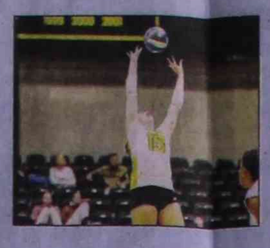


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County officials nearing completion of zoning ordinance review



Jim McManus (right) discusses an agenda item with John Laforge (left), the chairman of the Barry County Planning Commission, and Planning and Zoning Department director Jeff Keesler during a Nov. 24 Planning Commission meeting at the Tyden Center in Hastings. McManus, who retired from the county in late 2024, is currently acting as an advisor in helping update the county's zoning ordinance, which dates back to 2008. **Photo by Dennis Mansfield**

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

Barry County could soon have a new, updated zoning ordinance. Well, that's relatively soon.

Jim McManus, the former director for the Barry County Planning and Zoning Department, provided an update on the effort to update the county's zoning ordinance that dates back to 2008 at the Planning Commission's meeting Nov. 24 at the Tyden Center in Hastings.

According to current Planning and Zoning director Jeff Keesler, McManus is acting as a consultant on the project after retiring from the county at the end of 2024.

"We've been working on that the whole year," Keesler said. "There's going to be a lot more tweaking."

Keesler added that a rough draft of the revised ordinance was first presented this summer, as county officials look to complete the first comprehensive update of the 325-page ordinance in nearly two decades.

"A lot of the things we do were not even in existence in 2008," Keesler said, referring to the passage of the original ordinance. "This (update) will reflect the world we live in now a little more.

"It's going to be much more user-friendly for the public," he added.

At the Nov. 24 meeting, McManus said the next likely step in the process will be to send out the rough draft to officials at the county's various town-

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Area businesses encourage residents to shop local this holiday season

Karen Turko-Ebright
Staff Writer

In an effort to support small, locally-owned businesses, area leaders are asking everyone to continue to shop in their hometowns this holiday season and throughout the year.

According to U.S. Small Business Administration data, small businesses make up over 98% of Michigan's businesses and employ half of the state's workers. For every $100 spent at a local business, roughly $68 stays in the local economy.

Small business owners throughout the area are gearing up for the holiday season.

Once the summer tourism crowd thins out in the Gun Lake area, it's up to locals to support their retail stores, grocery stores and restaurants. Gun Lake Business Association (GLBA) President and Treasurer Deb Timmerman is encouraging residents to stop into their hometown businesses, meet the owners, shop and dine.

"When you shop locally, you're strengthening the very community you live in. Every dollar spent in the Gun Lake area circulates through our small businesses, supporting local families, funding local events, and helping our area continue to grow and thrive," said Timmerman, who owns Less Stress in Life in Gun Lake. "We're not a big-box destination and it's a place where people still know your name, where owners pour their hearts into what they offer, and where your purchases make a real difference."

Like Timmerman, Tracy Baker, real estate agent and chair of the Hastings Business Connection, believes in shopping locally — and she lives by example.

"I don't leave town. I always shop local," Baker said. "It's a last resort if I leave town — there's some stuff I cannot get. But if I can get it here, I will get it here first."



Gun Lake Business Association (GLBA) President and Treasurer Deb Timmerman encourages friends and neighbors to stop into their hometown businesses, meet the owners, shop and dine. **Courtesy photo**

Another ally of supporting small businesses is Shannon Richardson, executive director of the Caledonia Chamber of Commerce.

"It is vital that our community never forget the importance of our small-town businesses because they are the backbone of our local economy and the soul of our identity," Richardson said. "These businesses are owned by our neighbors, staffed by local families, and are deeply invested in the well-being of Caledonia.

"When residents choose to support local businesses, their dollars stay within our community—funding local jobs, supporting youth programs, contributing to municipal taxes, and helping new ideas and entrepreneurs flourish.

"If we forget our small-town businesses, we risk losing more than storefronts—we lose gathering places, personal connections, and the unique charm that distinguishes Caledonia from every other place."

About 7 miles south of Caledonia in Middleville is Community Development Coordinator Kassandra Clark. She hopes all will stop by her community and see what local businesses have to offer.

"Our small businesses are the backbone of Middleville. They sponsor our community events, donate to local causes, employ residents, and help create the charm and vitality that make people want to live here," Clark said. "When residents support their hometown businesses, they are helping ensure that our downtown continues to grow, flourish, and offer meaningful experiences for years to come."

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Council to interview 5 for village manager's post

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

Residents of Lake Odessa will get their first glimpse of the candidates – including one local applicant – vying to be the next full-time village manager during a pair of special meetings set for Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 8-9.

Both of the special meetings, which will be open to the public, are scheduled to start at 5 p.m. at the Page Memorial Building, with the Lake Odessa Village Council set to interview five candidates looking to be hired as the village's first full-time manager since late 2023.

According to a statement by interim Manager Gregg Guetschow, six of the 11 individuals who applied for the position by the Nov. 10 deadline were selected by council members to advance to the interview stage at their regular meeting Nov. 17. However, he added that one of the six candidates had since dropped their name from consideration.

In his statement, Guetschow provided a description of the five remaining candidates to be interviewed, including the following:

Paul Back – Manager in Forsyth Township in the Upper Peninsula since April 2025. Prior employment includes executive and managerial roles in emergency management preparedness for public and private sector organizations.

Mark Borden – A resident of Carson City and manager for the Village of Edmore since July 2023. Previously served from 2008 to 2014 as city administrator in Carson

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Operation date for wind project pushed back to 2029

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

The Tupper Lake Wind Project won't be operational in late 2028, as originally planned.

That was the message from Stephanie Buway, senior director of development with Cordelio Power, to members of the Odessa Township Board of Trustees at the board's regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 1.

Representatives of the Canadian-based power company hosted a third in a series of open houses at the Hughe House in Lake Odessa on Nov. 18. Buway told township officials that much of the information covered at the event was similar to that of two previous events in March and July.

But Buway added there were two important updates on the wind energy project. The first is that the operational date for the project has been pushed back from late 2028 to 2029.

"That is because of a network upgrade that has to be made to a transmission line," Buway said, adding the delay was "out of our control."

"Our project is dependent on another project," she said. "Everything has essentially shifted."

The Tupper Lake Wind Project dates back to 2007, though Cordelio is a relative newcomer to the project. The Canadian company purchased the project from the Dallas-based Leeward Energy in 2024.

According to Cordelio officials, the wind generation project is projected to have a capacity of 198 megawatts, with between 44 to 47 – depending on the type used – interconnected wind turbines to be installed in Campbell, Odessa, Sebewa and Berlin townships.

Though, Buway on Monday said the number of townships involved might also change for a second time. While two other townships – Orange and Boston townships – were previously dropped from the project, she said Sunfield and Woodland townships could now be added to the mix.

"We're having conversations with landowners in those areas as well," Buway said after Monday night's township board meeting. "Projects like this tend to shift areas."

According to Buway, the presentation for the Nov. 18 open house will be uploaded to the company's website, cordeliopower.com, in the near future.

For more information on the Tupper Lake Wind Project, persons may contact Buway by calling 989-292-9924 or via email at tupperlakewind@cordeliopower.com.

DPS crews continue leaf pickup in spite of snow



Hastings Department of Public Services workers use a tractor to scoop leaves into a truck on Tuesday, Dec. 2. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

Molly Macleod
Editor

City of Hastings Department of Public Services workers were seen getting creative this week when it came to leaf pickup.

Contending with heavy snowfall from over the weekend, DPS crews made use of a tractor this week to scoop up the leaves (and snow) piled alongside curbs in Hastings. When there aren't inches of wet, heavy snow burying the leaves, crews typically make use of a vacuum truck during leaf pickup.

Crews could be seen working along the west side of Michigan Ave. on Tuesday afternoon.

The City of Hastings announced on its Facebook page on Monday that the city's compost facility will be closed, effective Dec. 1, due to the heavy snowfall.

More information on DPS activities can be found at hastingsmi.gov/departments/public-services.

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A myriad of shops and restaurants line State Street in downtown Hastings. Local merchants invite shoppers to come inside to browse and shop for gifts and more this holiday season and year-round. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

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Lying almost a half-hour south of Middleville is the quaint town of Delton, displaying a streetscape with a variety of stores and restaurants. The growing town drew in shoppers on Small Business Saturday this past weekend, providing easy travel accommodations to stores and restaurants by offering trolley service to customers. Marie Ferris and Ashly Wilson from the Revitalize Delton Project put their heads together to offer a great Saturday of shopping for locals in Delton.

"They, for one, have a ton of courage to open a business door in a smaller community without as much foot traffic. That tells me they love their small town," Ferris said. "It is the perfect day once a year to show appreciation to them."

"I'm very grateful on many occasions not to have to drive 30 to 40 minutes into the city. It's nice to get what I need in my hometown as often as I can," Ferris added.

Organizers from the Revitalize Delton Community Project hosted the Small Business Saturday event in Delton in hopes neighbors and friends continue to remember their local businesses throughout the holiday season — and all year-round.

"Shopping at our local businesses is crucial for the vitality of our town. I hope that everyone in our communities throughout Barry County recognizes that these small businesses are the ones that contribute generously to our local events, support our athletes, and enhance our school activities," Wilson said.

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City. He has also held executive and managerial roles in businesses and organizations providing municipal engineering and planning, medical billing and higher education.

Patricia Caudill – A Lake Odessa resident who is currently serving on a contractual part-time basis in the Office of Equity and Engagement for the City of Grand Rapids. She has held several roles for Grand Rapids in human resources and equity and engagement since 1993.

Conner DeYoung – A resident of Ferrysburg. Program manager with the State of Michigan since 2017 and previously served the state as services specialist from 2013 to 2017, as well as a public safety officer with the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety from 2016 to 2020.

Susan Montenegro – Served as assistant city manager in Chelsea from 2024 to 2025, as city manager in Lathrup Village from 2022 to 2023, as city manager in Eaton Rapids in 2022, as city manager in Leslie for 2018 to 2022, and as assistant city manager and director of community development in Owosso from 2013 to 2018.

Montenegro, Caudill and Back are slated to be interviewed on Dec. 8, with Borden and DeYoung then having their chance to impress council members on Dec. 9.

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

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

For more information, persons may contact Guetschow by calling 616-374-8698 or via email at manager@lake-odessa.org.

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Township officials look to hire financial advisor in preparation for fire station proposal

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

With an eye on putting a funding proposal before voters in 2026, the Odessa Township Board of Trustees held off on hiring a financial advisor at its regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 1.

Andy Campbell, a regular municipal adviser with the Michigan-based firm of Bendzinski & Co., provided a presentation at Monday night's meeting on the purpose and responsibilities of a financial advisor in regards to plans by township officials to place a bond proposal before voters to fund the construction of a new fire station.

"We work with villages, townships and counties – you name it," Campbell said. "Our job is really to help you with the financial, factual information.

"Our job is to give you completely independent advice," he added. "If the bond passes, the rest of our job commences."

That "job" would include helping the township to determine the potential millage level to fund a new fire station, as well as assist in the sale of bonds.

In previously providing a study for construction of a new fire house, officials with the Grand Rapids firm of Wright Architects stated the initial price tag could be as high as $12 million, if construction was to start in 2027. Though, township officials have since stated they hope to get that total down into the $8-10 million range.

According to a rough estimate by Campbell, a 2.5-mill, 30-year levy would provide about $8.2 million in funding.

Board members did not vote to hire Bendzinski & Co. after the presentation on Monday. Township Treasurer Sharon Rohrbacher said that's because the board was not provided a draft of a contract by the financial services firm.

"I always want to see things in writing before committing," Rohrbacher added.

Despite a lack of a contract, Township Supervisor Gary Secor said he didn't believe the board needed to continue a search for a financial advisor.

"I think they were fine," he said.

Rohrbacher added she anticipates the board having a contract to review and vote on by its next monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 5, at the township hall.

According to the township treasurer, the approval of a contract to hire a financial advisor might be the last piece of the puzzle of constructing a bond proposal, one that could be before voters in August 2026.

As well as having already secured the services of Williams Architects to assist with the design of a new fire station, the township board has also hired the Detroit-based legal firm of Miller Canfield as bond counsel.



Andy Campbell, a regular municipal adviser with the Michigan-based firm of Bendzinski & Co., provides a presentation on the role his firm might play, if hired, in helping Odessa Township officials in pursuing funding and construction of a proposed new fire station at the township board meeting Monday, Dec. 1. **Photo by Dennis Mansfield**

The board also unanimously voted at its regular meeting Oct. 6 to both accept a study by Williams for a proposed fire hall and voted to have the firm move forward with schematics and designs for a new building.

And, board members will host a special meeting with the architectural firm at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, to continue that process.

Currently, the Lake Odessa Fire Department operates out of a pole-style building reportedly constructed in the late 1970s on First Street, just east of Fourth Avenue, in the Village of Lake Odessa.

While waiting to hear from voters on funding for a new fire station, the department will soon sport a new – kind of – name. Rather than "Lake Odessa Fire Department," the name is now officially "Odessa Township Fire Department."

That is after the board voted unanimously, 5-0, at the Dec. 1 meeting to set the official name of the department within the language of township ordinances.

Fire Chief Chad Perkins said the name change should not impact any paperwork, such as certifications earned by members of the department. He added that such documents already refer to the township, not the village or any combination of the two.

"Everything is Odessa Township anyway," Perkins said. "It's always been that."

Rohrbacher added, "Our trucks say it."

Hastings Planning Commission approves North Ridge Estates PUD, final site plan

Molly Macleod
Editor

Residents on the north side of Hastings may soon have new neighbors after the city Planning Commission voted unanimously on Monday, Dec. 1, to approve the planned unit development (PUD) and final site plan for the North Ridge Estates condominium project.

The project, led by Scott Chandler from Advantage Commercial Real Estate, calls for the construction of eight three-unit single-family condominiums, three four-unit single-family condos and one two-unit condo, for a total of 38 units. The 38 units will be spread across 8.45 acres on the northern end of Hastings, near 1700 N. Jefferson St.

The ranch-style condos are geared toward seniors looking to downsize, according to Chandler. But anyone will be able to purchase a condo.

"They'll be new construction — I'd say like a mid-level," Chandler said during Monday's public hearing. "It's always a balance. Affordable housing is so tough these days — it's always a challenge for developing and building and trying to keep it affordable. So we try to do a mid-range (price) on those (condos)."

Several citizens living in the neighborhood where the condos will be constructed raised concerns about increased traffic and potential changes to the two retention ponds in the area. Chandler responded and said he doesn't expect the project to significantly increase traffic, nor will construction impact the two ponds.

