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Gaines Township planning commissioners approve Stoneworks' preliminary condo plan

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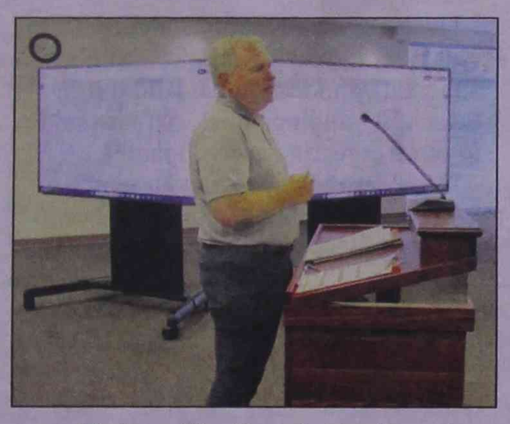
Koetje Builders & Developers has one year to submit a final condominium plan to Gaines Township officials for review after gaining approval for a preliminary plan on July 24.

The planning commission voted 6-0 that night in favor of the proposed Stoneworks residential project on 100th Street at Pease Avenue. It is the first step in a condominium land division. One commissioner was absent from the meeting at the township hall.

Koetje Builders is the project applicant, and the property owner is the Margaret L. Heintz Trust.

Jon Male with Exxel Engineering presented the Major Preliminary Condominium plan to the commissioners for the 46-acre property at 1264 100th St. It was recently rezoned from Agricultural/Rural Residential to Village Residential, which is a new

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Jon Male with Exxel Engineering addresses the Gaines Planning Commission at its July 24 meeting in the township hall offices.
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A Gaines Township firefighter helps a child aim a fire hose at Tuesday's South Kent National Night Out event outside South Christian High School. **Photos by James Gemmell**

South Kent National Night Out event makes a splash in Gaines Township

James Gemmell
Contributing Writer

The parking lots outside South Christian High School served as a bit of a playground for children Tuesday night, Aug. 5, at the annual South Kent National Night Out event.

They got to climb into various public safety vehicles and run underneath a fire truck boom ladder hose that was spraying them with water.

Those were just a few of many activities they enjoyed on a sunny evening in Gaines Charter Township. Hundreds of people

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The Kent County Sheriff's Office had vehicles and equipment on display from its various units, such as Animal Control.

Davenport president announces retirement in 2026

GRAND RAPIDS — Davenport University President Richard Pappas, Ed.D. has announced that he will retire at the end of the upcoming academic year. He informed the chair of the university Board of Trustees Paula Cunningham in May that his last day would be June 30, 2026. Pappas has served as president of Davenport for 17 years and is one of the longest-serving university presidents in Michigan.

He has been president of four institutions of higher education, over a span of nearly 40 years. He explained his decision in an email communication to faculty and staff.

"After 37 years as president at four outstanding institutions, the last 17 at Davenport, this decision was not an easy one," Pappas wrote. "I take immense pride in what we have accomplished together, even as I look forward to spending more time with my family. The time feels right to pass the baton to a new leader—someone who will build on our foundation and help shape the university's next era."

"The Board of Trustees has greatly valued President Pappas' leadership," said Chair of the Board Paula Cunningham. "He guides with vision, optimism, integrity and a strong dedication to Davenport's mission. He effectively energizes the mission for students, faculty and staff, and alumni. He is fully dedicated to our students' success. Although we would love to extend his tenure at Davenport, his retirement is well earned."

Pappas became the fifth president of Davenport University in 2009. During Pappas' tenure, the university established the College of Urban Education, the Casa Latina online bilingual program, and the First-Generation Student Initiative.

