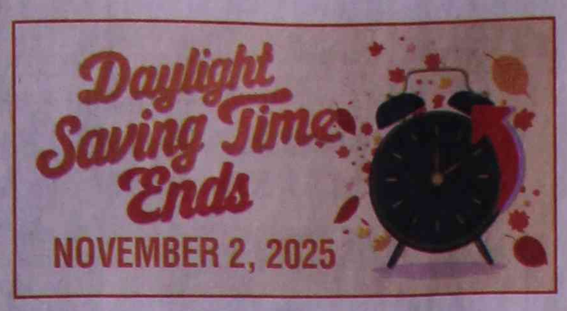


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Lakewood Public Schools closed Wednesday following alleged threat



Lakewood Public Schools closed its schools Wednesday, Oct. 29, out of an abundance of caution after receiving an alleged threat Tuesday night, Oct. 28. **File photo**

Molly Macleod
Editor

Students at Lakewood Public Schools stayed home on Wednesday, Oct. 29, after the district closed its school buildings in response to an alleged threat made Tuesday night, Oct. 28.

District staff received reports of an alleged threat Tuesday night, according to LPS Superintendent Jodi Duits. Law enforcement was immediately contacted and responded promptly, according to Duits.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police Lansing Post responded to the incident and have identified those involved in making the threat, according to social media postings by the MSP First District.

"It does not appear there is a threat to the public," stated an MSP First District spokesperson in a post to X on Wednesday.

Duits explained in a communication to families this week that schools were closed on Wednesday out of an abundance of caution.

"We recognize how concerning these reports can be," stated Duits. "Student and staff safety is our top priority, and we will always act quickly and transparently. More details will be communicated as soon as available."

The incident is currently under investigation. Duits said the district is unable to share further details as of press time on Wednesday.

Hastings hosts Middleville in Halloween night playoff opener

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It's a rematch to open the 2025 MHSAA Football Playoffs.

The Hastings and Thornapple Kellogg varsity football teams collided in Middleville in the opening week of the 2025 season back in August with the Saxons scoring a 31-29 victory on a last-second field goal by kicker Cooper Hokanson.

Hastings (7-2) will host Thornapple Kellogg (6-3) in an MHSAA Division 3 District 2 Semifinal contest Friday, Oct. 31, inside Baum Stadium at Johnson Field at Hastings High School. Game time is set for 7 p.m. on Halloween night.

Tickets for the playoff game are $7 and will be sold exclusively online at GoFan.co. The Saxons also remind spectators that a portion of Green Street in Hastings will be closed for trick-or-treating for much of the evening, between 5 and 7:30 p.m. They may need to plan for a little extra travel time and/or alter their usual route to the high school.

The other half of District 2 pits Lowell against Coldwater Friday night. The two winners from Friday will meet in a district final the weekend of Nov. 7. Lowell would play host to the district final should the Red Arrows win Friday. Hastings or Thornapple Kellogg would host a victorious Cardinal team.



Hastings running back Jonah Hamp tries to elude Thornapple Kellogg defenders during their season opener in Middleville in August. The two Barry County rivals meet again Friday, Oct. 31, in Hastings in the opening round of the MHSAA Football Playoffs. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

County commissioners adopt 2026 budget

Molly Macleod
Editor

Barry County has its financial plan for next year in place after a public hearing and unanimous vote in approval of the 2026 budget by the county's Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Commissioners Jon Smelker and Bruce Campbell were absent during Tuesday's vote. The budget passed 6-0.

The budget adopted on Tuesday calls for a general fund of roughly $23 million, requiring a tax levy of 5.1043 mills — the maximum allowable after Headlee rollbacks. Combining all of the county's funds, the total budget exceeds $80 million in 2026.

Property taxes remain the main source of general fund revenues for the county in 2026, with $17.1 million projected to come in this year. That makes up 76% of the general fund. Federal and state funding will provide $2.56 million, or 11% of total annual revenues. Charges the county imposes for services bring in $1.6 million, and another $1.6 million is brought in from licenses and permits, rents and interests, fines and forfeits and other revenue.

The budget, though passed on Tuesday, could still see some final touches following the conclusion of contract negotiations underway between the county and five unions.

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Ruling pushes murder trial back to March '26

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

One of the trials related to the alleged May 2024 murder of a 79-year-old Battle Creek man has been pushed back.

Brandon Mousseau, 29, of Calhoun County, was originally set to go to trial in Barry County on an open murder charge in mid-December. But Judge Michael Schipper agreed to a motion by Mousseau's defense attorney, Lyonel Woolley, to move the trial back to the first week in March 2026 during a status conference in District Court 56B on Oct. 22.

Woolley said Barry County Prosecutor Julie Nakfoor Pratt also approved the change in dates, though Pratt disputed that in saying she was "not in complete agreement" with any delay.

"It's painful to my office," she said. "It's painful to the victim's family."

Schipper defended his ruling, saying the process of going to trial was still moving forward at an appropriate pace.

"We move quicker than anybody," he added. "But we're not going to rush any case, especially a murder case. So, I think this makes sense."

Mousseau and 30-year-old Brady West, also of Calhoun County, each face open murder charges as fourth-degree habitual offenders in

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Community leaders rally around Barry ISD millage, hope to raise $1.5 million for CTE facility



Chris Stafford, CCBC Coalition Coordinator, speaks Tuesday night at Leason Sharpe Hall about the BISD millage request on the ballot Tuesday, Nov. 4. **Photo by Hunter McLaren**

Hunter McLaren
Contributing Writer

Educators, employers and county decisionmakers gathered this week to make one last push to support the Barry Intermediate School District millage on the ballot Nov. 4.

The Career Consortium of Barry County met Tuesday night to discuss the BISD Regional Enhancement Millage. The consortium consists of Barry County employers, school administrators and community organizations meeting with the goal of fostering economic development in the county through their collaborative effort. If passed, the one mill would be added to the tax roll, equating to $1 per every $1,000 of taxable value.

Chris Stafford, CCBC coalition coordinator, said those funds would be an enormous first step toward one of the group's longstanding goals: to create a centralized career and technical education center open to all Barry County students. Alongside contributions from businesses and community organizations, the consortium hopes to utilize the Kellogg Community College Fehsenfeld Campus in Hastings as a countywide career center.

Such a facility would be a huge boon for the county's economic future, providing a workforce pipeline of skilled talent for local employers. It would help Barry County schools, too: Students who would previously leave for other districts or travel out of the county for career programs could be retained with programs much closer to home.

"We can't afford to send our students out of Barry County anymore," Stafford said. "Student enrollment is declining, and we need to retain it as much as possible for our local businesses."

The proposed career center facility is just one part of a holistic approach set out by the coalition to attract and retain talent in the county. Affordable housing initiatives set forth by local government and the Barry Community Foundation aim to provide pricing relief for new homeowners, while local employers discussed finding ways to provide flexible schedules and other incentives for employees.

The CCBC will be meeting to discuss using the Fehsenfeld facility as a career center with KCC board members Nov. 19. Utilizing the campus would be significantly cheaper than constructing a new facility, which would allow more dollars to go directly toward education and training programs. Stafford said having the career center program in place would better position Barry County to capture future state and federal grant money as well, providing even more opportunity for local students.

Stafford recognized it was no small feat to garner bipartisan support in today's divisive political climate at all levels of government, but said the coalition's collaboration stands as proof that it is possible.

"We'll come together and show what Barry County can do collectively together," Stafford said. "We're divided as much as anybody. The left and right will come together for this and have already. We support our kids, 100%."



An ad-hoc committee charged with long-term planning, including the possible closure of a Lakewood Public Schools building in Woodland, will make its recommendations to the Board of Education at the board's second meeting in January 2026. **File photo**

Ad-hoc committee sets deadline for recommendations

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

It won't be long before an ad-hoc committee charged with long-term planning, including the possible closure of a Woodland school building, will provide its recommendations to the Lakewood Public Schools Board of Education.

Jodi Duits, LPS superintendent, provided the school board with an update on the committee's progress at its regular meeting Monday, Oct. 28.

That included the announcement that the three-member committee should make its recommendation on a proposed plan to "streamline" district school buildings from four to three schools, helping form a "central campus" around the middle and high schools, at the board's second meeting in January 2026.

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, 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.

Since its formation, the three-person committee has met three times and is set to meet again on Nov. 7.

David Burd, a committee member and vice president of the LPS board, said the three board members will use the Nov. 7 meeting to tour district facilities to help them make "informed decisions."

"There won't be students in the buildings," Duits added. "But we'll be able to see the spaces."

The announcement of the pending recommendations comes after other school board members pressed those on the committee for a timeline, wanting the committee's input sooner than later.

Duits said the committee is also working on a communications plan to help educate district residents on why closing the school, and shifting students to other buildings to make better use of available space, might be the best option for the local school district.

"It helps build the story of why we're doing what we're doing," Burd added. "I think it's important to show the work."

In somewhat of a parallel development, Duits said her office has been in contact with a local property owner in regards to a potential land purchase.

Jamie Brodbeck-Krenz said the possible purchase should be listed as a "separate item" on the board's agenda for any upcoming meeting. Duits and other members of the ad-hoc committee commented that the purchase and plans to streamline district facilities are seemingly connected.

"That's a gray area for me," said Trustee Adam McArthur. "But it goes hand-in-hand for me.

"We have some vetting to do before it comes to the board, whether it's even feasible," he added.

Maple Valley bus involved in Tuesday accident

Molly Macleod
Editor

A Maple Valley Schools bus was involved in an accident with a delivery truck after school on Tuesday, Oct. 28. No serious injuries were reported, according to Maple Valley Schools Superintendent Dr. Katherine Bertolini.

Approximately 30 students were on board the "Apple" bus when a delivery truck pulled out in front of it on Tuesday, Bertolini said in a district communication to parents.

"The police and two EMT units were on the scene rapidly to check on the safety and welfare of our students and driver," Bertolini stated. "One student was sent to be checked out for potential of any injuries, and her parent was notified."

Bertolini said a phone tree was conducted to inform the parents of students on the bus.

The bus had been on its way to pick up more students at Fuller Street Elementary School when the accident occurred. A secondary bus was sent to pick up the Fuller Street students, who had not yet been picked up.

"There were no serious injuries reported from this accident. Our bus did what it was designed to do and protected our kids and driver. I am glad that everyone is going to be OK," Bertolini stated.



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GEARING UP

Something is rumbling at the old Seif Chevy dealership located on M-37 in Hastings. And it's packing some serious horsepower. Dean "Dino" Arnold, accompanied by pinstriper Kathleen "Kit Kat" Harrigan and his crew of custom hot rod professionals, is getting his custom vehicle shop, Dino's Rod and Custom, ready for an upcoming open house. Though no dates have been set, Arnold said he hopes to open the facility to the public before Thanksgiving. Arnold is also preparing for a new undertaking involving the C8 Corvette. Read this weekend's edition of The Reminder for a look under the hood a Dino's Rod and Custom. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

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Officials with the Village of Lake Odessa left Ionia empty-handed on Tuesday, as the Ionia County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted not once, but twice, to opt out of the village's Downtown Development Authority at the Oct. 28 regular meeting. **File photo**

County board moves to opt out of Lake Odessa's DDA

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

Officials with the Village of Lake Odessa left Ionia empty-handed on Tuesday, as the Ionia County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted not once, but twice, to opt out of the village's Downtown Development Authority at the Oct. 28 regular meeting.

The county board voted 6-0 to first opt out of the DDA's original tax increment financing, or TIF, district and then voted again to opt out of a second, expanded TIF plan.

Prior to the votes, interim Village Manager Gregg Guetschow said village officials weren't necessarily concerned whether the county opted out of the second TIF district, calling any growth in property tax revenue that would have been captured from the district would be "negligible."

"We're not arguing about that," Guetschow said. "It's not a big issue for us."

However, he added that he was unaware of any agreement between the county and the DDA that would allow the county to opt out of the original TIF plan, adopted in 2005, if the agreement was to be later modified.

"We don't believe that's the case," he added. "We believe that's based on incorrect information."

According to Guetschow, the action by the county board could lead to potential conflicts between the various entities involved in the 20-year-old agreement.

"I'd prefer to avoid that," he said. "So does the DDA.

"We don't want to be in any violation of an agreement between the village and the county."

Instead, Guetschow reported that DDA officials proposed to forego the capture of any tax revenues from so-called specialty millages, such as road or senior millages, and only from the county's operational millage, which would provide the DDA with about $20,000 annually through 2055.

"What we're offering here is a compromise position," he added.

The action by the ICBOC on Tuesday comes as the village and the DDA board are working through the process to amend the 2005 ordinance that would allow for the expansion of the DDA's TIF, plan, as well as the elimination of a sunset date, which calls for the DDA to effectively dissolve as of Dec. 31.

Village President Karen Banks, who was also at the county board meeting on Tuesday, said she was also in attendance when the ICBOC voted on the agreement two decades ago. But, she added she does not remember any clause that would now allow the county to exit the agreement, if the village and DDA were to modify the agreement and eliminate the sunset date.

"There was no agreement that the county made with the village on any sunset date," she said.

However, Ionia County officials cited a resolution from February 2005 that stated the DDA was "encouraged" to notify the county of any intent to modify the agreement and that the county could then vote to be exempt from any plan, as well as from the capture of any tax revenue.

But, the votes Tuesday come at a time when county officials are already set to enact various budget cuts and seek to avoid a further loss of revenue to entities such as DDAs operating within Ionia County.

"It has an impact on every operation," said Chad Shaw, Ionia County administrator. "(But) if we have the funds, we can donate it back."

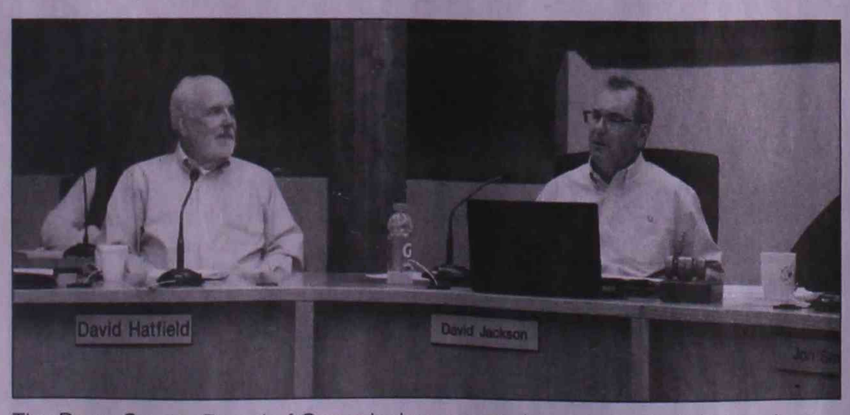
Shaw added that the two resolutions approved Tuesday had been reviewed by the county's legal counsel prior to the board taking action, adding the county reportedly has the right to opt out of the DDA plan "at this time."

The ICBOC is not alone in taking such a stance. The Odessa Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously, 5-0, at its regular meeting Oct. 6 to notify the village it was seeking to opt out of the DDA TIF plan.