"When we start moving dirt, we'll have to get soil erosion permits and put up silt fence to protect that runoff into those ponds during construction. Same with the roads — silt sacks in the storm drain area," Chandler said.

Planning Commission members approved the final site plan and PUD, conditional on approval from the fire department, the Department of Public Services and other minor plan revisions demonstrating compliance with city requirements.

A full copy of the final site plan and PUD can be found at hastingsmi.gov/boards/planning-commission.

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The Pleasant Valley Joybells and the Coldwater Brass will be performing together for the 14th annual "Christmas Bells and Brass" recital Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. Here, the Coldwater Brass rehearses. Members include (from left) Mark Hurless, Michael Scobey, Brian Albright, Tim Scobey and Mike Scobey. **Courtesy photo**

Annual Christmas Bells and Brass recital set for Dec. 7

The Pleasant Valley Joybells and the Coldwater Brass will be performing together for the 14th annual "Christmas Bells and Brass" recital Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.

The concert will feature a collection of Christmas carols and secular holiday music, making for a variety of seasonal music. The bell music will range from "West Indies Carol" and "Little Drummer Boy," to "O Night Divine".

The Coldwater Brass has been playing music together since 2008. Their presentation will include "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "An English Carol Medley," "We Three Kings Take Five" and other seasonal music.

The recital will be held at the Pleasant Valley United Brethren Church on Bell Road, at the corner of Bell Road and M-50/Thompson Road.

The performance is open to the public, with refreshments being available after the recital. — *DM*

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ships for their review and input. That could occur yet this year, with township officials being asked to provide any comments or concerns at some point in January.

Kessler said that, once input from the townships is incorporated into the new, proposed ordinance, a public hearing will be scheduled for a future Planning Commission meeting. That hearing might be held in either March or April.

"(March) would be ideal," he added. "It will need some back and forth."

There will still be more work to do, however. After the public hearing, the Planning Commission would vote on the updated ordinance and make a recommendation to the Barry County Board of Commissioners, which would then vote on whether to adopt the final version of the ordinance.



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Is this a good year for tax-loss harvesting?

Thanks to market swings, evolving tax laws and new technology, it may be a good year to consider tax-loss harvesting – a strategy that can help reduce taxes and improve long-term returns.

What is tax-loss harvesting? When you sell an investment for less than you paid, you may be able to use that loss to offset gains from other investments, potentially reducing your overall tax bill.

If your total capital losses exceed your gains, you can use up to $3,000 of those losses to reduce ordinary income each year. You can carry any remaining losses forward to future tax years. The strategy doesn't eliminate taxes altogether; it simply defers them, which can free up money to reinvest elsewhere.

How it works. Imagine an investor who sold one stock for a $10,000 gain and another for a $10,000 loss. The two transactions cancel each other out, meaning no capital gains tax is owed for that year. The investor can then reinvest the proceeds while following the IRS's "wash-sale rule." This rule prevents you from claiming a loss if you, or your spouse or a related party, repurchase the same or a "substantially identical" investment within 30 days before or after the sale.

Because of this rule, you should consider how tax-loss harvesting will affect your investment strategy, as the benefit of holding on to that investment (and letting it grow over time) may outweigh the benefit of lowering your capital gains tax bill for a given year.

Good candidates for tax-loss harvesting include investments that no longer fit your strategy (when rebalancing your portfolio, for example), have poor investment potential or can be easily substituted with other investments.

Why 2025 may be favorable. Several factors suggest 2025 may be a good time to consider tax-loss harvesting.

First, **market volatility** has created more opportunities to realize losses. The first half of the year saw sharp market swings that left some portfolios uneven. Many large asset managers have already harvested billions in losses, using them to help lower clients' tax liability while keeping investment strategies on track.

Second, **tax law changes** are on the horizon. With major tax reform provisions scheduled to expire in the coming years, many investors are motivated to manage their gains and losses proactively. Those in higher tax brackets stand to benefit most, as the savings increase with your tax rate.

Finally, **technology** has made the process more efficient. In the past, investors typically harvested losses near year-end. Today, automation and direct indexing allow for continuous monitoring and harvesting throughout the year, capturing losses as they appear.

Putting it into practice. Tax-loss harvesting isn't right for everyone, and it's not a reason to overhaul your investment strategy. The approach works best for investors with taxable accounts, current or expected capital gains and a long-term perspective.

Consult your financial advisor and a tax professional before making decisions. When used thoughtfully, tax-loss harvesting can help you navigate a volatile market, reduce taxes and keep more of your money working toward your future goals.

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The Barry County Parkinson's Support Group will host a free adaptive dance class led by the Grand Rapids Ballet on Wednesday, Dec. 10. **Courtesy photo**

Parkinson's Support Group hosting adaptive dance class

The Barry County Parkinson's Support Group will host a free adaptive dance class led by the Grand Rapids Ballet this month. The program will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Barry County Commission on Aging.

"Moving with Parkinson's" is a program dedicated to individuals with Parkinson's disease, but organizers say the class is open and beneficial to all, regardless of mobility concerns or experience. The class will provide an inclusive environment where participants of all abilities can experience the joy of holistic and restorative movements, say organizers.

The Grand Rapids Ballet School embraces the healing power of music, movement and dance to impact each participant's mobility, motor control, mood and memory. These classes foster a supportive community, encouraging camaraderie and connection among participants, say program organizers. The Grand Rapids Ballet School offers "Moving with Parkinson's" at several Grand Rapids facilities, as well as at satellite locations in Holland.

Persons with Parkinson's, along with their care partners and friends, are invited to attend the free program in Hastings next week. Following the class, participants can enjoy time for snacks and support.

The Barry County Parkinson's Support Group meets at 5 p.m. on the second Wednesday of even-numbered months throughout the year. Meetings are held at the Barry County Commission on Aging, 320 W. Woodlawn Avenue in Hastings.

More information on the dance program or the Parkinson's Support Group can be found by contacting program facilitator Tammy Pennington at 269-275-0922. — *MM*

Symphony returns to Hastings for 'Home for the Holidays' concert

A Hastings tradition will continue as the Grand Rapids Symphony returns to the Hastings Performing Arts Center for its annual "Home for the Holidays" concert on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The holiday event, which began in 2019, has sold out every single year – including this year – well in advance.

Led by conductor John Varineau, the symphony will once again fill the HPAC with festive joy, seasonal classics and orchestral favorites. This year's performance will feature a special appearance by the Hastings High School Varsity Singers.

"This collaboration with the Grand Rapids Symphony has become one of the most meaningful traditions for our community," said Spencer White, HPAC site coordinator. "The symphony performs in Hastings so often that the HPAC is truly becoming their 'second home.'

"That relationship is incredibly prestigious – something only possible through a genuine partnership between our organizations and the generous support of donors who believe in bringing world-class music to Hastings," White added.

Nick Damico, Hastings Area Schools superintendent, shared his enthusiasm.

"Having the Grand Rapids Symphony perform in our district year after year is extraordinary," Damico said.



The Grand Rapids Symphony returns to the Hastings Performing Arts Center for its annual "Home for the Holidays" concert on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. **Courtesy photo**

"It enriches our students, elevates our community and reflects the power of partnership and support for the arts. We are proud to host them and grateful for the experiences they bring to Hastings."

While the Dec. 10 performance is already sold out, audiences will have an opportunity to enjoy the Grand Rapids Symphony later this season when it returns to the HPAC on May 3 for "Sounds of Laurel Canyon," a concert celebrating the iconic California singer-songwriter era. Tickets for this performance are available at hastings.ludus.com.

For additional information, visit the HPAC's website or call 269-818-2492. — *DM*

PIERCE CEDAR CREEK INSTITUTE EVENTS

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

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

Nov. 1-Dec.31 — Dec. Storybook Walk: "Forest Bright, Forest Night" by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Jamichael Henterly. Many animals call the forest their home, but how do they learn to coexist? Some animals are awake during the day, and some are nocturnal. Compare these two groups of animals that live amongst the trees. The Storybook Walk is free and self-guided on the purple and green trails.

Nov. 3-Jan. 1 — Whose Track is That? Check out the tracks of the Institute's most frequent visitors. Pierce Cedar Creek Institute is home to many species of mammals. Can you follow their tracks? Whose Track is That? is free and self-guided on the green trail.

Mondays, Dec. 1-Jan. 26 — Seed-cleaning drop-in, 11-4 p.m. Stay warm indoors and work with your hands this winter. A seed-cleaning station is set up with everything you need to get started. Tea, coffee and snacks are free. Drop in on Mondays through Jan. 26 anytime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Education Building to get started.

Thursday, Dec. 4 — Playdates in the Play Space (ages 6 and under with an adult), 10 a.m. Bring your little ones to explore nature through free play, activities, books and more. This program is designed for children and their accompanying caregivers. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program.

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

HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE

No library card is required for library programs and activities.

Thursday, Dec. 4 – Movie Memories and Milestones watches the 1939 film "Bachelor Mother," 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 – Friday Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Jingle & Mingle: Library Holiday Market, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6 – Jingle & Mingle: Cookies with Santa, 11 a.m.; Jingle & Mingle: Face Painting, 11 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 8 – Crafting Passions, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 – Baby Café, 10 a.m.; mahjong, 2 p.m.; Mud Cakes (cake in a mug): Grades 6-12, 3:30 p.m.; chess club, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Itsy Bitsy Book Club, 10:30 a.m.; Digital Literacy – Library Apps: Libby and LLC, 2 p.m.; Build Bash (families with youth of all ages), 3:30 p.m.

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

Wind band, choral society present joint Christmas concert

The Thornapple Wind Band and the Lakewood Area Choral Society will combine their talents to present "A Festive Christmas Celebration" on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m., at the Hastings Performing Arts Center.

The ensembles, performing together for the first time, will perform separately, as well as combining to present an instrumental and choral Christmas music collaboration.

The band will be under the direction of Joan Bosserd-Schroeder, while the choir will be led by Robert Oster.

Along with the two sets of performers, the audience will also be asked to lend its talents to the joint holiday concert during a performance of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The doors to the performance hall on South Street in Hastings will open at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 and, in lieu of tickets, a freewill offering will be taken. — *DM*

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BUILDING BRANDS

Three ways your brand can support nonprofits on #GivingTuesday and beyond


Emily Caswell

Our team at View Newspaper Group is all about making connections. We like to focus on what our readers and the communities we serve have in common. However, there is one statistic I wish we didn't all have in common that became very clear during the recent pause in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. Many in our communities do not have enough to eat. In fact, according to Feeding America 100% of U.S. counties have food insecurity.

Hunger in our communities is a universal problem and one that nonprofits work to solve every day. I was inspired as I read in our newspapers across the state how those nonprofits and community members stepped up to help even more during the recent pause.

And while that particular storm has been weathered, hunger remains a concern, and it's just one of the challenges facing our neighbors that nonprofits work to solve. Homelessness, mental health, child abuse, domestic violence and more are all issues that need addressing.

Beyond basic needs, nonprofits in our communities also work to help boost educational opportunities for area students through things like book giveaways and scholarships, they care for local heroes through veterans' programs, they take care of our furry friends, they provide enrichment to our communities through art, music, history and so much more.

The National Council of Nonprofits says it best, "America's 1.3 million charitable nonprofits feed, heal, shelter, educate, inspire, enlighten, and nurture people of every age, gender, race, and socioeconomic status, from coast to coast, border to border, and beyond. They foster civic engagement and leadership, drive economic growth, and strengthen the fabric of our communities. Every single day."

With #GivingTuesday, an international day of giving, set for Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025 this year, now is the perfect time to think about the nonprofits in your community and how you, your brand, your business can best support them. Here are three ways to that:

Money or valuable goods: This may seem like the most obvious way to help area nonprofits, but it must be said. Nonprofits need funds to achieve their mission. That said, there are ways to make a bigger impact with your donation. During this season of giving some nonprofits are offering a match thanks to a generous donor, for example. Meaning your $500 donation becomes a $1,000 donation.

Another way View supports nonprofits financially is to sponsor events hosted by those nonprofits. This aligns our brand with a great community event, while also helping to raise money for a great cause.

Just like every other business we have a budget to keep in mind, meaning there isn't a steady flow of cash waiting to be donated. We are fortunate to have another valuable asset we can donate — adverting space — which we do often. It's likely every business has something valuable beyond cash that can be donated — maybe it's office space, clothing or food.

Marketing partnerships: A *forbes.com* article on the topic of how to support nonprofits beyond straight cash donations suggests, "One way businesses can support nonprofits is by using their current marketing budgets to advertise about (a nonprofit) partnership. This will benefit the business' brand and employee morale while also helping to raise awareness for the nonprofit."

Our team at View works with many clients to do just this. One client puts this practice in action by sponsoring a two-page feature in nine of our newspapers with one page being a marketing message from the brand and one page being a full-page profile on a local nonprofit. This is such a great boost to both the client's brand and the nonprofit, and it's a great feature for our print publications. It's a win-win-win.

View Newspaper Group uses this same method in hosting our signature events, which each have a nonprofit partner. The events provide a great way for our readers to connect in person while having a blast. Plus the events, and the advertising we do for the events, raise awareness of our partners, while also raising much-needed monetary funds for these partners. In more than 14 years of events, View has raised more than $320,000 for our nonprofit partners.

Volunteer: Time, talent and treasure is a saying in the nonprofit world for a reason. While treasure is needed so are your time and talent. Many of our team members volunteer in this capacity offering our marketing, writing or graphic design skills to help a nonprofit. Other times volunteer work may be something outside of your professional skill set that still helps the nonprofit. I love to volunteer bartend at a local nonprofit theater, for example. Volunteering is fun, and as an added bonus studies show it's great for your physical and mental health.

I'd love to hear how you and your business support nonprofits. Email me at *ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.*

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

Local Rotary Club to host chili cook-off



The Delton Area Rotary Club is hosting its 8th annual chili cook-off next weekend, Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Barry Township Hall. **Courtesy image**

The Delton Area Rotary Club announced it will host its 8th annual "Hometown Christmas Chili Cook-Off" on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Barry Township Hall.

"We are looking forward to another great turnout this year." said Wes Knollenberg, organizer of the event. "The cook-off has been a unique way to celebrate the holiday season while also raising money for our Rotary Club's community projects."

On the day of the competition, chefs must bring at least 5 quarts – preferably 7 – of chili to the Barry Township Hall by 2:30 p.m. The chili must be made prior to the competition and be piping hot upon arrival.

