



Golfing at Holly Meadows, near Capac, came to a halt following a hail storm.

Reviewers gear up for Q3 grants

First half of 2026 sees \$200,000 awarded

TRI-CITY AREA
— In the first half of 2026, Four County Community Foundation (4CCF) awarded more than \$200,000 in grant requests to area non-profit agencies, schools and other governmental units. The awards repre-

sent a wide range in type, amount and geography across the Foundation's service area in Lapeer, St. Clair, Oakland and Macomb counties. "We're grateful to the many volunteers who give of their time to thoroughly read

every grant application and come to our committee meetings ready for thoughtful discussions about how our funds can best meet community needs," said Kathy Dickens, 4CCF Executive Director..

Among the approved grant requests are those focused on the needs of our youngest residents. The Child Care Network received \$10,000 for their efforts to strengthen the early childhood workforce in Lapeer and St. Clair counties with wage stipends.

Grant dollars will also support new and existing recreation opportunities in the

area. The Village of Dryden was granted \$30,000 to add pickleball and basketball courts plus a skate park at Cardinal Field.

A \$4,326 grant from the Imlay City Community Fund allowed the Downtown Development Authority to purchase and install automated external defibrillators at the Alvin Norlin Pool and Community Center.

Among some of the most unique requests were Almont's Orchard Primary School which received a \$3,000 Grant Tank award from YAC for their Raider Rescue Squad to partner with Marty's Place, a local animal sanctuary.

In addition to col-



Ben Selaty and fellow lifeguards at Imlay City's Alvin Norlin Pool now have access to an automated external defibrillator purchased with grant dollars from Four County Community Foundation.

lecting food waste from their cafeteria for the animals, the student-led Raider Rescue Squad used the funds to pay for a field trip to Marty's Place in Bruce Township and provide funding for each third-grade class to complete a service project at the sanctuary.

Other grant awards from the first two cycles include: \$9,000 from the Four County Community Fund for the Lapeer Symphony Orchestra to purchase percussion instruments and sheet music, \$2,000 from the Alan and Nancy Parsch Family

Fund for the Hospice Homes of Genesee and Lapeer Counties to conduct volunteer recruitment and training

Grant applications for the third quarter cycle of 2026 are due Wednesday, July 1 by 11:59 p.m.

Looking ahead, October 1 is the deadline to submit fourth quarter requests. Learn more about the grant process at <https://www.4ccf.org/grantees/> or call the Foundation at (810) 798-0909.

Four County Community Foundation is committed to serving the current and emerging needs of our local community. The foundation serves portions of Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb and Oakland counties. To learn more about Four County Community Foundation, visit www.4ccf.org or call (810) 798-0909.

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Michigan Independent Media Group acquires fifth newspaper

Purchase reunites two historic publications

SANDUSKY, MI. — Michigan Independent Media Group (MIMG) announced today the acquisition of the Tribune Recorder Leader in Sandusky, reuniting two newspapers whose histories have been intertwined for nearly seven decades. The acquisition marks the fifth newspaper owned by Michigan Independent Media Group and brings the Tribune Recorder Leader and the Yale Expositor back under common ownership for the first time in decades. The connection between the two publications dates back to the late 1950s, when publisher Bill Irving owned

both newspapers. After a devastating fire destroyed the Sandusky Republican Tribune building in 1958, the newspaper continued publishing from Yale while Sandusky rebuilt. "For us, this isn't simply another newspaper acquisition," said Lonnie Scott, CEO of Buried Lede Media. "It's an opportunity to reunite two newspapers with a remarkable shared history. When the Tribune's building burned, The Yale Expositor helped keep it alive. Today, we're honored to bring these publications back under the same umbrella and continue the legacy of serving the community with strong local

journalism." The acquisition continues Michigan Independent Media Group's investment in local journalism across the state. Through its operating company, Buried Lede Media, MIMG, now publishes the Tribune Recorder Leader, Yale Expositor, Tri-City Times, City Pulse, and the Hamtramck Review. In addition, MIMG recently partnered with Civic Media to acquire five radio stations serving communities across Michigan's Upper Peninsula, expanding its commitment to delivering trusted local news across print, digital, and broadcast platforms.