The vote by the township board followed a nearly 90-minute closed-door session with the board's legal counsel to review the township's options on a number of issues, including the DDA, the Jordan Lake Trail Board and possible changes to its wind power ordinance.

The Lake Odessa Village Council is tentatively set to hold a second public hearing on the DDA plan, as well as on proposed changes to the village ordinance to eliminate a sunset date, at its Nov. 17 meeting at 7 p.m. at the Page Memorial Building.

To view documents on the DDA's proposed development plan and boundary adjustment, persons may visit the Village of Lake Odessa website at lakeodessa.org.



The Barry County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously, 6-0, to adopt the 2026 budget on Tuesday, Oct. 28. **File photo**

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changes in the 2026 budget from last year's expenditures. The budget calls for a new, full-time junior security analyst position and the return of a senior property appraiser in the equalization department. It also calls for the reclassification of several court positions.

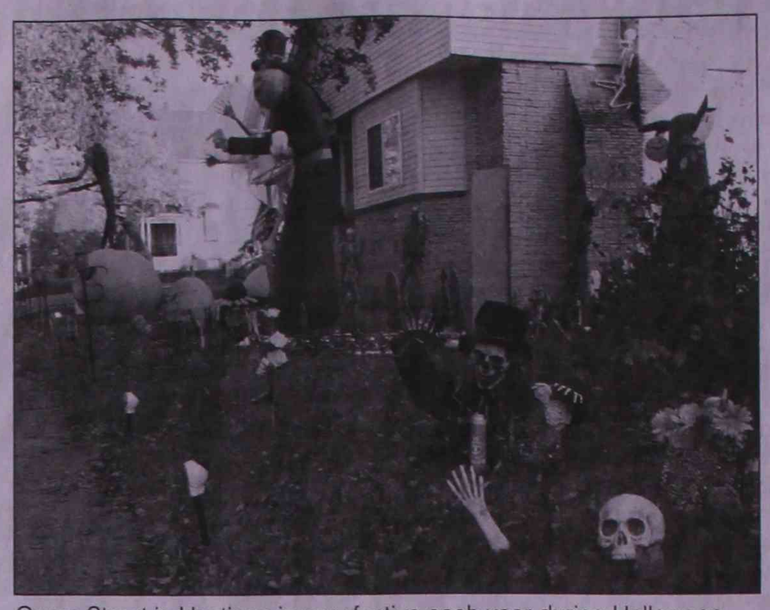
Several county departments made capital funding requests this year, which are reflected in the budget. In total, county departments requested $1,988,962 for 2026. Capital projects include the purchase of new software, IT system upgrades, the replacement of two marked patrol vehicles, furniture and shelving, records digitalization and much more. The Building and Grounds Department will be appropriated $430,000 to cover the cost of repairs at the former Friend of the Court building and to install four heat pumps at the Courts & Law building.

The budget contains a contingency of $309,847, with $260,000 of those funds earmarked in case the Barry-Eaton District Health Department requires additional allocations.

One citizen balked at the county's contingency fund on Tuesday, pointing to the county's mounting need for a new jail.

"'Contingency: a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty,'" said resident Gary White during Tuesday's public hearing. "Well, we can certainly predict the problem with the jail. To continue to say, 'Well, we have to have a 12-14% contingency,' really says that you haven't looked at what your need is."

The full budget can be found on the county's website, barrycounty.org/public_information/finance.php.



Green Street in Hastings is very festive each year during Halloween, lined with a variety of elaborate decorations. The city plans to shut down a stretch of the road to vehicular traffic to accommodate trick-or-treaters again this year. **File photo by Hunter McLaren**

Green Street closed Friday evening for trick-or-treating

Molly Macleod
Editor

An annual Halloween tradition in Hastings will continue for another year as the Hastings City Council approved the closure of a popular stretch of road that serves as the epicenter for Hastings trick-or-treating.

The council approved a motion at a special meeting last month, on Sept. 29, to close a portion of Green Street located between South Broadway Avenue and South Cass Street on Oct. 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m., blocking vehicle traffic while kids and families quest for candy.

The closure is routine for the city, which has recognized that the stretch of Green Street has become a hub for trick-or-treaters — even more so when the road is blocked off to traffic. What won't be routine on Friday is the varsity football playoff game taking place nearby between Hastings and Thornapple Kellogg. Game attendees are asked to allow for extra travel time when going to the game on Friday.

Green Street is the only roadway that the Hastings Police Department shuts down for the special night. Resident volunteers, the Hastings Fire Department and the HPD all offer support to ensure safety and a smooth event.

Department of Public Works volunteers will also join in on the fun this year, helping ensure smooth operations throughout the evening. The city's fire pit will travel from downtown to add to the evening's enjoyment, say city officials.

Those who live on Green Street can still enter and exit during the closure. Escorts will help provide safe travel to Green Street residents.



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The real meaning of diversification in investing

In the world of investing, we've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." It's solid advice that emphasizes the importance of diversifying your investments. Unfortunately, some people misinterpret this wisdom to mean they should avoid consolidating their investment accounts and keep their money spread across multiple financial institutions, often working with several different financial advisors.

However, when financial professionals talk about diversification, they're referring to diversifying your investment assets, not your accounts. There's a big difference between the two, and confusing them could hurt your financial future.

Scattered accounts may affect costs, paperwork and advice. When your assets are spread among multiple financial institutions, you could face several drawbacks. First, you're likely paying more in fees than necessary. Multiple providers often mean multiple account fees, transaction costs and mutual fund expenses that can add up quickly. Generally, the more assets you have with one financial provider, the more opportunities you have for reducing or eliminating these costs.

Managing scattered accounts also could create a paperwork nightmare. You'll receive multiple monthly statements and numerous tax forms, making it much harder to see the big picture of your financial health. This complexity can lead to missed opportunities and poor decision-making.

Perhaps most important, working with multiple financial advisors may result in conflicting advice and duplicated investment strategies. Without a comprehensive view of your entire portfolio, each financial advisor may recommend investments that don't work well together, potentially delaying your progress toward reaching financial goals.

There's strength in consolidation. Consolidating your accounts with a single financial advisor offers numerous benefits. You'll have opportunities to develop a closer, more comprehensive relationship with someone who understands your complete financial picture. This financial advisor can provide informed guidance and help eliminate the conflicting advice that may come from working with multiple professionals.

Consolidation also makes it easier to implement a well-diversified portfolio that fits your level of risk tolerance. When all your investments are in one place, you can see exactly how your assets are allocated and make strategic adjustments as needed. It becomes simpler to gauge aggregate investment returns, assess your portfolio assets and rebalance when necessary.

For retirement planning, consolidation can be especially valuable. IRAs at different providers can be consolidated at any time without tax consequences when assets are transferred directly between providers. When you retire, your 401(k) can typically be rolled over into an IRA, streamlining your retirement income strategy.

True diversification still matters. While consolidating accounts makes sense, diversifying your actual investments remains crucial. A good financial advisor will help you carefully build a balanced mix of stocks and bonds appropriate for your age and goals. As you approach retirement, this typically means shifting toward a more balanced portfolio that still provides growth to combat inflation while offering stability and income.

Diversification goes beyond just stocks and bonds. Take bonds, for instance: You can diversify by bond type (municipal, corporate and government), bond maturity (through a strategy called "laddering") and bond sector to spread risk across different parts of the economy.

How to get started. If your retirement savings and investment accounts are scattered among various financial institutions, consider consolidating everything with one trusted financial advisor. The streamlined record-keeping, potential for reduced fees and comprehensive financial guidance can help improve your wealth-building potential while making your financial life simpler to manage.

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TKHS students performing 'A Trip to the Moon' Nov. 7-8

Thornapple Kellogg High School drama students will perform their fall play, "A Trip to the Moon," next week. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8 in the high school auditorium.

The play takes the audience on a journey through history to the summer of 1969, when men first landed on the moon. The play is set in several different scenes, telling the stories of people who are reaching for their dreams. Each scene is named after an iconic song from 1969 like "You Can't Always Get What You Want" for the scene where a girl tries desperately to convince her parents to let her go to Woodstock and another where a woman is trying to get a job in NASA. There is also a scene of a group of protestors showing a girl how to fight for what's right in "Come Together."

The scenes are filled with humor and heart, reminding the audience of their own hopes and dreams, say representatives for the show. It reminds audience members to reach for the stars to achieve what they want.

The cast and crew have been hard at work this fall perfecting the show, and say they cannot wait to share it with an audience.

Cast members include Miranda Ova Ayala, Ellie Baranek, Mist Barnes, Emery Cisler, Ace Cutrara, Kai Eggers, Lucas Eggers, Alex Evans, Abby (Terrince) Gentz, Morela Gielincki, Travis Grabemeyer, Emma Johnson, Leigha Jones, Liam Jones, Jackson Lambitz, Nicolo Lo, Lizbeth Lopez-Tapia, Adam McLaughlin, Sheamus Nutt, Isaac Oprea, Josie Reid, Anthony Sager Wissner, Keeghan Simerly, Aleena Slomp, Lilly Stora, Letizia Tschirner, Amellia Williams and Austin Wiseman.

Members of the crew for the play are Evalyn Archambault, Rian Allen, Elisabeth Wade, Harley Lentz, Makayla Chapin-Dyer, Blake Riffel, Margo Rasteiro, Hannah Gunnink, Charlotte Riffel, Maddie Rose, Violet Sandborn and Reagan Chapman.

Tickets for "A Trip to the Moon" can be purchased online at tkschools.ludus.com. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the door prior to showtime. — *MM*



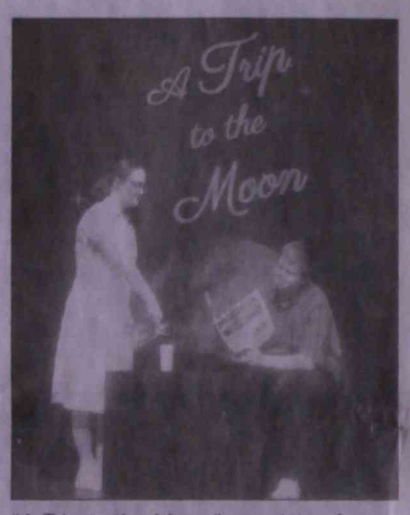
Thornapple Kellogg High School drama students will perform their fall play, "A Trip to the Moon," Nov. 7-8. **Courtesy photos**



"A Trip to the Moon" is filled with humor and heart, according to cast members.



Tickets for "A Trip to the Moon" can be purchased online at tkschools.ludus.com.



"A Trip to the Moon" consists of several vignettes telling the story of the summer of 1969.

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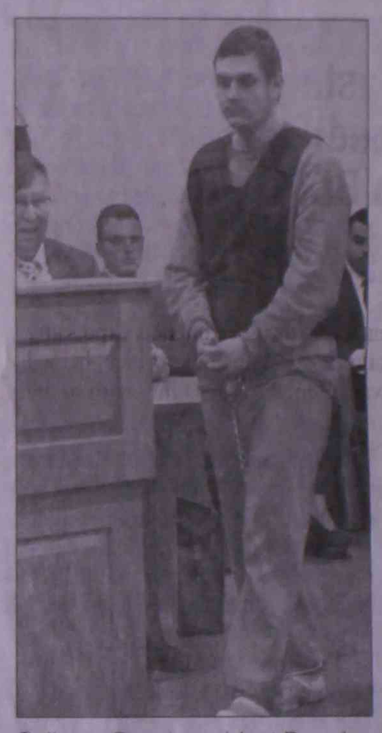
the death of Battle Creek resident Jimmy Sykes, who was found dead in a driveway on Cloverdale Road in Baltimore Township, southwest of the Village of Nashville, on May 29, 2024.

According to reports, the two allegedly bludgeoned the 79-year-old Sykes with the blunt side of a hatchet before running him over with a vehicle.

West's trial is set for mid-January 2026.

According to previous news reports of Sykes' murder, the elderly man was discovered in the driveway of a vacant home about 20 miles from his home in Battle Creek. Court records indicate that Mousseau was located driving Sykes's truck with West as a passenger later that day.

At an earlier arraignment hearing for West, Pratt provided details on what her office believes happened that day, stating Mousseau and West allegedly had been taking advantage of the elderly man and lured him out to the rural area by claiming they were all going out for breakfast. Pratt added that Sykes struggled with dementia.



Calhoun County resident Brandon Mousseau is led into Barry County District Court 56B for a status conference hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Mousseau, who faces a charge of open murder, is now set to go to trial in early March 2026. **Photo by Dennis Mansfield**

Nashville receives state grant for road repair

Molly Macleod
Editor

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced last week 39 villages and cities across the state with populations less than 10,000 that will receive road funding grants awarded through the Community Service Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) Category B program.

Among those recipients was the Village of Nashville, which will receive $137,500 from the grant. The dollars will be used for repairs on State Street and Queen Street.

Established by the state Legislature in 2018 and administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the CSIF is a stop-gap program to help fund road projects in small communities. Successful projects were selected, in part, because they are paired with planned infrastructure work, coordinated with other road agencies, focused on extending the useful life of the road and have limited other funding sources.

Grant awards range from $50,000 to $250,000 for road resurfacing, culvert replacement, pavement crack sealing and other preservative measures.

Holiday Adoption Program Begins

Barry County Cares is ready to launch its annual holiday adoption program. Sign-up is October 13 - November 26, 2025. Contact the locations below that correspond with your address:

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***Delton area**-Delton District Library M/W/F 9 am-5 pm, Tues/Thu 9 am-6 pm, Sat/9 am-1 pm 269-623-8040.*

***Nashville area**-Nashville Clerk's Office M-Thursday 8:30 am-4: pm 517-852-9544.*

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Those who wish to adopt households can contact the Barry County Cares phone number.

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HHS Collage Concert | Thursday, 12/04/2025 | 7:00 pm
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Hastings Middle School Bands Holiday Concert | Tuesday, 12/09/25 | 7:00 pm
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White honored by National FFA Organization

Spencer White of Hastings has been selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree.

The award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment, according to an announcement on the honor.

The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists. Members of the National FFA Organization's board of directors approved the nomination.

White, who serves Hastings Area School System as the Hastings Performing Arts Center and Community Education and Recreation Center director, has been a member of the National FFA Band staff since 2015 and has served as the band's director since 2018. White was also a longtime director for the Hastings High School and middle school bands.

Each year, the National FFA Band brings together about 90 student musicians from across the country. The ensemble rehearses for three days and performs throughout the five-day National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, held at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The convention welcomes more than 70,000 FFA members and guests annually.

"It is a privilege and an honor to be part of such an incredible organization that continues to make a lasting impact on so many students nationwide," said White.

White will receive the award during the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis on Friday, Oct. 31. All recipients will receive a plaque and medal, and their names will be permanently recorded as recipients of the highest FFA honor. — *DM*



The National FFA Band Team all hail from West Michigan. Pictured here are (from left) Jeff Buehl, Sandy Billingsley, Craig Holley, Beth Clipfell, Spencer White, Paul Boelkins and Carrie Carl. **Courtesy photos**



Spencer White of Hastings leads the National FFA Band at one of their performances in Lucas Oil Stadium at last year's convention.

