reduced thanks to the elimination of buses having to include the LECC in their routes.

Currently, McArthur said some students are on buses for as long as 80 minutes before reaching their destination.

"That's crazy, especially for the little ones," McArthur said.

"If you're right on top of a school, you don't care," he added. "(But) it's the people in the outlying areas that care."

McArthur said one goal of any plan to streamline district facilities from

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From left to right, YAC students Anna Rose and Aiden Oliver, Hastings seniors; Emma Weeber, Marissa Rowley, Katie Scobey, Jacob Koster, Meghan Skidmore, Thornapple Kellogg juniors; Thomas Poll, TK senior and Henry Poll, TK freshman. **Photos by Hunter McLaren**



Students left the school with a fresh, new look. **Courtesy photo**



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YAC students will be doing their annual "Roof Sit" in downtown Hastings Oct. 18, with this year's raised funds going to the Barry County Humane Society. The YAC meets 1 p.m. every third Sunday of the month at the Barry County Enrichment Center and welcomes new student members 13 or older.



Brush near the entrance of the school was overgrown and in need of attention. **Courtesy photo**

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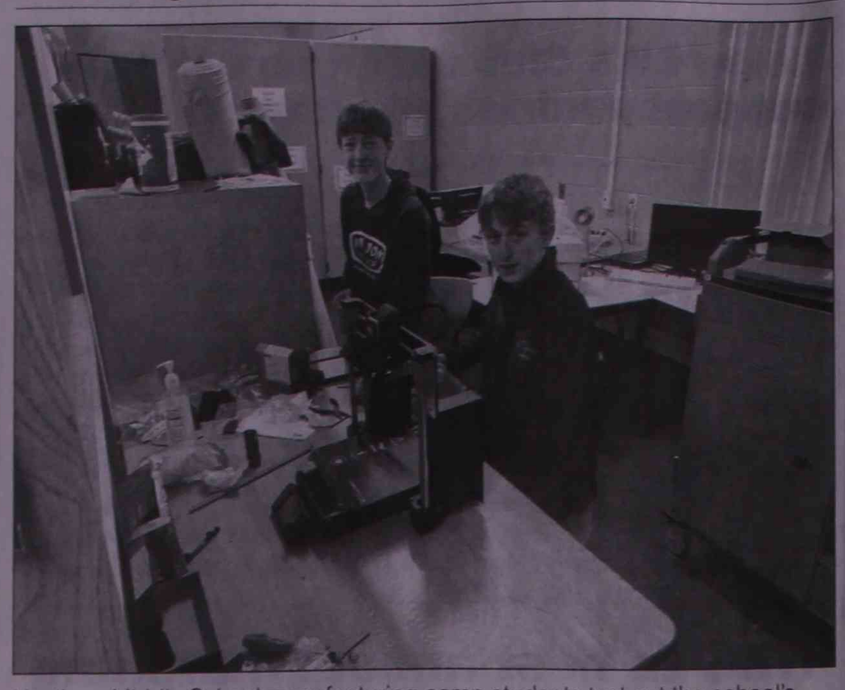
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Hastings Middle School manufacturing camp students test out the school's new Prusa MK4S printers this summer. **Courtesy photo**

HMS students enjoy new fleet of grant-funded 3D printers

Molly Macleod
Editor

Students at Hastings Middle School are seeing their ideas come to life after grant funding helped replace the school's fleet of 3D printers.

HMS Innovation and Design teacher William Renner said the new 3D printers went on their maiden voyages this summer at HMS' manufacturing and coding camps, open to HMS and Hastings elementary students.

Renner said his Innovation and Design students assembled two new 3D printers purchased as kits. The students also upgraded three existing printers to match the specs of the new printers.

"The new 3D printers were made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Barry Community Foundation, specifically through the Wilson H. Craig, Jr. Fund," said Renner. "This funding allowed Hastings Middle School to upgrade three of our existing printers to the advanced Prusa MK4S models. These upgrades have enhanced the quality, reliability and capabilities of our 3D printing program, giving students the tools they need to explore more complex projects, learn from trial and error and develop hands-on skills in design, engineering and manufacturing."

Renner said additional grant funding from Calhoun Intermediate School District and SparkForce helped upgrade the entire fleet.

"We were able to redo all our 3D printers. Stuff that would have taken 20 hours on our old printers, we're now done with that in under four hours," Renner said.

Not only do the new-and-improved machines save time in the printing process, but they also save time by eliminating machine errors. One error in printing can set back a 3D printing project by hours, if not days, on the old machines.

"We were able to utilize them, just because of the time savings with them, how much faster they are, how much more accurate they are, we were able to use them with both the manufacturing summer camp and the elementary coding camp," Renner said.

Renner said his manufacturing camp students used the printers to create pegboard games. The elementary coding camp students made key chains.

"The opportunity to design unique key chains and then bringing them to life was such a unique opportunity for the campers and the counselors," said Southeastern Elementary School teacher Jessica Fleis, who leads the summer school program. "We enjoyed this learning experience."

Renner said his Innovation and Design students enjoyed upgrading the old printers.

"It was very cool because the technicality of how to take the printer apart, especially the ones that had to go all the way down to their frames and be rebuilt — the amount of knowledge gained by the students was very impressive, because as they were taking it apart, they started thinking about how it worked. And then they assembled it with all the new parts," Renner said.

Though the new printers look similar to their older predecessors, Renner said they operate very differently.

"It's kind of like when you get off your first little kid, 10-speed bike and you get on your first adult bicycle and think, 'I can't believe I thought that thing was a nice ride,'" Renner said.

County commissioners eliminate COW meetings this quarter

Molly Macleod
Editor

With the fourth quarter of 2025 officially underway as of Oct. 1, the Barry County Board of Commissioners has entered a trial period in which the board will eliminate its Committee of the Whole meetings.

Commissioners voted at the Tuesday, Aug. 26, regular meeting to eliminate COW meetings in the fourth quarter of 2025. Commissioners' business will now be relegated to two meetings a month, instead of two COW meetings and two Board of Commissioners' meetings.

"We have had discussions probably almost as long as I've been a commissioner about why we do the things that we do with a COW meeting to debate things in a little more detail and then refer them to ourselves for the BOC the following week — and those BOC meetings are fairly quick, usually," said Board Chair Dave Jackson in August.

The board will only have two BOC meetings, and no COW meetings, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month on a trial basis throughout this quarter. At the end of the 90-day trial period, in January, commissioners will reflect and decide whether to reinstate the COWs or continue with the BOC-only meeting structure.

The board unanimously voted in August to adopt the 90-day trial. Some citizens expressed concerns during public comment that eliminating COW meetings could reduce opportunities for constituents to meet with their representatives and have their voices heard.

Jackson said commissioners should be aware that there will likely be special meetings called, when needed, on days that would usually be reserved for COW meetings.

The next BOC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 9 a.m. Meetings are held in the mezzanine at the Barry County Courthouse in Hastings.

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The City of Hastings agreed to pay Hastings Area School System an advance of nearly $250,000 after failing to collect the district's sinking fund millage in the winter 2024 tax bills. **File photo**

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their state school aid payments on Oct. 20. These payments could come late, should lawmakers be unable to reach a budget agreement by that time.

Last month, area superintendents Dr. Nick Damico (HASS), Dr. Jeremy Wright (Delton Kellogg Schools) and Rich Franklin (Barry Intermediate School District) traveled to Lansing, urging lawmakers to pass a budget before the Sept. 30 deadline.

State aid dollars are critical for compensating teachers and staff, maintaining class sizes and student support services, operating buses, supplying classrooms and funding academic programs, arts, athletics and activities.

"Our schools cannot operate indefinitely without these resources, or the confidence that they will be available," the superintendents wrote in a letter to the community last month.

The superintendents urged community members to reach out to their legislators and share with them why a budget is important for school funding.

"Our students deserve a stable, fully funded school year," the superintendents wrote. "Together, we can ensure their learning continues without interruption."

In June, HASS passed its 2025-26 budget. Much of the budget is still uncertain, waiting on final numbers from the state to come in. The district's general fund expenditures are projected at $35,267,043 for the 2025-26 school year, with $34,294,237 in revenues. That leaves the general fund's fund balance at $2,336,440.

Though the HASS budget passed unanimously in June, board members expressed frustration with the district's shrinking fund balance in the wake of disappearing COVID funds and dropping enrollment numbers. The board is making efforts to put the district back in stable financial standings.

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"Absolutely, absolutely," Johnsen said. "If we can get the Senate and governor's seat, we can fix all this. That's why elections matter.

"Demand local control," she added. "I'm fully in support of giving control back to local government."

It's unknown whether the bills, if signed into law, would have any impact on ongoing clean energy developments in Barry and Ionia counties.

While complying with a Barry County ordinance, Consumers Energy is currently in the process of constructing the Spring Creek solar farm in Johnstown Township. The initiative, which is projected to generate 140 megawatts of power, is being built on 1,500 acres of former farmland and is scheduled to become operational in 2026.

Meanwhile, Canadian-based Cordelio Power is moving forward with plans for its Tupper Lake Wind Generation Project in neighboring Ionia County.

According to Cordelio officials, plans call for construction on the wind farm to start in the third quarter of 2027, with the project becoming operable in late 2028.

The Tupper Lake project is projected to have a capacity of 198 megawatts, with between 44 to 47 – depending on the type used – interconnected wind turbines to be installed in Campbell, Odessa, Sebewa and Berlin townships. Two other townships – Orange and Boston townships – have been dropped from the project.

Despite the ability to appeal directly to the MPSC, Cordelio officials have repeatedly stated their intent to work with townships, such as Odessa Township, that previously passed clean energy ordinances.



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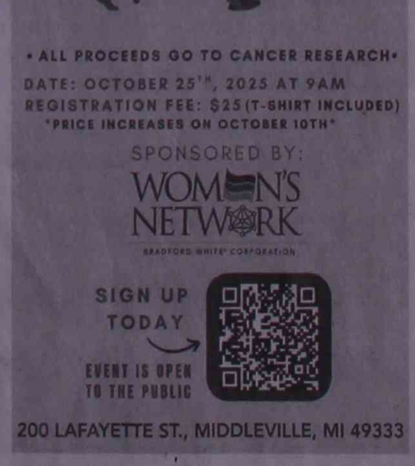
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Lake Odessa Village Council members will meet as a Committee of the Whole for a study session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, to discuss the village's ongoing search for new, full-time manager and the DDA's proposed expansion of its tax increment financing plan, or TIF. **File photo**

Lake Odessa officials schedule 'Committee of the Whole,' DDA special meeting

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

The upcoming meeting schedule at the Page Memorial Building in the Village of Lake Odessa just got a little bit busier, with the recent scheduling of a "Committee of the Whole" meeting of the Lake Odessa Village Council and a special meeting for the village's Downtown Development Authority board.

According to posts on the village website, council members will meet as a Committee of the Whole for a study session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, to discuss the village's ongoing search for new, full-time manager and the DDA's proposed expansion of its tax increment financing plan, or TIF.

Village council members approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee for the purpose of creating an updated job posting at their regular meeting Sept. 15, while agreeing to start a fourth consecutive hiring search for a new top administrator.

The village has been without a full-time manager since December 2023, when council members agreed to a separation agreement with then Village Manager Ben Geiger. That was less than seven months after Geiger accepted the job in May of that year.

The council has conducted a trio of hiring searches since then, without achieving a successful hire. During the most recent search this summer, three different finalists – including two current village employees – withdrew their names from consideration after receiving job offers.

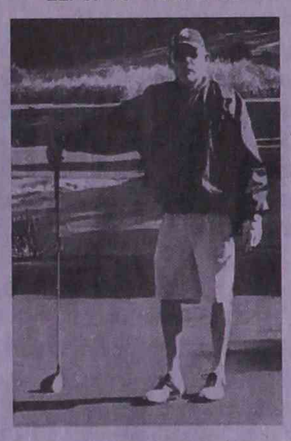
Just a week after the study session, the DDA board is adding to the upcoming meeting slate with a special meeting at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, to again discuss the proposed 2025 TIF plan. The special meeting will be the third recent gathering to focus on the DDA's plans to expand its boundaries, effectively creating a second TIF district.

The council and DDA board held a joint informational meeting on Sept. 4, with the council then hosting a public hearing on the DDA plan, as well as a proposed ordinance amendment, at its Sept. 15 meeting. The amendment, if approved by the village council, would eliminate a sunset provision in the 2005 ordinance that established the DDA that would dissolve the authority at the end of this year.