Sampling of the various entries will be ongoing from 3 to 5 p.m. Cooks must be present the entire time.

Chefs must bring their own crockpot, serving spoon and any additional toppings. Sampling cups, spoons and napkins will be supplied.

Members of the public may attend and participate in the contest for $5 a person or $20 a family. Each taster will receive three votes to cast for their favorite chili. Additional votes can be purchased for $1 per vote.

Two winners will be selected – one for the Judge's Choice Award and one for the People's Choice Award.

All proceeds from the event will go to Delton Area Rotary Club community projects.

Registration for chefs is free. Forms are available at the Delton District Library, Thornapple Credit Union and on the Delton Area Rotary Facebook page.

All chili chefs must register to participate by Wednesday, Dec. 10. Registration forms may be turned in at the Delton District Library or Thornapple Credit Union. Chefs may also apply by contacting Knollenberg by calling 269-491-2295. — *DM*

NTA chapter to host annual New Year's Day hike

The Chief Noonday Chapter of the North Country Trail Association is inviting area residents and visitors to start off 2026 as part of the group's 14th annual "Shoe Year's Day Hike" on Thursday, Jan. 1.

The 2- and/or 4-mile loop hikes will be held rain, shine, or snow. Leashed pets are welcomed on the hike and porta-potties will be available.

The event will kick off with registration at 10:30 a.m., and hikes will begin as groups form at the start/finish location at the Long Lake Yankee Springs Recreation Area on Gun Lake Road in Middleville.

There will be signage along the road and volunteer parking attendants to aid with designated parking areas.

Hot beverages and pastries available for purchase on site from the River Road Food Truck. A campfire will also be available for warming.

Participants may also sign up for new memberships in the Chief Noonday Chapter for $10 off on the day of hike.

For more information, persons may contact Jane Norton via email at jane_a_norton@yahoo.com or by calling 269-808-7334. — *DM*

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Norma Chase



Norma "Jean" Chase, age 89, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born on August 7, 1936, in Hastings, MI, the daughter of Lyle and Neva (Naylor) Neil. A 1955 graduate of Woodland High School, Jean lived a life defined by faith, family, and service.

On September 1, 1956, she married the love of her life, Gordon Lee Chase, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage until his passing on March 3, 2014. Jean embraced many roles throughout her life—homemaker, dental assistant, and devoted dairy farmer's wife, fully involved in every task, along with caring for the calves. She later spent 20 years as a dedicated realtor with Miller Real Estate.

Jean served her community faithfully, including two terms on the Lakewood School Board. A wonderful Christian woman, she loved Jesus deeply and created a warm, loving home for her family. She took great pride in being part of her children's and grandchildren's lives—supporting school and 4-H projects, cheering at sporting events, and teaching Sunday School for many years.

A charter member of Woodgrove Brethren Christian Parish, Jean served on numerous committees and boards. She and Gordon also enjoyed traveling together across the United States and Canada. With a heart for service, they supported Habitat for Humanity for many years. In the early 1980s, they worked directly with Founder Millard Fuller in Americus, Georgia, and also served locally through Manna's Market in Lake Odessa.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon; her parents, Lyle and Neva Neil; her sister, Patricia (Neil) Myers; her in-laws, Lawrence and Hildred Chase; brother-in-law, David Chase; and sister-in-law, Sandra Chase.

She is survived by her children, Kimber Lee Chase, Kurt (Dena) Chase, Kyle (Robin) Chase, Blake (Lily) Myers, and her Brazilian son, Jose' Fernando Bonini; grandchildren, Jesse (Tessa) Chase, Ashley (Jason) Griffin, Abby (Kyle) Thelen, Eric (Brianna) Chase, Kristin (Leon) Patrick, Laura (Alex) Halliburton, Lacey (Matthew) Bellin, Amber (Robert) Simons, Rachel (Cody) VanKovering, Mackenzie (Andrew) Allen, Nicholas (Breanna) Chase, Anna (Nathan) Barnes; 38 great-grandchildren; siblings, Larry (Janet) Neil, Linda (Don) Gilliem, Sandra (Ray) Kezenius, Ron (Carla) Neil; sister-in-law, Brenda Chase; brothers-in-law, Roger (Gayle) Chase and Robert (Kathy) Chase; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, foster children, and exchange students.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jean's honor may be made to Manna's Market, 7180 Velte Rd, Lake Odessa, MI 48849.

Visitation and funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025 at Kilpatrick Church, 10005 E Barnum Rd, Woodland, MI 48897.

Arrangements entrusted to Girrbach Funeral Home. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.girrbachfuneralhome.net.

Sandra Elaine Jones



Sandra Elaine Jones (Leonard-Calhoun), widow of Wilde Bill Jones, passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 17, 2025.

Sandra was a loving, family-oriented wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose warmth touched everyone she met. She was always willing to talk, share, listen, and lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Her kindness, strength, and generous spirit were constants in the lives of all who loved her.

She is survived by a large and cherished family, including her stepson by her marriage to Bill: Keith Nunley as well as her biological children: Lonnie Leonard, Art Leonard, and Nickole Vickery-Wright.

Sandra will be dearly missed, but never forgotten. Her legacy of love and compassion lives on in her family and in the countless lives she touched.

A memorial gathering is scheduled for December 6, 2025 at 2 p.m. at the Delton VFW Post 422 located at 10353 Stoney Point Dr Delton MI 49046.

All are welcome to attend and to gather with friends and family to remember Sandy

ASK DR. UNIVERSE

Out of this world

Can humans live in space for a month?

— Maya, 11, Wash.

Dear Maya,

I mostly keep all four paws on the ground. It's hard to imagine living out in space.

I asked my friend Erica Crespi about it. She's a biologist at Washington State University. She studies how animals tolerate stressors faced in the environment—including how humans can live and thrive in space.

Crespi told me that Valeri Vladimirovich Polyakov lived on the Mir Space Station for 437 days and 18 hours in the 1990s. So far, that's the record for living in space.

Polyakov's job was to test the effects of a long space flight—like maybe a trip to Mars. He handled the stress super well. The hardest parts were the first few weeks in space and back on Earth.

But living away from Earth is no easy mission.

"Our species evolved for life on Earth," Crespi said. "The stressors there are different from what we grow up with here."

On Earth, gravity pulls us toward the center of the planet. It's why our feet stay on the ground. It's why our muscles and bones are strong. When we walk or run, we work against the tug of gravity.

There's almost no gravity in space. Astronauts float. That sounds fun, but without gravity, muscles shrink and bones weaken. Astronauts exercise about two hours every day to make up for it.

Low gravity even affects what's going on inside the body. An astronaut's heart works hard to move their blood around like usual. Some astronauts say that causes sinus pressure—kind of like having a cold all the time.

Crespi told me her research group wants to know how space affects the microbes inside astronauts. Those microbes help us digest food, make vitamins and fight off sickness. Low gravity and other stressors in space may make things harder for them, too.

Another problem is radiation. That's energy from the sun and other places inside and outside our solar system. Too much radiation can make us sick or cause serious health problems. Earth's atmosphere protects us from that. Spacecraft must be carefully built to shield astronauts.

Astronauts also don't have trees or oceans to recycle air and water. They rely on machines to do those jobs, and to deal with space dust and extreme temperature.

Then there are the emotional challenges. Astronauts live in small, enclosed spaces. They can't step outside to feel the breeze. They don't have the familiar sights, sounds or smells of home. They miss their families and friends.

Even the sleep schedule in space is tricky. The space station orbits the Earth quickly. Outside its windows, the sun rises and sets every 45 minutes. Astronauts use lights and curtains to mimic the light-and-dark schedule on Earth.

But Crespi is optimistic that we'll figure out how to keep humans happy and healthy in space. Right now, scientists are developing sensors to monitor astronaut health. They're figuring out how to grow plants in space and recycle water more efficiently.

If we could farm in space, astronauts would have fresh, familiar foods. Those plants could recycle air and water. Plus, it feels good to be around plants.

Once more people—and maybe even cats—can stay in space longer, it would be less lonely for everyone. Maybe it would feel like visiting a little town in a space station.

That would help keep humans grounded while they reach for the stars.

— Dr. Universe

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Groos Family Fine Arts Wall of Fame

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The Hasting Performing Arts Center is seeking a list of nominees for the 2026 Groos Family Fine Arts Wall of Fame. The Friends of HPAC will review all submissions and select candidates to honor at a special ceremony in May 2026.

To submit a nomination or read more about the Groos Family Fine Arts Wall of Fame, visit the HPAC homepage at www.hassk12.org/page/hpac.

Mail: Hastings Performing Arts Center WOF
520 W. South Street
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Submission Deadline is December 19, 2025.

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St. Rose Christmas Musical | Friday, 12/12/25 | 6:30 pm
Thornapple Wind Band & Lakewood Area Choral Society Christmas Concert | Sunday, 12/14/25 | 3:00 pm

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

PAGING THROUGH HISTORY: HHS yearbooks 1906-1950

DAVID W. MILLER
Special to The Banner



The old Hastings High School, circa 1907, demolished in 1930 to make room for Central School. Courtesy photos

For more than 120 years, Hastings High School yearbooks have captured the faces and spirit of each graduating class—though not always under the same name. Early editions bore titles such as "The Druid," "Emanon" (a clever reversal of "No Name"), "The Historian," "The Fortnight," and "The Doomsday Book" during the 1940s and 50s. For nearly three decades, the familiar Saxon adorned the cover before giving way to more creative, commentary-like titles, including the 1993 edition, "The Never Ending Story," and on the cover of the yearbook for 2000, "The Times They Are a-Changin'."

Across the decades, Hastings High School yearbooks have reflected far more than student portraits—they have mirrored the mood of each generation. The earliest editions were earnest and academic, while the 1920s and 1930s carried a patriotic spirit rooted in civic pride. Wartime volumes of the 1940s took on a somber note, honoring classmates called to serve, but the 1950s and 1960s burst with post-war optimism and school spirit. By the 1970s and 1980s, the books had become more experimental and reflective, capturing the individuality and cultural shifts of a changing era.



For more than 120 years, Hastings High School yearbooks have captured the faces and spirit of each graduating class—though not always under the same name. "The Druid," seen here, was published in 1906.

In 1911, Hastings High School sent forth a graduating class of just 37 seniors, yet the occasion carried a grandeur far beyond its size. The commencement was a picture of elegance—the young women in sweeping gowns, the young men in tuxedo-like attire—gathered for what was surely one of the community's most anticipated social events. Their yearbook devoted an astonishing 14 pages to the intellectual labors of the class, including a soaring valedictory, a thoughtful salutatory, a presentation on the class motto, a visionary prophecy in narrative form, a stirring oration, a carefully-crafted class will, and a lengthy yet graceful class poem. Together, these speeches read less like the musings of high school students and more like polished dissertations from a university hall. They reveal a generation that treated education with seriousness and ceremony, leaving behind a record of youthful voices determined to rise to the moment.



Hastings High School yearbook staff at work (1921).

That same year, Ruby Gaskill distinguished herself in a district-wide competition with a compelling speech on "The Immigration Problem." Her address earned her a gold medal, and the three-page oration was proudly printed in the yearbook—remarkably, its themes still resonate as though it had been written in 2024. Ruby's path after graduation was equally impressive: She pursued her studies at the Normal School, entered the teaching profession, and eventually rose to serve as principal of Hastings' Second Ward School, leaving a lasting mark on local education.

At the back of the 1921 yearbook, readers would have found 20 full pages of advertisements, a lively showcase of Hastings commerce—from industries eager to recruit graduates into their workforce to merchants promoting groceries, clothing, school supplies, and the sweet indulgence of candy and ice cream. Just two years later, the 1923 yearbook revealed a different kind of snapshot of the times: the girls' hairstyles had noticeably changed. Their long hair was cut short, discarding the Victorian belief that hair was a girl's crowning glory. They had begun to rebel against moral restrictions and society's expectations, while every boy, without exception, appeared in a suit paired with either a tie or a bowtie. Together, these details—commercial pages and carefully composed portraits—remind us that the yearbooks were not only records of student life but also mirrors of a community's economy, style and aspirations.

Although the new high school opened in 1918, class photos continued to be taken on the steps of the old building until 1924, a tradition that reflected the students' lingering affection for their former school. Comments and declarations from those years often spoke of a longing for the familiar halls they had left behind. By 1925, the photographs finally shifted to the exterior of the new 1918 building, marking a symbolic transition. That same year, the yearbook itself introduced a fresh look, with two full-color pages (pages 17 and 55) breaking away from the black-and-white tradition of previous editions.

Two major aviation-related events captured national attention in 1932: Amelia Earhart's daring solo flight across the Atlantic and the tragic kidnapping of aviator Charles Lindbergh's son. Not surprisingly, the "Fortnight" yearbook of that same year reflected the fascination with flight, devoting nine full pages to sketches of airplanes and even one whimsical parachute character. Yet alongside this enthusiasm, the board of education page carried a sobering note: Due to financial pressures, the school budget was reduced by $20,000. Even student life bore signs of change—the Ukulele Club, once boasting 31 members in 1928, had dwindled to just 11 girls by 1932.

In 1939, the Hastings High School Band appeared in sharp, militaristic-style uniforms, while the choir, for the first time, was outfitted in floor-length robes, giving both groups a more formal presence. The late 1930s also marked a surge in student organizations—27 clubs were listed in 1937, though the number dropped to 19 by 1939. Among them were unique offerings that reflected the curiosities of the era, including the Leather Craft Club, Stamp Club, the Scribbler Club, Aeronautical Club and Camera Club.

Enter "The Doomsday Book."

From 1940 through 1959, Hastings High School's yearbook carried this somber title of "Doomsday Book," a choice that coincided with the outbreak of World War II, when many seniors would leave graduation and enter military service. The foreword explained that the name was borrowed from William the Conqueror's great survey of 1086, which recorded the names and holdings of Saxons across England and parts of Wales. Yet in Hastings, the title took on a more poignant resonance.



Margaret Young, literary editor (1923).

The senior boys' portraits carried a subtle air of gloom, as if anticipating the uncertain years ahead. In student writings, the word "democracy" appeared again and again, underscoring what was at stake. One of the most striking images came from the 28 members of the FFA, who posed with the American flag draped proudly across the front row of their photograph—a quiet but powerful statement of loyalty and resolve.

In 1941, the yearbook opened with a striking preface titled "What Constitutes a Loyal American?" The writer declared, "This present world crisis has been a re-awakening to Americans. A new rebirth of patriotism has swept the country almost overnight." Sixteen American flags lined the bottom of the opening pages, a visual reminder of the nation's unity.