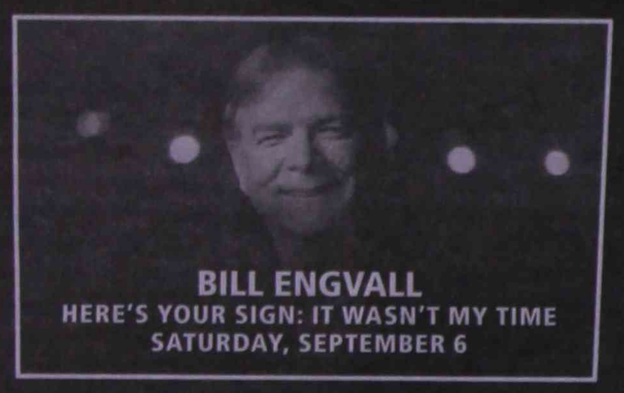
"The Davenport community has always been willing to work together for our students," Pappas said. "I'm proud of our efforts to support students from all walks of life and at all stages of life. I'm proud of the way we came together during the COVID-19 pandemic, illustrating that even in the most challenging moments in modern education, our faculty and staff knew how to meet the moment, transforming the university to exclusively online over a weekend."

At the W.A. Lettinga Grand Rapids Campus, Davenport built the Robert W. Sneden Center and the Donald W. Maine College of Business. It also constructed a new athletic complex—Farmer's Field, and joined the NCAA Division II GLIAC Conference. The university also moved the Lansing Campus to a new location and renovated the Warren Campus. All of this progress was under the leadership of Pappas.

Pappas wrote to employees that, "Serving this extraordinary institution has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Each day, I am inspired by your dedication, resilience and our shared commitment to make Davenport a place of excellence and opportunity."

Cunningham said that the Board of Trustees will begin conducting a search for a new president for the university in the coming months. — *MM*

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township designation. Gaines planners said that VR is intended to accommodate a variety of single-family homes with a traditional neighborhood identity.

The site would include 53 single-family detached condominiums, 32 single-family attached condominiums along the south side of 100th Street, and 6 single family land-division parcels with frontage and access on Pease Avenue.

Municipal water and sanitary sewer would be extended to the site of the future development.

"We are bringing public sewer and water in from 100th Street to the north, and we kind of run out of elevation on those (parcels). They will have public water but they will be on a septic (system)," Male said.

A planning commission memo said Township Attorney Clifford Bloom is reviewing the master deed and bylaws for the site condominium. The township's consulting engineer, Jeffrey Gritter of Vriesman & Korhorn Inc., sent Gaines Community Development Director Dan Wells an email in July outlining some recommended requirements for the project.

One of them would require Koetje Builders to obtain a soil erosion and sedimentation-control permit from the Kent County Road Commission prior to any site work being done. Another requirement would be that Koetje install sidewalk along the project's frontage on 100th Street and Pease Avenue.

"I'm excited to see how this comes to fruition," Wells said. "Obviously, this is a new zoning category for our township. And I think we did a lot of work to get the details right on this. From what I've seen of Koetje Builders' previous work, I think that they're a good fit to go through this for the first time. A lot of stuff that they've done already would meet most of our standards for architectural detailing. So, I think this should be a good experience to go through for the first time."

"In the lots, there's kind of a mix. There are some that are 60 feet wide and some that are 82 feet wide … The 82-foot lots allow for the possibility of some three-stall garages," Male said.

He added that Koetje Builders will be constructing all of the site's attached condominiums. And the detached buildings likely will be sold to other construction companies.

"He doesn't have total control of what gets built there, but it will have to meet all of the restrictions," Male said.

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Cyclists participate in the Barry-Roubaix last year, which stands as the world's largest gravel road race. While the annual Fall Fondo, an affiliated event scheduled for Oct. 12, doesn't pull as many cyclists to Hastings, it's still a way for participants to enjoy the many gravel roads of Barry County.
Photo by Jayson Bussa

Barry-Roubaix-affiliated event scheduled; Registration open now

Jayson Bussa
Contributing Writer

The Barry-Roubaix gravel cycling race overtakes Hastings for one spring weekend of the year.

Still, many cyclists enjoy traveling to the area to ride portions of the course during the offseason.