Hastings FD trains medical staff thanks to BCF grant

The Hastings Fire Department benefited from a $7,500 Barry Community Foundation grant awarded in July 2025. This week, the department is expressing gratitude for the grant, which helped advance medical training within the department.

"Hastings Fire became a Basic Life Support (BLS) transport agent in August 2025, requiring additional training for our medical staff," said Fire Chief Mark Jordan. "This grant enabled training to be completed promptly. Advanced training has equipped our staff with the knowledge to provide extra care when responding to situations and deliver a higher level of care to residents and visitors in our area."

Overall, the grant provided over 1,300 hours of valuable training, according to Jordan. The Hastings Fire Department has 17 members, 14 of whom are paid on-call, and three are full-time staff.

'We have responded to 980 calls for assistance since January 2025," Jordan said.

The Hastings Fire Department is currently seeking new paid on-call members. Interested persons are encouraged to stop in the fire station and see any member of the department for details. — *MM*



Several members of the Hastings Fire Department completed medical training this summer thanks to a $7,500 Barry Community Foundation grant. Pictured here are (from left) Caleb Drake, who is working toward his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) certification; Maddison Kidder, who earned her Prehospital Treatment Life Support (PHLTS) and Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) certifications; Lieutenant Converse, who upgraded his license from Medical First Responder (MFR) to EMT-B and earned his PHLTS and EPC certifications; Jackie Komondy, who is upgrading from MFR to EMT-B; Noah Strimback, who earned his EMT-B, PHLTS and EPC certifications, and Chief Mark Jordan, who took his PHLTS and EPC certifications. **Courtesy photo**

Hunters help feed those in need with record donations

A Michigan Department of Natural Resources program connecting donors, wild game processors and charities to help feed those in need reportedly processed 140,000 pounds of donated venison during fiscal year 2025, which ended Sept. 30.

That equates to more than 560,000 servings of venison and sets a new annual record for the program, which allows hunters to share their harvest by donating deer at participating processors and helps distribute venison donations across Michigan.

"Every year it seems like more hunters choose to donate their harvest to the program, which helps feed even more of our neighbors across the state," said Hunters Feeding Michigan program specialist Joe Presgrove. "I frequently receive calls and letters from the local food pantries thanking the program for providing much needed protein to their communities."

The success of what Presgrove calls "such an amazing program" is largely due to the hunters who choose to donate their harvest, the individuals who donate money toward processing expenses, the hardworking, dedicated processors, and the Food Bank Council of Michigan and the Feeding America food distribution network.

Since 2007, the program has provided more than 3 million servings of protein-rich venison to those in need.

The DNR urges outdoor recreationists, when purchasing their licenses or permits, to consider adding a monetary donation to Hunters Feeding Michigan.

"Your contribution covers processing costs, turning donated deer into meals," Presgrove said. "A donation of just $3 provides a venison meal for over four Michiganders."

For more information about the program, visit Michigan.gov/HuntersFeedingMichigan. — *DM*

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Registration opens for winter/spring classes at KCC

Registration for winter/spring classes at Kellogg Community College opened on Monday, Oct. 27, and may be completed online via the KCC website or in person at any of the college's five campus locations.

KCC is offering more than 300 classes for the winter and spring – including more than 130 online classes – in addition to hundreds of industrial trades training modules, several cohorts of CNA training, workforce training opportunities and more.

The upcoming semester begins Jan. 20 and runs through May 11.

Student registration information, including links to registration instructions, policies, tuition and fees and other information, is available at kellogg.edu/registration.

Specific courses offered at KCC during the Spring 2026 semester may be viewed by visiting kellogg.edu, clicking on "Class Schedules" at the top of the page and filtering results by semester.

Students are encouraged to sign up for classes as early as possible after registration opens because space is limited and many classes fill up by the start of the semester.

Specific questions about applying to KCC or about signing up for fall semester classes should be directed to KCC's Admissions Office at 269-965-4153 or adm@kellogg.edu.

Those who wish to meet with an academic advisor prior to registering are encouraged to schedule an appointment online at kellogg.edu/advising or by calling 269-965-4124. — *DM*

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MDNR officials provide preview for 2025 season

As Michigan's 2025 deer season gets underway, officials with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are offering observations, considerations and tips for deer hunters who are preparing to hit the woods and fields.

For many years, the Michigan Deer Harvest Survey has been completed by mail following the conclusion of the hunting seasons to estimate participation and harvest. Beginning with the 2022 season, successful Michigan deer hunters have been required to report their harvest.

Deer harvest reporting is mandatory for all successful hunters. Deer hunters are required to report their harvest within 72 hours or before transferring possession of the deer.

In 2025, the DNR is conducting focused collection for bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease testing in the counties noted under each regional section. Hunters outside of surveillance counties are eligible for free CWD testing by using a lymph node extraction kit that includes overnight shipping. The DNR is pleased to provide these resources and empower hunters across the state to assist with their own CWD testing efforts.

Deer harvested from outside of the TB surveillance counties may still be turned in for TB testing at the hunter's request, and all heads tested for CWD are also screened for TB.

Where to go:

Basic information about how to find a place to hunt can benefit those new to deer hunting, new to one of the regions of our state or even seasoned veterans looking for a new area or more details about their go-to hunting spot.

Hunters can use the Mi-HUNT mapping application to identify hunting lands – with approximate boundaries of all types of lands open to public hunting), State of Michigan facilities and types of habitat.

Mi-HUNT may be used from a computer to scout new hunting areas or explore more details and find directions for reaching any site of interest or can be used from a mobile device for similar purposes while also viewing your location and marking locations of interest encountered in the field. A variety of information is also available regarding the types and locations of lands open to public hunting.

Hunters can start by visiting the DNR Where to hunt page. From there, links are available to the Mi-HUNT app and video tutorials regarding how to use it – either on a computer or mobile device.

For each region, other important considerations are also provided regarding how the distribution of deer, hunting opportunities or accessibility might vary across the area.

Southern Lower Peninsula:

The total number of Southern Lower Peninsula hunters in 2024 was similar to the prior year. Buck harvest was also similar, but antlerless harvest increased compared to 2023.

Statewide, the early and late antlerless seasons combined with the extended late antlerless season accounted for 26 percent of the total antlerless deer harvest, and these seasons – plus the January archery season during which hunters heavily emphasized antlerless harvest – were all open in the SLP.

SLP hunters invested more time than hunters in other regions, averaging 14 days across all seasons.

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease was confirmed in 15 counties in southwestern and south-central Michigan in 2024 and emerged again in summer of 2025, with seven counties confirmed as of mid-September.

EHD is not sustained within the deer population; it is caused by a virus that is transmitted to white-tailed deer by a biting midge. EHD outbreaks have not been shown to have significant long-term effects on deer populations in Michigan, but deer mortality can be intense in small geographic areas and local impacts may persist for a few years.

EHD will likely be confirmed in additional SLP counties until a good frost occurs, which kills off the midges that transmit the virus.

Outside of local areas that have experienced pronounced impacts from EHD, deer numbers remain high throughout much of the region. Routinely mild winters and abundant summer foods mean deer are rarely negatively affected by winter mortality.

What to know:

Hunters pursuing an antlered buck in the SLP with a single deer license or regular tag of the combo deer license must be certain the deer has at least one antler three inches or longer.

Antlered deer taken using the restricted tag of the combo deer license must have four or more antler points – each at least one inch long – on at least one side. SLP hunters also have the option of using a single deer or combo deer license, both the regular and restricted tags, to harvest an antlerless deer. No antlerless license is necessary to use this option.

All of these options are described as part of the antler point restrictions in the region. Hunters should review the APR requirements based on the options they have for licenses to purchase and the seasons in which you'll be hunting.

All hunters with a universal antlerless deer license can also take an antlerless deer during any open season in the SLP. Individuals may purchase up to 10 universal antlerless deer licenses, statewide, per license year, for $20 each. This limit includes discounted DMU 487 Antlerless Deer Licenses, which are available for $5 each.

From Dec. 1 through Jan. 11, hunters can purchase up to 10 extended late antlerless deer licenses for $5 each. These licenses do not count toward the purchase limit of 10 universal antlerless deer licenses.

The extended late antlerless firearm deer season takes place on public and private lands Jan. 2–11, 2026, within Allegan, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Ottawa, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair (excluding DMU 174), St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren, Washtenaw and Wayne counties

For information on other seasons and licenses, consult the 2025 Deer Hunting Regulations Summary, available through the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app or in digital versions accessible through links on the MNDR's Deer page.

Baiting is banned in the entire Lower Peninsula, including both public and private lands. The only exception for the Lower Peninsula baiting ban is hunters with disabilities who meet specific requirements may use bait during the Liberty and Independence hunts only.

Chronic wasting disease is still present in many counties in southern Michigan and continued monitoring is still a priority for the DNR. However, while the DNR continues to get baseline data for CWD presence across the state, the department is not actively seeking samples from counties in the SLP this year.

Though extensive CWD sample collection has already been done in the SLP and resources are being prioritized for collecting data by requesting hunter submission of samples in other parts of the state, hunters in a county with known CWD cases or anywhere else around the state are still eligible for free CWD testing by using a free lymph node extraction kit that includes overnight shipping.

Kits include instructions for hunters to extract lymph nodes themselves and submit them to Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for CWD testing. Results from deer submitted to MSU VDL will be sent directly to the hunter.

Hunting public land:

An overview of publicly accessible lands in the SLP is available by consulting the DNR Where to hunt webpage. Boundaries of all these lands may be viewed by accessing the Mi-HUNT link on that page.

A wild card for SLP hunters this year will be contending with local areas that have been impacted by EHD. Venison harvested in areas affected by EHD is safe for consumption.

It's not recommended to consume any animals that are visibly sick, but healthy deer harvested from areas where EHD has been present are still safe to eat. While prolonged EHD presence since July or early August can produce substantial impacts to a local deer herd, its distribution on the landscape can be extremely variable.

Some locations a short distance from severely impacted areas might not experience any effects of EHD, so even portions of EHD-affected counties are likely to continue to need considerable antlerless harvest efforts.

Those who suspect they have found a deer that has contracted or died from EHD may submit a diseased wildlife report through the DNR's Eyes in the Field online system. — *DM*

Supper club hosting free sourdough workshop, plant-based dinner Nov. 2

Fall has arrived, and a local club is offering locals an opportunity to learn how to bake homemade bread perfect for pairing with soups and other warm meals. The Hastings Healthy Living Supper Club is hosting a free workshop at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, that will teach attendees the ins and outs of baking sourdough bread.

The free workshop, which will also provide a plant-based dinner for attendees, will be held at the Hastings Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Attendees can expect to watch a demonstration by guest instructor Kasey McFarland, an expert sourdough baker. McFarland will walk participants through how to make the perfect loaf while they enjoy a meal featuring vegetarian soups and warm sourdough bread.

Participants can browse sourdough starter, bread and other goodies available for purchase.

The workshop and dinner are free to attend; goodwill donations will be accepted.

The dinner and workshop will be at the Hastings Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 904 Terry Lane, off Star School Road, in Hastings.

Those interested in the workshop are asked to register by Thursday, Oct. 30, to reserve a dinner plate. Organizers say spots are filling up quickly. Participants can reserve their seats by calling or texting 269-804-9959 or emailing Hhealthylivingsupperclub@gmail.com

— *MM*

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A gut feeling

Why does my tummy rumble when I'm hungry?

Jules, 5, Maine

Dear Jules,

Sometimes my stomach growls so loudly that other people can hear it. It's pretty awkward in meetings.

I asked my friend Ed Johnson why that happens. He teaches classes about the human body in the School of Biological Sciences at Washington State University.

He told me the rumbling noise happens because of what's going on inside your gut.

"The sounds you hear are the fluid and gas that's in your digestive tract moving around," Johnson said.

The digestive system cycles through a lot of fluid—about 9 liters every single day. That's the same as four-and-a-half 2-liter soda bottles.

Some of that liquid comes from the water you drink. Some is gastric juice made by specialized cells in your stomach's lining.

There's a lot of gas in there, too. It's made by friendly bacteria that live in your gut. They help you break down food and make vitamins. As they do that work, they release gas—up to 1.5 liters each day.

All that fluid and gas doesn't just sit there. There's a thick layer of smooth muscle in your digestive tract that moves them along and stirs them around.

"The muscle squeezes down on the contents to push it along," Johnson said. "It's an action like you're milking a cow, squeezing and pushing the food through. And it also makes a mixing motion to move digested nutrients around so they can reach the lining and be absorbed."

Your digestive tract moves so much that you have a whole section of your nervous system dedicated to controlling that movement. Johnson told me there are about half a million nerve cells doing that job—about the same number you have in your spinal cord.

As the fluid and gas move around, they make a grumbling noise. But why does it happen when you're peckish?

When your stomach is empty, your body releases the hormone ghrelin. It's a chemical messenger. It signals your brain to give you the hungry feeling. It also tells your digestive tract to get ready for food.

Your digestive system responds by cranking up the squeezing, pushing, mixing motions—because it expects food to show up soon.

When all that liquidy-, gas-y movement happens to an empty stomach, the rumbling sounds are louder. There's nothing in there to muffle the noise. So, you—and maybe the people around you—can hear a big, resounding growl from your guts.

Scientists call that sound "borborygmus." The term comes from an ancient Greek word made to mimic the sound.

I guess people have been wondering about that rumbling sound for a long time. They had no idea it involves a whole ecosystem inside your tummy—and a complex messaging network that links your brain to your gut.

It's honestly a lot to digest.

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

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

A CENTURY OF SERVICE: The story of the Hastings Public Library

DAVID W. MILLER
SPECIAL TO THE BANNER

The Hastings Public Library, as we know it today, stands as a landmark of cultural and educational growth in Barry County. The story begins in 1896, when the Women's Club of Hastings assembled a small collection of books and placed them in a room above *The Banner* office known as the Manufacturer's Club. This modest beginning marked the city's first attempt at a public library.

The collection remained above *The Banner* office for several years before being transferred to the old city hall, where it occupied a room in the southeast corner. By 1917, when a new Hastings High School building was constructed, the city and the school board agreed to house a library within it. At that time, the Women's Club formally turned over its collection to the school library, ensuring broader public access.

In 1955, the high school expanded with a new west wing, and the library relocated once again. This larger space was dedicated as the William T. Wallace Memorial Library, named in honor of a former high school principal. For nearly a decade, this served as Hastings' central public library.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A PERMANENT LIBRARY

In the early 1960s, momentum grew for a stand-alone city library. A discussion group organized by the Thornapple Foundation in 1962, with assistance from consultants at the Michigan State Library and Dr. Harold McClosky of the University of Michigan, helped set the vision. The cause received significant financial support through a $20,000 bequest from the estate of Arloa Lathrop, earmarked specifically for establishing a public library.

With the combined efforts of civic organizations, the Friends of the Library, and the City Council, Hastings voters approved the creation of a permanent public library. The chosen site was the former U.S. Post Office building, which was extensively remodeled and furnished for its new purpose.