Jason Franklin

Since acquiring its first newspaper in 2025, Buried Lede Media has invested heavily in modernizing local news operations while preserving the community-focused reporting readers expect. Recent initiatives include launching new websites, expanding digital newsletters, implementing a modern content management system across its publications, growing news-



Lonnie Scott

room staffing, and increasing local reporting capacity through partnerships such as Report for America. The Tribune Recorder Leader will continue serving

Sandusky and the surrounding communities while benefiting from shared technology, operational support, and collaboration across the Buried Lede Media network. "Our philosophy has always been that strong local newspapers create stronger communities," Scott said. "We're not interested in cutting our way to survival. We're investing in journalism, in technology, and most importantly, in the communities our newspapers serve."



Two-vehicle crash closes road

A two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Imlay City Rd. and Martin Rd., in Mussey Twp. closed Imlay City Rd. for a period of time Saturday morning around 10:30 a.m. Emergency crews from Mussey Twp. Fire Department, Tri-Hospital EMS and Capac police responded to the scene. One of the two vehicles sustained extensive damage, after ending up in a ditch on the north side of the roadway. The other vehicle, an SUV, sustained minor damage. The extent of injuries and number of victims was unclear.

Antique truck correction

Last week on Page 1 of the *Tri-City Times*, a photo of a classic pickup, known as a "Rum Runner" was used. According to family of the previous owner, the vehicle was only used for one day with

Raymond Well Drilling, not a regular part of the business. The truck was part of the Hot Rod and Motorcycle show held at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds in Imlay City on June 20.

Caila Fitchett	Karley Anderson	Madilyn Thorman	Cara Pursakiewicz	Mallory Barker
Jayden Stankevich	Logan Romain	Hayden Blair	Kaeliegh Gourieux	Chloe DeLoy

Dryden Top Ten Seniors

Caila Fitchett - 4.262 (Salutatorian) - Caila Fitchett is the daughter of Matthew and Rachel Fitchett of Almont Township. Caila is the Salutatorian for the Dryden High School Class of 2026 with a GPA of 4.262. Throughout high school, she has earned multiple prestigious scholarships, including the NHS Scholarship, MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award, Elks Most Valuable Student, and the Horatio Alger Scholarship. Caila has been a leader in virtually every organization she has joined, serving as National Honor Society President, Student Council Vice President, Indoor Track Club Captain, and Co-Founder and Huddle Leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as the Dryden Red

and Black Editor. Caila was nominated for WNEM TV-5's "Best & Brightest" campaign and received the College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award. On the track, Caila has been a dominant force. She holds multiple school records, including the 400m relay, 800m relay, and 1600m relay. She is an MHSAA All-State honoree in the 1600m relay and a state qualifier in multiple events. Caila is a Region 39 Track Champion, earned Dryden High School Track & Field MVP, and received the Varsity Track & Field Leadership Award. She has earned NCTL All-Conference First Team honors across multiple events, including the 300m hurdles, 800m relay, and 1600m relay. Additionally, she

has been named Track & Field Academic All-State. In cross country, Caila was a four-year varsity athlete and two-year captain, leading her team to an MHSAA Team State Qualifier appearance and earning the Cross Country Heart Award and Varsity Cross Country Leadership Award. She has also competed in varsity soccer, volleyball, and bowling, earning multiple NCTL All-Conference Second Team and Big Thumb Conference Scholar-Athlete honors. Across all sports, she has consistently received the Dryden Tri-Athlete Award. The most influential person in Caila's life is Jesus, who has been with her at her best and worst, and she owes

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Almont reaches agreement with new Superintendent

Board signs new two-year contract

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

ALMONT — After weeks of sorting through applications, sitting through numerous interviews and doing their homework, the Almont School Board, and the district, officially has their next Superintendent.

Kyle Wood, who was previously the Ass't Supt. of the Croswell-Lexington School District in Sanilac County, inked his new contract with the district at a meeting earlier last week.

According to the new superintendent, his base salary is \$142,500 plus his benefit package that includes health insurance and a retirement contribution.

Wood replaces long-time Almont employee Kimberly VonHiltmayer who chose to retire after decades of employment with the district, both in the classroom and in administration.

While extending his thanks to the board for selecting him, Wood has said he is excited to settle in and getting started this week. He will spend his first several days in the district meeting with various department employees. He said he intends to, "listen and learn" while speaking with



Kyle Wood

staff.

Board President Janaea Smith is pleased to have the process over and now is shifting gears towards filling vacancies throughout the district.

"The district has experienced several administrative transitions, and we are in the process of posting and organizing interviews for those positions," she told the *Tri-City Times*.

At least two of the three principals, at Orchard Primary and the high school, have left for other employment along with additional office staff and various teachers.