By 1942, the message grew even more urgent under the slogan "Unity for Victory," urging: "In this grave hour it is necessary that we make sacrifices that are bound to affect all phases of our lives." These were profound words for high school students, reflecting how deeply the war had permeated even their youthful world.

The first two pages of the "Dooms Day Book 1942" posted letters from five former students who were in varying stages of their military duty. Pvt. Richard Thomas wrote: "One problem we went on, we hiked about 25 miles in the rain, and when we got to where we were supposed to camp, we just laid down in the mud and water and slept." On page two of the same yearbook, it read: "We pause here for a moment to pay tribute to our graduates who have made the supreme sacrifice this year." The list included Lt. Cleon Smith, Class of '37; Lt. Martin Hawthorne, Class of '40; Lt. Robert Henney, Class of '37; Lewis M. Castle, Class of '39; Bill DeCou, Class of '41. On page 24, the yearbook staff posted photos of seven grads in their military uniforms.

Even in the midst of the war years, Hastings High School managed to preserve a sense of normalcy—dances were held, athletic contests went on, and clubs continued to meet. Yet when you open the post-war yearbooks, a brighter, more cheerful spirit shines through the faces of the students, as though a weight had been lifted. Looking back across these 44 years of annuals, one detail stands out with particular force: in every class portrait, without exception, the boys appear neatly dressed in suits and ties, while the girls' attire shifts from long gowns to knee-length dresses, often adorned with increasingly ornate collars. These pages reflect not only changing fashions but also a deep sense of pride and dignity shared by thousands of Hastings alumni. "Turning Back the Pages" reminds us that pride is not only in what we see today, but in those who have gone before.

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



Although the new high school opened in 1918, class photos continued to be taken on the steps of the old building until 1924, a tradition that reflected the students' lingering affection for their former school.



The "new" Hastings High School opened in 1918. Today, the building houses Hastings Middle School.



Hastings High School students walk to school. What was then the high school is now Hastings Middle School.

Pretty great Greenville squad spoils Saxon hoops opener

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

If the Saxons were looking for a challenge to start their season they certainly found it in the Yellow Jackets Tuesday night.

The defending River Cities Alliance champions from Greenville, who ran to a 21-1 regular season last winter, opened their 2025-26 campaign with a 74-34 win over the Hastings varsity boys' basketball team at Hastings High School.

Greenville has a handful of guys back from what was their winningest season in program history. Hastings has just a couple of varsity ballplayers back from a team that won nine games a year ago, and a couple of them are just getting into the swing of things having recovered from injuries.

Hastings head coach Jess Webb likes his team's potential, but the Saxons weren't ready for a team the caliber of the Yellow Jackets yet.

Senior guard Michael Lindquist finished with a game-high 25 points. He hit two early three-pointers, the second of which was the start of a 14-0 Greenville run over the later stages of the first quarter that turned a 5-5 game into a 19-5 Yellow Jacket advantage.

"We're young and we've got to work on executing," Hastings head coach Jess Webb said. "We've got to be able to handle pressure and limit turnovers. We just need to play tougher. They're still learning. They're learning how to work together. This offense takes a while. A lot of times they didn't know where they need to be or what to do.

"Again, it takes time. We knew with how young we are it's going to take time."

Greenville had size, speed and strength all around the court. Coach Webb said he could tell the Greenville guys were much more experienced and comfortable running their offense than his guys. And the Yellow Jackets shot the lights out drilling ten three-pointers.

Senior forward Braden Latimer had 15 points, and junior James Waalkes and sophomore Emmit Willhite had nine apiece.

Jack Webb and Quincy Brown are two of the most experienced Saxon guards back this winter, and both are recovering from recent injuries. An injury keeping point guard Trevin Russell sidelined had Webb, a natural shooting guard, spending more time running the point than is ideal early on for the Saxons. Webb picking up three early fouls didn't help his team's chances either.

Jack Webb closed the game with seven points. Luuk Hoffman would end up leading the Saxons with eight points. Brown had five and big sophomore center Jason Jimenez had six points.

A big two-handed dunk by Jimenez in the first half was one of the Saxon highlights, but there weren't a lot of those.

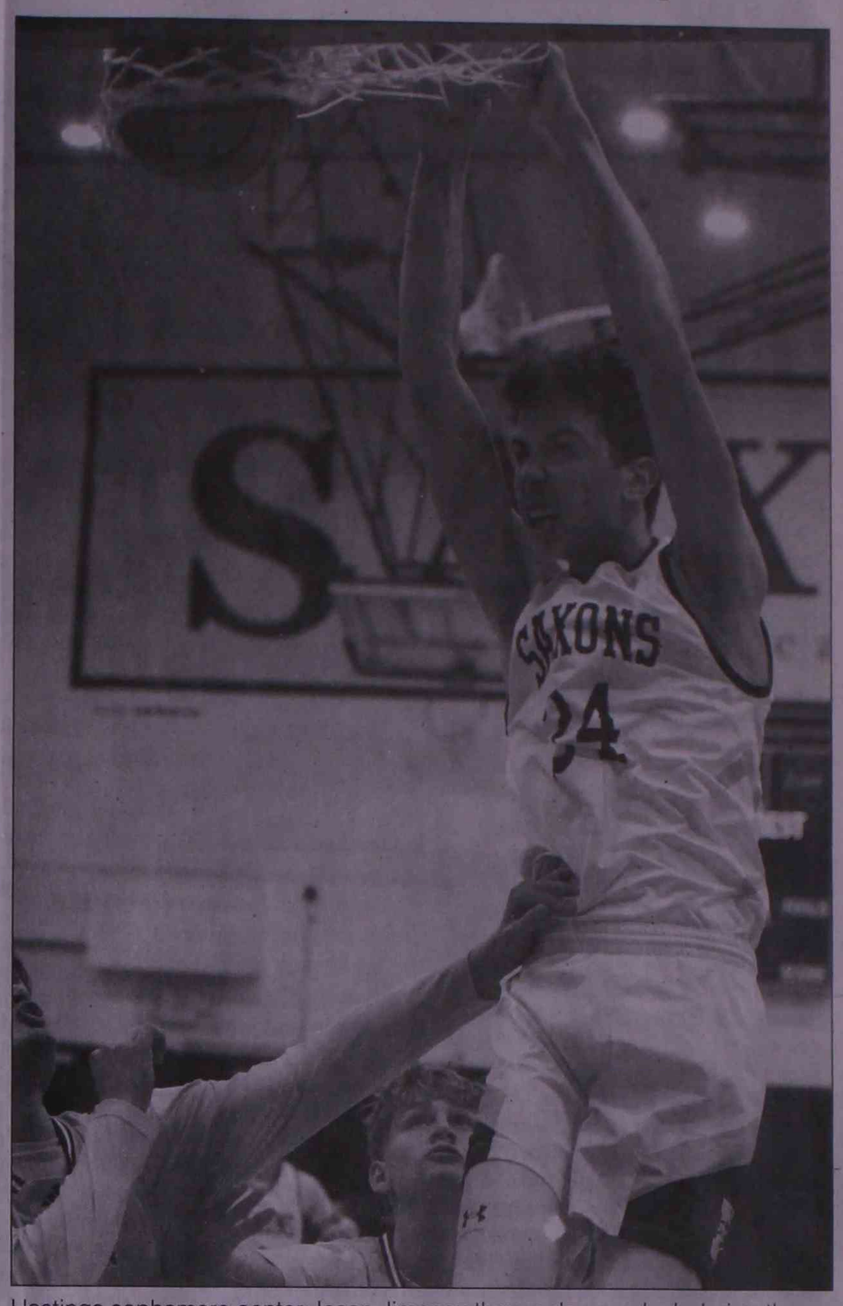
Webb was pleased with the way his team's offense looked when guys were penetrating and passing on the interior. He would have liked to see his guys playing even a little more downhill towards the basket rather than side to side.

"Give it to Greenville. That's a really good team and a good program. Those boys, you could tell the difference with kids who knew where they were supposed to be, how they're supposed to run the offense," coach Webb said. "I've been preaching weight room, weight room. We've been getting in the weight room, but that is what happens. If our kids can buy in, which they have started to, we have potential."

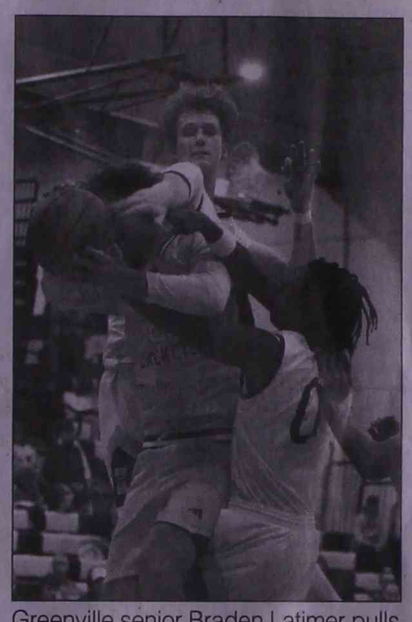
"You know you're going to take your lumps," he said of 'potential.'

"But you're excited because you know you have a high ceiling. We know we're going to take our lumps and we're going to get our butts kicked once in a while. Hopefully, like I told them, you learn from it, you build from it and you don't get down. We know what our focus is and stay true to it."

The Saxons are back in action Friday at Charlotte.



Hastings sophomore center Jason Jimenez throws down a dunk during the first half of his team's season opener against visiting Greenville Tuesday.
Photos by Brett Bremer



Greenville senior Braden Latimer pulls down a defensive rebound as he's pestered by Hastings junior guard Quincy Brown (right) and senior forward Dan Jensen (back) during the second half of their season opener at Hastings High School Tuesday.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Helen Grace Caldwell, an unmarried person, Roque Corpuz and Nora Corpuz, a married couple, all as joint tenants with rights of survivorship

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: August 19, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 29, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $186,791.03

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Johnstown, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: PARCEL 1: LOT 14 OF SHADY SHORES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 29, BEING A PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST.

PARCEL 2: LOT NO. 13 OF SHADY SHORES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN LIBER 3, OF PLATS, ON PAGE 29, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, JOHNSON TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Common street address (if any): 12125 Winans Rd, Dowling, MI 49050-8818

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

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

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Date of notice: November 27, 2025

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Pickard Horizon League Freshman of the Year, a NCAA assist leader

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Abby Pickard won four conference championships as a varsity volleyball player at Lakewood High School.

Her string continues at Northern Kentucky University.

Pickard and the Norse captured the 2025 Horizon League regular season championship with a 17-1 mark and Pickard was named the Horizon League Freshman of the Year for her efforts. The 2025 Lakewood High School graduate was also named to the All-League First Team and the All-Freshman Team in the Horizon League.

The Norse setter, Pickard closed out her season with 1,083 assists, an average of 11.05 per set. She also had 38 total kills, 19 aces, 233 digs and 43 total blocks in 30 matches.

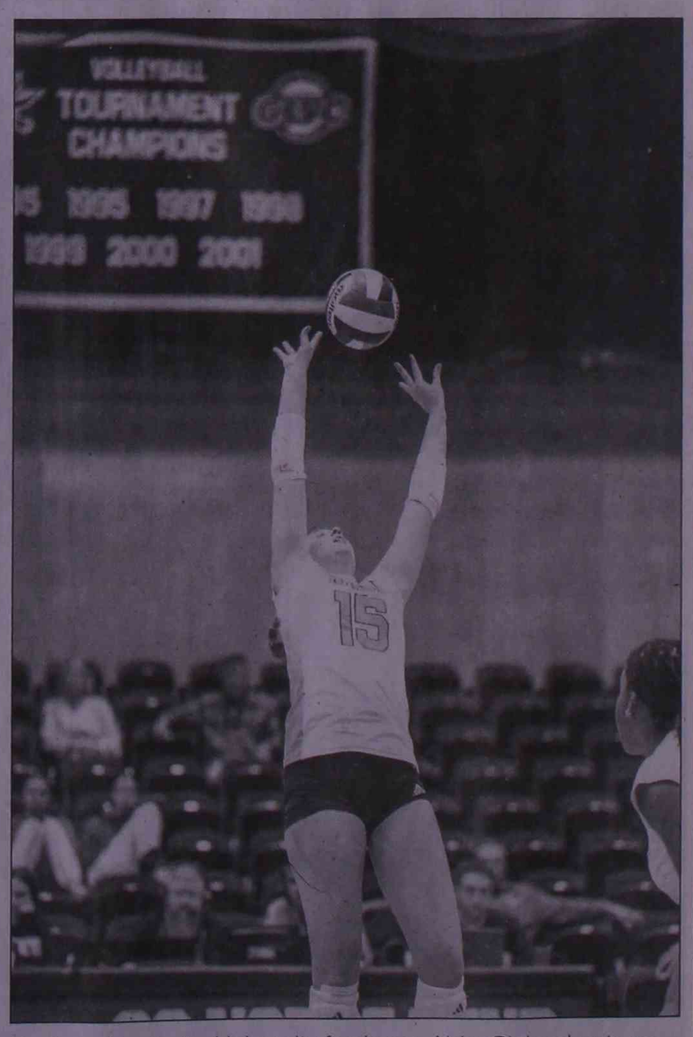
Youngstown State was the only team to best the Norse during the Horizon League regular season, where teams play back-to-back Friday and Saturday matches against league opponents throughout the fall.

Pickard and the Norse knocked off fourth-seeded IU Indy in five sets in the Horizon League Tournament Semifinals Nov. 22 inside Truist Arena, the Norse's home arena in Highland Heights, Ky. Second-seeded Wright State topped the Norse 3-0 in the tournament championship Nov. 23.

At the time of the league honors announcement, Pickard ranked tenth in all of NCAA Division 1 in assists and was second on that list among freshmen.

Northern Kentucky also had head coach Liz Hart honored as league Coach of the Year. NKU's Pickard, Sydney Bray and Allison Risley all earned spots on the All-League First Team.

Pickard wasn't the only area freshman among the top players in the Horizon League. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee freshman Josie Noble, a 2025 Caledonia graduate, was named to the All-League Second Team and the All-Freshman Team.