A MILESTONE YEAR: 1965

On Jan. 16, 1965, the new Hastings Public Library was officially dedicated. Residents gathered on the entrance steps for the opening ceremony. Rev. Curtis delivered the dedication address, paying tribute to the individuals and groups whose vision and service made the library a reality. His words echoed the spirit of perseverance.

Florence Wilson was appointed the first librarian, guiding the institution through its formative years. The inaugural Library Board included Mrs. Richard T. Groos (President), the Rev. Don Gury (Secretary), Clifford Dolan, Mrs. Rose Cook, and Mrs. Kate McIntyre.

By 1971, in the centennial year of the City of Hastings, the library had already processed and arranged more than 20,000 volumes, a reflection of both community investment and public demand.

A LIBRARIAN WITH A VISION

In 1975, after earning her Master of Arts in Library Science, Barbara Schondelmayer began working part-time at the Hastings Public Library. During the 1980s, she took a leave of absence to serve the Hastings Public School libraries, before returning in 1984 to the city library, where she would remain for the next 23 years.

Over the course of a decade, Barbara nurtured the idea of a new facility—championing not just more space but also a forward-thinking design. Her insistence on environmentally conscious, "green" architecture helped shape the vision that would later become the modern Hastings Public Library. Her leadership bridged the library's traditional roots and its future role as a civic hub. Schondelmayer retired in November 2007, just months after seeing the dream of a new library realized.

THE NEW LIBRARY

The story of Hastings' library continued into the new century. On June 9, 2007, the community celebrated the grand opening of the present Hastings Public Library at 227 E. State Street. A special tribute was issued on that day, signed by Lt. Governor Brian Calley, Governor Jennifer Granholm and State Senator Patricia Birkholz. Calley remarked that Hastings' library was unique in Michigan, being the only building of its kind constructed entirely through private donations and without the help of government funding.

The new library immediately began reshaping downtown Hastings. With its modern design, meeting rooms, and children's areas, it quickly became a gathering place for students after school, families on weekends, and retirees in search of a quiet corner just to read. The library's opening marked a turning point for the city's civic life, providing a space where organizations could hold meetings, children could attend story hours and residents could access technology and research tools.

Some observers asked, "Why build a library in the internet age?" The answer, voiced by community leaders, was simple: While technology has changed communication, nothing can replace the pleasure of holding a book, turning its pages, and losing oneself in the written word. The library was envisioned not as a rival to the digital world but as a complement to it.

Leaders were quick to credit the hundreds of volunteers, donors, and citizens who rolled up their sleeves to make the building a reality. Built without tax support, it was a true community project, showing what can be achieved when people share a dream. As one supporter noted, "Nothing is impossible. In the future, as we find things that might add pleasure for many of our citizens, we know from experience they are possible. All we have to do is roll up our sleeves and get to work."

The new library soon became a symbol of pride not only for the city but also for the entire county. Its presence strengthened the vitality of State Street, drawing families downtown and contributing to the broader effort to keep Hastings a thriving, walkable community.



The *Hastings Banner* Office.

The first rendition of Hastings' city library came in 1896, when members of the Women's Club of Hastings assembled a small collection of books and placed them in a room above *The Banner* office known as the Manufacturer's Club. Courtesy photos

Our library is much more than a building; it stands at the very heart of your community, positioned on the historic crossroads where two vital train routes once converged in Hastings, and directly across from Thornapple Plaza—the modern stage of inspiration and budding talent.

Yet the library's real power cannot be measured in bricks, shelves, or even its location. It lies in the card that all Hastings residents are entitled to carry. A Hastings Public Library card not only has the power to "Turn Back the Pages" of history but also serves as a passport—one that admits the bearer into a lifelong journey of discovery.

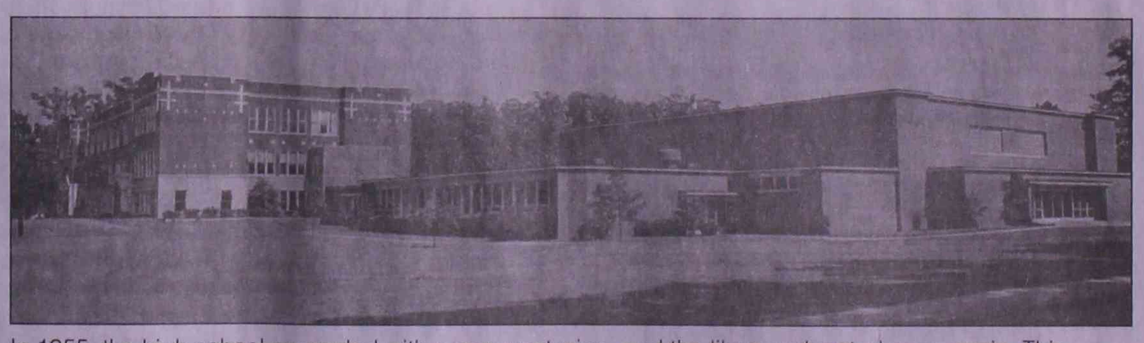
Just as trains once carried passengers through Hastings to destinations far beyond Barry County, so too does the library carry its patrons into new worlds—whether through a novel, a digital archive, a community program, or the quiet joy of a child's first story hour. In this way, the library embodies both continuity and change: rooted in the dreams of those who built it, yet always ready to carry new generations forward ensuring that knowledge and imagination will always have a home here.

Much credit is due to the recent library directors, especially Peggy Hemerling. Under her leadership, the library undertook many new projects, increased its programming and became even more connected to the community. She led the team through the COVID-19 pandemic closures and also oversaw the fundraising for, and subsequent installation, of new windows and an HVAC system in the building. After her retirement in December 2024, Assistant Director David Edelman became the new director, and former Circulation Supervisor Tess Allerding became the new assistant.

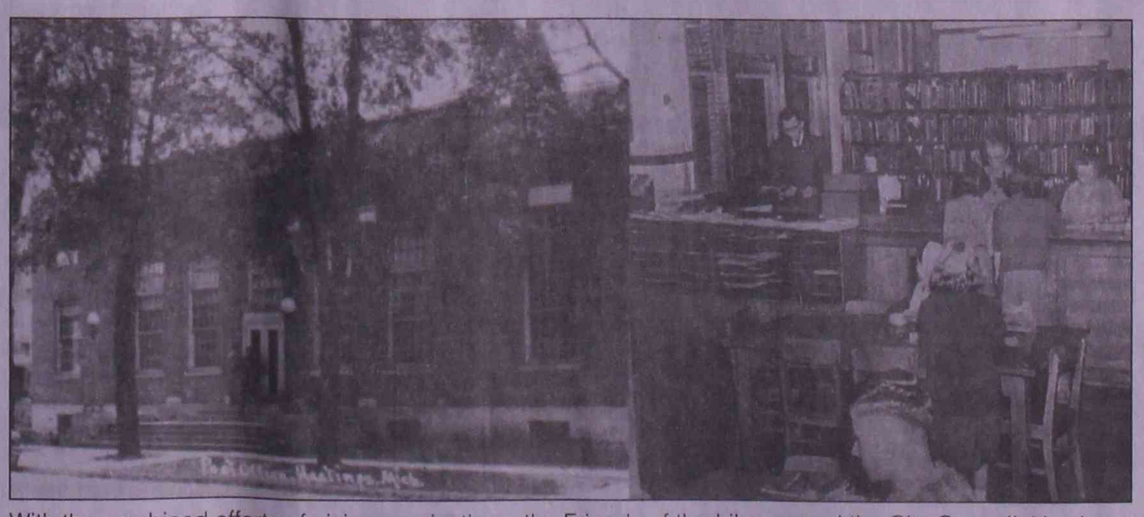
Edelman previously created the library's Barry County History Portal—an online, open-access resource that brings together PDF copies of five community newspapers (some reaching back to the 19th century), the James Dibble Archives, and a valuable collection of Barry County maps dating to 1873. The library is continuously looking to add more content to the portal as time and resources allow. These records can be accessed from home or through the public computers located on the library's first floor. Assistant Director Allerding is currently working with Erin Quada, youth librarian, and Marty Byington, processing supervisor, to create a new Local Author Collection to promote local authors and their works. Together, the entire team and the Library Board are building a new strategic plan to help guide the library into the future and strengthen its place in the heart of the community.

Sources: Consultation with Library Director David Edelman; "History of Hastings on the Thornapple," by Paul James Moore, PhD. (2018); "City of Hastings Michigan 1871-1971," Centennial Committee (1971); Barry County History Portal, Hastings Public Library, barrycountyhistoryportal.org.

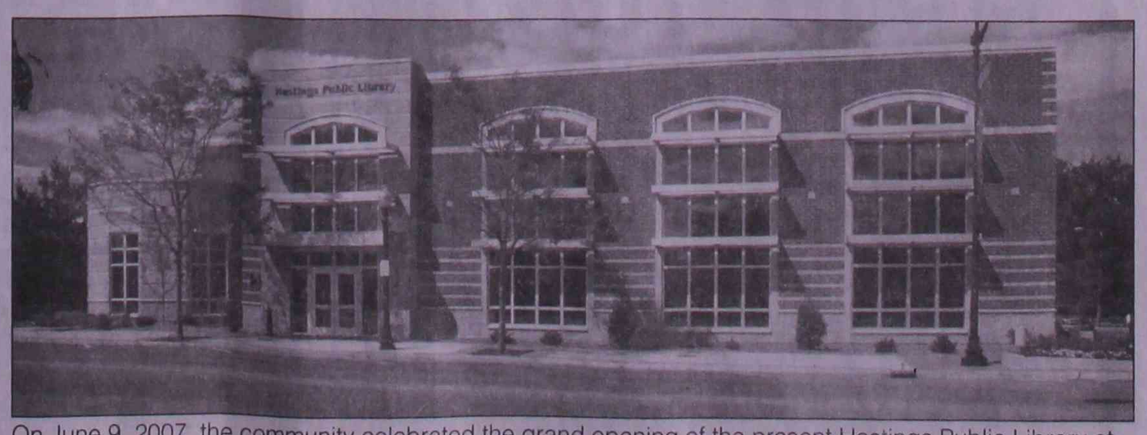
David Miller is a moderator for the "Hastings History" Facebook group.



In 1955, the high school expanded with a new west wing, and the library relocated once again. This larger space was dedicated as the William T. Wallace Memorial Library.



With the combined efforts of civic organizations, the Friends of the Library, and the City Council, Hastings voters approved the creation of a permanent public library. The chosen site was the former U.S. Post Office building, which was extensively remodeled and furnished for its new purpose.



On June 9, 2007, the community celebrated the grand opening of the present Hastings Public Library at 227 East State Street.

Hastings and TK set for Halloween rematch Friday night

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

And then there were two.

The 2025 varsity football regular season came to an end Friday, and the playoffs will begin the same way the regular season did. Hastings and Thornapple Kellogg face off in an MHSAA Division 3 District Semifinal contest in Middleville Friday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. inside Baum Stadium at Johnson Field inHastings.

The Saxons took a two-point win on a last-second field goal in August in Middleville, and the Saxons have beaten the Trojans five straight times. This will be the first-ever meeting between the two football programs in the playoffs.

"Our kids were excited," Hastings head coach Jamie Murphy of the revelation Sunday evening that the Saxons and Trojans would be meeting up for a second time. "We like to see new teams in the playoffs, but a county rival is always fun to prepare for."

Hastings closed out the regular season with a 7-2 record beating Wayland by two touchdowns last week. The Thornapple Kellogg squad ran to a 49-0 victory over Wyoming in its regular season finale in Middleville.

This will be the sixth consecutive season the Saxons are in the postseason, a run that started in 2020, but this is the first time the Hastings program is up from Division 4 to Division 3 for the playoffs.

This is the first time the Trojans have qualified for the state postseason since 2018 other than that 2020 season when every team in the state was a part of the playoffs following the shortened regular season.

"We always have great kids. We always have kids that work their tails off. I think the combination of this group, the chemistry of this group has just been a lot of fun," Thornapple Kellogg head coach Jeff Dock said after his team's win over Wyoming. "We had some guys come out that haven't played in a while and they've helped us a ton. Having 12 of the juniors get varsity playing time last year, that experience carries over to this year.



Hastings running back Tyler Frazer (36) works to get around the right side with teammate Cardale Winebrenner clearing the way in front of him during the Saxons' win over Wayland inside Baum Stadium at Johnson Field Friday.

They weren't starstruck with the speed of the game and all those things. All of that was a huge contributing factor to it too."

Coldwater and Lowell meet in Lowell Friday in the other half of the MHSAA Division 3 District 20 bracket. A Red Arrow win would mean they host a district final the weekend of Nov. 7. If Coldwater wins Friday, the winner of the Hastings/TK game would play host to a district final.

Lakewood (4-5) just missed out on a postseason opportunity in Division 5 finishing a little over a quarter of a point behind the last of the 32 playoff teams, and 34th in the final D5 playoff point totals. The Vikings still got to celebrate with a trophy this season knocking off rival Ionia in the regular season finale at Lakewood High School last week.

Delton Kellogg and Maple Valley were both bested in week nine to end the season with 2-7 overall records.

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

Hastings 48, Wayland 34

Hastings wrapped up its postseason resume with a 48-34 victory over visiting Wayland inside Baum Stadium at Johnson Field Friday.

It was another Saxon shoot-out, the fifth time this season the Hastings varsity football team scored 40 points or more in a victory

Hastings and Coldwater went back and forth scoring touchdowns in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference finale in week eight, and the scoring continued right on into the regular season finale with Wayland in week nine. Hastings and Wayland were tied 34-34 after a Wildcat run by Caleb Ellis for a one-yard touchdown midway through the third quarter, but the Saxons shut out the Wildcats the rest of the way for the win.

Tyler Frazer scored on a 28-yard run with 3:55 to go in the third quarter to snap a 34-34 tie, putting his team up 40-34. Cardale Winebrenner added a six-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion carry to boost the Saxon lead to its final margin with 7:17 left in the fourth quarter.

The Saxons rushed for 537 yards as a team. Jonah Hamp had 16 carries for 271 yards and four touchdowns. Frazer rushed 12 times for 115 yards and the one score. Trevin Rusell had nine carries for 87 yards, and Winebrenner rushed eight times for 65 yards and a touchdown.

Saxon quarterback Mason Tossava was 1-for-1 passing for a 30-yard touchdown to Russell in the second quarter.

Russell also had six tackles and an interception on the other side of the ball.

Trapper Reigler had a team-high ten tackles and Spencer Wilkins and Henry Elzinga had eight tackles each for Hastings.

Hastings head coach Jamie Murphy said assistant coaches BJ Donnini and Bob Cole made some key adjustments at halftime and that the kids came out and executed well in the second half to slow down the Wildcats.

He was pleased with a lot of guys, but said Reigler, Elzinga and Grady Reed especially all stepped up and made big plays in the second half.

The Saxons never trailed in the ballgame, but Wayland had a lot of answers. The game was tied at 6-6 and 14-14 in the first quarter and 28-28 in the second before a 60-yard yard touchdown run by Hamp boosted the Saxons to a 34-28 halftime lead.

Hamp scored the game's first points on a 54-yard run in the opening minute and had a 26-yard touchdown run before the first quarter was up. He also had a 48-yard touchdown run in the second quarter togo along with his 60-yarder right before the half.