The race's organizers have leveraged that desire to hit the dirt one more time before winter by hosting what they have dubbed the Barry-Roubaix Fall Fondo.

This week, organizers announced a date for the latest installment of the more leisurely ride. It is slated for Sunday, Oct. 12, with registration opening on Friday. Registration for the event can be completed at: bikereg.com/fallfondo-barryroubaix.

Participants can enjoy an 18-, 36- or 62-mile ride around Barry County's dirt and gravel roads while raising money for two local causes. This year, proceeds go to benefit the Barry County Animal Shelter and Imagination Library, which is a national initiative championed by famed musician Dolly Parton that has been implemented locally by Hastings Rotary Club.

The Fall Fondo lends a dynamic to riders that they won't get during the Barry-Roubaix, most notably the fall colors along the course.

The event also features refreshments and a giveaway.

Fish Hatchery Park in Hastings will again serve as the staging area for event, in addition to the start and finish lines.

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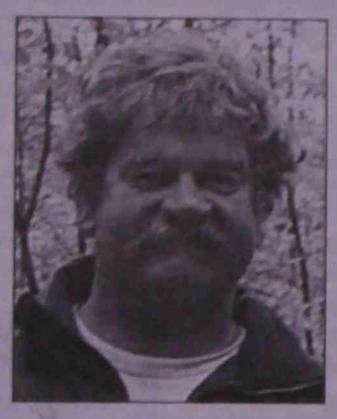
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Obituaries

Raymond L. Blough



Raymond L. Blough, age 67, of Middleville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 surrounded by his family.

Ray was born on June 16,1958 in Hastings, MI to Richard and Elvira Blough. He graduated from Thornapple-Kellogg High School. Ray loved spending time with friends and family – whether that was in the form of a spirited game of cribbage, camping trips with the travel trailer or hunting and fishing throughout Michigan. He was mechanically inclined and enjoyed tackling projects around the house and neighborhood. Ray was known for his unique sense of humor; those who knew him well can attest.

While the bulk of his career was spent at STOCK Building Supply, he also drove school bus for a period of time and enjoyed his many seasons working at Otto's Turkey Farm around Thanksgiving.

Mourning his passing is his wife of 36 years, Kathy; children, Benjamin Blough, Bethany Blough (fiancé Chase); brother, Berny (Gina) Blough; sisters-in-law, Debbie Blough, Faye VanderVeen (Shawn); brother-in-law, Sherman (Laurie) VanderVeen; nieces and nephews, Jake (Jennifer) Blough, Hillary Blough; Logan, Nolan VanderVeen.

He was preceded in death by both parents, his in-laws, and his brothers, Russell and Larry.

Ray will be remembered as a man of quiet strength, incredible wit and a generous spirit. According to his wishes, there will be no services. Condolences may be sent online at www.mkdfuneralhome.com.

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The Aug. 4 meeting opened with roll call and the secretary's report. There is one fish in the fishbowl.

Maryellen's program was from the July/Aug TOPS magazine titled "Weight Bias." About 40% of United States adults live with obesity. And, unfortunately, weight bias and stigmas permeate all areas of society. It shows up in the media, in healthcare, in the actions of bullies and even in your own home.

The psychological toll of being judged (or judging yourself), only fuels the vicious cycle. Weight stigma, or sizeism, is a discrimination based on body size. Unfortunately, it is a socially accepted form of sizeism. It affects quality of life leading to isolation and feeling low. Low self-esteem can lead to depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and thoughts of suicide. Eating patterns are affected with yo-yo cycles. It can lead to binge eating. Medical care can suffer if the doctor doesn't empathize and find the care you need to achieve your goal. Self-awareness and self kindness will overcome harmful self-esteem issues and overall health.

Chapter members continued the contest by filling in one dot for each one-tenth of a pound lost.

Linda won the Ha-Ha Box.

The meeting ended with marching in place as the group recited the TOPS pledge.