Northern Kentucky University freshman Abby Pickard puts up a set during the 2025 season. Pickard was named the Horizon League Freshman of the Year while also earning spots on the All-League First Team and the Horizon League All-Freshman Team. **NKU Athletics photo**

ALL-BARRY COUNTY FALL 2025

District and league titles won by county's top volleyball squads

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

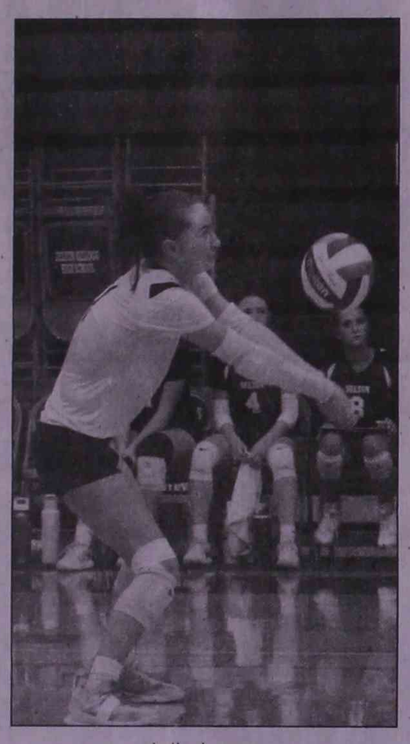
The local varsity volleyball teams took strides as the season went on, despite facing tough competition all year long.

The Delton Kellogg girls won the Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division championship for the second season in a row, and then went on to score an exciting five-set district semifinal victory before ultimately falling to a Pewamo-Westphalia team that won its way into the state quarterfinals in Division 3.

The Lakewood girls had a string of 22 consecutive seasons with a conference championship come to an end as the Ionia girls won the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division, but the Vikings rallied in the postseason to win their first district championship since 2022. They were eventually knocked out of the state postseason by Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the MHSAA Division 2 Regional Semifinals.

The Thornapple Kellogg girls finished in the middle of the pack in the OK Gold Conference, while the Hastings girls in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference and the Maple Valley girls in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference were both held without a victory in conference play. The Hastings girls did pick up a win in their district tournament at the end of the season.

There were a few all-conference and all-region honorees and an all-state nod



Jalin Lyons

for area ladies this fall.

Here are the 2025 All-Barry County Girls' Volleyball First and Second Teams.

All-Barry County
Girls' Volleyball
First Team

Camyla Copelin, Lakewood: A junior setter for the Vikings who is a two-time all-conference performer in the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division. She had 198 kills, 226 assists, 298 digs and 51 aces throughout the season.

"Camyla is another one of those kids that is a blessing to have on your team," head coach Brooke Francisco said. "She is technically a setter, but … we needed her to attack. She is very undersized at her position, but she does not play like it. She takes care of the ball for us and plays phenomenal defense."

Emma Duffy, Lakewood: The Vikings' senior setter has volleyball ahead after signing on to play at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Duffy was named honorable mention all-state in Division 2 this fall while recording 222 kills, 50-1 assists, 225 digs, 38 total blocks and 43 aces in her fourth varsity season.

"Emma is a phenomenal all-around player, as you can see from her stats," coach Francisco said. "She has run a 6-2 most of her career and has had to swing for us when she is not setting. Her career starts are something that is hard to come by. She had over 2,500 assists, close to 1,000 kills and close to 1,000 digs."

Alexa Eden, Thornapple Kellogg: The Trojans' senior libero was named honorable mention all-conference in the OK Gold during her third varsity season.

A team captain, coach Haley Grams called her a smart server and a leader on and off the court.

Jalin Lyons, Delton Kellogg: The Panthers' senior libero took over that position early in the fall and kept her team's back row in check all season. Head coach Erin Thornton said she made sure nothing hit the floor if she could help it.

Lyons was chosen an all-conference performer in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. She had 276 digs, ten kills and was a 98 percent server on the season.

Hannah Sorenson, Hastings: The Saxons' junior setter, Sorensen was named first team all-conference in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference while being named the Saxons' team MVP and a team captain. She averaged 7.81 assists, 2.42 kills, 1.39 aces and 7.07 digs per match leading the Saxons in assists and finishing second on her team in aces and digs.

"She is a scrappy competitor who refuses to let a ball drop without giving maximum effort," head coach Alexis Mast said. "Her ability to keep rallies alive and make plays out of tough situations often shifted momentum in our favor during critical moments. Beyond her stats, Hannah's leadership, composure, and competitive spirit set the tone for our team's energy and resilience. As a captain, she led by example through her hustle, communication, and commitment to her teammates."

Reece Ritsema, Thornapple Kellogg: A junior middle in her third varsity season who earned all-conference honors in the OK Gold for the Trojans this fall.

Ritsema as a team captain and coach Grams said she is a "very vocal leader on and off the court, always encouraging teammates, always willing to learn more."

Izzie Wendland, Delton Kellogg: The Panthers' senior setter, Wendland was named all-conference in the SAC this fall. She led the DK team with 482 assists and also had 191 digs.

"Izzie held the team together with her leadership," coach Thornton said. "She has been an amazing player this year and used everything she's learned from last year and playing club to lead her team to a tournament win, an undefeated SAC Central season and to the district finals."

All-Barry County
Girls' Volleyball
Second Team

Hayden Bump, Lakewood: A junior, Bump earned the Vikings' libero jersey this fall and finished the year with 327 digs and 96 assists. She also fired 51 aces.

"She leads our team in digs and has worked hard to get better at reading the ball to put herself in the position to find more digs," coach Francisco said. "Hayden also leads our team in aces this season while also having one of our highest serving percentages. She serves aggressive and hits her zone when needed."

Johanna Duits, Lakewood: The Vikings' leader in kills this fall with 302 as a sophomore middle. Duits earned all-conference honors in the CAAC White for the second time. She had 54 total blocks on the season. She earned all-region honors.

"Johanna has quickly become our go-to attacker," coach Francisco said. "We know she can put the ball away when it is needed. She works hard, has a gritty attitude and just wants to win. She has put in the work and has doubled her kills this season compared to last." Coach added that she became a wall defensively at the net after putting in work to improve her blocking for this season too.

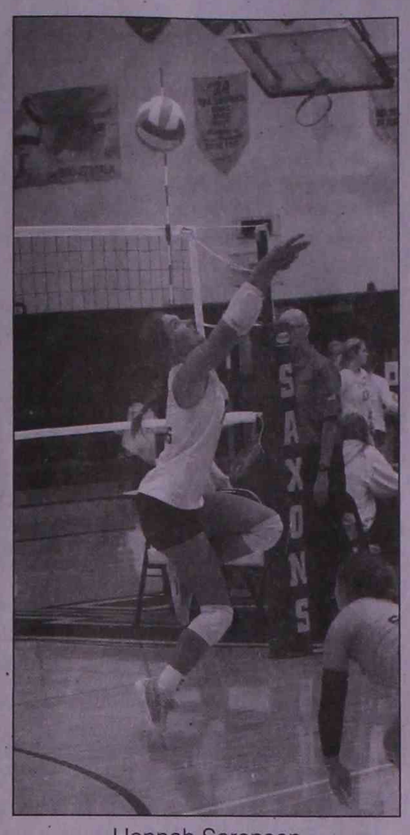
Bella Friddle, Hastings: A junior middle blocker, Friddle was named honorable mention all-conference in the I-8 and was tabbed as the Saxons' Offensive Player of the Season. She averaged 4.7 kills and 1.31 blocks a match and led the Saxon team in both kills and blocks for the season.

"Bella is a natural athlete whose explosive vertical and quick reactions made her a dominant presence at the net," coach Mast said. "Her ability to convert tough sets into kills gave our offense a spark when we needed it most. She consistently delivered in clutch moments, whether it was putting down a crucial block or swinging for a momentum-changing point. Beyond her athleticism, Bella's energy and enthusiasm were contagious fueling her teammates and creating the high-energy environment where our team thrives. Her impact extended beyond the stat sheet; she was a driving force behind our offensive success and team chemistry this season."

McKenna Hoebeke, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior outside hitter in her third varsity season for the Trojan team.

Coach Grams said Hoebeke is a strong and smart player as well as an aggressive server.

Laana Hooker Delton Kellogg: A junior middle she hit .206 on the season and led her team with 40 blocks. Hooker was an all-region honoree this season.



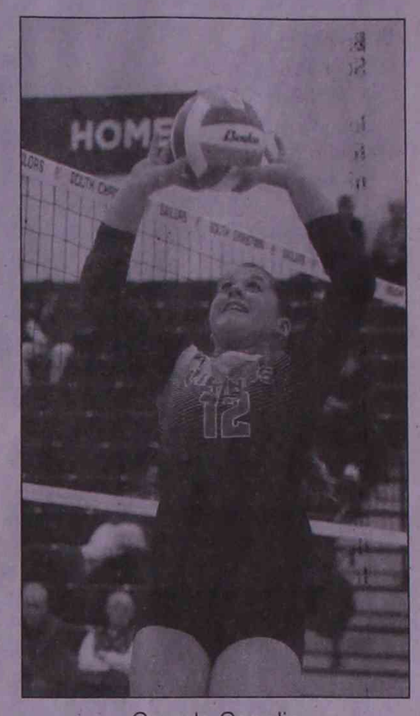
Hannah Sorensen

"Laana is the power hitter on the team, and she stepped up when needed," coach Thornton said. "With her heart being an outside, it really is great that she's been willing and able to step into the middle hitter role to help out the team. She's got great potential and hopefully will be even better in her senior year."

Maria Piccione, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior outside hitter who was a floor captain for the TK team.

Coach Grams said Piccione was a consistent and smart server in her second varsity season.

Josalyn Russell, Hastings: The Saxons' senior libero was a team captain, the team's Defensive Player of the Season, and earned the Saxon Leadership Award. She averaged 8.7 digs and 1.51 assists per match. She led the Saxon team in digs for the year.



Camyla Copelin

"Josalyn was the heart of our defense and the steady presence that anchored our back row all season," coach Mast said. "Her ability to read hitters, anticipate plays, and make big saves kept our team in rallies and turned defense into opportunity. She handled serve-receive with remarkable consistency and control, providing the foundation for our offense to run smoothly. As captain, she led with poise, always encouraging her teammates and setting the standard for effort and accountability."

Madison Trowbridge, Maple Valley: A senior captain at outside hitter for the Lions, Trowbridge was named her team's MVP and earned honorable mention all-conference in the Big 8 Conference.

Trowbridge led her team in kills with 127 and aces with 45. She also had 69 digs and three blocks on the season. Lion head coach Timara Wehr said Trowbridge was the person her team leaned on when it needed to score.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael J Charbonneau Jr, an unmarried man

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: February 24, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 28, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $193,135.86

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Rutland, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Lot (s) 59 and 60 and the West 1/2 of Lot 61 of Plat of Al-Gon-Quin Estates according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22 of Barry County Records.

Common street address (if any): 2182 Ottawa Trl, Hastings, MI 49058-8905

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

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

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Date of notice: November 20, 2025

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Jerome Charbonneau Jr., a single man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: February 23, 2024

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 29, 2024

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $84,137.82

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Rutland, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 59 and 60 and the West 1/2 of Lot 61 of Plat of Al-Gon-Quin Estates according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22 of Barry County Records

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ALL-BARRY COUNTY FALL 2025

Saxons and Trojans bookend county football season

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It doesn't get any bigger for Barry County area football than a playoff game between rivals Hastings and Thornapple Kellogg.

The Trojans and the Saxons played a couple thrillers this fall with the Saxons scoring a 31-29 win to open the season in August inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville. The Trojans then got some revenge with a 28-20 win over the Saxons inside Baum Stadium at Johnson Field in Hastings to open the MHSAA Division 3 Football Playoffs.

TK went on to lose a tough one to Lowell in the district finals.

Thornapple Kellogg and Hastings were the lone area teams to reach the playoffs this fall, but the rest of the county's varsity football programs kept adding strength to their foundations. Delton Kellogg head coach Brooks Smith was excited to get to install a more exciting offensive system. Lakewood head coach Tim Swore is really looking forward to the next couple seasons after year two guiding his Vikings. Maple Valley took its first steps with first-year head coach Mitchell McClintock.

All three of those squads, and the Saxon and Trojan teams, had some seniors that they'll dearly miss and a big group of talented underclassmen to lead the way through the offseason and eventually into the 2026 campaign.

Here are the 2025 All-Barry County Football First and Second Teams:

All-Barry County
Football
First Team Offense

Quarterback

Max Thrun, Lakewood: A sophomore in his second season under center for the Vikings, Thrun threw for 940 yards and accounted for 11 touchdowns.

Thrun was named first team all-conference at quarterback in the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division.

Running Back

Jonah Hamp, Hastings: Hamp rushed for 1,014 yards and 13 touchdowns on 107 attempts during his sophomore campaign this spring. He earned all-conference honors in the I-8.

As a defensive back, Hamp made 22 tackles and had two pass breakups.

Debo Robinson, Thornapple Kellogg: The Trojans' powerful, speedy senior fullback and defensive end. He carried a lot of the offensive load for TK in its playoff win over Hastings rushing for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

He was named all-conference in the OK Gold this season.

Carter Stewart, Lakewood: A standout on both sides of the ball for the Vikings. He rushed for 879 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior this fall.

Stewart led the Lakewood team in tackles from his line-backer spot and was named first team all-conference in the CAAC White in each of the past two seasons.

Offensive Line

AJ Dutcher, Thornapple Kellogg: Dutcher, a junior leader for TK who spent time on both sides of the ball.

Dutcher was named honorable mention all-conference in the OK Gold.

Gavin McGary, Lakewood: A senior offensive tackle in his second year as a starter for the Vikings.

McGary was named first team all-conference in the CAAC White this fall.

Cayden Pettengill, Hastings: A senior three-year starter for the Saxons, he graded out as on assignment 99 percent of the time and with a 96 percent finish rate at guard.

Defensively at linebacker, Pettengill had 55 tackles, five tackles for a loss and a pass breakup. He earned all-conference honors in the I-8 and was named all-region in Division 3.

Grady Reed, Hastings: A junior in his second season starting for the Saxon varsity, reed had a 91 percent finish rate on blocks and was on assignment 88 percent of the time.

Reed excelled at tackle on both sides of the ball. Defensively, He had 27 tackles and two tackles for loss. He earned all-conference honors in the I-8.

Jake Welch, Thornapple Kellogg: The Trojans' senior center who was one of the team's vocal leaders.

Welch was named all-conference in the OK Gold.

Tight End

Trapper Reigler, Hastings: A huge part of the line on both sides of the ball for Hastings. Offensively at tight end, Reigler had a 98 percent on assignment grade and a 94 percent finish rate on his blocks.