Jacob Crater had touchdown runs of ten yards and 11 yards for the Wildcats in the first quarter, and Jake Reeder scored on runs of 34 yards and one yard in the second quarter.

Reeder had 32 rushes for the Wildcats finishing the night with 156 yards. Henry Maas ran eight times for 137 yards. The Wildcats didn't complete a pass all night.

Parchment 29, Delton Kellogg 8

Delton Kellogg closed out a 2-7 season with a 29-8 non-conference loss at Parchment (3-6) Friday.

Parchment went in front with touchdown passes of 31 yards, 36 yards and 41 yards by quarterback BJ Hunt in the first half. He aired out all three passes deep down the field to mostly open receivers.

DJ Sykes caught a jump ball heaved across the goal-line from Hunt with just over four minutes remaining in the opening quarter for the first Parchment touchdown, from 31 yards out.

The 36-yard TD pass was a bomb deep down the left sideline from Hunt that Rae'Kwon Smith ran under behind the DK defense and took to the end zone with 9:41 to go in the second quarter.

The lead got to three touchdowns when Smith created some space on a post and Hunt found him for a 41-yard score with 5:02 left in the first half.

Turnovers hurt the Delton Kellogg squad. Parchment had an interception and picked up a DK fumble in the first half. A steady drive towards the end zone to start the second half by DK ended with a fumble at the Parchment one.

Some good did come out of that. Parchment wasn't able to get out of its end zone and had a ball-carrier stuffed by DK's Griffyn Harmon for a safety. The Delton Kellogg team's ensuing drive ended in a one-yard TD run by quarterback Tucker Tack that made it 21-8 at the time.

Parchment answered with a five-yard Hunt TD run early in the fourth quarter, and a two-point conversion that accounted for the night's final points.

Delton Kellogg's offense had the ball three more times in the fourth quarter, but turned it over on downs a couple of times near midfield and had a pass picked off as time ran out.

Harmon and Alec Sinkler both closed the night with ten total tackles for Delton.

Thornapple Kellogg 49, Wyoming 0

Thornapple Kellogg's varsity football team finished off a 6-3 regular season with a 49-0 victory over visiting Wyoming inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville. The TK lead was 35-0 at the half.

Head coach Jeff Dock had moments of smiling and even laughing in the second half. The starters got the job done so he could clear his bench.

Senior Zach Eldridge scored on a 50-yard run on the first possession of the ballgame for TK.

"We needed to score a lot of points and hold them to zero," Eldridge said. "Our goal was to hold them to a shut out and put up a bunch of points and make sure everybody got in at some point."

The TK defense forced a turnover on downs on Wyoming's first possession, and that eventually led to a 13-yard touchdown run for TK for junior Jack Smith. It was 14-0 six minutes into the ballgame. TK senior Debo Robinson, sophomore Maddox VanEngen and junior Camden Peter had touchdown runs in the second quarter, that last one set-up by a blocked punt.

Kicker Mason Chivis hit five extra-point kicks in the first half and two more in the second.

Those second-half touchdowns came on a one-yard run by back-up quarterback Zeke Webster and a ten-yard touchdown run by senior Elexis Groen.

"We wanted to have good execution in the first half and we wanted to get a ton of kids in to get playing time," coach Dock said. "We have a lot of kids that bust their tails on scout team and things like that, and they don't see a ton of time on Friday nights. So, when you have a situation, opportunity like this you want guys to take care of business so they can get Friday night playing time. Then you want to see those kids step up to the challenge and make sure that they execute well. I thought across the board, they did well.

"Zeke Webster runs the ball really hard. Our fullbacks, Zayne [Whitmore] had a great run. Blake Bossenberger had a couple great runs. AJ [Dock] had a great run. Levi Chapin ... just a lot of really great stuff. Super excited and glad that they were able to do that."

Junior defensive lineman Brody Hammer held a couple index fingers high in the air as the Trojan sideline celebrated a TFL by junior lineman Johnny Johnson early in the fourth quarter. There were all kinds of moments like that on the home sideline as the night raced by.

Eldridge was pretty excited for Whitmore popping about a 40-yard run in one of his opportunities, and he loved seeing Webster plowing forward towards the end zone on a tough run that was ruled just shy of the goal-line before his one-yard score.

A pair of Docks got to play quarterback for TK, with junior Micah Dock getting the start as usual and freshman AJ Dock running the Trojans' last few offensive

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FOOTBALL

LOCAL STANDINGS	W	L	PLAYOFF POINTS
Hastings	7	2	58.556
Thornapple Kellogg	6	3	53.222
Lakewood	4	5	35.611
Maple Valley	2	7	18.444
Delton Kellogg	2	7	17.556

INTERSTATE-8 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Harper Creek	8	1	6	0
Hastings	7	2	5	1
Coldwater	6	3	3	3
Marshall	4	5	3	3
Jackson Northwest	3	6	2	4
Pennfield	3	6	1	5
Parma Western	2	7	1	5

OK Black	W	L	CONFERENCE Wins	CONFERENCE Losses
Grand Rapids Catholic Central	9	0	5	0
East Grand Rapids	7	2	4	1
Thornapple Kellogg	6	3	3	2
Northview	5	4	2	3
Holland Christian	5	4	1	4
Ottawa Hills	0	9	0	5

BIG 8 CONFERENCE	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Springport	9	0	6	0
Union City	5	4	4	2
Stockbridge	4	5	4	2
Quincy	5	4	3	3
Reading	3	6	3	3
Maple Valley	2	7	1	5
Sand Creek	1	8	0	6

CAPITAL AREA ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE WHITE	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Portland	9	0	7	0
Olivet	8	1	6	1
Lansing Sexton	6	3	5	2
Charlotte	4	5	4	3
Lakewood	4	5	3	4
Lansing Catholic	2	7	2	5
Eaton Rapids	1	8	1	6
Ionia	0	9	0	7

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE VALLEY	W	L	CONFERENCE WINS	CONFERENCE LOSSES
Schoolcraft	7	2	5	0
Lawton	7	2	4	1
Galesburg-Augusta	4	5	2	3
Coloma	3	6	2	3
Delton Kellogg	2	7	2	3
Saugatuck	3	6	0	5



Thornapple Kellogg freshman AJ Dock gets a chance to run the Trojans' option attack during the fourth quarter of his team's 49-0 win over visiting Wyoming in Middleville Friday. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

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snaps after the sophomore Webster got a turn under center.

Eldridge, a senior who also plays corner on the defensive side of the ball, has been on the varsity since he was a sophomore. He'll be getting to play his first playoff game ever Friday night in Hastings.

"It's huge. I can't believe it honestly. I'm looking forward to it. I can't wait," Eldridge said.

That TK team his sophomore season was 1-8. A new group of varsity sophomores, from the class of 2027, had to contribute mightily to an injury ravaged TK varsity team that went 3-6 a year ago.

"The last couple years, we haven't been together as much as we are now. We are meshed together so well on the field, and it shows," Eldridge said. "It's good. We communicate so much more. You're going to have mistakes in football. You're going to have things that don't go your way. The last couple years we haven't come back from those things. This year we have some things that don't go our way, which is always going to happen, but then we come back stronger every time we go through those obstacles."

Lakewood 33, Ionia 14

Instead of the Viking varsity football team making its way to the home stands to sing the school fighting song with the Lakewood High School student section at Unity Field Friday, a camo-clad student section came streaming across the grass to celebrate with the team.

The Lakewood High School marching band fired up the tune one last time and the Vikings held the National Bank Trophy aloft following a season-ending victory over rival Ionia.

Lakewood (4-5) ends the 2025 season just a little short of a playoff berth this fall, so the Vikings will have to be happy with winning two out of their final three ballgames including a 33-14 victory over rival Ionia (0-9) at Unity Field Friday night.

Sophomore quarterback Max Thrun threw two touchdown passes and rushed for two touchdowns. Senior running back Carter Stewart racked up 144 yards rushing and a touchdown for the Vikings too. Michael Goodemoot and Brandon Wilkins had touchdown receptions.

Despite a 19-point victory, it took a while for theVikings to be comfortably ahead.

Ionia had an 8-6 lead early in the opening quarter and led 14-13 early in the second quarter.

Stewart blew through the line for a 64-yard score on the Vikings' second snap of the football game. Lakewood led 6-0, but it was a short lived lead there.

Ionia quarterback Ethan Wenzel answered Carter's score with a 58-yard touchdown run of his own and then ran in the two-point try to put his team in front 8-6.

The teams traded punts from there before the Vikings put together a steady drive that carried into the second quarter. Thrun put the Vikings in front with a two-yard touchdown run. Freshman Colton Steward's extra-point kick moved Lakewood to a 13-8 lead.

Ionia answered with a long drive of its own that ended in a five-yard touchdown run by running back Wolton Sandborn. A two-point pass fell incomplete leaving the Bulldogs up by one.

Lakewood responded with a drive that ended in a six-yard touchdown run by Thrun with a little less than four minutes to go in the first half. The extra-point kick was blocked, but the Vikings led 19-14 and held a lead for the rest of the evening. That is how the two teams went into the halftime locker room.

Hollis Poll recovered a Bulldog fumble near midfield for the Viking defense at the start of the second half, and the Vikings took control from there.

Thrun avoided the Bulldog rush on a fourth-and-ten play from the Bulldog 23-yard-line and fired a pass to a diving Wilkins at the goal-line with five and a half minutes to go in the third quarter. Steward's extra-point kick was good this time to push the Lakewood lead to 26-14.

The Viking defense forced a turnover on downs near midfield once and then got a fumble recovery from Mason Livermore to end another Bulldog drive in the second half. That fumble recovery at the Viking 21-yard-line started the Viking offense on a drive that ate up much of the fourth quarter clock and eventually ended in a 28-yard touchdown pass from Thrun to Goodemoot. Steward was good on the e.p. Again.

Lakewood closes its second season back in the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division with a 3-4 record in fifth place in the final conference standings.

Portland closed out a perfect 7-0 conference season in week eight against Charlotte and then finished off an undefeated regular season overall at 9-0 with a win last Friday against Whitehall.

The top 32 teams in each of the MHSAA's eight 11-player football divisions qualify for the playoffs each fall. The Vikings finished the season ranked 34th in the Division 5 point totals, just .278 points behind the last of the 32 D5 playoff teams.

Cassopolis 28, Maple Valley 21

Maple Valley was bested by seven points or less for the third consecutive Friday to close the season with a 2-7 overall record.

Cassopolis (3-6) took a 28-21 win over the Lion varsity football team in a Big 8/Southwest 10 crossover contest at Maple Valley High School Oct. 24.

"Some tough losses to close the year for sure. I felt for the kids, especially our seniors. As their fourth coach in four years I was impressed by their dedication to the season and laying it all on all on the line all year long," Lion head coach Mitchell McClintock said.

Maple Valley rallied from a 21-7 deficit in the third quarter to tie the game at 21-21 thanks to a 22-yard touchdown pass from Darren Carpenter to Teegen McDonald and a one-yard Dayton Hillard TD run.

Quarterback Lucas Williams scored the game-winning touchdown for Cassopolis from three yards out with 7:09 to go in the fourth quarter.

Williams also threw three touchdown passes on the night.

Carpenter had two touchdown passes to McDonald. Carpenter was 15-of-34 passing in the ballgame. McDonald had five catches for 56 yards and teammate Kelvin Davis had three catches for 49 yards. Carpenter was intercepted twice by Cassopolis' Mason Nelson.

"We ended up leaning on the pass just based off our struggles running the ball," McClintock said, "which was an unfortunate trend this season and will be a big focus of our offseason. We saw a lot of loaded boxes this season and need to find ways to use it to our advantage.

"We got all the way down to the one yard-line with about 20 seconds left, after driving the field through the air to end the game. A false start penalty moved us back to the five and after four more pass plays, we did not get in. Felt a bit fitting to the season truthfully. We have a very young team and it will take a big off season in the weight room to get to where we want to go."

Williams was 7-of-14 passing for 99 yards and an interception for Cassopolis, and he also rushed 17 times for 112 yards.

Jackson Burpee had an interception for the Lions and tied for the team lead with seven tackles. Tyrese Robinson El also had seven tackles.

"One season in, the big takeaway for me about the Maple Valley program is we've got a good group of players and families, and a committed coaching staff who really care about the kids and community. These couple things provide us a great opportunity to improve," McClintock said.



The Saxons' Caden Pettingill (63) hoists running back Cardale Winebrenner (9) off the turf in celebration of a fourth quarter touchdown Friday in Hastings' win over visiting Wayland. **Photos by Perry Hardin**

SYNOPSIS
Hastings Charter Township
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2025

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.
All board members present
Approved agenda/consent agenda
Discussed parking lot, 2026 salary
Rates, 501C3 resolution, election
Approved payment of bills
Dept. reports received
Motion to adjourn 7:45 pm

Submitted, David J. Olson, Clerk
Attested to by Jim Partridge, Supervisor

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
2025-25030142-DE
Judge Doherty

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

Estate of Terry D. Rosenberg. Date of birth: 06/15/1940.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Terry D. Rosenberg, died 02/10/2025.

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

Date: October 1, 2025
IN PRO PER
Steven M. Rosenberg
509 North Briggs Road
Middleville, MI 49333
269-838-8609

NOTICE OF ELECTION
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BARRY, ALLEGAN AND CALHOUN COUNTIES, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 in the City of Hastings, Assyria, Baltimore, Barry, Carlton, Castleton, Hastings Charter, Hope, Irving, Johnstown, Maple Grove, Orangeville, Prairieville, Rutland Charter, Thornapple, Yankee Springs Townships in Barry County, Gun Plain Township in Allegan County and Bedford Charter Township in Calhoun County. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

ELECTORS WILL VOTE AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS:

ASSYRIA TOWNSHIP	*Assyria Township Hall, 8094 Tasker Rd., Bellevue*
BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP	*Baltimore Township Hall, 3100 E. Dowling Rd., Hastings*
BARRY TOWNSHIP	*Barry Township Mtg. Hall, 155 E. Orchard St., Delton*
CARLTON TOWNSHIP	*Carlton Township Hall, 85 Welcome Rd., Hastings*
CASTLETON TOWNSHIP	*Castleton Township Hall, 915 Reed St., Nashville*
HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP	*Hastings Charter Township Hall, 885 River Rd., Hastings*
HOPE TOWNSHIP	*Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Hwy., Hastings*
IRVING TOWNSHIP	*Irving Township Hall, 3425 Wing Rd., Hastings*
JOHNSTOWN TOWNSHIP	*Johnstown Township Hall, 13641 S. M-37 Hwy., Battle Creek*
ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP	*Orangeville Township Hall, 7350 Lindsey Rd., Plainwell*
PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP	*Prairieville Township Hall, 10115 S. Norris Rd., Delton*
RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP	*Rutland Charter Township Hall, 2461 Heath Rd., Hastings*
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP – PCT 1	*Thornapple Emergency Services, 128 E. High St., Middleville*
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP – PCT 2	*Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E. Main St., Middleville*
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP – PCT 3	*Middleville Village Hall, 100 E. Main St., Middleville*
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PCT 1	*Yankee Springs Township Hall, 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville*
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PCT 2	*Yankee Springs Fire Station, 1425 S. Payne Lake Rd., Wayland*
CITY OF HASTINGS	*Hastings Baptist Church, 309 E. Woodlawn Ave., Hastings*

Electors in the following jurisdictions will vote at the polling locations below ***FOR THIS ELECTION ONLY:***

- **MAPLE GROVE AND WOODLAND** electors will vote at *Castleton Township Hall, 915 Reed St., Nashville;*
- **BEDFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP** electors will vote at *Johnstown Township Hall, 13641 S. M-37 Hwy., Battle Creek;*
- **GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP** electors will vote at *Prairieville Township Hall, 10115 S. Norris Rd., Delton.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ELECTORS WILL BE VOTING ON THE PROPOSALS 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.mi.gov/vote*

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election.