TOPS, a weight-loss support group, meets every Monday at Lincoln Meadows in Middleville. Weigh-in is from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., followed immediately by the meeting. Press the white buzzer for entry.

The chapter is looking for anyone interested in a group that supports weight-loss journeys without shame.

Anyone with questions may call Virginia, 269-908-8036, or Maryellen, 616-318-3545. The first meeting is free.

'Rock the Block' event set for this Saturday

Downtown Hastings will again be the site of a "Rock the Block" street dance on Saturday, Aug. 9, on South Jefferson Street in front of Full Moon Saloon.

The event will celebrate the newly issued "social district license" at Full Moon Saloon, according to organizers.

Music will begin at 6 p.m. on Aug. 9 with the mellow sounds of Lew Russ, followed by the Grand Rapids-based group, Mustang Band from Grand Rapids.

Organizers stated the Aug. 9 event will be the third and final street party event for the 2025 summer season, though plans are already underway for the 2026 summer series.

Rock the Block is a function of the Hastings Business Connection, sponsor of the Girls' Night Out and Jingle Mingle events. — *DM*

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Life EMS Ambulance employees Aidan McMartin and Christopher Johnson flash smiles on a sunny evening Tuesday.



Trustee Rob DeWard, on the right, was one of several Gaines Township officials who enjoyed the South Kent Night Out.

SPLASH

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attended the festivities.

As always, the Kent County Sheriff's Office hosted the local Night Out event. Organizers say it raises awareness about crime prevention and builds relationships between the community and public safety personnel.

"We've got lots of people here and several businesses (are represented)," Sgt. Scott Dietrich said. "We've got police, fire, EMS, tow trucks. We've got our Search & Rescue and mounted units over here. We've got our Marine Patrol unit, we've got our Technical Services unit – which is our drone team. Our dive unit is over there, our TAC (Tactical Apprehension & Confrontation) team armored vehicle is here."

The Kent County Sheriff's Office has been hosting the local event since 2010. It has taken place outside South Christian High School the past four years.

Gaines Township Trustee Rob DeWard and his wife attended the Night Out event. He said several people from various governmental and nonprofit agencies were there.

"Everybody's enjoying themselves," he said. "A lot of free stuff for kids. We just come to this every year and enjoy it."

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Sporting News



Brad Bliek of Hopkins and Haley Green of Zeeland show off their number one T-shirts at Gun Lake Wednesday after finishing as the top male and female point scorers during the 2025 summer Wayland Road Runners season. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

Road Runners wrap season with annual Gun Lake picnic

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Brad Bliek of Hopkins and Haley Green of Zeeland were handed the 2025 Wayland Road Runners T-shirts with the big number one on the back in the pavilion at Murphy's Point on Gun Lake Wednesday evening.

Bliek was the male and Green the female points leader for the Road Runners' summer season. The club finished its 29th season with its annual fun run and potluck at Gun Lake.

Runners took on two-, three-, four-mile runs or whatever they saw fit along State Park Drive and Gun Lake Road. The long runs took Road Runners from the Murphy's Point parking area to just beyond Tom's Meat Market on Gun Lake Road southeast of the entrance to the Yankee Springs park entrance.

The Road Runners once again began the summer of running the first week of June at Wayland Union High School and continued to get together every Wednesday evening throughout June and July. The program included short runs, long runs, track runs, relay runs and more throughout.

Points are kept each week for showing up and finishing runs. The top 24 runners were awarded numbered T-shirts for their placing during the end of season picnic.

Bliek and Green both moved to the top of the points standings in early July. For Bliek this is his second straight summer at the top of the standings.

The Road Runner club was once again headed by long-time area high school and track and field coach Ray Antel.

At least 30 folks took part in Wednesday's fun run, and many more friends and family in attendance for the picnic. Rather than keeping time of tallying points, Antel spent the half hour, give or take, making sure the hot dogs were ready for supper when the runners returned to Murphy's Point.