Defensively, as a tackle, Reigler had 52 tackles, six tackles for loss and two sacks. He was named all-conference in the I-8 and an all-region honoree in Division 3.

Wide Receiver

Elliot Neff, Thornapple Kellogg: A talented junior at wide receiver and in the defensive backfield for TK.

Neff was earned all-region honors from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and all-conference in the OK Gold.

Elijah Offringa, Delton Kellogg: A running back/wide receiver for the Panthers as a senior. He had 14 catches for 288 yards and four touchdowns. He also had a rushing TD and several long kickoff returns.

Offringa was also a key part of the Panthers' defensive backfield this season. He was named first team all-conference in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Kicker

Mason Chivis, Thornapple Kellogg: A key piece of the attack for TK, consistently booting field goals and extra-points.

Capable of booting kick-offs regularly into the end zone.

All-Barry County
Football
First Team Defense

Defensive Line

Kaiden Meyers, Maple Valley: A sophomore defensive lineman, Meyers earned the Lions' Trench Award this season with 72 tackles, five tackles for a loss, three sacks and five forced fumbles. He was named second team all-conference in the Big 8.

Head coach Mitchell McClintock said Meyers is a hard worker and a relentless player who attacks the ball. He finished near the top of the conference leaderboard in both tackles and forced fumbles.

Lucas Ploeg, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior defensive lineman for the Trojans, Ploeg was named all-region in Division 3 this fall by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Ploeg also earned all-conference honors for TK. He spent time on both sides of the ball, also playing as a receiver for the Trojans.

Mitchell Swift, Delton Kellogg: Swift earned all-region honors in his senior season on the Panther defensive line. Even facing double and triple teams, Swift closed the year with 50 tackles, nine tackles for loss and two sacks. He was named first team all-conference in the SAC this fall and earned all-region honors for the second year in a row.

"Mitchell is quite simply either the best or second best player on the field every week," Delton Kellogg head coach Brooks Smith said, "and I have only seen him second twice. He is our best offensive lineman hands down, some of his trap blocks are now folklore here. As a nose tackle this year he basically made it impossible for teams to run A gaps. We see three to four wing-T squads a season minimum and prioritize stopping inside traps, he did."

Cardale Winebrenner, Hastings: A senior in his third year on the Saxon varsity, Winebrenner had 39 tackles, three tackles for a loss, one sack and three pass breakups from his spot as a defensive end.

Offensively, Winebrenner rushed for 415 yards and six touchdowns on 71 attempts. He was named all-conference in the I-8.

Linebacker

Michael Goodemoot, Lakewood: A junior playing outside linebacker, Goodemoot finished second on the Viking team in tackles.

Goodemoot was named first team all-conference in the CAAC White this fall.

Griffyn Harmon, Delton Kellogg: A senior linebacker/running back for DK, Harmon led the Panthers in tackles with 83 and also had two sacks, six tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries and he was responsible for two safeties. He was named first team all-conference in the SAC.

Harmon was one of the key pieces making it tough for opponents to run through the middle against DK, and coach Smith said he was an expert blitzer. Offensively, Harmon averaged 4.27 yards per rush.

Tyrese Robinson-El, Maple Valley: A senior, Robinson-El was named the Lions' Team MVP this fall while earning the team's defensive player of the year award and first team all-conference honors in the Big 8. He had 71 tackles on the season, and was also a key performer at running back for the Lions.

Coach McClintock said Robinson-El is an awesome leader and a tough player who did a great job at bringing the Lions' game plans to the field.

Jack Smith, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior who was named all-conference in the OK Gold and an all-region honoree in Division 3 for TK.

Smith was one of the leaders of the TK defense and an occasional runner from the fullback spot for the Trojan offense.

Defensive Back

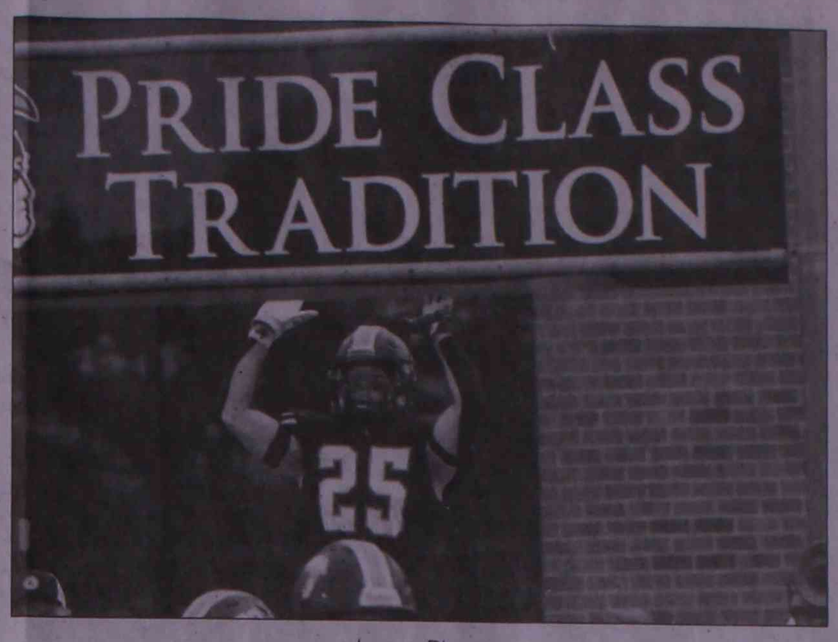
Camden Peter, Thornapple Kellogg: Another leader on the TK defense as a junior this fall.

Peter was named all-conference in the OK Gold and earned a spot on the all-region team in Division 3.

Trevin Russell, Hastings: A sophomore speedster, he had 35 tackles, one tackle for a loss, five pass breakups and an interception in the Saxons' defensive backfield.

Offensively, Russell was the Saxons' leading rusher with 1,025 yards on 113 carries, good for 9.1 yards per carry.

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Lucas Ploeg

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT: Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA236, 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 P.M., on January 15, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth Lonergan, the Mortgagor(s), and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for AmeriFirst Financial Corporation, the original Mortgagee, dated August 23, 2013, and recorded on August 27, 2013, as Instrument No. 2013-010429, in Barry County Records, Michigan, and last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the Foreclosing Assignee, as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2019, and recorded on August 5, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019-007290, in Barry County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 46/100 U.S. Dollars ($57,970.46). Said premise is situated at 718 Powell Rd, Hastings, MI 49058, in the Township of Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, and is described as: THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS INSTRUMENT, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HASTINGS, COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, HASTINGS TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 1473.70 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, 200.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 171.72 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EAST LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST, 200.03 FEET TO THE EAST LINE; THENCE SOUTH 174.81 FEET ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE TO PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST; THENCE NORTH 1409.78 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, 200.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 65.26 FEET PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, 200.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 63.92 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be six (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. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 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. Dated: 11/05/2025 For More Information, please call: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer 255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, Florida 32801 (855) 287-0240 Matter No. MI-010396-25

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BARRY COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on December 11, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Paige Rozell-Clouse and Logan Clouse, husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship Original Mortgagee: Neighborhood Loans, Inc. Date of mortgage: March 15, 2024 Recorded on March 19, 2024, in Document No. 2024-001819, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on November 4, 2025, in Document No. 2025-009371, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 44/100 Dollars ($185,999.44) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Barry County, and described as: Lot 5, Block 22, Lincoln Park Addition to the City of Hastings, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 55, Barry County Records Commonly known as 612 W Clinton St, Hastings, MI 49058 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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He had 13 touchdowns. He was named all-conference in the I-8.

Tucker Tack, Delton Kellogg: The Panthers' junior quarterback and defensive back. He had 12 tackles, an interception returned for a touchdown and a fumble recovery. He was named first team all-conference in the SAC.

Tack learned and settled into a new offense for DK as a quarterback this fall. He threw for nearly 600 yards and four touchdowns and he rushed for over 200 yards.

Spencer Wilkins, Hastings: A junior starter on both sides of the ball, he was a key member of the Saxon defensive backfield for the second season in a row. He closed the year with 58 tackles, six pass breakups, an interception and one tackle for a loss. He was named all-conference in the I-8.

Offensively at tight end, he graded out to 94 percent on assignment and a 93 percentage finish rate blocking.

Punter

Lucas Steward, Lakewood: The Vikings' kicker/punter, Steward was named first team all-conference in the CAAC White at punter this fall.

A senior, he booted ten touchbacks on kick-offs this season.

All-Barry County
Football
Second Team Offense

Quarterback

Micah Dock, Thornapple Kellogg: A junior in his second season as the starter in the Trojans' option offense.

Dock had a nose for the end zone when given the chance to run at the goal-line. He threw for 62 yards and a touchdown and rushed for two more TD's in TK's early-season win over Wayland, and then he followed that up with 80 yards passing, one passing TD and two rushing touchdowns in a one-point win over Hamilton.

Running Back

Zach Eldridge, Thornapple Kellogg: A big-play threat on the edge running and receiving all season for TK and one of the Trojan team's leaders as a senior.

He rushed for two touchdowns in TK's season opener against Hastings and another one in the Trojans' playoff win over the Saxons.

Mendan Phillips, Delton Kellogg: A junior safety and running back for DK, coach Smith said he was impactful in every phase of the game. Phillips had 44 tackles, a tackle for a loss and an interception this season and was in on a safety too.

Offensively, moving from wide receiver to running back, Phillips averaged four yards per rush. He was named honorable mention all-conference in the SAC.

Malachi VanEngen, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior who was one of TK's top ball carriers and a big play threat every time he had the football.

VanEngen broke loose for a team-high 122 yards rushing and a touchdown in the Trojans' playoff win over Hastings at the end of the season.

Offensive Line

Seth Arnold, Hastings: A senior two-year starter on the line he was on assignment 92 percent of the time with a 94 percent finish rate in the Saxon grades.

He had ten tackles and a tackle for loss from his spot in the defensive line.

Henry Elzinga, Hastings: From his guard spot, Elzinga had a 91 percent finish rate for the Saxons during his junior campaign.

On the other side of the ball, at linebacker, Elzinga had 44 tackles, five tackles for a loss and seven hurries on opposing quarterbacks. He earned an all-region nod at the end of the season in Division 3.

Evan Fleser, Delton Kellogg: A junior lineman on both sides of the ball, it was the second season staring on the varsity for the Panthers.

Fleser opened the season at center for the Panthers and had 13 tackles including a tackle for a loss on the defensive line before an injury cut his season short.

Jordyn Jones, Delton Kellogg: A senior lineman and linebacker for the Panthers he was a two-year started on the offensive line. Jones made the shift from a pulling guard to tackle this fall and he fit better into the Panthers' new offense.

"Hands down one of the toughest, grittiest kids I have ever coached, and simply put one of the best people I have ever met," coach Smith said.

Alex Shepard, Maple Valley: A junior, Shepard was named second team all-conference in the Big 8 this season. Defensively, at linebacker, he had 57 tackles.

Coach McClintock said Shepard is a guy with great character and great intelligence, and he showed elite toughness for an undersized lineman.

Tight End

Eli Wright, Maple Valley: A senior tight end who did a little bit of everything for the Lions, including spending some time at quarterback. He was named second team all-conference in the Big 8. He closed the year with 611 all-purpose yards, five touchdowns and 43 tackles.

Coach McClintock called Wright an impact player who used his size and physicality to influence the game.

Wide Receiver

Teegen McDonald, Maple Valley: A junior wide receiver who coach McClintock called a big-play receiver with excellent hands and a great ability to chase down deep balls. He used those talents in the Lions' secondary too.

McDonald closed the season with 645 all-purpose yards and five touchdowns.

All-Barry County
Football
Second Team Defense

Defensive Line

Blake Bossenberger, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior leader on the defensive line for the Trojans throughout the season.

Mason Ferris, Delton Kellogg: A sophomore who spent time at defensive end and wide receiver after primarily being a linebacker in 2025. Ferris was named honorable mention all-conference in the SAC this fall. He was second on his team with 60 tackles and also had two sacks, three tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Ferris was the Panthers' leading rusher this season before moving to wide receiver. "He has been asked to do a lot in two varsity seasons," coach Smith said.

Brody Hammer, Thornapple Kellogg: A junior lineman on both sides of the ball for TK in his second varsity season.

Hammer was named honorable mention all-conference in the OK Gold.

Bryer Poll, Lakewood: A force with size and speed on the Viking defensive line, he was a two-way starter for Lakewood as a sophomore.

Poll was also the Lions' leading receiver from his tight end spot.

Linebacker

Lasse Lokau, Delton Kellogg: A senior exchange student from Germany, he was a two-way starter all year at linebacker and running back for DK. Defensively, he recorded 42 tackles and had one tackle for a loss. He even handled kicking duties when needed a couple of times.

"He was our coverage backer often asked to pick running backs in pass coverage to keep other linebackers free to blitz," coach Smith said. "He had a high IQ coming in, picking up the new offense we installed faster then the kids that go to school in the U.S."

Owen Prowdley, Lakewood: A senior, he finished as one of the Vikings' leading tacklers after making the switch from defensive end to linebacker three weeks into the season.

Tyce Richardson, Hastings: Richardson closed his senior season, his second as a starter, with 45 tackles, five tackles for a loss, a pass breakup and a sack. He earned all-conference honors in the I-8 this season.

Offensively, Richardson got a handful of carries and scored one TD from a running back position.

Zayne Whitmore, Thornapple Kellogg: A junior linebacker for the Trojan team.

He was one of his team's leaders in tackles throughout the season.

Defensive Back

Colton Denton, Hastings: A senior, Denton had 27 tackles, one tackle for loss, an interception and seven pass breakups in the secondary.

Tyler Frazer, Hastings: A junior, in seven games Frazer recorded 25 tackles and had two pass breakups. He was named all-conference in the I-8.

Offensively, at running back Frazer rushed 87 times for 606 yards and nine touchdowns on the season.

Keegan Hill, Delton Kellogg: Made an impact as a senior in his first varsity football season. Hill had 21 tackles, a tackle for loss and interception and a fumble recovery. "Simply put, he was the corner we asked to cover the other team's best wide receiver one-on-one," coach Brooks said.

Hill also returned kicks and as a receiver he had seven receptions for 105 yards.