Sarah M. VanDenburg, Barry County Clerk on behalf of Clerks in:
Assyria Township, Baltimore Township, Barry Township, Castleton Township, Carlton Township, Hastings Charter Township, Hope Township, Irving Township, Johnstown Township, Maple Grove Township, Orangeville Township, Prairieville Township, Rutland Charter Township, Thornapple Township, Woodland Township, Yankee Springs Township, the City of Hastings, Gun Plain Township, Allegan County and Bedford Charter Township Clerk, Calhoun County
This notice is given as required by law MCL 168.653a

DK boys, TK girls and state qualifiers all champs at Barry County meet

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Barry County champs will be in action one more time this season at Michigan International Speedway (MIS) in Brooklyn.

Hastings junior Caroline Randall, a two-time state medalist, won the girls' race Monday at the annual Barry County Championships hosted by Lakewood High School. Delton Kellogg junior Landon Madden won the boys' race.

Both qualified for this Saturday's (Nov. 1) MHSAA Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals at MIS with their regional performances last weekend. The county has a third state qualifier this fall in Maple Valley freshman Melanie Jones, who ran a PR to break up the Thornapple Kellogg girls' pack behind Randall at the county meet.

The Thornapple Kellogg girls and Delton Kellogg boys won county meet championships. The top seven runners in the boys' and girls' races earn First Team All-Barry County honors and the next seven across the finish line earn Second Team All-Barry County.

Madden won the boys' race Monday in 17 minutes 23.80 seconds. He had his first sub-17 minute race of the season at the MHSAA L.P. Division 3 Regional in Allendale last Saturday to earn a state finals spot for the second year in a row, and ran as fast as he needed to Monday to beat out his nearest competitors.

"He ran hard," Delton Kellogg head coach Dale Grimes said of Madden. "He ran phenomenally well at regionals, so I was a little concerned about how he would be feeling today."

In the end, the group on Madden's heels included Lakewood junior Kaden Rohrbacher and his Delton Kellogg teammates Nick Muday and Joseph McCoy. Muday, a senior, and McCoy, a sophomore, both set their personal records Saturday at regionals and were strong again.

Delton Kellogg took the boys' championship with 26 points. There were six Panthers among the 14 medalists earning all-county honors. Lakewood was second with 64 points ahead of Thornapple Kellogg 68, Hastings 95 and Maple Valley 112.

Grimes ended his brisk, windy, but sunny, afternoon at Lakewood High School with a surprise ice bath from his runners – who he had peaking at just the right time.

"We remind them that it is the end of the season, and that is what we're working towards peaking right now," Grimes said. "We add some more speed work in towards the end right now. They have been buying in more and more and more as they kept improving. At the conference championship meet, we moved up one spot there. So, that was just that extra little boost that kept things going. It has been exciting. It was real exciting."

Delton Kellogg had Muday third in 17:51.23 and McCoy fourth in 17:51.43 The DK team also got a personal record run from sophomore Jace Hilton who was seventh in 18:33.93.

"Nick is a little bit faster than he was last year. He has been great with his practice, and his work ethic. It is showing up. Here we are. He is all-county. He was all-conference, which was kind of a long shot to be all-conference and not honorable mention, but he pulled it off. He got the 20th spot there, the last spot. He has been taking it to heart. It is his senior year. It is the last time at every course. It's the last regional. It's the last everything, and he has been stepping up to it. That has been fun to see, and the team has actually rallied around him a little bit. He is the captain and he is a senior. That has been fun to see.

"Joseph is a sophomore, a rookie, and he is just wind him up and let him go, and it's all right who knows where this is going to end. But he has been doing great."

All-county honors went to Delton Kellogg sophomore Ayden Jones and freshman Malachi Allersma too. Jones was 11th in 18:59.59 and Allersma 12th in 19:01.16.

He told his guys before Monday's race to make sure they take advantage of their opportunity. It's only so often that the Division 3 DK program has the chance to outrun the county's D2 schools Thornapple Kellogg, Hastings and Lakewood.

It was a strong day for the Lakewood boys who were 85 points back of the Thornapple Kellogg guys at their D2 regional race Saturday at South Christian. Lakewood junior Kaden Rohrbacher was the runner-up in 17:41.28 Monday.

All five county schools were represented among the 14 medalists.

Freshman Owen Bremer led the Thornapple Kellogg boys' team with a fifth-place time of 18:15.77, Junior Grady Galaviz was tenth for TK in 18:53.30.

Lakewood had a trio of medalists with junior Bryce Goodemoot placing sixth in 18:32.19, his fastest time of the season, and sophomore Ethan Langmaack setting his PR at 18:43.77 to place ninth.

Maple valley had junior Tyler Curtis eighth in 18:41.79 and junior Cameron Murray setting a PR at 19:22.09 to place 14th.

Hastings was paced by junior Caleb Kramer who was 13th with a personal record time of 19:18.72.

Freshman Lucas Doubledee rounded out the scoring seven for the winning DK team with a personal record time of 19:48.99.

Lakewood had sophomore Dakota Harmer 22nd in 20:13.94 and sophomore Gibson Yeiter 32nd in 21:20.5. Viking seniors Benjamin Possehn and Jacob Wieland both improved their personal records to place 37th and 45th respectively as their team's six and seven scorers. Possehn came in at 21:52.48 and Wieland at 23:01.09.

Thornapple Kellogg got personal records from a couple of guys who ran in JV races much of the fall to jump up into the scoring pack. Junior Jerin Donker was 19th in 20:02.84 and freshman Magnus Galaviz 25th in 20:23.66.

The Trojan team also had senior Alexander Frizzell was 16th in 19:45.90, senior Benjamin Postma 18th in 19:51.95, and sophomore Isaac Kaboos 24th in 20:23.27.

Saxon sophomore Alex Timmers had a 15th-place time of 19:39.22 to finish as his team's number two. Sophomore Tanner Krzysik was 21st in 20:05.95 and senior Carter Krzysik 23rd in 20:15.52. Hastings also had senior Spencer Crozier 30th in 20:55.36, freshman Ryan Harris 36th in 21:40.59 and sophomore Dakota Cole ran a PR of 21:53.87 to place 39th.

Behind the two second team all-county honorees for Maple Valley, sophomore Kelvin Davis set his PR at 21:25.35 to place 33rd, junior Quincy Page was 40th in 22:15.00 and sophomore Grady Wilkes was 42nd in 22:22.89.

Randall has now won a Barry County Championship at the end of two of her three varsity seasons. She was the runner-up as a sophomore. She took Monday's race in 18:49.64.

Five of the next seven girls across the finish line were Thornapple Kellogg runners. TK won the girls' championship with 25 points ahead of Hastings 61, Maple Valley 80, Delton Kellogg 90 and Lakewood 111.

Thornapple Kellogg junior Carmen Reynolds became the fifth different TK girl to lead her team at a race this season as she turned in a runner-up time of 21:40.82.

The Lions' leader Jones, who earned a spot in the Division 4 State Finals with her regional performance in Allendale Saturday, bumped her personal record time down to 21:52.00 Monday to place third.

Thornapple Kellogg had sophomore Breanna Schut fourth in 22:10.15, freshman Brielle Miller fifth in 22:10.74, junior Peyton Hardy sixth in 22:12.07, senior Madison Kietzman eighth in 22:36.38 and senior Avery Hagemann ninth in 22:52.51. The Trojan team's number seven was sophomore Karsyn Boersma who clocked in at 23:57.88.

Half of the girls in the top 14 ran their fastest race of the season with six of those setting new personal records.

Hastings freshman Emerson Leary earned the final first team all-county spot by just outracing Kietzman to the finish line. Leary set her PR at 22:36.20 to place seventh. The Saxon team also had junior Chloe Pirtle set her PR at 23:30.59 in a 14th-place finish.

Lakewood had sophomore Heidi Carter earn second team all-county honors with a tenth-place PR of 22:54.17. Maple Valley senior Izabelle Soper was 11th with a PR run of 22:55.06.

Delton Kellogg was led by junior Riley Perley's PR run of 22:55.06 which put her in 11th place. DK senior Elli Timmerman was 13th in 23:21.43.

Randall, saving some energy for the state finals, was the only Saxon girl among the team's top seven who didn't improve her PR on the day. Freshman Alyssa MacLeod placed 21st in 24:36.42 for the Saxons. Senior Maddie Elzinga was 23rd in 24:52.21. Freshman Brynn VanderMale placed 24th in 25:03.21. Junior Sucel Peral was 25th in 25:05.70.

Maple Valley was at its best too. All five Lion finishers set a new PR. Senior Athena Morehouse placed 15th in 23:50.86. Sophomore Lydia Emerick came in 32nd at 26:39.57. Senior Ada Marie Blakely placed 36th in 29:22.37.

Junior Evelynn Courneya set her PR for the DK team at 24:28.80 to place 19th. The Panthers also had junior Makayla Lutz 27th in 25:41.56 and freshman Olivia Vincent 29th in 26:12.58.

Lakewood senior Emma Tidd ran her fastest time of the season to place 18th in 24:28.22. The Vikings had junior Laurelye Carter 37th in 30:13.22, senior Marci Nurenberg 39th in 31:45.95 and junior Jayda Miller 40th in 35:28.93.



The Delton Kellogg varsity boys' cross country team celebrates its victory at the 2025 Barry County Championships hosted by Lakewood High School Tuesday. It's the first time in at least a dozen years that a team other than Hastings or Thornapple Kellogg took the boys' county championship.



Delton Kellogg senior Elli Timmerman is out front of a pack that also includes Lakewood's Heidi Carter (from left) Hastings' Chloe Pirtle, Thornapple Kellogg's Avery Hagemann, Hastings' Emerson Leary and her Delton Kellogg teammate Riley Perley among others during the first mile of the girls' race Monday at the Barry County Championships hosted by Lakewood High School. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

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RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Rutland Charter Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2026, at a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Rutland Charter Township Hall, 2461 Heath Road, Hastings, Michigan.

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 budget is available for public inspection at 2461 Heath Road, Hastings, Michigan.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

PLEASE TAME NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on November 13, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairieville Township Hall, 10115 S. Norris Rd., Delton MI, 49046 within the Township, as required under the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and the Zoning Ordinance for the Township.

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

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

1. A request from property owner, Gregory Koning, 28484 62"' Ave, Lawton, MI, 49065 for a Special Land Use/Site Plan Review to allow for an accessory building on vacant property and failing to meet the size and locational requirements pursuant to provisions in Section 4.20"Residential Accessory Buildings" of the Prairieville Township Zoning Ordinance. The subject site is 11240 5 Oak Dr, Delton, MI, 49046, parcel number 08-12-240-042-01. The subject site is currently zoned R2- Medium Density Residential.
2. Zoning Ordinance text amendments to Sections 6.0, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6 regarding child care facilities, family child care homes, group child care homes, child care centers and day care centers.
3. Zoning Ordinance text amendments to Section 3.1 to add a definition for child care facility.
4. Such other business as may properly come before the Planning Commission

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

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

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

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
By: Fritz Bork, Chairperson
Prairieville Township Hall
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Randall gets through regional, sets sights on state race

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Saxon junior Caroline Randall worked her way to the front of the pack.

Didn't really feel at 100 percent, and still cruised to a fourth-place finish at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Regional at South Christian High School Saturday. The top 15 finish earns the Hastings varsity cross country team's two-time state medalist a trip to the state finals for a third consecutive season.

Randall hit the finish line in 18 minutes 46.2 seconds.

"She was coming in, on paper, as probably going to win. She went head to head against these girls at Otsego and Portage and had beaten them before, but came up a little bit short today," Hastings head coach Steve Collins said. "It really isn't about today though, it's about getting to next week. She didn't have anything to prove today."

The MHSAA L.P. Division 2 Cross Country Finals will be held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn Saturday, Nov. 1. Randall was 29th at the state finals as a freshman and 20th as a sophomore.

The top 15 runners, the top three teams, and a minimum of the seven fastest runners not on those three state qualifying teams from regionals across the state last weekend earned spots at MIS.

"Within the first quarter mile I thought something is a little harder today. I don't know if it is the colder weather or what. I thought I might as well take it out as I had planned and seen what happened. Usually in the first couple miles there is some conversation with competition, and then I kind of usually pull away in the last mile. Not today, which is okay since this isn't the state meet. Just kind of trying to focus on that. Hopefully, I'll feel a little more like myself a week from now."

South Christian had the first two finishers in the girls' race. Sophomore Tiffany DeMaagd won in 18:33.6 and senior Chloe Rinzema was second in 18:38.7. East Grand Rapids sophomore Anneliese Passchier placed third in 18:39.4. Randall was the last girl across the finish line before the clock hit 19 minutes.

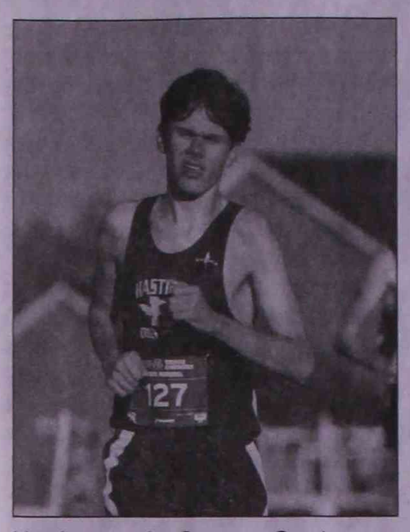
The four girls behind Randall were Grand Rapids Christian runners, a pack led by senior Lilah Poel who came in at 19:02.3.

South Christian still managed to fend off the Eagles for the regional championship 40 to 47. East Grand Rapids was third with 91 points ahead of Forest Hills Eastern 118, West Michigan Aviation Academy 181, Wayland 188, Thornapple Kellogg 192, Ionia 213, Hastings 231, Pennfield 235, Portland 268 and Grand River Prep 341.

Randall said beating Portland was one of her team's goals for the day, so she was happy to accomplish that with her teammates.



Hastings junior Caroline Randall is honored among the top 15 medalists after a fourth-place finish at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Regional race hosted by South Christian High School Saturday. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Hastings senior Spencer Crozier runs to a new personal record time at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Regional at South Christian High School Saturday morning.

While things didn't go perfect for the Saxon leaders Saturday, coach Collins said he was really pleased with the way the runners at the back of the Hastings pack performed.