Antel made sure to let everyone know at the end of the evening that the 2026 season, the 30th club season, will begin the first Wednesday in June.



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The Gaines Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following request:

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Applicant: Brad Miedema

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Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations should contact Kim Triplett at (616) 698-6640 one week prior to the meeting to request mobility, visual or any other assistance.

Chief Noonday Chapter set to cut more trail next Saturday

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

A July work day managed to clear about half of the mile and a half of planned new North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) in Middleville, and a second work day is on the horizon.

The Chief Noonday Chapter of the North Country Trail Association is set to host a chapter work day Saturday, Aug. 16, in the woods between the current Crane Road trail head and downtown Middleville.

The new section of trail will travel through a mix of private and public property between Crane Road and Sheridan Street near Mount Hope Cemetery in Middleville, allowing NCT hikers to avoid what has become a busy stretch of Crane Road between Whitneyville Avenue and M-37.

The work for the second month in a row will consist mainly of clearing a 4-foot wide and 8-foot tall area through the forest – clearing brush and also benching the way across the many hilly sections of the trail.

A June workday drew about 25 volunteers who cut trail for about three hours through the brush south of Crane Road, and NCT organizers were extremely pleased with the day's progress.

The chapter will supply some tools, but volunteers are asked please bring mattocks or pulaskis if they have them, as well as lopping shears, pruning shears or pruning saws. It is also recommended to bring sturdy gloves and wear long pants and sleeves even if it's warm; plan to wear sunscreen and bug spray; and bring plenty of water and snacks.

The workday will begin at the NCT trailhead on Crane Road, east of Whitneyville Ave and just west of the youth baseball fields at the end of the road. Work is set to start at 9:30 a.m. and continue on until "around lunchtime."

There are also plans for an optional breakfast meet-up at Thornapple Kitchen in Middleville at 8 a.m.

Contact Ryan Bowles for more information at chiefnoondaytrailmanager@gmail.com.

A third trail workday is planned for Sept. 20, ideally to finish up the project.



Volunteers cut new trail across a hillside on the planned reroute of the North Country National Scenic Trail between the Crane Road trailhead and downtown Middleville during the NCTA Chief Noonday Chapter's work day in July. The work continues during an August work day planned for Saturday, Aug. 16. **Photo provided**

Correction:

Everett Wells was a member of the Caledonia Baseball Softball League 11U All-Star squad that placed third in this summer's Michigan District 9 Little League Baseball Tournament. Wells was inadvertently left off the list of players in last week's *Sun and News* story about the team that closed the summer with a third-place finish.

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CASE NO. and JUDGE 25-30177-DE
Judge William M. Doherty

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

Estate of Kenneth E. Piccard. Date of birth: May 3, 1956.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kenneth Piccard, died 11/15/2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ruth A. Piccard, 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: August 5, 2025
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Cal flag football players win their way into Junior Olympics



The CAL SELECT 7U flag football team huddles up during day two of the AAU Junior Olympics at Rice University in Houston, Texas, July 26.



The CAL SELECT 7U flag football team celebrates its championship at the SHS Battle at the Big House July 13 inside Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. The Caledonia squad earned a spot in the AAU Junior Olympics with the victory. It was one of three championship performances by CAL SELECT teams at the event as the 6U and 9U Gold teams also took first place. **Photos provided**

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The CAL SELECT 7U flag football team was the lone 7U team representing the state of Michigan July 25-26 at the AAU Junior Olympic Games at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Earning a spot in the Junior Olympics marked the third time the team had earned a spot in a national competition. It was a tough first day of pool play in Texas for the Caledonia youngsters. In the end they were downed in their first bracket play contest, 12-7 by an SUBU team, in a game in which the Cal team had a 7-0 lead in the first half.

Reports from Houston are that the boys gave it everything they had against some really talented teams.