While it is common to have some change-over, the attrition of resignations, retirements or career path changes have hit the Almont district hard as they prepare for the 2026-2027 school year.

Having taken over as

the district's top administrator, as of July 1, one of many of Wood's projects is to help promote and get the word out on an upcoming millage request for district voters.

The district is seeking a non-homestead millage renewal when voters go to the polls August 4.

If approved, the non-homestead millage is funding approved (or not) by voters that allows the school district to continue collecting operating funds on non-homestead properties, such as businesses, rental properties, second homes and commercial property.

Millage funds are used to support essential operational expenses throughout the district, including: classroom instruction and academic programming; student support services; school safety and security; transportation and technology; extracurricular and athletic opportunities; and building operations and maintenance.

School districts rely on the non-homestead tax as a vital part of funding sources, separate from any other specially voted on millage for other financial requests.

Absentee ballots are now available and early voting begins July 25.



Photo by David Fredrick

Two thumbs up for this beauty!

Kids of all ages checked out the Car and Motorcycle Show in Imlay City last weekend. Above, 8-year old Blake Hargrove gives his approval of this ride on display at the show Saturday. Blake is moving up to Weston School this fall in Imlay City.

Car & Bike show huge success

IMLAY CITY — The Hot Rod and Motorcycle Show rolled into town June 20 and 21 and created quite a stir amongst visitors. It was the first year for the show to be held at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds in

Imlay City, after previously being held in Marysville.

The show had something for everyone from car classics to motorcycles and e-cars for the younger guests to buzz around in.

Among the special

vehicles there was a unique car being considered for reproduction as the newest addition to the lineup of the Hot Wheels collection. The custom one-seater ride was built from a Harley Davidson sidecar.



Photo by David Fredrick

These visitors check out a real show stopper made from a Harley sidecar.



Photo by David Fredrick

A long line of motorcycles were on display at the show last month.



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Standing around and chatting with friends while checking out cars and visitors.



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A monster truck was kept busy giving rides to thrill seekers.

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inspect the damage to their trees, vehicles, roofs, siding along with some crop fields.

One family in Mussey reported damage so severe to their home they have to have a roof and siding replaced, along with vehicles receiving extensive damage.

Holly Meadows Golf Course sustained heavy tree damage when hail shredded leaves from branches along with a light coating of hail across grassy surfaces.

Just a few miles either way from Capac, north or south, there was little to no damage from hail.

The storm traveled to Port Huron and then into Canada where it spawned a tornado.

Damage to young corn plants was obvious throughout the area. Damage after such a storm can be one of the most disheartening feelings in the world to a corn grower. Ag experts say the challenge is to separate emotion from

reality when assessing actual damage to plants and estimating recovery of a hail-damaged field.

Purdue University experts say yield loss in corn due to hail damage results primarily from stand reduction caused by plant death and leaf area reduction caused by hail damage to the leaves. Assessing the yield consequences of hail damage in corn therefore requires that the severity of each of these factors be estimated.

As with most early-season problems, evaluation of hail-damaged fields should not be attempted the day after the storm occurs because it can be very difficult to predict survivability of damaged plants by simply looking at the damage itself.

Young corn has an amazing capacity to recover from early season damage but patience is required to allow the damaged plants enough time to visibly demonstrate whether they will recover or not.

Damaged but viable plants will usually show noticeable recovery from the whorl within three to



Photo by David Fredrick

These corn stalks in Mussey Twp. were shredded by hail last Thursday afternoon.

five days with favorable weather and moisture conditions.

Yield loss in corn is not directly proportional to the reduction in the number of plants per acre when the damage occurs early in the growing season. The surviving plants that surround a missing plant compensate by increasing their potential kernel numbers or by developing a second ear.

Experts say leaf damage by hail usually looks worse than it real-

ly is.

Tattered leaves that remain green and connected to the plant will continue to photosynthesize.

The effects of leaf death on yield increases as the plants near silking, and then decreases throughout grain fill.

Therefore, the grower needs to determine the leaf stage of the crop when the hail damage occurred. This can be challenging depending on the severity of the damage to the plants by the hail.

Fire:

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mutual aid system in Lapeer County and it worked out well for us,” Napolitano said. “Almont and Attica were a tremendous help, shuttling water to the scene for us. There are no hydrants near the scene, so they had to go back into town and draw from a hydrant.”

The PIO said the building was not totally engulfed as some had said on social media.

“We had fire extension in the back of the building, where the kitchen and food prep area was, but nothing out in the main part of the restaraunt, other than smoke damage.