Freshman Haley Williamson stepped up and ran a personal record time of 25:42.7 for the girls' team which put her in 63rd place in a pretty solid Saxon pack. Junior Sucel Peral was 62nd in 25:36.2 and senior Maddie Elzinga 65th in 25:47.8.

Freshman Emerson Leary was the Hastings girls' number two with a 47th-place time of 23:26.4. Junior Chloe Pirtle was 58th in 24:49.5. The Saxons' number seven on the day was junior Alexa DeCamp who placed 68th in 26:04.2.

Collins said the same was true on the boys' side for the Saxons. Senior Carter Krzysik ran his season best time of 20:10.0 to place 67th overall. Senior Spencer Crozier set his personal record at 20:54.6 to place 76th. Freshman Ryan Harris had a personal record time of 21:19.1 to place 79th.

At the top, sophomores Alex Timmers and Tanner Krzysik led the Hastings team. Timmers placed 65th in 19:56.9 and Tanner came in 66th in 19:57.6.

East Grand Rapids dominated the boys' meet as expected finishing the day with 28 points. Grand Rapids Christian was second with 70 points and Forest Hills Eastern third with 74. South Christian, a fourth team that entered the race ranked in the top 15 in Division 2, placed fourth with 107 points. Portland was fifth with 149 points ahead of West Michigan Aviation 166, Thornapple Kellogg 231, Grand River Prep 235, Wayland 240, Ionia 253, Lakewood 316, Pennfield 324 and Hastings 344.

Randall planned to run a hard tempo race at the Barry County Championships Monday (which she won) and then take it easy the rest of the week so her legs would really feel fresh at MIS. She was looking forward to a late-week practice on the horse track at Barry County Fairgrounds to simulate the last half mile of the MIS course which is a long, flat run between the NASCAR track and the pits in Brooklyn.

She'll be the only Barry County athlete running in the afternoon, D1 or D2, sessions at MIS.

Thornapple Kellogg got a personal record run from sophomore Brielle Miller at the front of its girls' pack. She placed 28th in 21:23.2. A freshman led the TK boys' team too as Owen Bremer ran to a time of 17:50.9 that put him in 37th place.

The Lakewood boys were led by junior Kaden Rohrbacher who placed 46th in 18:36.5, and the Lakewood girls were paced by sophomore Heidi Carter who was 55th in 24:11.5.

The last of the individual state qualifiers in the boys' race clocked in at 17:02.6. The final individual qualifier on the girls' side had a time of 20:11.8.

East Grand Rapids had the two fastest guys Saturday with senior Jonah Workman winning in 15:26.3 and sophomore Micah Becker second in 15:42.5. Forest Hills Eastern senior Shephard Bower placed third in 15:57.0.

Madden earns return to state finals with sub-17 run at D3 regional

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Delton Kellogg junior Landon Madden pushed his time under 17 minutes for the first time since the 2024 State Finals to earn a spot in the 2025 State Finals.

Madden placed eighth at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 Regional in Allendale Saturday to qualify for the MHSAA L.P. Division 3 Finals which will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. He hit the finish line Saturday in 16:53.67.

Madden ended his first varsity cross country season with a 56th-place finish at the finals with his personal record time of 16:41.4.

The top three teams and top 15 runners from regionals across the state last weekend earned spots in the upcoming state finals, as well as a minimum of seven runners from each regional not a part of those top three teams.

The Division 3 boys' race at the state finals is scheduled to take off at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The top 30 in each race throughout the day at MIS earn state medals.

The last of the 15 individual state qualifiers at the D3 regional race in Allendale had a time of 17:08.88.

With new personal record runs, a couple of Delton Kellogg guys were within about 40 seconds of that. Senior Nick Muday raced to a time of 17:32.88 to place 26th overall for DK. Sophomore Joseph McCoy placed 30th in 17:47.20.

Wyoming Potter's House took the boys' team regional championship with 89 points ahead of Black River 99, Montague 107, NorthPointe Christian 112, Covenant Christian 129, Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 154, Delton Kellogg 168, Saranac 223, Lakeview 238, Kent City 247, Belding 256, Newaygo 316, Calvin Christian 316, Ravenna 365 and North Muskegon 424.

Potter's House seniors Edward Mugisha barely beat out Black River junior Jonas Ballard for the regional championship – by 15 hundredths of a second. Mugisha hit the finish line in 16:11.68 and Ballard in 16:11.83. They were two of ten guys who finished the race in less than 17 minutes.

The Delton Kellogg boys' team had four guys set new personal records. Sophomore Ayden Jones was 53rd in a PR of 18:54.31 and freshman Malachi Allersma 55th in 18:55.34.

The DK team had sophomore Jace Hilton as its number four guy on the day with a time of 18:46.92. He placed 51st overall. Jack Favreau was the Panthers' number seven with a 76th-place time of 20:43.52.

Delton Kellogg senior Elli Timmerman ran her fastest time ever Saturday placing 46th in the girls' race. She hit the finish line in 23:17.60.

Junior Makayla Lutz also set a new PR for the Delton Kellogg girls with a time of 25:05.88 that put her 66th.

The Delton Kellogg girls also had junior Riley Perley 54th in 24:03.52, junior Evelynn Courneya 67th in 25:06.56, and freshman Olivia Vincent 76th in 26:12.17.

Grand Rapids Covenant Christian beat out Calvin Christian by three points, 66-69, for the girls' Division 3 regional championship. NorthPointe Christian placed third with 77 points ahead of Kent City 91, Black River 188, Belding 197, Saranac 200, Lakeview 206, Newaygo 213, Western Michigan Christian 219, Delton Kellogg 309, North Muskegon 325, Wyoming Potter's House 327, Montague 351 and Ravenna 403.

Kent City sophomore Eliana Max won the individual regional title with a time of 18:53.87. Lakeview junior Kamryn Salladay was the runner-up in 19:25.16 and senior Aletta Scholten from Calvin Cristian placed third in 19:51.94.

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 November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Amy Landhuis, an unmarried woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: November 27, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 12, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $106,659.91

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Woodland, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 4 North, Range 7 West, described as commencing 30 rods West of the Southeast corner of said Section 16; thence North 271.8 feet; thence West 82.5 feet; thence South 271.8 feet; thence East 82.5 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: October 9, 2025

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BARRY COUNTY

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NOTICE

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on NOVEMBER 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Russell M. Peasley, a married man joined by spouse, Teresa N. Peasley, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Village Capital & Investment LLC, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2021 and recorded February 10, 2022 in Instrument Number 2022-001725 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Planet Home Lending, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six and 35/100 Dollars ($102,686.35).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Barry County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on NOVEMBER 6, 2025.

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

A parcel of land in the Southwest ¼, of Section 25, Town 2 North, Range 7 West, Maple Grove Township, Barry County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 25, distant North 00°16'09" East 931.62 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 25; thence North 00°16'09" East 220.00 feet along said West Section line; thence North 88°38'54" East 650.32 feet, thence South 00°41'27" West 220.05 feet; thence South 88°38'54" West 648.70 feet to the point of beginning.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 9, 2025
File No. 25-012465
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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Jones will end first cross country season in D4 State Finals

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Maple Valley freshman Melanie Jones won't have quite as much time between the end of her first varsity cross country season and her first high school basketball season as she was expecting back in August.

Jones earned a spot in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 4 Cross Country Finals at Michigan International Speedway (MIS) in Brooklyn Saturday, Nov. 1, with a 13th-place finish at the MHSAA L.P. Division 3 Regional in Allendale Saturday Oct. 25.

She ran what was then a personal record time of 22 minutes 4.7 seconds at the regional. She dropped her PR to 21:52.0 at the Barry County Meet Monday at Lakewood High School.

The top three teams and top 15 individuals at the regional meets across the state last weekend earned spots in the state finals at MIS.

Jones said Lion head coach Tiffany Blakely convinced her before school started to give cross country a try. She had run the 800-meter race in a few Maple Valley middle school track meets, but mostly enjoyed competing in the 400-meter dash. It's a big jump to suddenly running in a 5,000-meter varsity cross country race.

"I wasn't going to do anything," Jones said. "I was just going to play basketball this fall. I did not plan on doing this at all. I have never done anything like this before. It's definitely different.

"I definitely like it. I like coach Blakely. I like the team. It's very fun. It's fun. I like it. I don't know about running that much, but I like the team environment.

Coach Blakely brought up to her the possibility of being fast enough to qualify for the state finals at one of the first practices of the season back in August.

"I told her I was kind of just doing this for training, and she talked to me about how I could get there if I really wanted to. I was just kind of like, meh it's okay if I don't," Jones said.

She said then her parents started to get excited about the possibility and encouraging her to go for it. Even at the starting line Saturday, she said she was thinking more about trying to help the team score well than having a state qualifying performance of her own.

Coach Blakely had her girls going into the race knowing that there was a slim chance that they could qualify for the state finals as a team with a top three finish if they had a great day.

"I think I just wanted to do better at least for the team. We had a chance to qualify for states on Saturday, and I wanted to make sure I had my best foot forward for us. I didn't really know I could qualify for states until mid-race when I was close enough," Jones said.

"We talked about it before the race a little, about how I was top 15, but obviously everyone was going to bring their 'A' game. So, I had to step up too. It was fun."

Jones will be in the first race of the day at MIS Saturday as the D4 girls are scheduled to take off at 9:30 a.m.

Maple Valley had just one of five girls' teams with enough runners to earn a team score in the region, from among 12 total schools competing. They ran well as a whole, but finished fifth overall. Gobles won the regional championship on the girls' side with 32 points ahead of Martin 33, Fowler 88, St. Joseph Our Lady of the Lake Catholic 102 and Maple Valley 106.

"We were matched up pretty close with both the third and fourth ranked team, so they knew that they had to run their absolute best to make it," coach Blakely said. "Despite the really cold and frost covered ground, nearly all of our runners raced their fastest times, we just fell short with our team finish. The girls were disappointed."

Senior Izabell Soper placed 26th in 23:38.99 to finish as the Lions' number two. Senior Athena Morehouse was 33rd in 25:17.07. Lion sophomore Lydia Emerick was 37th in 26:45.07. Senior Ada Marie Blakely placed 45th in 29:49.99.

"The Fowler coach (the team that ended up third) was actually using our team as a push too. He was heard to be saying 'that's Maple Valley, we need to pass them,'" coach Blakely said. "Our girls team put our school's name out there as legitimate competition in the regional race. If we get anything out of this meet, knowing that other schools had to work extra hard to beat our team, means we are growing and gaining recognition in the sport of cross country."

She was grateful Morehouse joined the team late in the season to help the Lions earn a team score at the regional. Morehouse cut about 30 seconds off her previous best time and then was even faster Monday at the Barry County meet.

Emerick and Ada Marie Blakely were also faster Saturday than they'd been on that regional course in Allendale before. Emerick was about a minute and a half faster than in 2024 and Blakely was sixth and a half minutes faster than she'd ever been there before.

Gobles junior Libby Smith was the individual champion on the day with a time of 18:11.12. Martin junior Veyda Conley was a distant second in 19:05.59.

The Maple Valley boys' team was one guy short of earning a team score with late team addition Kelvin Davis nicked up in the varsity football game the previous night and unable to run.

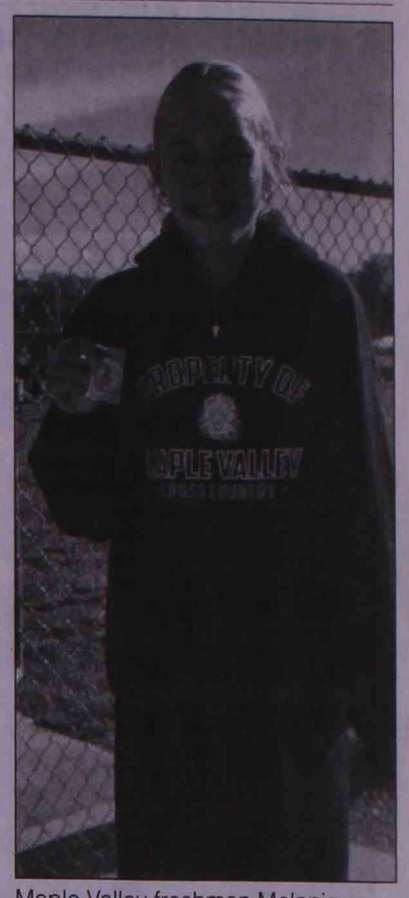
Junior Tyler Curtis led the Maple Valley boys with a time of 18:28.40 which put him in 26th overall. He went into the race as the 34th seeded runner.

Coach Blakely said that after the race Curtis told her, "you said to go after the orange (Gobles) up ahead, but I was just like I'm maxed out."

"He could see the field and the runners that would qualify in front of him," coach Blakely said, "and he tried to give one last push, but really he was okay with how it ended. He put in a new personal best time by 40 seconds and went under 19 minutes for the first time. This was the most aggressive race I've seen from him and couldn't be prouder."

The Lion team had junior Cameron Murray 45th in 19:51.63, sophomore Grady Wilkes 62nd in 21:39.41 and junior Quincy Page 74th in 23:24.27.

Wilkes set a new PR at the race, and Page was close to his best. Murray was more than two minutes faster than he was at the regional race in Allendale last season.



Maple Valley freshman Melanie Jones shows off her regional medal after earning a spot in the Nov. 1 MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 4 Cross Country Finals with her 13th place finish at the regional in Allendale Saturday, Oct. 25. **Photo provided**

Holland Calvary Christian won the boys' regional title with 21 points. Portland St. Patrick was second with 86 points ahead of Gobles 107, Fowler 108, Zion Christian 149, Martin 166, Hesperia 200, Muskegon Catholic Central 209, St. Joseph Our Lady of the Lake Catholic 211, Holton 236 and Lawrence 285.

Calvary Christian had its seven runners all finish in the top 20. Junior Christian Getz was the individual champion in 16:24.95 and junior Noah Schipper was second in 16:31.97.

Tri-Unity Christian sophomore Lincoln Laansma was the fastest guy from another school placing third in 16:54.28.

City of Hastings
County of Barry, State of Michigan

ORDINANCE NO. 633

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 90 OF THE HASTINGS CODE OF 1970, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 90-IV TO ADD DIVISION 90-VI-6A, SECTIONS 90-350 THROUGH 90-357.

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 6, 2025

THE CITY OF HASTINGS ORDAINS:

SECTION I.

Chapter 90 is hereby amended by amending Article 90-VI to add Division 90-VI-6A, Sections 90-350 through 90-357. Amended text in BOLD.

Division 90-VI-6A 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District

Section 90-350 Purpose

a) The 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District is designed to be considered generally for application to those lands identified by the City of Hastings Master Plan *Future Land Use Map as Residential Growth C – Multiple Family; Core Neighborhood; Neighborhood Center; or Downtown Edge.*
b) This District is intended to recognize the usefulness of 'gentle density' housing near employment areas such as the downtown but also encourages the preservation of single-family homes near the center of the City.
c) This District further recognizes that there are older, large homes near the downtown that have already been divided into two or more dwelling units and require careful review of further divisions to ensure the character of the area is maintained.
d) This District is designed to provide for *Missing Middle* housing opportunities, allowing attached single-family housing and smaller, multi-dwelling buildings consistent with the overall density of the surrounding area.
e) This District should not be applied where resulting overall density of the block will exceed 6 dwelling units per acre.

