



# High School football: Biggest questions facing each team

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## Students immersed in language, culture at West Ottawa’s Los Lagos



Students at West Ottawa’s Los Lagos Bilingual Academy hear a story in the library on Aug. 25. PHOTOS BY MITCHELL BOATMAN/HOLLAND SENTINEL

# ‘We feel like a family’

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One of West Ottawa’s elementary school buildings has entered a new era. Students and staff are getting comfortable at Los Lagos Bilingual Academy, the district’s new standalone dual immersion school, housed in the former North Holland Elementary. The school year at WOPS kicked off Aug. 21. Los Lagos, Spanish for “The Lakes,” is a building-wide K-5 dual immersion program with an even mix of native or heritage Spanish speakers and native English speakers. It’s the first time the program has

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Los Lagos Bilingual Academy at West Ottawa Public Schools has artwork and signage that combines local and Latino cultures.

### HEALTH INSPECTIONS

## Mexican restaurant is cited for cleanliness, egg storage

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Each week, the Ottawa County Department of Public Health releases a round-up of recent safety inspections at restaurants, schools and other facilities. Adhering to proper safety practices is critical to preventing foodborne illness and promoting public health. The Holland Sentinel, in 2025, is publishing regular reports on “priority” violations — ones that could directly lead to contamination of food or increase the risk of transmitting a foodborne illness, as well as corrective measures taken. The Sentinel will also report on “priority foundation” violations — ones that could lead to a priority violation. The health department notes “core” violations, but The Sentinel will only report on those if there’s a significant accumulation in a single eatery. All reports are available at [miottawa.org/health/environmental/food-services](http://miottawa.org/health/environmental/food-services).

**Bowerman’s on Eighth**  
**4 E. Eighth St. in Holland**  
**Priority Foundation:** Without review or approval, the facility constructed and installed a walk-in cooler and

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## Park Twp. Community Center may face demolition three years after fire

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**PARK TWP. —** The original Park Township Community Center may finally face demolition, three years after a devastating fire left the building labeled a total loss. The Park Township Board of Trustees approved a \$4.7 million settlement with the municipality’s insurance company in March. During a special meeting Aug. 21, officials considered their options. The Park Township Community Center was built in 1937, and is located on the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. The building was expanded and upgraded over the years, most recently in 1992. It hosted a range of activities, including athletics, recreation groups and rental spaces for events.

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