The interior guys did a great job in stopping it from spreading further than it did.”

Napolitano did say when first units arrived, “there were flames through the roof, in the back of the building and we were able to knock them down quickly.”

According to fire officials, the business is insured and the owners were working with fire personnel.

Napolitano said approximately 12,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish flames and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

No injuries were reported and the last fire units cleared the scene just before 2:30 a.m.

Free food distribution at West Berlin UMC

ALLENTON — Free food distribution at West Berlin UMC Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. West Berlin UMC 905 Holmes Rd., Allenton, MI 48002. Volunteers are always welcomed - please arrive around 8:00 a.m. Funding from 4 County Comm. Foundation, St. Clair County Comm. Foundation, FBEM, Mich. Conf. UMC, many local businesses and individuals.

America:

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new generation. To me, this milestone represents pride and responsibility.

It’s easy to celebrate the achievements like democracy, innovation, and the opportunities people have found here, but it’s just as important to recognize the challenges the nation has faced and continues to face. Looking back helps us understand how the past impacts the present, and it encourages us to keep improving the future.

America’s 250th birthday is also about unity. Even though people may have different beliefs and perspectives, this anniversary is a chance to come together and reflect on values like freedom, resilience, and hope.

It reminds me that being part of this country means not just appreciating its history, but actively contributing to what it will become next.

Mackenzie Bruyere, 11th grade

The America 250 celebration marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the day that America became the country we know and love.

This milestone helps us look back at our country’s history as well as gives us the chance to realize the opportunity we have to live the life of freedom in America.

This anniversary offers a unique chance to reflect on shared history while looking forward. Throughout our 250 years, we have been through many ups and downs as a country and many people have tried to take our freedoms away from us.

But as the strong Americans we are, we fought through those challenges and rose above and protected our freedoms we have here.

America 250 challenges our generation as well as future generations to live up to the nation’s founding principles, inspiring us to get involved and keep America’s promise of Freedom and Happiness for another

250 years.

Chase Omelianoff, 11th grade

When I think about America, I don’t first think about famous landmarks or historical events. I think about sitting around a campfire with family and friends, hiking through the woods, fishing on a quiet pond, and watching the sun set over our Great Lakes.

Those experiences may seem simple, but they are only possible because of the freedoms and opportunities that generations of Americans have worked to protect.

Growing up in Michigan, some of my favorite memories have been made outside. Every summer, my family travels to the Upper Peninsula, where we spend our time exploring new places and enjoying the vast outdoors.

Whether I am walking through a small town in the middle of nowhere, casting a line into a quiet pond, or simply taking in the scenery around me, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to call this country my home. These moments have taught me to appreciate not only the natural beauty of America, but also the values and work ethic that has helped preserve it for future generations.

America’s 250th anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on the people who came before us and the sacrifices they made. The freedoms I enjoy today, including the ability to spend time with my family and friends, take on leadership positions, and pursue my goals, did not happen by accident. They are the result of generations of Americans who worked, sacrificed, and believed in the promise of a better future.

As our great nation celebrates 250 years, I am grateful for those who built, defended, and strengthened our country. Their sacrifices have made it possible for people like me to enjoy the opportunities and experiences that have shaped my life. To me, America’s 250th anniversary is not just a celebration of our history, but a

reminder to appreciate the freedoms we often take for granted, the people who make our lives meaningful, and the country we are fortunate to call home.

Mason Russell, 11th grade

America’s 250th birthday could hold different meanings for different people, but for many, including myself, it would be a time to think back and reflect on the nation’s history, achievements, and future.

250 years as an independent nation is a great milestone which represents the generations of people who’ve shaped the country we now have today.

For many, this celebration would be an opportunity to honor the values of freedom, democracy, and opportunity that have played a significant role in the advancements in American society.

Some may also use this day to remember important historical events and focus on the progress the nation has made over time.

It can also encourage people to think about challenges that still exist and how future generations can continue working towards positive changes and outcomes for the United States.

This occasion also brings communities together to celebrate. It provides an opportunity for people from different backgrounds to look back on their shared history while still looking ahead to the future of the nation.

Although America’s 250th birthday can be a fun celebration with fireworks and fun, it is also a chance to reflect and appreciate the journey of the United States. It allows us to recognize the contributions of American citizens, and consider the role each person can play in shaping the next chapter of American history.

Isabel Heller, 11th grade

America’s 250th birthday is a big milestone. This is the time when we think about America’s history.