For purposes of this Overlay District, 'block' is defined as *'the space for buildings within the street pattern of the City, where a street extends through the middle with lots fronting on either side, bounded by streets on both ends.'* The Planning Commission shall determine the boundaries of the block in consideration of this definition.

Section 90-351 Applicability

a) The 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District shall be an overlay district that applies over existing zoning districts. Use and development of land within the overlay district shall be regulated as follows:
   1) Any existing lawfully conforming use shall be permitted to continue, and the use shall be subject to the requirements of the underlying district and not the requirements of the 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District.
   2) Any new use may elect to develop pursuant to either the underlying district or the 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District.

Section 90-352 Permitted Uses

a) Three- and four-family dwellings.
b) Attached single-family dwellings, with no more than four (4) attached dwelling units.

Section 90-353 District Regulations

Property within the 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District shall be subject to the regulations set forth in Sec 90-216 of this Ordinance for the R-D District related to lot size/width, lot coverage, and yard setbacks.

Section 90-354 Building Form Standards

New buildings, building expansions, and/or exterior building renovations within the 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District shall be subject to the following building form standards.

Architectural Style	Buildings shall have an architectural style respecting the scale, proportion, character, and materials of nearby existing buildings. Building mass shall be de-emphasized in a variety of ways, including the use of projecting and recessed sections to reduce the apparent overall bulk and volume and provide visual appeal.
Exterior Building Materials	Exterior wall materials may consist of brick, stucco, wood, vinyl aggregate or split-face block, stone or similar decorative material which is similar to the exteriors of nearby buildings. Metal-sided buildings, including accessory buildings, may be acceptable provided the appearance of such buildings is compatible with the style and materials of nearby existing buildings.
Roofs	Roofs shall be pitched and have overhanging eaves. Materials for pitched roofs shall include shingles (either wood or asphalt composition), slate, or tiles. Metal roofing may be acceptable provided the appearance of the roofing is compatible with the roofing of nearby existing buildings.
Building Entrance	3-4 Family Dwelling - An entrance to the building shall be visible from and face the street from which the address of the building is derived. Attached Single-Family Dwelling - The primary entrance to each dwelling unit shall be visible from and face the street from which the address of the dwelling unit is derived.
Minimum Front Porch Area (if provided)	70 sq ft; enclosed porches are allowed

Section 90-355 Site Design Standards

a) *Vehicle Access:* Vehicle access to the property shall be determined during the site plan review process. An existing driveway(s) may be required to be closed in order to achieve safe access.
b) *Parking:* Off-street parking in the 3-4 Family Dwelling Overlay District shall be regulated by Article X of this Ordinance, except 1) the garage/carport requirement of Section 90-924 shall not apply, and 2) the Planning Commission may reduce the parking requirements by no more than 30 percent if it can be demonstrated that the required number of parking spaces is not needed. The Commission may take into consideration the location and availability of authorized off-site parking arrangements, such as on-street parking spaces or municipal parking lots located within 300 feet of the proposed building. Parking on site must be located behind the principal building and be designed so vehicles do not back into the public street when exiting the site.
c) *Pedestrian Access:* A walkway shall be provided from the existing or proposed sidewalk along the property frontage to the primary building entrance.
d) *Refuse Disposal:* Dumpsters shall be kept within a fenced or brick walled area which shall be at least 6 feet high and located so that their use, including emptying, does not pose a nuisance to nearby neighbors.
e) *Landscaping:* Landscaping shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of Article XII. Shade trees shall be emphasized to provide shade and continuity in landscape design within the neighborhood.

Sec 90-356 Modification of Standards

The Building Form and Site Design Standards of this District may be modified by the Planning Commission upon determination that:

a) The modification shall satisfy the purposes of the Overlay District stated in Section 90-350.
b) The modification will result in the alteration of an existing building or the construction of a new building, which is visually compatible and comparable with nearby existing buildings, and which maintains or improves upon the character of the surrounding neighborhood through the use of similar building materials or site design.

Sec 90-357 Additional Regulations

a) Site plan review as regulated by Article IV of this chapter is required, except as modified by this Section.
b) Site plan review by the Planning Commission is required for 1) new construction, and/or 2) the expansion of an existing building.
c) Site plan review by the Zoning Administrator is required for 1) a change in the use (increase in densityof an existing building that does not involve an expansion of the building, and/or 2) exterior building renovations.
d) Each site plan submitted for official review under this Article shall meet the site plan content requirements of Sec 90-130, except as modified by the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator.
e) Where exterior building renovations are proposed, the site plan submittal shall include building elevations or sketches showing the proposed changes to the building exterior.

SECTION II.

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION III.

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

Moved by Brehm, with support by Barlow, that Ordinance No. 633 be adopted as read.

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

Adoption Date: October 27, 2025
Effective Date: November 7, 2025
First Reading: October 13, 2025
Second Reading: October 27, 2025

CITY OF HASTINGS
Linda Perin
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

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

Dated: October 28, 2025

Linda Perin
City Clerk

DK/Hastings girls look to start push for personal bests at conference

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Sophomores Lilly Randall, Aubrey Yarger and Annabelle Kuck put together a string of victories in four consecutive events for the Delton Kellogg/Hastings varsity girls' swimming and diving team in its non-conference dual with visiting Coldwater Thursday, Oct. 16, at the CERC in Hastings.

Randall had a pair of wins during that run taking the 50-yard freestyle race and the 100-yard freestyle. Kuck won the 100-yard butterfly. Yarger, the defending Division 2 state champion, won the diving competition.

Coldwater won five individual events and swept the top spot in all three relay races to eventually earn a 113-70 victory.

"They're still all working hard, which is good," DK/Hastings head coach Carl Schoessel said. "I tell them, don't worry about whether the team wins or loses. Your effort is that you're a winner in your race if you improve your time, even if you finish sixth. They have taken that pretty much to heart, which I am very pleased with."

He's excited for the future of the program. The trio of sophomores had wins. The team had one senior and one foreign exchange student this fall, and everyone else can return in 2026. Schoessel said there are also some strong middle school swimmers to join the program next season too.

This season of duals concluded Tuesday with a loss to visiting Kalamazoo Central. The season concludes for most of the DK/Hastings girls at the Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference Championship meet at Harper Creek High School the weekend of Nov. 7-8.

Randall already holds the DK/Hastings 50-yard freestyle record and isn't too far off teammate Petra Foster's 100-yard freestyle record. Randall won the 50 freestyle in 28.02 seconds in the dual with Coldwater Thursday and took the 100-yard freestyle in 1:02.16. The 50 freestyle was a thriller with Randall out-touching Coldwater senior Sienna Loinski who clocked in at 28.06.

Randall said with a bit of a lead thanks to a good start, especially in the 100, she wasn't pushing too hard throughout the two sprints Thursday. She said her times lately have been close to what they were at the start of the season lately, after they had been trending faster for a while. She expects as the team starts tapering to the finish the speed will really start picking back up.

It's not just strength and endurance she's been building throughout the fall. There has been a focus on technique to get faster, especially in her under-waters. She's really trying to get her 50-yard freestyle time down to the low 27's or into the 26's.

"My turns have been okay, and I can go pretty fast in the middle," Randall said. "It is just my under-waters, they're kind of slow. I am stiff as a board. When you do a streamline you really have to get a body roll into it. Right now, I'm just using my legs. If I think about it more and give it more of a powerful kick it'll help me a lot in my 50 free."

Being her sophomore season, Randall said she feels a lot more comfortable at meets than she did as a freshman. She is also really enjoying the camaraderie and positivity of the DK/Hastings group this season. She said she certainly swims harder when she sees her teammates cheering her on from the side of the pool.

Kuck won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:10.67. She also had a third-place time of 2:54.43 in the 200-yard individual medley.

Yarger won the diving competition with a score of 264.20 points. Teammate Jillian Brandli was third in that event with a score of 176.50.

Randall, sophomore Kassidy Peake, Kuck and Yarger also teamed up to place second in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:21.33.

Foster was third in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:29.68 and second in the 500-yard freestyle at 6:43.63.

Yarger, Kuck, Randall and Foster placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:00.36.

Freshman Selena Corona added a runner-up time of 1:38.27 for the DK/Hastings girls in the 100-yard backstroke. In the final individual race of the night, the 100-yard breaststroke, the DK/Hastings team had Peake second in 1:40.15 and junior Sofia Arias Trejo third in 1:42.63.

"They're getting there," Schoessel said Thursday. "The reason I say they're getting there is at every meet we have had they have had time improvements … the fact that at every meet we're getting time improvements that tells me that we're there. We haven't tried to do anything in terms of peaking yet."

The DK/Hastings team planned to start that push this week even with a meet against Kalamazoo Central on the slate. The Maroon Giants took a 128-51 win over the DK/Hastings girls Tuesday.

Randall won the 200-yard individual medley in that one with a season-best time of 2:39.77. Kuck earned a winning time of 1:14.30 in the 100-yard butterfly. There were more personal best times scattered throughout the meet for the DK/Hastings girls.

It was a good showdown for a couple of the state's best divers with Kalamazoo Central senior Kiya Bowman, a Division 1 state medalist last year, beating out Yarger by a score of 249.30 to 236.40.



Delton Kellogg/Hastings sophomore Annabelle Kuck races to a victory in the 100-yard butterfly during her team's dual with visiting Coldwater Thursday at the CERC in Hastings. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Delton Kellogg/Hastings senior Shiloh Crandall competes in the 500-yard freestyle during her team's dual against visiting Coldwater at the CERC in Hastings Thursday, Oct. 23.

Bronson beats Lions in opening round of Big 8 volleyball tournament

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Concord avenged a regular season loss against the Bronson Vikings to win the Big 8 Conference Tournament Saturday at Stockbridge High School.

The Cardinals beat the top-seeded Bronson varsity volleyball team three sets to one in the championship game. Bronson had won their regular season conference dual three sets to one.

The Maple Valley girls, as the tournament eight seed, had to open play against those Bronson girls. The Vikings took a 25-11, 25-17, 25-6 win over the Lions to open the tournament.

After not fairing well against the Vikings during their regular season dual, Lion head coach Timara Wehr said her team challenged itself to make it hard Bronson to win and to do better than in the first match-up this season.

"I think we did just that," Wehr said. "Our scores weren't pretty, but we were satisfied with our play. Especially our second set. Yes they missed serves, but our girls did battle that second set as well and make it hard for them to win that second set."

Seniors Maddie Trowbridge and Jenny Chen had a couple kills for the Lions.

Junior Audrey Burpee had da team-high 11 digs for the Lions. Senior Storey Jonca had seven digs. Freshman Lilly Rosin, moved up from the JV for the late season tournaments, had six digs. Chen and Aubree Roth added four digs apiece.

"I think that was the highlight. We didn't just let every hard hit ball hit that ground," Wehr said.

Bronson beat Union City in its semifinal match. Concord reached the championship game of the tournament against Bronson with three-set wins over Quincy and Springport.

Maple Valley will begin the 2025 postseason with an MHSAA Division 3 District Semifinal match against Pewamo-Westphalia at Delton Kellogg High School Wednesday, Nov. 5. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m. The host Panthers will play in a district semifinal against either Saranac or Potterville in the nightcap Nov. 5.

Pewamo-Westphalia heads into this final week of the regular season ranked seventh in the state in Division 3.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE 25-30243-DE
Hon. William M. Doherty

Court address: Barry County Courts & Law Building, 206 West Court Street, Ste. 302, Hastings, MI 49058
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Estate of Scott Elwin Hesterly. Date of birth: 07-06-1969.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Scott Elwin Hesterly, died on/after July 16, 2025.

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

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION REVIEW HEARING

The Barry County Road Commission will be holding a Natural Beauty Determination Review Hearing to hear support or objection of the abandonment of the Natural Beauty status for Engle Road. The review hearing will be held at the Irving Township Hall, 3425 Wing Road, Hastings, Michigan at 7 PM on November 10, 2025. If you are unable to attend please feel free to submit a response to the road commission up until November 7th. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Barry County Road Commission at (269) 945-3449 or by email at jwelch@barrycrc.org.

HASTINGS-RUTLAND JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HASTINGS-RUTLAND JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING ORDINANCE AT NOVEMBER 19, 2025 MEETING

Please take notice the Hastings-Rutland Joint Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on November 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rutland Charter Township Hall/offices located at 2461 Heath Road, within the Charter Township of Rutland, Barry County, Michigan to consider the following proposed amendments of the Zoning Ordinance of the Hastings-Rutland Joint Planning Commission (Rutland Charter Township Ordinance No. 2016-156; City of Hastings Ordinance No. 532):

1. Section 5.05 subsection A.4. pertaining to general lighting requirements is proposed to be amended with respect to the permissible height of lighting fixtures.
2. Section 5.06 subsection C.7. pertaining to general screening requirements is proposed to be amended to add a new sub-part c authorizing the Planning Commission to modify the preceding requirements of that subsection when the public benefit could still be achieved with a plan that varies from those requirements.
3. Section 6.05 subsection A and sub-part 2 therein pertaining to lot coverage in the MU Mixed Use District are proposed to be amended to increase the maximum permissible lot coverage, and to change the allowance for the Planning Commission to approve additional lot coverage if areas of slopes greater than a specified percentage will not be developed or graded.
4. Section 12.09 subsection C.1. pertaining to screening and landscaping of off-street parking areas is proposed to be amended to change the minimum required number of canopy trees for an off-street parking area with 11-20 parking spaces, and for off-street parking areas with more than 20 parking spaces.
5. Section 13.05 subsections B and C pertaining to permitted signs in the MU Mixed Use District and LI Light Industrial District are proposed to be amended to increase the permissible area of wall signs on buildings over 150,000 square feet in area; to provide that wayfinding and other informational signage is not included in the wall sign area limits; and to increase the permissible area of a pole sign and the permissible height of a ground-mounted sign.

Subsequent to this public hearing, at the same meeting or at a different meeting, the JPC will consider whether to recommend approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendments and submit same for approval by the Rutland Charter Township Board and Hastings City Council, each of which by statute and agreement have the right of final approval and adoption. The JPC and Township Board/City Council reserve the right to revise the text of the proposed amendments as submitted for public hearing and/or as recommended by the JPC before final approval/adoption without a further public hearing, to the extent allowed by law.

The Tentative Text of the proposed amendments, and the existing JPC Zoning Ordinance/Zoning Map may be examined by contacting the Clerk of the City of Hastings or the Clerk of Rutland Charter Township at their respective offices during regular business hours on regular business days until and including the day of the hearing/meeting, and further may be examined at the hearing/meeting.

Written comments concerning the proposed amendments of the Zoning Ordinance may be submitted to the JPC in c/o the Hastings City Clerk at any time prior to this public hearing/meeting leaving sufficient time for the receipt and distribution of same to the JPC before the meeting, and may also be submitted to the JPC at this public hearing/meeting.

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

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