And, yet another public hearing on the new TIF plan and ordinance amendment is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 17.

To view documents on the proposed development plan and boundary adjustment, as well as a schedule of upcoming village meetings, persons may visit the Village of Lake Odessa website at lakeodessa.org.

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Local Elks Club uses grant to help support pantries, shelter

The members of the Hastings Elks Lodge No. 1965 are utilizing a $3,500 "Gratitude Grant" to support local pantries and a domestic violence shelter.

According to an announcement by the local service organization, the Underground Pantry, established by veteran Jon Nash, serves more than 200 residents weekly by providing items not eligible for purchase using Michigan's Bridge Card.

Both the Barry County Department of Health and Human Services and the Barry County Community Mental Health Authority offer pantries for their clients, providing household and personal care items that are not covered by the state bridge card.

Also, BCC Mental Health distributes "Dignity Bags" to the area's homeless population, including veterans.

Elks Club officials stated part of the grant was used to construct a privacy fence for Green Gables Haven Community Shelter and provide gas cards for residents seeking housing solutions or employment. — *DM*

HHS to host annual marching band invite on Oct. 4

Hastings High School will play host to the 34th annual Hastings Marching Band Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The event, sponsored by Bennett Travel, is set to feature 17 marching bands from across southwest Michigan, with performances beginning at 3 p.m. on Oct. 4 and a new band displaying its talents every 15 minutes.

"We are thrilled and honored to welcome so many talented groups to our competition this year," said HHS' newest band director, Caleb Piersma. "The Hastings Marching Band Invitational has a reputation for hospitality and flawless organization, and we look forward to continuing that tradition."

The event, which is open to the public, will include a dinner break at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude with an awards ceremony for Class B, A, and AA bands at 9 p.m.

"It's always a joy to see such a wide variety of bands come together to showcase their hard work and talent," added Hastings veteran band director Jen Ewers. "This year's event promises to be an unforgettable experience for performers and audiences alike."

Tickets for the annual invite are $10 for adults, $9 for senior citizens and $5 for students (kindergarten through 12th grade). — *DM*

STREAMLINING

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four buildings to three should be to get ride times under an hour.

"That's the benefit of it," DeWalt said.

"It's an important part," added Burd. "It's an important part of the messaging."

According to McArthur, reducing ride times might also impact such issues as parents feeling the need to personally drop off children in efforts to avoid long bus rides and parking issues at the high school, with nearly 200 students having been issued parking permits.

"It's part of getting the holistic picture," he said. "It's also about bus utilization. It's a three-dimensional picture."

Like many other districts in Michigan, Duits said LPS is also facing trends of declining enrollment.

While graduating classes at Lakewood High School numbered more than 200 in the early 2000s, the number of graduating seniors is now about half that. For 2007-08, the senior class reportedly included 221 students. That's in comparison to the 110 students in the class of 2022-23.

"We're trending down," Duits said.

If current trends hold true, Duits added the utilization rates for the district's four buildings would drop to less than 72% by 2028-29. But, that number would rise to more than 76% if the LECC were taken "offline" and the building closed.

Committee members discussed, however, that some community members and parents might oppose a plan to streamline district facilities based on what grade levels are moved to the three remaining schools, believing younger students might be negatively impacted.

Duits said a plan could include third-graders remaining at the Lakewood Elementary School, rather than being moved to Lakewood Middle School, and only the eighth grade being moved to LHS.

"Maybe that's a plan, that's step one," she said.

Burd added that such a plan, including a layout where the various grade levels would be located, might address the concerns of some parents and show "we heard you."

"Having a map like that, it'd go a long way," he said. "If you want to pass a bond in 10 years, you have to start building trust today."

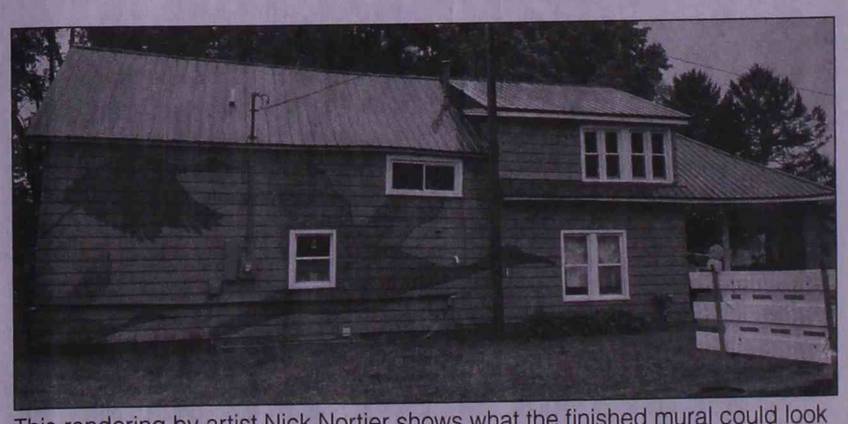
McArthur seemed to agree.

"The key piece to this is that long-term look," McArthur added. "It needs to include those short-term steps."

Near the end of the Sept. 26 meeting, Burd said the committee still needed to address "the elephant in the room" and get added direction from the full board on whether they should look at a long-term master plan for the district or focus on streamlining – or both.

"I feel like we're doing good work," he said. "But, at some point, we're going to veer off in one direction or the other.

"I want to make sure we have good direction before we veer off."



This rendering by artist Nick Nortier shows what the finished mural could look like on the side of Middleville resident Regina Bouchard's home. **Courtesy photo**

Middleville resident commissions mural

Molly Macleod
Editor

Travelers heading into Middleville on W. State Road may soon be welcomed by large wading birds upon approaching the corner of Irving Road and Main Street.

Middleville resident Regina Bouchard is commissioning a mural to decorate the exterior wall of her home, facing Irving Road. Nick Nortier, of Grand Rapids-based Old Growth Creative, will be lending his artistic skills to adorn her home with three sandhill cranes — a common natural sight in the area.

"Having been in this spot, this is our 10th year here, we've grown to appreciate it so much. We have the perfect spot that's overlooking the river right over the valley. We get tons of wildlife back there — that was kind of what gave me the idea. The sandhill crane has been something that has popped up in my life, even long before I could appreciate it," said Bouchard.

Bouchard said she commissioned the mural as a celebration of her 10-year anniversary of living in her home in Middleville. Now that construction on Irving

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BUILDING BRANDS | Fall offers fresh start for branding and marketing to finish the year strong



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Summer is by far my favorite season, but I can't help but feel a sense of anticipation and excitement as fall rolls around. Trips to the cider mill, MSU tailgates, my birthday, my wedding anniversary — and most importantly — fall fashion are certainly contributing factors in that sense of excitement, but it's more than that.

For years fall signaled the start of something new — a new school year. And while it's been many years since I've been in school, that same sense of a new beginning hits me every fall season. It's a weird dichotomy since in the business world, fall's arrival signals that the year is near its end. There are still so many goals to hit, so much to accomplish and so much to prepare for 2026 that a sense of panic can set in when we realize we have about three months to do it all.

This fall, I'm going to approach these last two to three months differently. I'm going to tap into that new beginning feeling and not the sense of panic. Here are some ideas on how you can do the same.

Review your financial goals: An article from *Forbes.com* on the topic has some great advice when it comes to your fall financial goals. From the article, "The end of summer is a good time to assess the position of the business financially and plan for the future … You may need to cut back on spending to save for the lean months or increase your spending … as the holiday season approaches."

Check in on your current marketing strategy: What you learn in your financial review may lead you to this step. If you started a new strategy or campaign at the top of 2025, I know you've been tracking results throughout the year, but you may wonder if it's too late (or too early) to shift to a new strategy if you're not getting the desired results. It's never too late or too early to change direction. You may not have time to build a new 12-month plan, and that's okay.

Instead focus on the next few months. Try a new message, try a new call to action, a new offer and/or lean into the upcoming changing seasons to shape the direction of your marketing. Be sure to stick to your brand standards to keep your marketing consistent and easily recognizable.

As the above tip alludes to, it may also be time to increase your marketing spend to secure your share consumer holiday and winter spending.

Plan ahead for the holidays: Speaking of the holidays, this was another tip from the *Forbes.com* article, and it's great advice. If you're like me and you always feel like the holidays sneak up on you, this is a great time to plan in advance. Along with ensuring your marketing is ready for the busy season, be sure you and your team are as well. Order your holiday cards, client gifts and start planning your holiday office party. If your business is like ours and requires special scheduling or planning for early deadlines around the holidays, now is a good time set that up too.

Focus on customer service: Another great tip from the *Forbes.com* piece has to do with focusing on the customer — a practice that's in style every season. As we inch closer to the end of the year, certain habits like sending thank you cards can wane. Use the energy of the crisp fall air and the upcoming holiday season as an excuse to go above and beyond for your customers. Maybe even develop a special incentive or fall-themed gift for loyal customers.

Engage with the community: From the *Forbes.com* article, "With the approach of cold weather, people feel the need to get together, to be together, to share something. This means that fall is a perfect time to improve your business's community engagement initiatives. Whether it goes to sponsoring local events, participating in charity events or even coming up with your own community events, it not only helps in creating goodwill but also helps your brand and your customers."

Regular readers know the team at View Newspaper Group believes strongly in this tip. From hosting our own signature events to sponsoring events to attending networking events in every community served by one of our 22 locally-owned, community newspapers, engaging with the community is the core of our mission as Your Community Connection.

As an added bonus, engaging with the community also allows you to show off your new fall wardrobe.

Want to start fresh this fall and finish the year strong? Our team can help, contact me at *ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.*

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

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Jaxin Palmer, born at Corewell Health Pennock on August 31, 2025 to Breanna Palmer and James Palmer II of Nashville.

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Loretta Lynn May, born at Corewell Health Pennock on September 3, 2025 to Emmalee May and Joseph May II of Woodland.

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Nathaniel Eugene Allyn II, born at Corewell Health Pennock on September 6, 2025 to Kristen Allyn and Zachary Allyn of Hastings.

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Hastings 'Life Chain' event set for Oct. 5

Residents of Hastings and surrounding communities, along with more than 2,000 United States and Canadian cities and towns, are expected to be connected to the International "Life Chain" on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Those participating in the Hastings Life Chain, sponsored by the Barry County Right to Life, will be lining the streets of Hastings with pro-life signs while praying for the end to abortion in America. The local event will be held from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 5, with participants meeting at the parking lot on the south side of Barry County Courthouse.

According to organizers, Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour, praying for the country and for an end to abortion.

Area participants are encouraged to meet in the south side of Barry County Courthouse parking lot on West Court Street. Persons may also park in the Barry County Civil Court Building parking lot across the street in downtown Hastings at 2:15 p.m. – rain or shine.

Participation is open to all ages, and lawn chairs and/or umbrellas are welcome. People passing by are also welcome to join at any time.

Organizers of the local Life Chain stated that participants are to follow a code of conduct that respects all motorists and pedestrians.

For more information, persons may contact Jody May by calling 269-370-0067. — *DM*

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When investing, one of the best abilities is durability

You've probably heard about "genius" investors or those who got in on the "ground floor" of a company that grew to be a huge success. These stories may be interesting, but they are also rare — and sometimes not even true.

The truth is that successful investing isn't glamorous, and it isn't necessarily quick. Instead, a well-founded investing strategy is a durable one — one that can withstand the test of time.

Here are some actions that can help you build durability.

Take your time: Most individual investors make their money over time, not overnight. Despite stories about fortunes made on one or two trades, you're more likely to be successful making money over time. You'll want to own a well-diversified portfolio of quality investments — and plan to own those investments for the long term.

A long-term perspective can help you ignore the constant noise in the markets and stay invested. When you hear about the latest "hot" investment tip, especially if it's already performed well, the best advice is this: Ignore it. Although it may be tempting to buy a popular investment, it may not fit with the rest of your portfolio, it may have already peaked and it may be riskier than you expect. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Invest in quality: When building your investment portfolio, quality should be a top priority. For stocks, quality is frequently measured by the steadiness of earnings and dividend growth over time. For bonds, one measure of quality is an investment-grade credit rating, which indicates that the borrower has a good track record of making its promised interest and principal payments and the bond has a relatively low risk of default.

Quality investments are more likely to overcome temporary challenges, which is why a good track record can be an indication of quality. Don't reach for yield by looking for investments offering the highest dividend or interest rate without considering the risk. Remember, there is no perfect investment — a higher rate generally means higher risk.