We think about how America has grown over time and all the things that happened in history. We

especially think about the people who made America what it is today.

I feel that the 250th birthday of the USA is really about being appreciative for the chances that you are given. I feel it is important to be living in America where we are given the freedom to voice our own opinions, achieve the things that we are hoping for and we are also given plenty of choices to choose from.

The celebration of America’s 250th birthday is all about remembering how every person is able to make America an even better place, and it is obvious that America has been through many ups and downs; however it still continued to become a great country.

The 250th birthday of America should not be about remembering America’s past, but is about remembering the current time as well as the future that we will encounter by seeing what the younger generations can achieve today, since it is through today’s youth that will become leaders for tomorrow and this shows us why America’s 250th birthday is an important event.

People should remember the pride that they should have in the USA, yet they should also always continue to work at making America an even better country.

I feel that America’s 250th birthday is a fun time to celebrate the history of America.

Alexis Bruyere, 11th grade

From what I know and the life I have been given, it is because of our nation. I feel honored to have made it to the 250th anniversary of the most dominant, successful, and freest country on the planet. I take pride in knowing that I can believe in what I believe to be true, and have the right to speak what’s on my mind.

Our people have given us some of the best rights in the world. Equality among both men and women for all races and ages is one of them. The bloodshed by the soldiers we lost for our

comfort and ability to live the glorious lives we were all gifted with I will never forget.

We show with pride our vibrance in opinions, goals, and morals helping us all become the best versions of ourselves. I would just like to say thank you to all that have given me the opportunity to have everything that I do. I can’t describe how grateful I am.

Colton Herzog, 7th grade

In a country like the U.S.A., it is crazy to hear that it has been here for 250 years, and that makes me think about how lucky I am to be here. I am lucky and grateful that I get to be protected by America’s strong forces and to think that the American soldiers were able to keep America here to this day is amazing, which really makes me feel safe.

With that, I will be able to do my work knowing that I am safe, so I am grateful I live in a country with people that keep it going strong.

Brody Roszczewski, 7th grade

The 250th Anniversary of the USA means a lot to me. The USA gives us the right to own guns, the freedom of speech, and the freedom of religion. Everyone here is equal and has the

same rights as everyone else no matter their skin color, way of life, or religion.

My Great-Great grandparents moved here to Michigan from their home in Southern Italy seeking a better life than the tireless labors they had before.

Thanks to America, my Great-Great grandparents and the rest of their family got that freedom.

Now, because of the Great-Great grandparents moving to the land of the free, I have that same freedom people in other countries still crave for.

Sincerely, From a student from Mr. LaMarra 7th hour, Olivia R. Gibson, 7th grade

This year will be America’s 250 year anniversary, and I’m grateful for all of the laws we have passed throughout the years.

All of the opportunities people have now are good. Because of the first amendment, we are able to have freedom of speech without anyone saying anything and also freedom of religion, too. We are able to carry guns because of the second amendment. I’m grateful that people can pick their own job.

People now can vote at the age of 18 because throughout the years things changed.

Alexa Lopez, 7th grade

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New businesses cut ribbon in Imlay City



City officials gathered with new business owners of Vintage Plate Charcuterie on 3rd St. Friday to cut the grand opening ribbon. They are one of two new businesses to open.



Mayor Barbara Yockey (left) and DDA Director Chauck Bennett (far right) hold the ribbon to be cut for the opening of 3rd St. business Trust Design Agency.

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everything to Him. She is also deeply grateful for her parents and friends who support her every step of the way. Caila will be attending Hope College this fall to major in Psychology and run on the track and field team.

Karley Andersen - 4.16 - Karley Andersen is the daughter of Ryan and Nickole Andersen of North Branch. Karley is ranked second in her class with a GPA of 4.16. Throughout her high school career, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence, participating in the Early College program and completing coursework through Ferris State University, Macomb Community College, and Baker College. Through her hard work and dedication, she has earned her Associate's degree in General Studies from Macomb Community College. In addition to her academic achievements, Karley has been actively involved in her school community, serving on the Wellness Committee and Student Council. She has also shown a passion for helping others by volunteering for the American Heart Association's "One Week to Save a Life" challenge. Outside of school, Karley dedicates her time to volunteering in the nursery at her church, reflecting her caring nature and commitment to serving others. Karley credits all of her achievements to her faith in God, which continues to motivate and guide her. Her faith has encouraged her personal growth and inspires her as she looks toward the future. She is also deeply grateful for the unwavering support of her families, who have encouraged her every step of the way. After graduation, Karley plans to attend Calvin University to study Psychology, pursue advanced studies, and become a clinical psychologist. She is also hoping for the opportunity to study abroad to broaden her perspective on other cultures and enrich her educational experience.