Mitchell Swift



Trevin Russell

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 January 8, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tyler Jezuit, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC Date of Mortgage: October 21, 2024 Date of Mortgage Recording: October 25, 2024 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $195,013.52 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the City of Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, and are described as: THE NORTH 58 FEET OFF AND FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF LOTS 1012 AND 1013, PLAT OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 1, BARRY COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly Known as: 610 S Park St., Hastings, MI 49058 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 11/27/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 321634

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NOTICE

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

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on JANUARY 8, 2026. 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 ADAM FARRAH, to FIGURE LENDING LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2022 and recorded June 14, 2022 in Instrument Number 2022-006702 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MEB Loan Trust VIII, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 15/100 Dollars ($143,432.15).

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 JANUARY 8, 2026.

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

Land Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Barry, Township of Hope.Parcel F2: Commencing at the West 1/4 post of Section 28, Town 2 North, Range 9 West; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 14 seconds East 1214.40 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 28; thence South 02 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds West 233.04 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 14 seconds East 220.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 14 seconds East 373.08 feet; thence South 52 degrees 20 minutes 58 seconds West 364.29 feet; thence North 60 degrees 26 minutes 18 seconds West 35.79 feet; thence North 14 degrees 36 minutes 45 seconds West 212.14 feet to the point of beginningTogether with a non-exclusive private easement for ingress, egress and public utility purposes, 66 feet wide, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 28. Town 2 North, Range 9 West, distant South 89 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds East 2094.40 feet from the West 1/4 post of said Section 28, thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 14 seconds East 66.08 feet along said 1/4 line; thence South 02 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds West 881.91 feet; thence North 75 degrees 47 minutes 45 seconds West 67.30 feet; thence North 02 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds East 865.45 feet to the point of beginning.Also together with a non-exclusive private easement for ingress, egress and public utility purposes, 66 feet wide, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 post of Section 28, Town 2 North, Range 9 West; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 14 seconds East 2094.40 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 28: thence South 02 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds West 233.04 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 02 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds West 66.08 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 14 seconds West 317.09 feet; thence South 52 degrees 20 minutes 58 seconds West 283.59 feet; thence South 06 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds West 206.14 feet; thence North 83 degrees 13 minutes 40 seconds West 66.00 feet; thence North 06 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East 233.86 feet; thence North 52 degrees 20 minutes 58 seconds East 335.48 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 14 seconds East 340.87 feet to the point of beginning.

4727 Waldorf Road, Delton, Michigan 49046

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: November 27, 2025
File No. 25-004743
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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JOHNSTOWN TOWNSHIP BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING FINE LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL
TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSTOWN, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Johnstown as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, proposes to undertake an aquatic plant control project (with associated activities) in Fine Lake in Johnstown Township as more particularly described below and to create a separate special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are to be specially assessed include all parcels with frontage on and/or access to Fine Lake in Johnstown Township and are more particularly described as follows (and depicted on the attached map):

JOHNSTOWN TWP PROPOSED DISTRICT: The properties indicated by parcel numbers:

09-019-002-00	09-030-005-00	09-065-013-00	09-075-038-00	09-130-016-00	09-150-004-00	09-175-014-00	09-220-006-00
09-019-003-00	09-030-006-00	09-065-014-00	09-075-039-00	09-130-018-00	09-150-005-00	09-175-015-00	09-220-007-00
09-019-004-00	09-030-006-10	09-065-015-00	09-090-001-00	09-130-020-00	09-150-006-00	09-175-016-00	09-220-008-00
09-019-006-00	09-030-009-00	09-065-016-00	09-090-002-00	09-130-021-00	09-150-007-00	09-175-017-00	09-220-009-00
09-019-007-10	09-030-009-10	09-065-017-00	09-090-004-00	09-130-025-00	09-150-008-00	09-175-018-00	09-220-010-00
09-019-008-00	09-030-009-20	09-065-019-00	09-090-005-00	09-135-001-00	09-150-009-00	09-175-019-00	09-220-011-00
09-019-013-00	09-030-011-00	09-065-031-00	09-090-006-00	09-135-003-00	09-150-010-00	09-180-001-00	09-220-012-00
09-019-021-00	09-030-013-00	09-065-032-00	09-090-007-00	09-135-004-00	09-150-011-00	09-215-001-00	09-220-014-00
09-029-001-70	09-030-021-00	09-065-033-00	09-090-008-00	09-135-005-00	09-150-012-00	09-215-002-00	09-220-015-00
09-029-002-00	09-030-022-00	09-065-034-00	09-090-010-00	09-135-006-00	09-150-013-00	09-215-003-00	09-220-016-00
09-029-008-00	09-030-024-00	09-065-035-00	09-090-011-00	09-135-007-00	09-150-014-00	09-215-004-00	09-220-017-00
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the proposed aquatic plant control project, associated activities, any proposed improvements and locations thereof, together with an estimated total project cost of $206,000 (including legal and administrative costs). The Township's project cost will be raised through a special assessment district upon benefitted properties in the Township. The Township Board passed Resolution No. 2025-11-01, tentatively declaring its intention to undertake such project and to create the above-described special assessment district at its meeting held on November 12, 2025 at the Township Hall, 13641 S. M-37 Highway, in the Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has placed the project plans and costs estimate on file with the Township Clerk and said plans, cost estimate and the boundaries of the special assessment district may be examined at the Clerk's office from the date of this Notice to the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing. PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board proposes to make a per-parcel special assessment each year for a period of six (6) years (2026-2031 inclusive). Assessments will be billed beginning in December 2026.

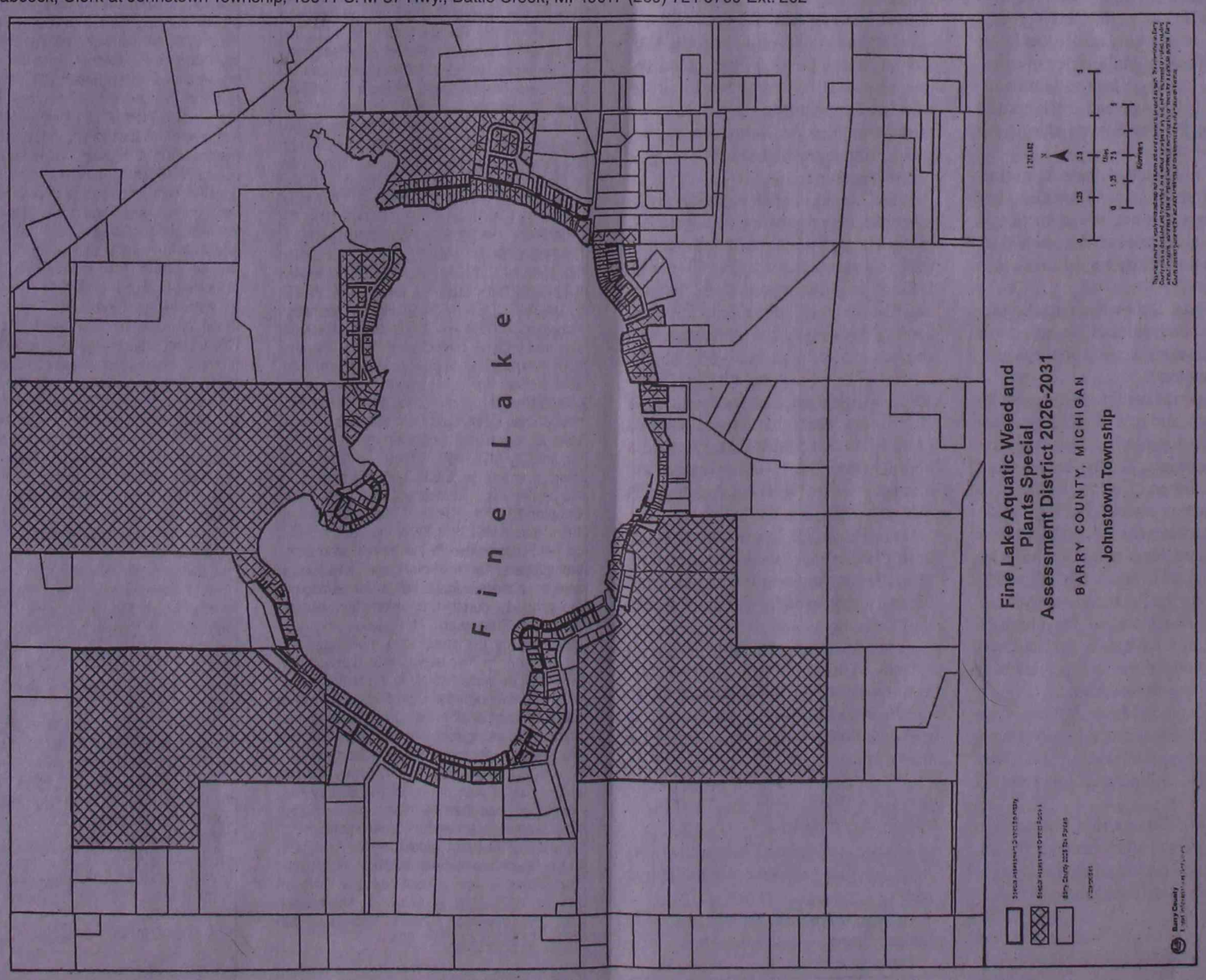
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, the district and cost estimates will be held at a special meeting of the Township Board at the Johnstown Township Hall, 13641 S. M-37 Hwy, Battle Creek, Michigan, on December 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. At the hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the clerk at or before the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the Township Board may revise, correct, amend, or change the plans, cost estimates, or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the project are filed with the Township Board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the area within the proposed special assessment district, then the Township may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the Township. Written comments or objections may be filed with the clerk at the address set out below. Appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed. An owner or party in interest, or his/her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing his/her appearance or protest by letter and, in such case, his/her personal appearance shall not be required. All interested persons are invited to be present in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the establishment of the special assessment district, the plans and the cost estimates.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the Township Board determines to proceed with the special assessment, the Board will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the foregoing hearing and all proceedings associated with this special assessment matter shall be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 Public Act 188 and in accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act and any other applicable law.
Johnstown Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days-notice to the Township Clerk.

Sheri Babcock, Clerk at Johnstown Township, 13641 S. M-37 Hwy., Battle Creek, MI 49017 (269) 721-9709 Ext. 202



Black Knights topple Lakewood boys by 20 in opener

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Belding tallied a December victory over the Lakewood Vikings for the third consecutive season Tuesday.

The Black Knights outscored the Lakewood varsity boys' basketball team 62-42 in a nonconference season opener in Belding.

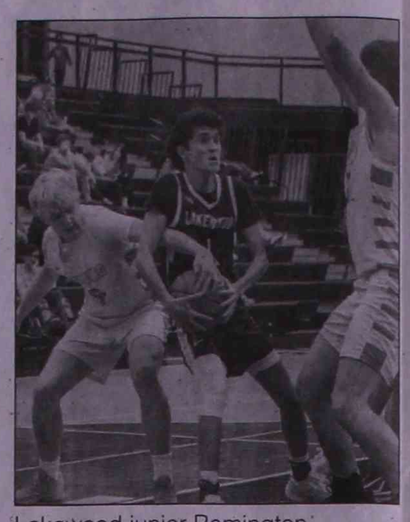
Senior guard Jonah Hummel put in 21 points to lead the hosts to the win.

Senior guard Braydn Johnson, a varsity newcomer for the Vikings, had 14 points, five rebounds and three assists to lead his team. Sophomore center Bryer Poll chipped in 11 points and five boards and senior center Hollis Poll had four points.

Johnson hit three three-pointers in the third quarter to help spark a Viking offense that scored just 16 points in the first half. Belding led the ballgame 17-4 at the end of the first quarter and 32-16 at the half.

The Knights hit six threes in the first half, with two from Hummel and three from senior guard Talan Calvo who closed the night with four threes and 12 total points. Senior forward Colton Hummel added 14 points for Belding.

Lakewood had a solid night at the free throw line going 11-of-15.



Lakewood junior Remington Horstman (1) fights for possession of the ball to make a shot during their nonconference game at Belding Tuesday evening.



Lakewood senior Ethan Matthews (0) dribbles the ball away from Belding senior Colton Hummel during their nonconference game at Belding Tuesday evening. The Vikings fell to the Black Knights, 62-42. **DN Photos by Meghan Tripp**

A few early turnovers by the Vikings allowed the Knights to build a 10-0 lead in the first three minutes of the ballgame. Bryer finally banked in a jump shot from a step inside the free throw line for the first Viking points of the season three and a half minutes in.

Jonah Hummel answered with a triple from the left corner to boost his team's lead back to double-figures, drawing the first Viking timeout of the contest. Bryer scored with another nice move in the paint soon after, but once the Knights scored again they led by at least ten points for the remainder of the ballgame.

The Knight lead swelled to 27-4 in the second quarter before the Vikings found the bottom of the net again midway through the period.

Lakewood is back in action tonight, Dec. 4, at Thornapple Kellogg High School to take on the 0-1 Trojans who fell to Plainwell in their season opener Tuesday.

Lions recover from slow start for Monday win at East Jackson

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

There was no waiting for Tuesday night for the Maple Valley boys.

The Lions opened the 2025-26 varsity boys' basketball season with a 56-45 nonconference win at East Jackson Monday.

East Jackson shot out to an 18-11 lead in the first quarter, but the Lions cut that lead in half by the half and then a 15-5 third quarter run put them in front of their hosts.

"We had some first game jitters in the first quarter," Maple Valley head coach Ryan Nevins said. "We didn't rebound the ball well and played in too much of a hurry. I thought we really settled in after that. We did a much better job of getting guys boxed out and then going to get the ball. Offensively, we did a better job of getting the ball into the paint."

Hayze Sifton took advantage of that offense in the paint. He came off the bench to provide the Lions with some good minutes and he closed the night with nine points and nine rebounds.

Junior guard Teegen McDonald led Maple Valley with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Bradley Cushing had nine points and sophomore Kelvin Davis chipped in eight points and six rebounds.

McDonald had 16 of his 24 points in the second half, and coach Nevins said he really controlled the game in the fourth quarter. He was pleased with the way his guards pushed the ball ahead and found the open man all evening.

The Lion head coach was also really pleased with the efforts of Davis, Cam Murray and Cushing on the defensive end.

"They were able to stay in front of their guards and made them take contested jump shots," Nevins said.

Senior Eli Wright was strong at that end too. He finished with ten rebounds and worked all evening to hold East Jackson's top player in check.

The Lions are off now until Tuesday, Dec. 9, when they will open Big 8 Conference play at Stockbridge.

Scoring scarce as Plainwell wins battle of Trojans in Middleville

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Thornapple Kellogg boys expect to win some games based on the strength of their defense this season.