Stick to your strategy: Building a long-term strategy can anchor your decisions and provide a roadmap for your investment choices. Your strategy should consider your goals, tolerance for risk and the time needed to save toward each goal.

Within that strategy, you can be flexible. Buy and hold, for example, doesn't mean buy and forget. Over time, your goals may change, or you may choose to hold more conservative investments. But it's important to make changes for the right reasons, not simply because stocks or your other investments may have dropped in price.

Perhaps one of the biggest mistakes you can make is trying to time the markets, moving in and out in response to short-term declines or the latest prediction. This often results in getting into and out of the market at the wrong times, costing time and money — and resulting in lower returns over time.

Remember that investments don't all move up or down at the same time but portfolio diversification can help smooth the ups and downs of the market. A long-term perspective can help you see past short-term fluctuations in some investments.

Successful investing isn't about making dramatic moves or chasing the latest trends. It's about developing a durable strategy personalized for your life, then sticking with it through market ups and downs. In investing, as in life, slow and steady could help win the race.

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Road is reaching its final stages, Bouchard said the mural, once complete, will help contribute to an informal "grand opening" of the redone road.

Bouchard explained that Nortier came out to meet with her in Middleville in August to prepare for the mural. The two received approval from the village council, but were delayed by the construction on Irving Road, also beginning around that time.

The wait is only making Bouchard more excited for the finished product, she said.

Once construction wraps up in the coming days and weeks, Nortier will get started on the mural. Though dependent on weather and other factors, the mural could be finished in the coming weeks.

Nortier's style is marked by bold colors and geometric shapes. Bouchard said she was immediately drawn to his work after seeing him at a Grand Rapids art show in the spring.

"His art was just so good, and it was using the nature that's here in Michigan," Bouchard said.

Together, Nortier and Bouchard crafted a vision for her mural in Middleville.

Bouchard said that when driving into Middleville from State Road these days, she looks to her house and where the mural will be, trying to envision what it would look like to passersby.

"To me, it's the perfect spot," Bouchard said. "I feel like it would be like, 'Oh, this is a cool little village that I'm coming into.'"

More information about Nortier's work can be found at oldgrowthcreative.com/.

OBITUARIES

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Roy A. Martin



Roy A. Martin, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on his 92nd birthday, September 28, 2025, in Middleville, MI. Born on September 28, 1933, in Chicago, IL, to Frank and Lucille (Campbell) Martin, Roy's life was a testament to the love and dedication he had for his family, his businesses, and his community.

Roy's journey through life was shared with his beloved wife of 70 years, Jackie Martin, with whom he built a loving and supportive family. Together they raised four children: Wendy (Brad) Harper, Glen (Sue) Martin, Greg (Terri) Martin, and Grant (Kathi) Martin. His legacy continued to grow with the joy of 16 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter, all of whom brought immense joy and pride to his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lucille Martin, and his brother, Gilbert Martin.

A proud alumnus of Purdue University, Roy earned his bachelor's degree in business before furthering his education at the University of Chicago. He later achieved his master's degree in marketing from Wayne State University. Roy's entrepreneurial spirit led him to own and operate Roy Martin and Associates, a medical supply company, for 25 years. His business acumen and passion for hospitality also led him to open and successfully run Bay Pointe Restaurant on Gun Lake for 20 years and Hawthorne's restaurant on West Lake in Portage for 15 years.

Roy's contributions to his community were manifold. As a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, he combined his love for service with his passion for flying, using his pilot's license to operate amphibian airplanes. His dedication to youth and education was evident as he served as past president of the PTA, the swim club, and assisted with the Indian Guides Club, helping to shape the lives of many young individuals.

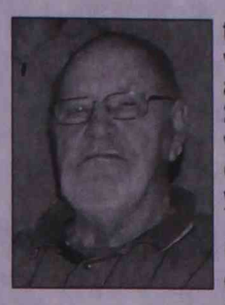
In addition to his community service, Roy cherished the time he spent with his wife traveling, enjoying winters in Florida, and engaging in his favorite pastimes such as golfing, bowling, and playing cards with friends. He was a man who valued the simple pleasures of life, such as spending quality time with his friends and family.

Roy's life was one of purpose, joy, and generosity. His memory will be celebrated and held dearly in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Roy's funeral service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Beeler-Gores Funeral Home, Middleville, with light refreshments to follow.

Please visit www.beelergoresfuneral.com to share a memory or leave a condolence message for Roy's family.

Reinhold (Ron) Bloch



Reinhold (Ron) Bloch, passed away Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at his home in Nashville, MI. He was born April 19, 1946 in Eichhorst, Germany.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Irma Bloch.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy (Montgomery); sons, Damon (Ami), Roman (Padma); four grandsons, Nicholas, Sachin, Roshan, and Caleb and two sisters, Emma and Hilda.

Ron's family immigrated to the United States in 1952 to Colorado, eventually purchasing a farm in Nashville, MI in 1955. Ron graduated from Bellevue Community Schools in 1965, attended Western Michigan University on a football scholarship, and then went to work for General Motors, where he was employed for 34 years. He married Nancy Montgomery in 1970 and purchased land adjacent to the family farm where he built his home and resided there until his death.

From the time he was a small child, throughout his school years, while working full time at GM, and after his retirement in 2001, he helped his parents with the family farm, taking on a full-time role as the years passed.

As a lifelong resident of Bellevue, Ron was avid in coaching multiple seasons of football with his two sons as players in the Bellevue athletic community. As a parent, he delighted in taking them as young children to Florida on spring break with their two cousins. As a proud grandfather he truly enjoyed taking his grandsons on fishing trips and attending every possible game they participated in.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home, 9200 M-79, Nashville, MI on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025. Internment at Hillside Cemetery (Kalamo), Ionia Rd.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home - Nashville, conveniently located at 9200 E M79 Hwy, Nashville, MI. For more information, please visit our website at www.danielsfuneralhome.net.

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— OCT. 2-9 —

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Oct. 1-31 — Oct. Storybook Walk: "Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider" by Jessica Lanan. Join Jumper, a small spider on a big journey! This spider has some amazing adaptations that help her survive a day in the neighborhood. The Storybook Walk is free and self-guided on the purple and green trails.

Oct. 1-31 — Bats of Michigan. Take a free, "spook-tastic" hike to learn all about Michigan bats. These creatures of the night are critical to many Michigan habitats. Find your favorite bat along the green trail.

Oct. 1-Jan. 31 — Chelsea Bivens' art exhibit. Bivens is a local artist whose work is heavily influenced by her experiences living in this community. A quarter of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the Institute to further its mission: To inspire appreciation and stewardship of our environment.

Thursday, Oct. 2 — Playdates in the Play Space (ages 6 and under with an adult), 10 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4 — Over the Creek and Through the Woods Trail Run, 9 a.m.-noon. Register for the 5K or 1-mile fun run at http://bit.ly/4nX37Hr.

Monday, Oct. 6 — PCCI Chess Club, 4-6 p.m.

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

HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE

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Thursday, Oct. 2 – Movie Memories and Milestones watches a 1961 film starring Elvis Presley, Hope Lang and Tuesday Weld, 5 p.m. A troubled young man discovers that he has a knack for writing when a counselor encourages him to pursue a literary career. This film is based on the 1958 J.R. Salamanca novel "The Lost Country."

Friday, Oct. 3 – Friday Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4 – T-Rex Tea Party (Pre-K through grade 2), 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 6 – Crafting Passions, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7 – Baby Cafe, 10 a.m.; mahjong, 2 p.m.; Celebrate Active Aging Week: Senior Bingo Night with the Barry County Commission on Aging, 4:30 p.m.; chess, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8 – Itsy Bitsy Book Club, 10:30 a.m.; Open Art Studio, 11:30 a.m.

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

ASK DR. UNIVERSE

Over the moon

Why can we sometimes see the moon during the day?

— Eli, 7, Texas

Dear Eli,

I love to go for a walk with my dog roommate. Sometimes we see the moon in the sky—even though it's daytime.

I asked my friend Michael Allen why that happens. He's an astronomer at Washington State University.

He told me that we have to ask "what is a day" to answer your question.

"The sun lights up the earth," Allen said. "Since the earth is a round ball, only half of the ball can ever be lit up at any one time."

The side of the earth that the sun shines on experiences day. The side that faces away from the sun experiences night.

The earth spins on its axis over the 24 hours that make one day.

So, let's imagine I'm stuck to the Earth in one spot. Allen calls me a "prisoner of gravity." At midnight, my spot faces away from the sun. Its light can't reach me. So, it's dark. I'm probably sleeping.

As the Earth rotates, my spot moves toward the sun. Morning comes. More and more of the sun's light reaches my spot. By noon, my spot faces the sun, and it's super bright.

While all that's happening, the moon orbits around the earth.

The moon doesn't make its own light. It reflects the light of the sun shining on it. So, if the sun's light can't reach part of the moon, that part will be dark. We can only see the lit-up part of the moon that faces us.

So, the whole moon is always there. Whether we can see it or not depends on where it is in its orbit and where we are on Earth. We can only see some or all the moon when it's in the right part of the sky and reflecting enough light.

That's true at night and during the day.

The shape of the lit-up part of the moon depends on the moon's phase. The moon goes through eight phases over its 28-day trip around the Earth.

When the moon is full, its whole face is lit up. At midnight, I can see it in the sky. Or I may see a nearly full moon.

But I can't see the other phases at midnight because they're below the horizon. The Earth blocks them from my view. I might be able to see them at other times.

I can't see any of the moon during the new moon—no matter what time it is. The lit side faces away from the Earth.

But I may be able to see the moon during the day just before or after the new moon.

"This all assumes clear skies," Allen said. "But, otherwise, all the moon phasing and visibility is due to one word: geometry."

If you want to see the moon during the day, follow the moon's phases on a calendar. Or start at the new moon and count. Look for the first quarter moon in the afternoon about one week after the new moon. Or the third quarter moon in the morning about one week after the full moon.

Hopefully you'll find it illuminating.

— 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.

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

WOODLAND'S PAST: From Main Street shops to university scholars

DAVID W. MILLER
Special to The Banner

Tucked into the heart of Barry County, the Village of Woodland measures just 0.85 square miles—small by any standard, yet rich in history and community life. To grasp its scale, think of New York's Central Park, which is about one-third larger, or Disneyland in California, which is nearly identical in size. In other words, you could stroll the entire length of Woodland almost as easily as you might cross a famous park or theme park—though here the scenery is made up of quiet streets, familiar faces and a century-old story worth remembering.

By the 2020 census, Woodland counted 391 residents—about the seating capacity of a 747 jumbo jet, or the crowd that might gather for a Friday night high school basketball game, with everyone in town finding a spot in the bleachers. It's a figure that speaks to Woodland's character: a village where faces are familiar, voices are recognized, and the whole community could, quite literally, fit together under one roof.

Turning Back the Pages is devoted to looking into the past—part history, part reminiscence—where fading landmarks and long-vanished businesses come back into view. In this article, we'll ease off M-43 and turn down Woodland's Main Street, pausing at places that once bustled with life. There was the Classic's Drug Store with its familiar soda fountain, the meat market where families shopped for Sunday dinners, and a blacksmith shop with its steady ring of hammer on anvil. Just north of these on the right is the Spindler Memorial Library. East of Main Street on M-43 stands the township hall. Together, they remind us how Woodland's modest village once carried the weight of everyday life.

Woodland traces its beginnings to 1837, when Charles and Jonathan Galloway, along with Charles Haight, became the first settlers in the area. Both the township and the village took their name from the dense forests that once covered the land. Growth quickened in 1889 with the arrival of the Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw Railroad, which brought commerce and opportunity. Just three years later, in 1892, Woodland was incorporated as a village, complete with a depot and grain elevator built on the east side to serve its expanding farm community.

The heart of Woodland has always been the crossroads of M-43 and Main Street. On the east side, a row of brick storefronts—many dating back to before 1890—has long defined the village center. Businesses have come and gone, but none is remembered more fondly than Classic's Drug Store, which occupied the northwest corner for nearly half a century.

In 1930, Herald E. Classic of Lake Odessa purchased Clyde Ruell's Confectionery and renamed it Classic's Confectionery. As the business grew, he acquired the building to the north, creating a double storefront. Classic was known for keeping his doors open late into the night, a practice that made his shop indispensable for filling prescriptions and a popular stop for evening treats. Generations recall Classic's most vividly for its malted milks and ice cream specialties, which became a village tradition. After Classic's passing, his daughter Betty Curtis carried on the store and its soda fountain until it finally closed its doors in 1995.