The CAL SELECT team earned its spot in the Junior Olympics with a championship performance at the 2025 Super Hero Sports (SHS) Battle at the Big House inside Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor July 13.

The CAL SELECT program sent six teams to the Battle at the Big House and all six earned trophies for top three finishes. The 7U, 6U, and 9U Gold teams won titles. The 9U Purple team and 10U team scored runner-up finishes. The program's 8U team was third.

All six of those teams qualified for a national tournament at some point during the 2025 season.

Cal SELECT Flag Football president Brian Michael Walsh said, the 7U team really stood out as the only 7U team from the state to qualify for a spot in Houston.

"Their journey is a testament to the power of youth sports and the growing momentum of flag football in our state," Walsh said.

"This achievement is part of a much larger success story. CAL SELECT is a competitive travel flag football program founded just over a year ago to help the most dedicated young players in our area take their physical, mental, and emotional development to the next level. In a short time, we've built a program that's producing regional and national results."

The CAL SELECT program had its 6U and 10U teams place third at the 2024 SHS Battle at the Big House. This 2025 season included championships from the 7U team and the 9U Purple team at the Great Lakes Flag Football Summer Kickoff Classic; the 6U team at the West Michigan Flag Football Championship; and from the 7U and 9U Gold teams in the 7v7 contests at the SHS Summer Nationals. The program had a number of runner-up and third-place finishes throughout the season too.



Work day to clear invasives from near Hall Lake Saturday

An outing in the woods will be hosted by the Michigan DNR for volunteers to help remove invasive shrubs that threaten habitat at Hall Lake in the Yankee Springs Recreation Area Saturday, Aug. 16.

The session is slated to run from 10 a.m. until noon.

Long-sleeve shirts, long pants and closed-toed shoes are highly recommended for volunteers.

Volunteers are instructed to park at the winter sports parking area near 10100 Gun Lake Rd.

Contact Tyler Lidgard for more information or to register for the event by email at LidgardT@Michigan.gov. — *BB*

Brewfest pairs with M66 Unique Antique flea market

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The beverage list is finally settled.

The volunteer list is nearly full.

The ninth annual Barry County Brewfest opens at noon Saturday, Aug. 16, in downtown Nashville. This is the second time the Barry County Chamber and Economic Development Alliance (BCCEDA) traveling adult beverage festival will be in town. It last hit the streets of downtown Nashville in 2019.

The Barry County Brewfest was first held in Middleville in 2016, and currently rotates each year between Nashville, Hastings, Middleville and Delton.

The event runs from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets for the event can be purchased online at mibarry.com/brewfest/. Tickets are $30 (plus some online fees) or $40 at the event.

Being that volunteers are granted entry into the event after their shift, there continues to be no lack for volunteer help according to BCCEDA business manager Kim Martin. The group of volunteers this summer includes members of the Maple Valley Junior High football program. Event organizers like to get a local group to help with the event teardown at the end of the day.

Martin said Maple Valley Athletic Boosters president Tal Gearhart suggested the middle school football program as it is looking to fundraise to help pay for bussing to games this fall. The chamber will make a donation and also allow the football program to take the returnable cans and bottles from the event to collect the deposit.

The Maple Valley Athletic Boosters will have a big part in the day's festivities hosting a food tent alongside Brewfest with plans to serve items like hot dogs, chicken wings and french fries.

The Brewfest is being held in conjunction with the 66 Unique Flea Market along M-66 in Nashville Saturday. That event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an antique tractor show as well as food vendors, music and the three antique shops in downtown Nashville will be open downtown visitors too.

"We do this because we wanna bring people into different parts of Barry County, and hopefully in doing that they're gonna visit the business in the area … Hopefully some of the restaurants in Nashville get some foot traffic from Brewfest. Hopefully, some of the stores get some foot traffic from Brewfest. That is what we're hoping for from it. Then again, it gets people from other parts of the state or different places into the Barry County area."