The offense needs to be a little more successful than it was in the season opener though.

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity boys' basketball team fell 38-32 to Plainwell in Middleville Tuesday evening.

"Our defense is going to be really solid the whole year," TK head coach Phil Garber said. "That is a tough team. That team went to regionals and lost in regional finals last year. They bring most of their guys back. They are tall, athletic and very disciplined. To hold them under 40 was good."

Plainwell was on pace for a lot more points early on. The visiting blue and white Trojans shot out to a 7-0 lead through the first two minutes.

TK senior forward Trey Hilton put in a free throw 2:10 into the contest for TK's first point of the season.

Plainwell led 21-12 at the half. A long three from the top of the key by junior Andrew Johnson sparked TK early in the second half. Senior guard Ben Lloyd assisted Hilton in transition for a bucket. Eventually, a put-back by Johnson boosted TK to a 26-25 lead about three minutes into the second half.

"Our 1-3-1 really got us back in that game," Garber said. "We came out in that out of halftime and we went on a 7-0 run and really started ramping up."

Plainwell led 31-30 at the end of three quarters and then got a put-back and a TK turnover that led to a bucket to improve its lead to 35-30 early in the fourth quarter. The score sat there through most of the period.

A couple free throws by Lloyd had TK within 36-32 with 24.1 seconds to play, but TK couldn't get any closer.

Lloyd finished with a team-high 13 points. Hilton had six and Johnson had six. Junior Braylon Rae chipped in five points.

Garber said his team clearly missed senior forward Lucas Ploeg, who suffered an injury during warm-ups. TK was able to make up for some of his effort and physicality on the defensive end, but his experience on the offensive end of the floor was sorely missed.

The TK boys are back on their home floor again tonight, Dec. 4, taking on Lakewood.

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

Estate of James F. Clemens.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James F. Clemens, died 11-19-25.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl A. Gunn, 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: 12-1-25
Cheryl A. Gunn
4166 N. M-43 Hwy.
Hastings, MI 49058
269-838-3027

Bloomingdale duo buries 11 threes in Cardinal win at DKHS

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Delton Kellogg fell in an early double-figure deficit, rallied back within three points in the third quarter, and then had a comeback run out of gas against Bloomingdale Tuesday.

The Cardinals opened the 2025-26 varsity boys' basketball season with a 69-55 win over the host Panthers.

Senior guard Tyler Howland poured in 30 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter to lead Delton Kellogg, but Bloomingdale had two guys close to that 30-point mark. Howland hit five threes.

Andrew Byers led Bloomingdale with 29 points and Javon Pittsley had 28. Between the two of them they drained 11 three-pointers. Byers hit six and Pittsley five.

Grady Matteson got going in the third quarter to help the Panther comeback bid. He had seven of his ten points in the third quarter. DK also got six points from Jarno Wiebenga and five from Gabe Smoczynski.

It is right into the Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division season for the DK boys tonight, Dec. 4, as they play host to Holland Black River. The Panthers play their first five ballgames at home including a Dec. 9 match-up with Bridgman.

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 December 11, 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): Kathleen McCully and Jasvinder Kaler, wife and husband

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: January 22, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 28, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $193,001.45

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Middleville, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 109, Misty Ridge No. 5, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 66, Barry County Records

Common street address (if any): 711 View Pointe Dr, Middleville, MI 49333-9368

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: November 13, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1577274 (11-13)(12-04)

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 January 8, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Mathew Hallifax and Shawnda Robinson, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, whose address is 1249 Boncher Boulevard, Hastings, Michigan 49058, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, being a mortgage dated May 28, 2021, and recorded on June 1, 2021 with Document Number 2021-007090, Barry County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 29, 2024 and recorded on March 29, 2024 and given document number 2024-002088 in Barry County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 57/100 DOLLARS ($237,508.57). Said premises are situated in the Township of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan, and are described as: UNIT 19, OF SUMMERWYN ESTATES EAST CONDOMINIUMS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS, CREEKWOOD SITE CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 1024069 AND AMENDMENTS, RECORDED IN 2016-010383 AND RE-RECORDED IN 2017-005529, AS AMENDED, BARRY COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS BARRY COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 13, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED. Street Address: 1249 Boncher Boulevard, Hastings, Michigan 49058 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: November 27, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 25 6821 (11-27)(12-18)

ALL-BARRY COUNTY FALL 2025

Some strong contributors during tough county soccer season

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It was a less eventful 2025 varsity boys' soccer season in Barry County with the loss of the Delton Kellogg/ Martin co-op due to low numbers in the program.

Maple Valley fought to a middle of the pack finish in the Big 8 Conference. Thornapple Kellogg did the same in the OK Gold Conference and so did Lakewood in the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division.

TK and Lakewood led the county's MHSAA varsity boys' squads with six victories apiece this fall. Maple Valley had five wins.

Here are the 2025 All-Barry County Boys' Soccer First and Second Teams.

All-Barry County
Boys' Soccer
First Team

Dylan Bishop, Lakewood: A freshman center back for the Vikings, Bishop played nearly every minute of every game for the Vikings. He was voted his team's top defensive player at the end of the season.

Head coach James LeVeque said while he is not overly athletic, Bishop succeeds with strong skills and by taking angles that are spot on to slow down opposing attackers. "He was super consistent," LeVeque said.

Carter Bowman, Thornapple Kellogg:

Pao Crespo, Hastings: Crespo scored six goals playing the majority of his time at either an attacking or holding midfield spot. He was especially adept at firing hard shots on target from long range.

"He had some pretty good foot skill and technical skills that really helped our team," Hastings head coach Matt Hokanson said of the Spanish exchange-student.

Bradley Cushing, Maple Valley: A senior captain for the Lions, Cushing closed the season with 24 goals and 6 assists.

Cushing was voted the Big 8 Conference MVP this fall, and he also earned honorable mention all-state.



Daniel Jensen

Peyton Forman, Thornapple Kellogg: Foreman, a senior, was named all-conference in the OK Gold this fall for the Trojans.

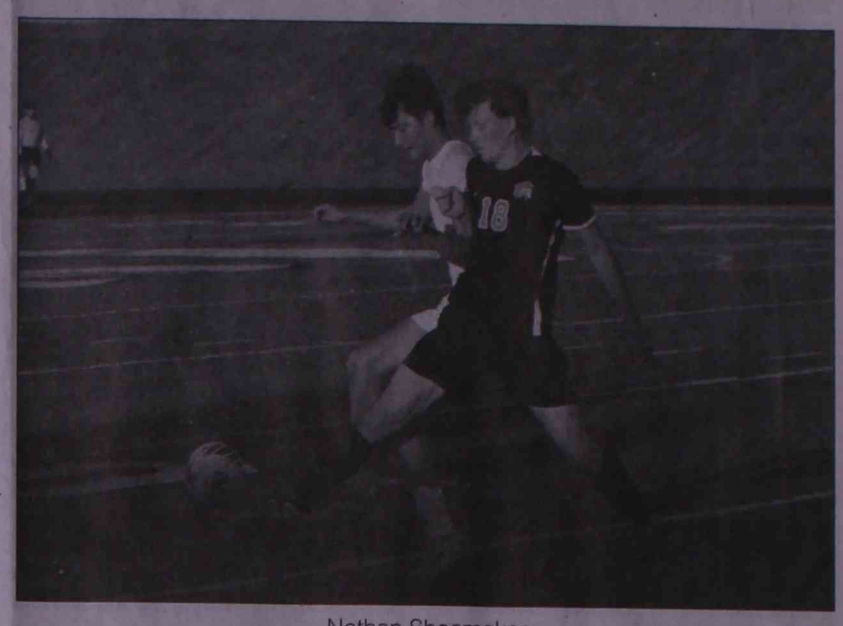
Provided speed, skill and leadership in the Trojan midfield throughout the season.

Levi Frizzell, Lakewood: The Vikings' senior goalkeeper was an all-district honoree and honorable mention all-conference in the CAAC White this fall.

The Vikings' video stats had him for 126 saves on the season, and coach LeVeque said it felt like he was making 20 saves a game. He was a good safety net for a young defense, and coach LeVeque said he had the quickest reaction time of any goalie he has had in 25 years of coaching.

Cooper Hokanson, Hastings: A sophomore in his second varsity season, and a two-sport athlete who also kicked for the Saxon football team, he led the Saxon soccer squad with 15 assists while adding three goals.

"He did a lot of the dirty work we needed," coach Matt Hokanson said.



Nathan Shoemaker

That won him the Saxons' utility player of the year award. He spent time in every position, including goalie.

Daniel Jensen, Hastings: "He was our unquestioned leader on the field," coach Hokanson said of the senior Jensen. "He is one of those kids that is just a natural leader. All the kids look at Dan for help. Dan guides them. And that is why he has been a three-year captain."

Jensen had four goals on the season and was named the team's MVP this fall. He played in the midfield, at forward and on the defensive line for the Saxons.

Milo McCormick, Thornapple Kellogg: A junior midfielder for the Trojans with the ability to distribute the ball and score from inside or outside the box.

Connor Merritt, Lakewood: Playing mostly the forward position, but also assisting on defense late in the season, Merritt led the Vikings with nine goals and added two assists.

He earned all-district and all-conference honors this fall. The defensive shift late in the season helped the Vikings slow down Portland's top attacker, according to coach LeVeque, in a district match in which the Vikings went to overtime with their conference rivals.

Nate Shoemaker, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior who has been a leader on the TK defensive line since he was a freshman.

All-Barry County
Boys' Soccer
Second Team

Ayden Betancourt, Maple Valley: A senior defensive midfielder for the Lions.

Betancourt finished as the Lion leader in assists on the season.

Grady Courtright, Hastings: A sophomore goalie, who coach Hokanson said would rather be out in the field but sacrificed because that was where the team needed him most.

"Grady kept us in a lot of games," coach Hokanson said. "He played very, very well for us this year."

Tyler Curtis, Maple Valley: A junior defender, he was named honorable mention all-conference in the Big 8. He was a dual sport athlete this fall also competing with the Lion varsity cross country team.

Lion head coach Mike Webb said Curtis "was just one of those guys that comes out and gives his all every practice and game."

Bronson Elliott, Hastings: A senior who was a team captain along with Jensen. He was steady throughout the year in the Saxon midfield.

"Bronson is just that kid who is going to do everything you ask and not complain," coach Hokanson said.

Lucas Halanski, Lakewood: A junior leader on the defensive line for the Vikings who spent some time playing in the center midfield as well. He had one goal on the season and helped create scoring chances throughout the year for others.

Coach LeVeque said he was his team's most athletic guy and best ball-winner among the defenders. "He could play anywhere up and down the field," his coach added.

Nic Hansen, Maple Valley: A senior captain, he was a leader for the Lions defense throughout the season. He earned first team all-conference honors in the Big 8.

Coach Webb called Hansen "Mr. Reliable," adding that he saved his team from giving up a lot of goals. The Lion coach trusted him to fill spots in the midfield and at forward too.

Brody Hoppes, Lakewood: Another versatile guy for the Vikings, coach LeVeque said he played everywhere on the field except the goal during the 2025 season.

A junior in his second varsity season, LeVeque said he battled through injuries to use his skill and physicality wherever it was needed.

Gabe Gosselin, Thornapple Kellogg: A steady contributor on the defensive end for TK throughout his senior season.

Evan Matthews, Lakewood: A senior in his first year of varsity soccer, he used his point guard vision from the basketball court on the soccer field while spending time in the center midfield and as a center back.

"I put him at forward and he scored a goal. He was just real, real solid," coach LeVeque said.

Diego Rodas, Thornapple Kellogg: A senior who has been a key piece of the Trojan offensive attack for the past couple seasons.

Brandon Velting, Thornapple Kellogg: A junior who stepped up to be an important piece of the Trojan defensive line this fall.

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

In the Matter of Ilze Dionis Trust. Date of birth: January 29, 1939.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ilze Dionis, died May 4, 2025, leaving the above Trust in full force and effect. Creditors of the decedent or against the Trust are notified that all claims against the decedent or trust will be forever barred unless presented to Stephanie Udris, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: November 26, 2025

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

Stephanie Udris
c/o Rhoades McKee
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NOTICE

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Grantor, Denise M. Jakimiak (Deceased), who lived at 11386 Lindsey Rd., Plainwell, MI 49080, died on October 3, 2025. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the Grantor are notified that all claims against the Jakimiak Family Trust, dated August 18, 2017, as amended July 15, 2025, will be forever barred unless presented to the Successor Trustee, Justin Jakimiak, within four (4) months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Dated: 12/4/2025

ATTORNEY:
Bryan D. Reeder (P75222)
Reeder Murphy, P.C.
124 E. Fulton, Suite 100
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-458-3994

TRUSTEE:
Justin Jakimiak
1521 Carousel Rd.,
Chattanooga, TN 37411
269-910-0240

SYNOPSIS
RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Hawthorne, Greenfield, Watson, Hall, James, Mayack
Absent: Bellmore
Approved the Agenda
Approved the Consent Agenda
Monthly Treasurer's Report
Monthly Clerk's Voucher/Payroll Report
Motion to table the proposal for GIS mapping of the township cemetery. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes, motion passes.
2026 Budget Public Hearing
Motion to increase compensation raises by 5% and send to December meeting for approval. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes, motion passes.
Motion to approve the 2026 treatment plan for Podunk Lake Weed Control. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes, motion passes.
Motion to approve two budget amendments. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes, motion passes.
Adjournment 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Hawthorne, Clerk

Attested to by,
Marti Mayack, Supervisor

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BARRY COUNTY
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. and JUDGE
25-416-CH

Court Address: 206 W. Court St., Suite 202, Hastings, MI 49058
Court telephone no.: 269-945-1404
Plaintiff's name
Jody Pietenpol Jennings
Plaintiff's Attorney
Steven G. Storrs (P80557)
202 S. Broadway
Hastings, MI 49058
26-945-2242
v
Defendant
Deborah L. Hop
Address Unknown
IT IS ORDERED:
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to Quiet Title. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before December 11, 2025. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Hastings Banner for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, for three continuous weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

Nov. 19, 2025
Judge Vickie L. Alspaugh P12572

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RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to provisions in MCL 211.7cc (19), MCL 211.7b, MCL 211.7u and MCL 211.53b, the Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** in the office of the Assessor at Rutland Charter Township Hall, 2461 Heath Road, Hastings, Michigan to consider appeals related to Poverty Exemptions and to Correct Qualified Errors.

Dennis McKelvey, Assessor
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