Just a couple of doors north of Classic's stood another Main Street staple: the Woodland Meat Market. From 1911 to 1921, Leonard and Rose Wachter owned and operated the shop, living in the rooms above their business as many proprietors did in those days. On either side were Perry Flory's barber shop and the general store run by the Stan Van Houten family, making the block a lively hub of daily trade. Leonard employed just one helper, his close friend Vernice Raffler, who later purchased the market and continued to operate it for several years. After selling the business, Leonard and Rose moved east of the village to an 80-acre farm, where they raised two children and spent the rest of their lives.



A Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw Railroad passenger station stops at Woodland to receive freight and passengers in the early 1900s. **Photo courtesy of the David McNeill collection**

119 N. MAIN STREET: WOODLAND FOOD CO-OP

In 1889, the Woodland Exchange Bank opened its doors in the "brick block" at 119 North Main Street, serving as a cornerstone of local commerce. Nearly a century later, in November 1980, the building found new life as the Woodland Food Co-op. Member-owned and member-run, the co-op is a legally incorporated nonprofit buying club that has faithfully served the community's grocery needs for more than 45 years.

THE BLACKSMITH AND LIVERY STABLE

A few doors down from the Food Co-op—across an open lot left by a fire—once stood a blacksmith shop and stable. In its later years, before the building was torn down, it was used for storage by the Everett Engineering Company, located on the east side of Main Street. Everett Engineering, at 161 North Main, had built a reputation producing tools, dies, fixtures and specialized machinery for both the automotive and aerospace industries.

EUGENE DAVENPORT

Woodland may be small, but its influence has reached far beyond Barry County. One of its most distinguished natives was Eugene Davenport (1856–1941), an influential academic and agriculturist. Born on a farm near Woodland, Davenport studied at Michigan State Agricultural College, where he later returned as a teacher. His career reached its height at the University of Illinois, where he served as dean of the College of Agriculture for 27 years and, from 1920 to 1922, as the university's vice president. After retirement, he returned to his family farm near Woodland, living out his final years in the community that had shaped him. His leadership in agricultural education left a lasting legacy, with Davenport Hall at the University of Illinois standing as a tribute to his vision and accomplishments. Three honorary doctorates were conferred upon him: University of Michigan (1907), University of Kentucky (1913) and Iowa State College (1920).

GEORGE W. SPINDLER

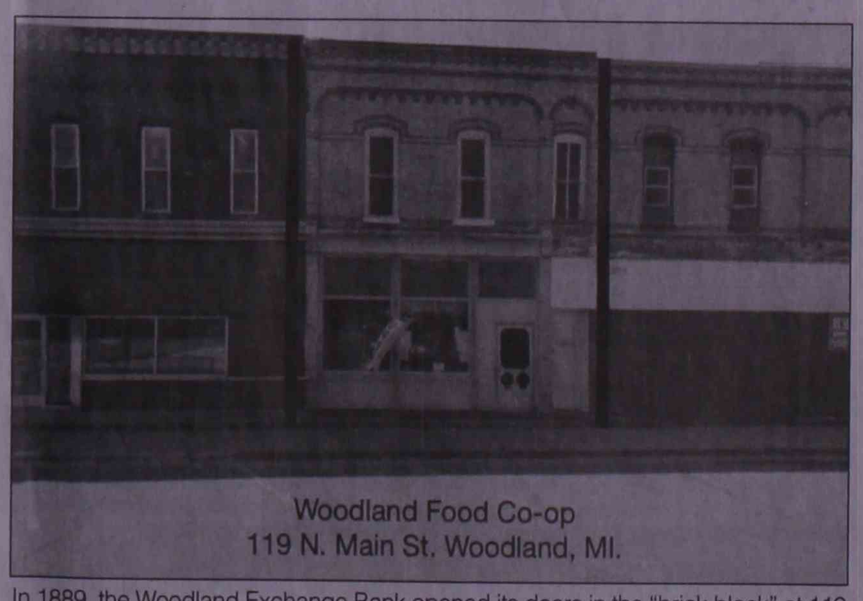
Another son of Woodland who made his mark in higher education was Dr. George W. Spindler (1868–1953), a noted scholar in modern languages. Spindler studied at the Universities of Berlin and Munich, earned his doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1916, and taught at Indiana University and the University of Kansas before joining the faculty of Purdue University, where he served for 25 years. He retired in 1941 with the rank of associate professor. Though his career took him across the country, Spindler never forgot his roots. In 1951, he gave his Woodland home and a personal library of 2,000 volumes to the village, a gift that became the foundation of Woodland's public library. His generosity ensured that the community where he was born would benefit from his lifelong devotion to scholarship.

Today, Woodland remains a fascinating village of about 180 households, 133 families, and just under 500 residents. Passing through, one can't help but admire its historic homes, each a reminder of the community's enduring roots. Every Labor Day, the village hosts a homecoming celebration that draws former residents and friends from across Barry County, keeping traditions alive. The Woodland Food Co-op continues to welcome members and non-members alike with its wholesome offerings, while the Spindler Memorial Library provides a warm and inviting place to browse a catalogue of more than 15,000 items—ranging from books and large-print editions to audiobooks, movies, and digital resources. Kay Bursley, librarian at Spindler for the past 20 years, kindly assisted me in piecing together this chapter of Turning Back the Pages, reminding us that Woodland, set in the northeast corner of Barry County, is not only a community rich in history but also a star that continues to shine.

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



In 1930, Herald E. Classic of Lake Odessa purchased Clyde Ruell's Confectionery and renamed it Classic's Confectionery. As the business grew, he acquired the building to the north, creating a double storefront. **Courtesy photos**

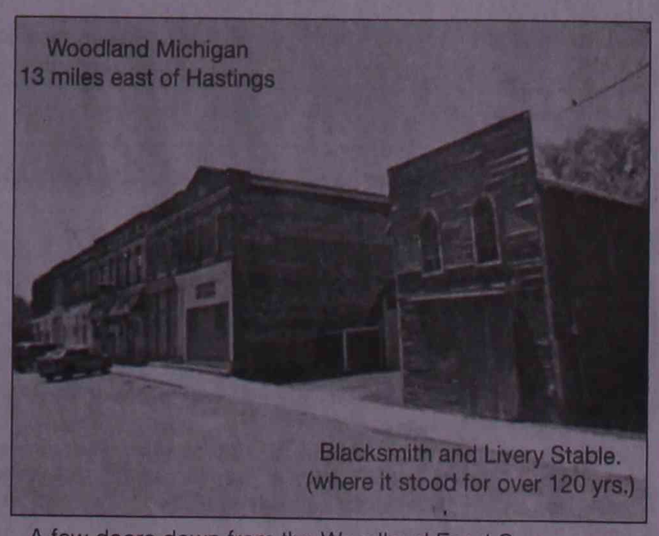


Woodland Food Co-op
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SPORTS

Marshall keeps Saxon soccer without an I-8 win

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

A winless Interstate-8 Athletic Conference season came to an end Tuesday on Pierce Field as the Hastings varsity boys' soccer team was downed 3-0 by visiting Marshall.

Last Thursday, Coldwater finished off a conference championship season with a 7-0 win over the visiting Saxons. The Cardinals were 5-0-1 in conference play this fall with the lone blemish on their I-8 record a 2-2 draw with Parma Western.

The Saxons were 0-6 in conference play this season, but will get a second shot at conference foe Harper Creek next week in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 2 Boys' Soccer Tournament. The Beavers will host a district opener with the Saxons Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

The Beavers won their regular season meeting with the Saxons 3-0 Hastings was shut out in four of their six conference matches.

"What we have been struggling with all year is just finding the back of the net," Saxon head coach Matt Hokanson said after the loss to Marshall Tuesday. "The boys are in position, sometimes we're just unlucky and sometimes we're doing too much inside the box instead of just trying to shoot the ball. That was our message at halftime. We have to get the ball off our feet and we have to get some shots on goal. Unfortunately, that didn't happen much in the second half.

"That has been the story of the season pretty much. We're playing the good teams tough, but we just can't crack it."

Marshall junior Brandon Baker beat the Saxon defense to a through ball and put it in the back of the net for the only goal of the first half.

Sophomore forward Carson Clapper upped his team's lead to 2-0 five minutes into the second half. He ran onto a ball that was chipped behind the Saxon defense and tapped a shot that glanced softly off the right post and then across the line as a Saxon defender tried to slide in and keep it out of the net.



The Saxons' Pau Crespo (10) fights by Marshall's Jonah Kue in the midfield during the second half of their I-8 match at Pierce Field in Hastings Tuesday.
Photo by Brett Bremer

Midway through the second half, the Redhawks got a goal from sophomore Myles Olson as he beat the Saxon keeper to a ball behind the Hastings' defense and chipped it into the open net.

"We'll be watching film tomorrow and figure out what we're doing on these through balls," Hokanson said.

Hastings had a little bit of an offensive push to start the second half, but never really had any dangerous chances on the Redhawk net.

"We made a couple switches in the midfield and made some switches to try and get stuff cookin' a little bit," Hokanson said. "We saw something on the outside too at the start of the game. We tried to make a switch early to get some speed out there, because we saw that their left back was a little bit slower. We moved Dan [Jensen] out there thinking we could win double, and Marshall quickly caught on to what we were doing and pulled their left back off."

Coach Hokanson was pleased with Jensen's efforts throughout the contest, starting at a center attacking midfield spot, moving to the outside and then spending a bit of time on the defensive end in the second half. While the three goals made it by the Saxon defense, Hokanson did think defenders Abe Winebrenner and AJ Kohmescher had a good game overall.

The Saxons go to Greenville this afternoon, Oct 2, and then will be at Battle Creek Central Monday to close out the regular season. Then all the focus turns to Harper Creek.

"We played them tough early in the season," Hokanson said. "It was similar to this game, we gave up one goal towards the end of the first half … and then we fight them tough all game and right at the end of the game they get their other two goals. We're playing these good teams tough. We're just not finishing."

LHS girls fifth at CAAC White golf championship tourney

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Lakewood varsity girls' golf team placed fifth Wednesday at the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division Championship at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing.

Lansing Catholic finished off a conference championship run by winning Wednesday with a score of 345 strokes. Charlotte was second with a 384 ahead of Portland 398, Ionia 428, Lakewood 457, Olivet 467 and Eaton Rapids 496.

Viking senior Liz Markwart and junior Grace Grosshans tied for 17th individually with scores of 106.

The Lakewood team also got a 120 from sophomore Whitley Wolf and a 125 from senior Madison Fenlong.

Ionia junior Lila Redder was the day's individual champion with a score of 77. Senior Addi Rule from Lansing Catholic shot an 84 to place second and her freshman teammate Eryn O'Connell was third with an 85.

Lansing Catholic also had junior Olivia Riley and sophomore Anna Robinson tie for fifth with scores of 88.

Charlotte junior Peyton Howarth shot an 86 that put her in fourth.

The Vikings were slated to head to The Medalist for a scramble hosted by Olivet Wednesday, Oct. 1, and then compete in a tournament at Portland Country Club Thursday, Oct. 2.

Sailors win final Gold jamboree on their home course

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity girls' golf team and the rest of the OK Gold Conference is at LE Kaufman Golf Club for the OK Gold Conference Championship today, Oct. 2.

South Christian heads into the finale with a solid grasp on first place in the conference .South Christian hosted the conference for its final jamboree of the season at the Pines last Wednesday and took a victory.

The Sailors won on their home course with a score of 179 strokes ahead of West Catholic 181, Northview 187, Wayland 218, Thornapple Kellogg 220 and Grand Rapids Union NTS.

Junior Vivian Hansson shot a 52 to lead TK. Junior Jordan Price scored a 58, junior Katie Chase a 53 and senior Sophia Lahaie added a 57.

Northview senior Grace Laflure had the day's best round shooting a 40. West Catholic senior Sarah Chen shot a 42, and South Christian junior Katelyn Alles and Northview senior Allison Hale tied with 43s.