Barry County Brewfest returns to downtown Nashville for the second time in the event's history. It will run in conjunction with the M66 Unique Antique Flea Market Saturday, Aug. 16. Brewfest was last in Nashville in 2019. **Photo provided**

Live music will be performed by SilentBark during the Brewfest.

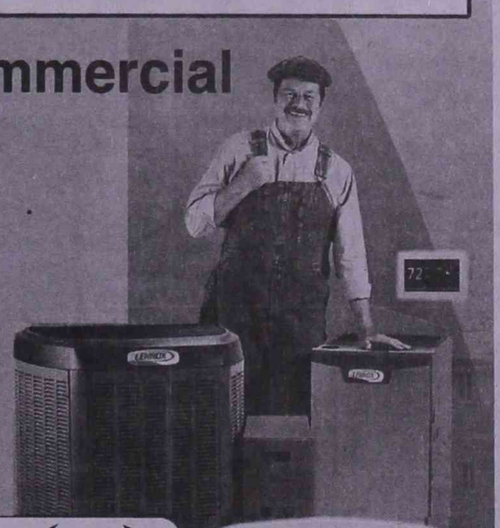
Martin said the event is up from 35 beverage vendors to 38 this summer—with a Michigan focus as usual and a special emphasis on local breweries and the like including places like Walldorff Brewpub, Glass Creek Winery and Brewery and Gull Lake Distillery. The big boys will be there too with offerings from Founders, Bell's, New Holland Brewing Co., Short's, etc.

A local addition to the line-up this year is Brothers Brew, a non-alcoholic brewery based out of Hastings with a mission to provide alcohol-free options while also putting an emphasis on helping veterans through the business. Brothers Brew beverages on the menu include their signature hoppy "Icy Hops" as well as "Pink Mist," a hibiscus and lime forward beverage.

While the ninth Brewfest is just a week away, plans are already underway for the tenth to come to Hastings Aug. 8, 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
July 2025

The Gaines Charter Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025, and took the following actions.

1. Reviewed the Consent Agenda
2. Approved the Meeting Agenda
3. Discussed the Kent District Library Annual Report
4. Held a public hearing on Authentix Gaines Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning
5. Held a public hearing on 1264 100th Street Southeast Rezoning
6. Approved the consent agenda
7. Approved the Authentix Gaines PUD rezoning request.
8. Adopted the ordinance to rezone 1264 100th Street from Agricultural Rural Residential to Village Residential.
9. Approved the Preliminary Major Condominium Plan for Dutton Center Phase 2.
10. Set a Public Hearing for August 11, 2025 for a zoning ordinance text amendment.
11. Set a Public Hearing for August 11, 2025 for text amendments to the Code of Ordinances for Early Starts for multi-family with the removal of bond language in the amendments.
12. Approved the tentative preliminary plat phase 3 for Hoffman Meadows.
13. Approved the Water and Sewer contracts 3 and 4 for Prairie Wolf Station.
14. Approved entering into a Cooperative Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Control.
15. Approved the planned maintenance agreement with Cummins for the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department.
16. Approved fronting up to $10,000 to organize a Taste of Gaines Festival for September 27, 2025 dependent on attorney review.
17. Allowed the Supervisor, Township Clerk, and Township Treasurer to send liquor license requests to the Sherrif patrol for the Taste of Gaines event only.
18. Adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Gaines Charter Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday, July 28, 2025, and took the following actions.

1. Approved the Meeting Agenda
2. Discussed the Initiatives Review Document
3. Discussed the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department Additional Staffing
4. Discussed the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department Capital Replacement
5. Discussed the Township Initiatives
6. Discussed the Parks and Trails Committee Initiatives
7. Discussed the Road Repair Funding
8. Discussed the Board Member Initiatives
9. Adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of these meetings and any resolutions or ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Gaines Charter Township office, 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia, Michigan 49316. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes, and other Township information are also available at www.gainestownship.org.

Michael Brew
Gaines Charter Township Clerk


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