Sturgis will host the Trojans and others at Island Hills Golf Club for an MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Girls' Golf Regional Tuesday, Oct. 7.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BARRY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
FILE NO. N/A

In the Matter of the William L. and Karin M. Fisher Family Trust. Date of Birth: 12/08/1925.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, William L. Fisher, died 09/11/2025. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority hvae been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Michael M. Fisher Trustee of the William L. and Karin M. Fisher Family Trust, under a Trust Agreement Dated 08/26/2003, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 09/26/2025
Michelle H. Anthes P55927
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-732-5000
Michael M. Fisher
10077 S. Crossroad Circle SE
Caledonia, MI 49316
616-826-1057

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

In the Matter of The Van Markenstein Living Trust. Date of Birth: January 18, 1930.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cathy C. Van Markenstein, died June 18, 2024, 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 Diane Hoekstra, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 9/24/25
Rhoades McKee PC
Stephanie S. Fekkes P43549
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Hastings, MI 49058
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Diane Hoekstra
c/o Rhoades McKee,
607 North Broadway, Suite A
Hastings, MI 49058
(269) 945-1921

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE 2025-30218-DE

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

Estate of Leslie H. Gearhart, Deceased. Date of birth: March 1941.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Leslie H. Gearhart, died 08/21/2025.

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

Date: 09/29/2025
Michael A. Dombos,
Lewis Reed & Allen, P.C. P49157
136 East Michigan Avenue, Suite 800
Kalamazoo,MI 49007
269-388-7600
Erick S. Gearhart
25015 67th Avenue
Lawton, MI 49065

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BARRY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST

Decedent: Leslie H. Gearhart, Deceased
Date of birth: March 1941
Trust: The Leslie H. Gearhart Trust (now irrevocable) dated 09/02/2015

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Leslie H. Gearhart, who lived at 1980 Parker Drive, Wayland, MI 49348, died 08/21/2025. The decedent established The Leslie H. Gearhart Trust. There is no probate estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent and The Leslie H. Gearhart Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Erick S. Gearhart, the named Successor Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

Dated: September 29, 2025
Attorney: Michael A. Dombos (P49157)
Lewis, Reed & Allen, P.C.
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Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007
Phone: (269) 388-7600
Trustee: Erick S. Gearhart
25015 67th Avenue
Lawton, Michigan 49065

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. the Barry County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the 2026 Barry County budget during the regular Board of Commissioners meeting in the Commission Chambers, located on the mezzanine level of the Barry County Courthouse, 220 W. State Street, Hastings MI 49058.

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

A copy of the proposed 2026 Budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the County Administrator's office, 3rd floor, Courthouse, 220 W. State St., Hastings MI 49058, or at http://www.barrycounty.org/budget

Sarah VanDenburg, County Clerk
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Position Opening- Deputy County Administrator
Barry County

Barry County is accepting applications for a Deputy County Administrator/Finance Director. The Deputy County Administrator serves as the Finance Director for the County and is responsible for managing the County's accounting system, providing support to all county departments, and serves as the Administrator in the absence of that official.

The salary range is $107,500-117,500 and a comprehensive benefits package is provided.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and 5 professional references to: Deputy Administrator Search, 220 West State Street, Hastings, MI 49058. A job description and additional information is available at www.barrycounty.org, or by contacting the Administrator at ezuzga@barrycounty.org.

TK keeps Sailors closer in second conference contest

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It was closer this time around, but the Trojans couldn't hold off the conference champs.

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity boys' soccer team was downed 3-0 by visiting OK Gold Conference foe South Christian Monday inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville.

Grand Rapids Union suffered a loss and a tie last week in conference play, and the Sailors have clinched the 2025 conference championship. The Sailors moved to 10-0-1 with the victory and will close conference play at Union Monday against the second-place Red Hawks.

TK is 2-7-2 in conference play so far this season. The Trojans were set to face Union in their conference finale Wednesday, Oct. 1.

South Christian bested the Trojans 8-0 in their first meeting this season.

The Sailors took a 1-0 lead Monday at TK with a goal by Parker Saladin midway through the first half. Saladin broke behind the Trojan defense on a push up field by the Sailors and got a shot by TK junior keeper Jeremiah Cramer.

TK kept the Sailors there throughout the rest of the first half and had one of their best scoring chances late in the first half with sophomore Dylan Wallach just curling a shot over the crossbar from about 25 yards out.

The Trojans put together another good push in the opening minutes of the second half, and a hard shot from senior Peyton Forman was just punched away with one hand by Sailor keeper Nickson Tanui.

Midway through the second half the Sailors upped their lead to 2-0 with a goal by senior Nick Hunderman, and then South Christian got a third goal on a header from junior Dylan Morris. Morris got his chance as a free kick from about 35 yard out rebounded through the box.

TK will go on the road for a non-conference match against Ottawa Hills at Houseman Field Monday, Oct. 6. The state postseason starts for the Trojans when they take on Marshall in an MHSAA Division 2 District opener against Marshall Thursday, Oct. 9, in Middleville.



Thornapple Kellogg senior Bowen Dykstra (2) and South Christian junior Hudson Kerstetter (10) go up for a header in the midfield during the second half of their OK Gold Conference match in Middleville Monday. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

HHS girls fall in four sets in I-8 match at Jackson Northwest

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Saxons were fought off in four sets by the Mounties in an Interstate-8 Athletic Conference match at Jackson Northwest Wednesday, Sept. 24.

The Hastings varsity volleyball team took the opening set 25-23, but the Mounties rallied to win the next three sets 25-19, 25-23, 25-13. The loss drops the Saxons to 0-2 in conference matches so far this fall. They were scheduled to visit Parma Western Oct. 1 and will be home in the conference to take on Pennfield Oct. 8.

"We've continued facing opponents who cover the court well, which challenges us to look through the net and identify scoring opportunities," Hastings head coach Alexis Mast said. "Over the last few weeks, I've seen our girls grow hungrier, hungry to compete with intention, which has been our main focus heading into each match."

The Saxon head coach said junior middle hitter Bella Friddle has really found her rhythm lately, tallying 25 kills in the last few matches.

"She currently leads the team in both kills (102) and blocks (37). Her sister, senior Olivia Friddle, is also making her presence known after returning from an injury last season," Mast said. "The team has been taking advantage of her vertical at the net, where she's contributed 16 kills in recent matches as a middle blocker."

The Saxons were a part of the Wildcat Invitational hosted by Lakeview Sept. 20 where they were 1-2 for the day. Hastings took a 25-18, 25-19 win over Ithaca, and fell 25-16, 25-23 to Muskegon Catholic Central and 25-22, 27-26 against Grant.

The Saxons have been working on more than their X's and O's lately. They started a push to improve their mental toughness too.

"Over the past few weeks, we've introduced the Surge Program, covering topics such as Unlocking Personal Power, Power of Emotions, and Protecting Growth Mindset," coach Mast said. "Right now, it feels like this team has a brick wall in front of them, but our focus is on giving them the tools and confidence to break through it.

"This group has tremendous potential. With an added sense of confidence and a willingness to push past barriers, I believe we'll see this team build serious momentum as we move into the remainder of the season."

DK/Hastings girls faster again in dual

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Delton Kellogg/Hastings varsity girls' swimming and diving team had 17 different personal best performances as their improvements continued in a tough Southwestern and Central Michigan Conference dual against visiting Plainwell Tuesday.

The Trojans did take a 102-77 victory in the dual.

The DK/Hastings team got a winning score of 258.70 points from Aubrey Yarger in the diving competition and teammate Jillian Brandli was the runner-up with 168.00 points.

Kassidy Peake took the first place points in the 100-yard breaststroke for the DK/Hastings team with a time of 1 minute 42.02 seconds.

DK/Hastings also got a winning time of 5:20.40 from the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Brandli, Petra Foster, Selena Corona and Peake at the end of the evening.

DK/Hastings foursomes were second in the other two relays, the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

There were a number of other runner-up finishes for the DK/Hastings team. Lilly Randall was second in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:42.89. She added a second-place time of 1:01.54 in the 100-yard freestyle too.

Annabelle Kuck was the runner-up in the 50-yard freestyle in 28.53 seconds, and Yarger was third in that one with a time of 31.17. Kuck added a runner-up time of 1:11.70 in the 100-yard butterfly too.

Foster placed second with a time of 6:32.58 in the 500-yard freestyle.

Sophia VanHeest and Sylar Luckett had two individual wins each for Plainwell. VanHeest took the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard butterfly. Luckett won the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke.

The DK/Hastings girls return to action at Allegan Oct. 7.

The DK/Hastings girls went into the dual after a runner-up finish at their own 21st Annual DK/Hastings Relays Saturday in Hastings.

All ten of the DK/Hastings relay teams placed. Brandli, Foster, Kuck, Peake, Randall, Jayda Villarreal and Yarger were a part of first place finishes.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION AND PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BARRY COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

REGISTRATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Barry, Allegan or Calhoun County in Castleton Township, Barry Intermediate School District and Kent Intermediate School District, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the appropriate Township or Village Clerk, the Office of the County Clerk, a Secretary of State branch office or other designated state agency; or can use the Online Voter Registration System at www.Michigan.gov/vote.

- Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.
- The last day to register by mail or online with the local clerk is **Monday, October 20, 2025**.
- **After this date,** anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency up to and including through the day of election *(MCL 168.497)* at the appropriate Clerk's office listed below at the following times:

Municipality and Clerk	Address and telephone number	Regular Business Hours	Hours on weekend immediately preceding the Election
Assyria Township Cheryl Thornton	8094 Tasker Road, Bellevue, MI 49021 (269) 758-3646	By appointment	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Baltimore Township Jana Bishop	3100 E. Dowling Road, Hastings, MI 49058 (269) 721-3502	By appointment	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Barry Township Debra Knight	11300 S. M-43 Hwy., Delton, MI 49046 (269) 623-5171	Tuesday 9 am – 1 pm Wednesday 9 am – 5 pm	Saturday, November 1st 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Carlton Township Amanda Carothers	85 Welcome Road, Hastings, MI 49058 (269) 945-5990	Wednesdays – 10 am – noon or by appointment	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Castleton Township Marcia Scramlin	915 Reed Street; PO Box 679, Nashville, MI 49073 (517) 852-9479	Wednesday 1 pm – 4:30 pm	Saturday, November 1st 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Hastings Charter Township David Olson	885 River Road, Hastings, MI 49058 (269) 948-9690	Tuesdays 9 am – noon & 1 – 4 pm	Sunday, November 2nd 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Hope Township Deborah Jackson	5463 S. M-43 Hwy., Hastings, MI 49058 (269) 948-2464	Wednesday 9 am – noon & 1:15 – 3:00 pm or by appointment	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Irving Township Tessa Stout	3425 Wing Road, Hastings, MI 49058 (269) 948-0633	Monday and Wednesday 9 am – Noon	Saturday, November 1st 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Johnstown Township Sheri Babcock	13641 S. M-37 Hwy., Battle Creek, MI 49017 (269) 721-9709	Monday & Wednesday 8 am – 4 pm or by appointment	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Maple Grove Township Holly Carpenter	721 Durkee Street, Nashville, MI 49073 (517) 852-0872	By appointment Only	Saturday, November 1st 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
Orangeville Township Melody Risner	7350 Lindsey Road, Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 664-4522	Mon., Wed. & Friday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Saturday, November 1st 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Prairieville Township Rod Goebel	10115 S. Norris Road, Delton, MI 49046 (269) 623-2664	Mon – Thursday 9 am – 5 pm	Saturday, November 1st 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
Rutland Township Robin Hawthorne	2461 Heath Road, Hastings, MI 49058 (269) 948-2194	Monday – Thursday 9 am – 3 pm	Saturday, November 1st 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thornapple Township Cynthia Ordway	200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333 (269) 795-7202	Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Woodland Township Elizabeth Busk	156 S. Main PO Box 98, Woodland, MI 48897 (269) 367-4915	By appointment	Saturday, November 1st 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Yankee Springs Township Tom Hopkins	284 N. Briggs Road, Middleville, MI 49333 (269) 795-9091	Mon – Thurs 9 am -3 pm Friday 9 am – noon	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
City of Hastings Linda Perin	201 East State Street, Hastings, MI 49058 (269) 945-2468	Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm	Saturday, November 1st 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

All offices will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE FOLLOWING JURISDICTIONS WILL BE VOTING ON THE PROPOSALS AS PRESENTED AND LISTED BELOW:

CASTLETON TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS MILLAGE RENEWAL
FIRE DEPARTMENT HOUSING AND EQUIPMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES HOUSING AND EQUIPMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Castleton Township Hall, 915 Reed Street, Nashville, Michigan 49073, telephone: (517) 852-9479.

KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL
.8498 MILL ($.8498 ON EACH $1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR 10 YEARS AND .0502 MILL ($0.0502 ON EACH $1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR 10 YEARS TO RESTORE HEADLEE REDUCTION

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Kent Intermediate School District, 2930 Knapp Street, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525-4518, telephone: (616) 364-1333.

BARRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL
1 MILL FOR 10 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Barry Intermediate School District, 535 West Woodlawn Avenue, Hastings, Michigan 49058-1038, telephone: (269) 945-9545.

Sample ballots may be viewed at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the appropriate clerk's office.

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used for the November 4, 2025 Special Election are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations in the respective jurisdiction as listed below.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Municipality	Testing Address	Date and Time
Assyria Township	8094 Tasker Road, Bellevue, MI 49021	October 2, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.
Baltimore Township	3100 E. Dowling Road, Hastings, MI 49058	October 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
Barry Township	155 E. Orchard St., Delton, MI 49046	October 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Carlton Township	85 Welcome Road, Hastings, MI 49058	October 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
*Castleton, Maple Grove and Woodland Townships	915 Reed Street, Nashville, MI 49073	October 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
Hastings Charter Township	885 River Road, Hastings, MI 49058	October 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Hope Township	5463 S. M-43 Hwy., Hastings, MI 49058	October 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Irving Township	3425 Wing Road, Hastings, MI 49058	October 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
*Johnstown Twp.	13641 S. M-37 Hwy., Battle Creek, MI 49017	October 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
Orangeville Twp.	7350 Lindsey Road, Plainwell, MI 49080	October 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
*Prairieville Twp.	10115 S. Norris Road, Delton, MI 49046	October 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Rutland Twp.	2461 Heath Road, Hastings, MI 49058	October 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Thornapple Twp.	200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333	October 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Yankee Springs Twp	284 N. Briggs Road, Middleville, MI 49333	October 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
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Sarah M. VanDenburg, Barry County Clerk on behalf of Clerks in:

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Randall runs to big PR on fast course in Otsego

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The fastest Saxon ever finished 46 seconds faster than ever before in a varsity race Saturday.

Hastings junior Caroline Randall improved her personal record time, and her school record, to 17 minutes 39.9 seconds in a runner-up finish at the annual Otsego Bulldog Invitational.

Saxon head coach Steve Collins said Randall went into the day's race looking forward to maybe getting under that 18-minute mark for the first time. She blew by that time and is now one minute faster than her nearest competitor on the Saxons' all-time record board – 2014 HHS alumnus Trista Straube.

All that speed, and the Division 2 girls' race there in Otsego was just the second race all season that Randall didn't win. Otsego senior Emma Hoffman, a two-time state runner-up in Division 2, improved her PR too to finish in 16:20.6 on her home course constructed for fast times.

Gobles junior Libby Smith, who Randall has gone back and forth with a couple times this season, set her PR at 17:46.78 to place third.

Hoffman's Bulldogs won the team title with 69 points ahead of Holland Christian 91, Grand Rapids Christian 101, South Christian 135 and Coopersville 158 in the top five of the 25-team race. The Saxons were 23rd with 591 points and the Thornapple Kellogg girls placed 14th with 412 points.

Every one of the Saxon ladies ran their fastest race of the season. Freshman Emerson Leary was Hastings' number two with a 131st-place time of 23:03.62. Junior Chloe Pirtle placed 154th in 24:52.85. Senior Maddie Elzinga placed 155th in 25:05.27. Junior Lilianna Enyart placed 157th in 25:18.24.

Freshman Brynn VanderMale was sixth for the Saxons in 161st place. She hit the finish line in 25:35.85.

The Thornapple Kellogg girls were led by senior Peyton Hardy who was 60th in 20:42.93, her best time of the season. She said after the race that she hadn't performed as well as she had hoped at the OK Gold Conference jamboree in Wayland last week, and was happy to experience a little extra pain pushing for a better time Saturday in an effort to avoid the mental pain throughout the week of thinking about what she could have done to go faster.

TK senior Madison Kietzman placed 76th in 21:06.50.

Trojan junior Carmen Reynolds and freshman Brielle Miller both improved their personal records. Reynolds was 89th in 21:30.82 and Miller was right behind in 90th with a time of 21:31.30.

Karsyn Boersma was sixth for the TK team in 143rd-place with a time of 23:55.79, a new PR for her.

There were similar strides made on the boys' side as all of the Saxons and most of the Trojans ran their fastest race of the season.

Sophomore Tanner Krzysik led the Hastings team with a time of 18:53.77, a new personal record for him by more than half a minute. He finished in 116th overall in the Division 2 boys' race.

"It was nice to see Tanner break the 19-minute mark for the fist time," Collins said.

Sophomores Eli LI and Alex Timmers and junior Caleb Kramer all set new personal records for the Saxons. Li placed 143rd in 19:50.05, Timmers 144th in 19:50.32 and Kramer 146th in 20:14.43.

Sophomore Parker Erb rounded out the top five for the Hastings team with a 14th-place time of 20:18.14. Carter Kryzsik in 155th and Spencer Crozier in 159th were the Saxons' six and seven Saturday. Carter hit the finish line in 21:07.67 and Crozier in 21:33.43.

Freshman Owen Bremer cut about 50 seconds off his previous PR to lead the Trojan team in 17:08.86 which had him 51st individually. Bremer said after the race he'd wished he'd been more aware of how close he was to being able to break that 17-minute mark before rounding the final turn and seeing the clock.

TK sophomore Garrett Holzhausen moved his PR to 18:09.90 to finish as the Trojans' number two in 84th place.

TK junior Grady Galaviz ran to a 110th-place time of 18:39.76.



Saxon sophomore Tanner Krzysik sets the pace for the Hastings varsity boys' cross country team during the Otsego Bulldog Invitational Saturday.



A group of Saxons led by senior Maddie Elzinga makes their way along the Otsego Bulldog Invitational course at Otsego High School Saturday during the Division 2 girls' race.



Saxon junior Caroline Randall runs to a new school record time and a runner-up finish Saturday at the Otsego Bulldog Invitational. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

TK got a trio of personal records in the middle of its pack. Freshman Parker Robinett placed 119th in 18:58.80, senior Benjamin Postma 123rd in 19:08.54 and sophomore Wyatt Richardson 136th in 19:27.10.

Senior Noah Donker was TK's number seven with a time of 20:47.48 that put him 149th overall.

Vicksburg junior Caiden Caswell won the D2 boys' race in 15:26.12 to improve his personal record. The next two guys across the finish line were from the Grand Rapids Christian team. Senior Sean Ryan was the runner-up in 15:44.47 and sophomore Ashton Fink improved his PR to place third in 15:49.22.

Holland Christian had two guys in the top ten too, and the Maroons won the D2 boys' championship with 73 points. Grand Rapids Christian was third with 91 points ahead of Kalamazoo Homeschool 126, Otsego 155 and Three Rivers 195 in the top five. The Thornapple Kellogg boys were 18th with 473 points and the Saxons 22nd with 681 points.

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McCoy has massive time drop for DK boys at Otsego

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

All seven of the scorers for the Delton Kellogg varsity boys' cross country team ran their fastest race of the season, and four of the five DK girls did, in the Division 3/Division 4 race at the annual Otsego Bulldog Invitational Saturday.

Delton Kellogg sophomore Joseph McCoy was a break-out performer for the Panthers as he improved his personal record time by more than a minute and a half. He hit the finish line in 18 minutes 18.3 seconds which put him in 15th-place in the combined D3/D4 standings.

"He comes to practice and he is running around all over the place," Delton Kellogg head coach Dale Grimes said. "He is bouncing off the walls. He works his butt off in practice, but he never looks like he is spent or exhausted at the end of practice. I said, he is going to bust out one of these races and today he did. Huge PR.

"Place-wise, we come to a big meet like this, and I tell the kids PRs are great but places are more important. You get a good place and you are going to get a good time."

Medals went to the top 50 in the boys' and girls' races for the D3/4 runners, but team standings were broken up into Division 3 and Division 4 championships in the end.

DK had five of its guys earn medals and two girls. Junior Landon Madden led the DK boys' team with a fifth-place time of 17:31.7, his fastest run of the year.

Delton Kellogg's Nick Muday placed 20th in 18:30.5, Jace Hilton 35th in 19:07.9 and freshman Malachi Allersma 38th in 19:21.2. Jack Favreau and Ayden Jones rounded out the top seven for the DK boys' team with Favreau 66th in 20:50.9 and Jones 68th in 21:00.3.

Marek Butkiewicz won the boys' race in 15:16.0, and there was about a minute between each of the first three finishers. Centreville's Will Hulin was second in 16:11.6 and Union City's Ben Gautsche placed third in 17:08.8.

The Panthers were third among ten full Division 3 teams in the competition, and coach Grimes was happy to see his guys a couple points ahead of Southwestern Athletic Conference foe Hackett Catholic Prep before the results were split into D3 and D4.

Centreville won the boys' D3 title with 68 points ahead of Bronson 69, Delton Kellogg 71, Bangor 103, Schoolcraft 103, Fennville 120, Quincy 190, Parchment 193, Bloomingdale 250 and Kalamazoo Christian 263.

Maple Valley competed in the D3/D4 races too in Otsego Saturday.

The Lions were led by Cameron Murray's 48th-place time of 19:39.6. Grady Wilkes placed 93rd in 22:27.0 and Quincy Page 118th in 24:46.2.

Senior Elli Timmerman led the pack for the DK girls with a 30th-place time of 23:46.6. Riley Perley was also a medalist for the DK girls with a 47th-place time of 25:09.8. Evelynn Courneya was just behind the last of the 50 medalists placing 52nd in 25:30.8.

Olivia Vincent ran to a 59th-place time of 26:33.3 and Makayla Lutz was 64th overall in 27:03.3. for DK.

"This is the best performance the girls have had all season, as a group," Grimes said. "We have three rookies out of the five that are running. It is starting to come together. They have an appreciation for the last mile, the middle of the race, being able to maintain a pace, resisting the urge to walk a little bit even if nobody is looking. Just those little things like that. They've built confidence and you can see it."

There were six full scoring Division 3 girls' teams. Bronson won the title with 21 points ahead of Centreville 63, Fennville 78, Delton Kellogg 108, Schoolcraft 116 and Bangor 150.

Freshman Melanie Jones led the Maple Valley girls running to a 25th-place time of 23:34.5. Izabelle Soper was 45th in 24:52.2, Lydia Emerick 70th in 27:48.1 and Ada Marie Blakely 101st in 34:41.0.

Fennville's Isabell Sliter won that D3/D4 girls' race in 19:08.6. She was one of three to finish in less than 20 minutes. Bronson's Ashlynn Harris clocked in a 19:27.2 and Martin's Veyda Conley finished in 19:42.1.

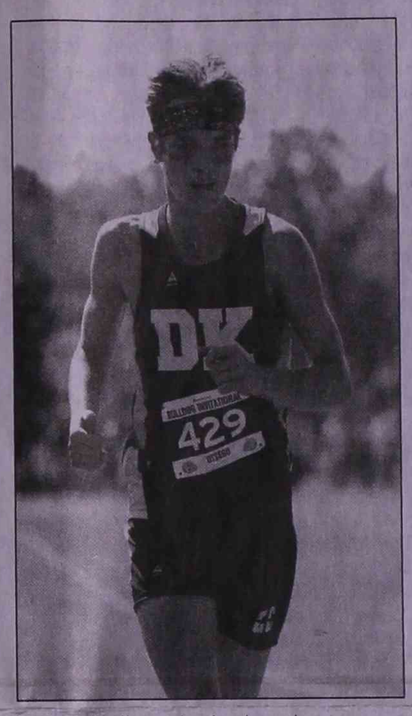
The Delton Kellogg teams will be back in action Saturday at the Portage Invitational.

Last week, the DK squads took part in the second SAC jamboree of the season, Sept. 24. The DK boys were fifth and the girls 14th at the meet hosted by Parchment.

Madden led the way for the DK boys with a time of 18:38.49 that put him 18th. Perley led the DK girls in 25:28.00.



Delton Kellogg's Riley Perley (437) and Evelynn Courneya (434) work through the crowd during the first mile of the combined D3/D4 girls' race Saturday at the Otsego Bulldog Invitational. The two DK juniors both set new personal records at the meet.



Delton Kellogg junior Landon Madden runs to a season best time of 17:31.70 at the Otsego Bulldog Invitational Saturday, a time that put him fifth in the combined D3/D4 boys' race.



Delton Kellogg sophomore Joseph McCoy runs to a new personal record time of 18 minutes 18.28 seconds while earning a medal in the D3/D4 boys' race Saturday at the Otsego Bulldog Invitational. He trimmed about a minute and a half from his previous PR. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

Trojan X.C. teams inch closer to top of Gold at Wayland

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

A hilly, twisty course around the Wayland Union school grounds and a few more weeks of training made for a much different OK Gold Conference jamboree the second time around this fall.

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity girls' cross country team inched a few points closer to league-leading South Christian and the TK boys jumped Grand Rapids Union to finish third as a team Wednesday in Wayland.

There was a big shuffle up in the order of finish for the TK ladies Wednesday with sophomore Amya Gater leading the way. She placed 13th with a time of 22 minutes 25.27 seconds. Junior Payton Hardy, the TK leader throughout the fall so far, was 14th overall in 22:25.44. Junior Carmen Reynolds was right behind them with a 15th-place time of 22:27.94.

South Christian won the jamboree with 21 points. The TK ladies were second with 65 points, a gap between the Sailors and Trojans that was five points less than at the first conference get-together earlier this month at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Wayland's girls were third with 74 points ahead Northview 114, West Catholic 114, Grand Rapids Union 179 and Wyoming 206.

South Christian had nine of the first 12 girls across the finish line in Wayland, and the first three overall. Senior Chloe Rinzema led the Sailors in 20:12.70.

The TK girls' team had Breanna Schut 22nd in 23:11.38 and freshman Brielle Miller 23rd in 23:19.58 in its top five. TK junior Alaina McCrumb was right behind in 24th-place and senior Madison Kietzman placed 29th.

In the boys' meet, the TK boys improved from fourth at the first conference meet-up to third.

TK freshman Owen Bremer moved up into the top ten with a tenth-place time of 18:30.45.

Trojan junior Grady Galaviz placed 19th in 19:15.60 and freshman Parker Robinett was 25th in 19:55.01. The top five for the TK boys also included sophomore Garrett Holzhausen 30th in 20:11.26 and sophomore Wyatt Richardson 33rd in 20:16.84.

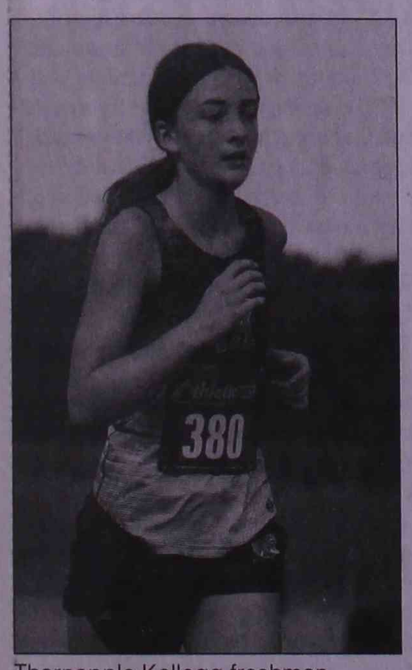
Rounding out the top seven for TK were seniors Benjamin Postma and Noah Donker who were 35th and 36th respectively.

South Christian won for the second time in two races on the boys' side, this time with 29 points. Northview was second with 48 points ahead of Thornapple Kellogg 110, Grand Rapids Union 119, Wayland 133, Wyoming 137 and West Catholic 167.

The first two guys across the finish line were Sailors, and South Christian had four of the top ten overall. Sailor junior Ben Verlin won the race in 16:57.65 and senior teammate Thad VanderLaan was second in 17:19.31.

The Trojans ran in the Otsego Bulldog Invitational Saturday and will be back in action again at the Portage Invitational Saturday, Oct. 4.

The OK Gold Conference Championship will be hosted by West Catholic at Riverside Park Oct. 15.



Thornapple Kellogg freshman Brielle Miller makes her way around the three-loops course in Wayland during the OK Gold Conference jamboree Wednesday, Sept. 24.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The settlor of THE DONN DANIELS LIVING TRUST dated June 15, 2023, whose name was Donn Daniels (DOB: 8/21/1951) and who lived at 12160 Pine Meadow Drive, Wayland, MI 49348, died on 8/8/25. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Estate of Donn Daniels and THE DONN DANIELS LIVING TRUST dated June 15, 2023, will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Matthew William Daniels, courtesy of his attorneys, the Rochester Law Center, PLLC, at 85 Oakwood Dr. Ste. 125, Rochester, MI 48307, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

Dated: September 19, 2025
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE 25-60213-DE

Estate of William J. Roush, Deceased. Date of birth: 03/19/1939.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, William J. Roush, died 07/30/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Yvon X. Roush, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 3553 Dawes Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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SYNOPSIS
RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Hawthorne, Greenfield, Watson, Hall, James

Absent: Mayack

Approved the Agenda as amended

Approved the Consent Agenda

Monthly Treasurer's Report

Monthly Clerk's Voucher/Payroll Report

Motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #2025-198 Chickens in CR. Roll Call Vote – 5-1, motion passes

Motion to approve two budget amendments-parking lot and BIRCH. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes, motion passes.

Motion to approve tree trimming quote. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes, motion passes.

Adjournment 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Hawthorne, Clerk

Attested to by,
Marti Mayack, Supervisor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Trust

In the matter of Norman Rex Slocum Trust, dated June 19, 2000.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Norman Rex Slocum, who lived at 7577 Saddlebag Road, Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849 died September 19, 2025 leaving a certain trust under the name of Norman Rex Slocum Trust, dated June 19, 2000, wherein the decedent was the Settlor and Rachel Slocum was named as the trustee to serve on the decedent's death.

Creditors of the decedent and of the trust are notified that all claims against the decedent or against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Rachel Slocum the named trustee at 811 Maryland Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48906 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 9/30/25

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Lions and Panthers both get win number one

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Maple Valley and Delton Kellogg varsity football teams both picked up their first win of the 2025 season last Friday.

Hastings kept its undefeated record in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference intact with a win at Pennfield.

Thornapple Kellogg and Lakewood had very different experiences facing highly ranked opponents despite both being shut out in conference ballgames. Lakewood was downed 35-0 by Capital Area Activities Conference White Division foe Portland on the road, while the Thornapple Kellogg squad held top-ranked Grand Rapids Catholic Central without an offensive touchdown in a 10-0 OK Black Conference loss in Middleville.

Now it is on to week number six of the varsity football season. Lakewood is the lone county team playing at home this week. The Vikings host Lansing Sexton for homecoming at Unity Field. Both teams come into the CAAC White ballgame at 2-3 overall. The J-Dubbs took a 34-18 win over Charlotte last week in conference play.

The Hastings team goes on the road to take on Marshall in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference. Hastings and Harper Creek are the only two I-8 squads without a loss in conference play so far this season, and the Saxons host the Beavers for homecoming Oct. 10, but they'll do their best to not overlook the Redhawks this week.

Marshall comes into the contest 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the I-8. The Redhawks just dropped a four-point ballgame against a Northwest team that the Saxons defeated by 24 in week number three. Hastings will be looking to extend a four-game winning streak against the Marshall program.

Thornapple Kellogg goes on the road in the OK Black this week to face a 4-1 Northview team. They are two of four teams that are 1-1 in the OK Black Conference so far this fall. Their games last week had a total of 23 points scored as the Wildcats were downed 10-3 by East Grand Rapids.

Delton Kellogg goes on the road in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Valley Division to take on Coloma, looking to ride the high of last week's homecoming victory over Saugatuck. The Comets are 2-3 overall, and both teams are 1-1 in SAC Valley ballgames so far with Coloma's one conference win coming in a 60-42 shoot out against the Saugatuck team DK just defeated.

Maple Valley took a break from its Big 8 Conference slate to win at Hartford last Friday. Now the Lions return to conference play at Sand Creek with both teams looking for their first conference win. Sand Creek is winless overall on the season.

Here is a round-up of last week's local gridiron action ...

Hastings 55, Pennfield 24

Saxon running back Jonah Hamp hit about every inch of turf Friday night at Pennfield High School as the Hastings varsity football ran its record to 4-1.

Hamp took the Saxons' first hand-off of the game 97 yards for a touchdown, and then helped the Saxons' break the game open returning the second half kick off 90 yards for a touchdown. That kick return made it a two score game at the time and Hastings went on to a 55-24 win over the host Panthers in Interstate-8 Athletic Conference action.

Hamp took the second half kickoff through the middle, up the left side and then cut back all the way across the field to the right as things got congested around the Pennfield 30-yard-line.

The offense moved the ball well all evening, defensive adjustments worked out in the second half and Saxon head coach Jamie Murphy was really pleased to have special teams making a positive impact once again for his squad.

It was another dominant performance from the Saxon offensive line. Hamp rushed 15 times for 144 yards. Fellow back Trevin Russell touched his fare share of field turf too rushing seven times for 187 yards and three touchdowns.

"All of our O-line, guards, tackles they're doing awesome. We couldn't do anything without them," Hamp said. "They do the hard work to make us look good. It is pretty easy being a running back with those guys on your O-line."

As a team the Saxons had 421 yards rushing with a front powered by more than just the five starters. There was good work in the trenches all evening for the Saxons from Henry Elzinga, Cade Roberts, Caden Pettingill, Ethan Hetrick, Grady Reed, Cruize Rathburn and others.

"Coach Pat Coltson has been at it a lot of years," Murphy said. "He calls a really good game. He understands what we need to run and how to run it. He is coaching the offensive line and he's really in touch with what they're doing and how they're moving. It helps we have a couple quick backs that hit the hole pretty good and run hard, but the offensive line is the show."

Even with that good work, Pennfield kept hitting back at the Saxons.

Russell scored on a 31-yard run three minutes into the second quarter. The Panthers answered quickly with a 37-yard TD run by back Isaiah Eakins-Gray, who was Pennfield's powerhouse on the ground all evening. The Saxons pushed their lead back to two scores at 24-8 with a seven-yard TD run by Cardale Winebrenner with 4:21 to play in the first half.

The Panthers followed up with a quick 68-yard touchdown drive that included two fourth down conversions. Eakins-Gray scored on a three-yard TD run, taking a pitch around the right side, and it was 24-16 at the half.

"We moved some linemen around a little bit and adjusted to what was giving us trouble in the first half," Murphy said. "They had an overload set that we thought we could handle with our regular defensive set, but it was giving us a little bit of trouble especially when they countered out of it and they came back and threw back and countered away. We just made a couple of adjustments and the kids responded well."

It still took some time for the Saxons to pull away. Eakins-Gray took a screen pass from quarterback Calvin Paesens ten yards for a touchdown three and a half minutes into the second half.

"They're solid. They have a lot of fast guys. They're fast and physical," said Hamp, who also plays defensive back for the Saxons. "We practice all week. We have a good coaching staff that gets us set up every week for everybody … we just came out ready to play in the second half. The first half was a little bit of a struggle, but we came back in the second half."



Delton Kellogg seniors Keegan Hill (5) and Lassa Lokau (44) combine to break up the fourth down pass attempt thrown to junior Saugatuck's Jack Drummond (6) to seal the win over visiting Trailblazers on homecoming night in Delton Friday.
Photos by Perry Hardin



Delton Kellogg quarterback Tucker Tack (10) scrambles up the sideline for a large gain in the third quarter of his team's win over Saugatuck Friday at DKHS.

A couple long Russell TD runs finally allowed the Saxons to pull away. He scored on 70-yard and 41-yard runs before the third quarter was up, and Hastings led 48-24 going into the fourth quarter. Tyce Richardson tacked on the Saxons' final touchdown on a five-yard run.

The Saxons were successful on six two-point conversion tries too before Cooper Hokanson came on to boot an extra-point following that final TD.

Tyler Frazer had a team-high ten tackles for the Saxon defense.

The Saxons are now 3-0 in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference this season and 4-1 overall.

"It is awesome. We do a bunch of stuff offseason, lifting and we go to Fort Custer. It builds us up," Hamp said. "These are all my brothers. I would do anything to be on these fields with these seniors all the time. I wish this was a year round sport, because the bond we have is just awesome."

Delton Kellogg 22, Saugatuck 17

Delton Kellogg's varsity football team celebrated homecoming with a 22-17 Southwestern Athletic Conference Valley Division win over visiting Saugatuck Friday.

Delton quarterback Tucker Tack fired a 32-yard touchdown pass to Elijah Offringa to put the Panthers in front with 2:32 to play in the fourth quarter.

"It was great to see the kids fight back and find a way this week," Delton Kellogg head coach Brooks Smith said. "As a staff we really felt they needed one, they have worked very hard and that is the one thing that has not happened yet. We were all really happy for them. They found a way."

Delton Kellogg improves to 1-4 overall this season with the win and 1-1 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Valley Division. The Trailblazers are now 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the SAC Valley.

Tack had a 17-yard touchdown run in the opening quarter and then fired two touchdown passes in the second half after the Trailblazers rallied to go in front 17-7. Smith said he is really starting to make great strides as a passer.

"We knew offensively we could get some things if they gave us a certain coverage, so we managed to break a

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BARRY COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on October 23, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Rex R. Risner and Lauren Risner, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 29, 2019 Recorded on August 7, 2019, in Document No. 2019-007405, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2024-2 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Fifty and 89/100 Dollars ($370,450.89) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Barry County, and described as: Parcel E: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 4 North, Range 10 West, Thornapple Township, Barry County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 17; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 22 seconds East 1317.14 feet along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 to the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes 01 second East 996.13 feet along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of said Section 17 to the place beginning of this description; thence continuing North 89 degrees 16 minutes 01 second East 335.49 feet along said North line to the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of Section 17; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West 1315.41 feet along the East line of said Southwest 1/4 to the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of Section 17; thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds West 95.00 feet along the South line of said Southwest 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East 338 feet parallel with the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of Section 17; thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds West 70.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East 180.00 feet; thence North 11 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds West 813.02 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to an easement for ingress and egress described as: the South 135.00 feet of the East 95.0 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 4 North, Range 10 West, Thornapple Township, Barry County, Michigan. Commonly known as 5078 Harvest Dr, Middleville, MI 49333 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2024-2 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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Hastings running back Jonah Hamp tries to get through the arms of Pennfield defenders Thomas Wright (2), Dre'Shaun Bailey (4) and Gavin May during the first quarter Friday night at Pennfield High School in Battle Creek. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Saxon defenders Jack Webb (3) and Henry Elzinga (5) close in to bring down Pennfield running back Isaiah Eakins-Gray during the first half of their I-8 ballgame in Battle Creek Friday.

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couple chunk plays on that last drive including the go ahead score on a nice fade route," Smith said. "We knew if we saw a single high safety it would be there and the kids executed. Elijah Offringa ran a great route, and had his second score of the night, Tucker threw a great ball to him, for his second passing score of the night."

A 13-yard touchdown run by Saugatuck quarterback Walt Bos helped put the Trailblazers in front 17-7 with 2:22 to play in the third quarter.

Special teams and defense sparked the DK comeback.

Offringa returned the ensuing kickoff to the Saugatuck 40-yard line. On the very next play, Tack and Offringa hooked up on a 40-yard touchdown pass deep to the left that got Delton Kellogg within 17-14 after kicker Gabe Smoczynski's second extra-point kick.

Saugatuck put together a steady drive the other way over the final couple minutes of the third quarter and the first few minutes of the fourth, but the Trailblazers lost a fumble inside the Delton Kellogg ten-yard-line as Mendan Phillips and Lasse Lokau teamed up to dispossess a Saugatuck back of the football. Gryffin Harmon and David Cheftchuk covered it up at the five-yard-line with 9:17 to go in the ballgame.

The two teams traded punts from there, and Delton Kellogg's offense finally started its go ahead drive at its own 16-yard-line with 5:45 to go. The Panthers converted on a couple short third down runs in the lead-up to Offringa's final TD reception. A couple of Saugatuck penalties on the extra-point attempt convinced the Panthers to rush in the two-point conversion for a 22-17 lead.

Saugatuck managed one first down on a final drive, but never got the ball out of its own end.

Tack closed the day 5-for-11 passing for 129 yards. Moving the ball on the ground was tough in both directions. Lokau had five carries for a team-high 51 yards for DK. Phillips had 22 yards rushing and Tack had 20.

Offringa closed his day with three receptions for 105 yards and the two touchdowns.

"We had some kids step up big this week," Smith said. "First, our student section was amazing, they had energy and were into the game from kickoff to the time they rushed the field. Gabe Ramsey and Keegan Hill had a couple catches that helped us keep drives going, both are seniors playing football for the first time in high school. Keegan sees lots of reps on both sides of the ball, he is a great slot and DB for us. We had great linebacker play from Gryffin Harmon and (exchange student) Lasse Lokau all night. Lasse also had a couple big runs for us."

Johnny Bates stepped in for a solid first start on the offensive line, according to coach Smith, and he also spent halftime playing his trumpet with the DKHS marching band. Teammate Mitchell Swift was crowned the 2025 Delton Kellogg homecoming king during the halftime festivities as well.

"Mitchell Swift was outstanding on both sides of the ball," Smith said. "I know of at least three pancake blocks I saw on film. He was also a plug for us in the middle all night helping stop the trap play on defense. Mitchell gives you the same consistent effort week in and week out. Before the game I told him he would win homecoming king and then he would get his first win of the season. He is kind of the heartbeat of our team."

"Overall I thought the kids just decided to be resilient and play hard for all four quarters," Smith added. They put mistakes away and moved on well, and that helped us finally get into the right side of the win-loss column."

Grand Rapids Catholic Central 10, Thornapple Kellogg 0

The outside linebacker watched, swatted, caught and ran.

There was still some time left after Grand Rapids Catholic Central senior linebacker Collin Lott stole a Trojan pitch, snagged the ball out of the air and rushed 16 yards to the end zone for a touchdown inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville Friday.

But in a game that ended up seeing only two scores, suddenly being behind by two scores was a lot.

Grand Rapids Catholic Central, the top-ranked team in the state in Division 5, took a 10-0 victory over the Thornapple Kellogg varsity football team to improve to 5-0 overall this season and 2-0 in the OK Black Conference.

The now 3-2 Trojans, who are 1-1 in conference play, held the No. 1 ranked Cougars without an offensive score.

Catholic Central got a 22-yard field goal with 1:08 to go in the third quarter and then Lott's defensive touchdown midway through the fourth quarter while shutting out the TK offense.

The Trojans had a few opportunities to put points on the board. Debo Robinson burst through the middle for a couple big runs on the Trojans' opening drive of the football game, but a TK drive stalled out inside the Cougar 20-yard-line. Catholic Central blocked a 36-yard field goal attempt at the end of that possession.

The TK offense also moved the ball inside the Catholic Central ten with a little over a minute to go in the first half, but a fourth down pass was just knocked out of the hands of its intended target at the last second.

The TK defense came up big time and again throughout the evening. The Cougars followed up that Trojan turnover on downs late in the first half with a 77-yard bomb from Cougar quarterback Brayden Sweeney to Owen Tietema putting them in position to score in the south end zone before the Trojan marching band took the field. Camden Peter managed to chase down Tietema to prevent a touchdown. Peter was then in on the tackle with teammates Brekin Mcwhinney and Jack Smith a few plays later when they pulled down Sweeney at the three-yard-line as time in the the half ran out.

Peter had 11.5 tackles to lead the TK defense. Smith had eight tackles including 3.5 for a loss. Blake Bossenberger chipped in five tackles.

The teams traded punts back and forth to start the second half, before the Cougar field goal finally broke the 0-0 deadlock.

Robinson closed the night with 11 rushes for 52 yards for the TK offense.

Portland 35, Lakewood 0

Portland, the fourth ranked team in the state in Division 4, defeated visiting Lakewood 35-0 in a Capital Area Activities Conference White Division contest Friday.

Nolan Zbytowski and Kayden Dickerson each rushed for two touchdowns in the ballgame, and quarterback Ethan Cassel tossed a touchdown pass to Brady Rowe for the Raiders. Raider kicker Leo Wagner hit all five of his extra-point attempts.

Dickerson opened the scoring with a 47-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter. Cassel's TD pass to Rowe helped make it a 14-0 Raider lead before the first quarter was up.

It was 28-0 by the half after a couple more Raider TD runs.

Lakewood quarterback Max Thrun threw for 95 yards, and he was intercepted twice by the Raiders in the first half.

Michael Goodemoot had 52 receiving yards for Lakewood.

Brandon Wilkins led the Viking defense with eight tackles.

It was the first time this season that the Vikings have been shut out by an opponent, and the second shut out of the season for the Raider defense.

Lakewood moved to 2-3 overall this season and 1-2 in the CAAC White with the loss. The Raiders remain undefeated on the season at 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the CAAC White.

Maple Valley 13, Hartford 6

The Maple Valley varsity football team rallied from a 6-0 halftime deficit at Hartford to earn its first victory under first-year head coach Mitchell McClintock by a score of 13-6.

The Lions evened the score at 6-6 on a 30-yard touchdown run by Dayton Hillard with six minutes to play in the third quarter. He snuck through the line behind a great block from pulling senior right guard Holdyn Clinkscales and then shot up the left side for he score. The Lions jumped in front for the first time thanks to a nine-yard rushing touchdown by quarterback Eli Wright with 2:09 to play in the fourth. Kelvin Davis drilled the extra-point kick and the Lion defense held off the Huskies.

"I was really happy for our kids for sticking with it and fighting through some first half red zone struggles," McClintock said. "The O-line executed our second half adjustments, led by sophomore left tackle Dalton Emery and freshman left guard Brayden Cook."

The Lion offense amassed 337 yards with 224 coming on the ground. Hillard had a big night with 20 carries for 131 yards. Nolan Hoefler added two rushes for 21 yards.

Wright rushed ten times for 75 yards and was 8-of-20 passing for 113 yards. He was intercepted twice. Kelvin Davis had two catches for 28 yards and Jackson Burpee had three receptions for 35 yards.

Tyrese Robinson El had a team-high 16 tackles for the Lion defense, and Kaiden Meyers and Alex Shepard had ten tackles each. Burpee and Shepard both had a sack.

"The seniors in the front seven of our defense, Jackson Burpee, Joe Long, Eli Wright, and Tyrese Robinson, had big nights stopping the run and showed great leadership all week," McClintock said.

Brian Sewell had a team-high 53 rushing yards on ten carries for Hartford. He scored the opening points of the ballgame on a four-yard touchdown run with 4:02 to play in the first half.

Linken Birkhead had six carries for 38 yards and Mason Mireles had 11 rushes for 35 yards for the Huskies. Mireles, the Hartford quarterback, was 1-of-7 throwing the football for 12 yards.

Maple Valley moved to 1-4 overall this season with the win. The Huskies are now 0-5.

FOOTBALL

LOCAL STANDINGS	W	L	PLAYOFF POINTS
Hastings	4	1	48.6
Thornapple Kellogg	3	2	38.2
Lakewood	2	3	27
Maple Valley	1	4	13.8
Delton Kellogg	1	4	11.6

INTERSTATE-8 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Hastings	4	1	3	0
Harper Creek	4	1	2	0
Coldwater	4	1	2	1
Marshall	2	3	1	1
Jackson Northwest	2	3	1	2
Pennfield	2	3	0	2
Parma Western	1	4	0	3

OK Black	W	L	CONFERENCE Wins	CONFERENCE Losses
Grand Rapids Catholic Central	5	0	2	0
Holland Christian	4	1	1	1
Northview	4	1	1	1
East Grand Rapids	3	2	1	1
Thornapple Kellogg	3	2	1	1
Ottawa Hills	0	5	0	2

BIG 8 CONFERENCE	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Springport	5	0	3	0
Union City	4	1	3	1
Quincy	4	1	2	1
Stockbridge	2	3	2	1
Reading	2	3	2	2
Maple Valley	1	4	0	3
Sand Creek	0	5	0	4

CAPITAL AREA ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE WHITE	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Portland	5	0	4	0
Olivet	4	1	3	1
Charlotte	3	2	3	1
Lansing Sexton	2	3	2	2
Lakewood	2	3	1	2
Eaton Rapids	1	4	1	3
Lansing Catholic	1	4	1	3
Ionia	0	5	0	3

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE VALLEY	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Lawton	4	1	2	0
Schoolcraft	4	1	2	0
Coloma	2	3	1	1
Delton Kellogg	1	4	1	1
Galesburg-Augusta	2	3	0	2
Saugatuck	2	3	0	2

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