Madilyn Thorman - 4.15 - Madilyn Thorman, is the daughter of Hollie Marshall and Greg Thorman of Dryden Township. She is a student of the Dryden High School Class of 2026, where she currently ranks fourth in her class with an impressive GPA of 4.15. Throughout her high school career, Madilyn has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence, earning recognition on the All-

A's Honor Roll. She has further challenged herself through participation in her school's dual enrollment program, successfully completing multiple college-level courses and performing at a high level, which reflects both her dedication and ability to excel in advanced academic settings. In addition to her academic achievements, Madilyn has been actively involved in her school community, serving as class treasurer and participating in Link Crew, where she helped support and guide incoming students. Outside of school, she has shown long-term dedication and discipline through her involvement in martial arts and Brazilian jiu-jitsu since the age of 11. Over the past four years, she has taken on a leadership role as an assistant coach, mentoring younger students and helping them build both skill and confidence. Madilyn plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall, where she intends to major in finance. She is excited to continue her academic journey and further develop the skills and knowledge that will prepare her for a successful future.

Cara Prusakiewicz - 4.133 (Valedictorian) - Cara Prusakiewicz is the daughter of Lisa and Nicholas Prusakiewicz of Almont. Cara is the valedictorian for the Dryden Junior/Senior High School Class of 2026 with a GPA of 4.133. Throughout high school, she has taken on an accelerated academic schedule, earning her associate's degree from Macomb Community College while also completing coursework through Ferris State University and Baker College. Cara has been a leader in many organizations, serving as Student Council President, Editor of The Dryden Red and Black, Vice President of National Honor Society, and Co-Leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, while also being involved in Students Against Destructive Decisions. She has earned numerous honors, including the WNEM TV-5 "Best & Brightest" award, the WXYZ Channel 7 "Brightest & Best" award, the College Board National Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, and multiple Academic All-State and Scholar Athlete distinctions. As a standout athlete, Cara has competed in varsity cross country and track, serving as team captain in both sports, earning multiple All-State honors, setting school records in cross country, and qualifying for the

state meet while earning all-league recognition. Beyond academics and athletics, she has dedicated time to community service through organizations such as Special Olympics, church programs, and local volunteer efforts. Her faith has also been an important part of her life, helping guide her values and leadership. Cara will be attending Indiana Institute of Technology this fall, where she plans to study mechanical engineering while continuing her cross-country and track career.

Mallory Barker - 3.90 - Mallory Barker is the daughter of Martin and Melanie Barker of Dryden. Mallory is ranked fifth in the Dryden Junior/Senior High School Class of 2026 with a GPA of 3.903. Throughout high school, she has successfully balanced a rigorous academic schedule, athletics, leadership, and community involvement. In addition to her high school coursework, Mallory has taken on the challenge of completing college courses and graduated with her associate's degree from Macomb Community College this May. She has also consistently earned placement on the A-B Honor Roll throughout high school. Mallory has been a dedicated student-athlete, competing in varsity volleyball for four years and varsity track and field for three years. During her senior volleyball season, she served as team captain and earned Second Team All-Conference honors as well as Tri-City Times Athlete of the Week. In track and field, she earned First Team All-Conference recognition as part of the 4x400 relay team, Second Team All-Conference honors in long jump, and All-Conference Honorable Mention as part of the 4x100 relay team. She has also been recognized multiple times as a Scholar Athlete for her accomplishments in both academics and athletics. In addition to athletics, Mallory has been an active leader within her school. She has been a member of Student Council for the past four years and a member of the National Honor Society for four years, currently serving as secretary. She is also involved in Students Against Destructive Decisions and helped support the Heart Health Challenge for the American Heart Association. Additionally, Mallory is an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, where she has continued to grow in both leadership and faith. This fall, Mallory plans to continue her academic

career at Ferris State University, where she will study Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Jayden Stankevich - 3.749 - Jayden Stankevich is the son of Steven and Felecia Stankevich of Dryden. Jayden is ranked sixth in his class with a GPA of 3.749. Throughout his high school career, Jayden has demonstrated exceptional dedication both academically and athletically. He has consistently earned placement on the A-B Honor Roll and completed numerous college-level courses, showcasing his commitment to academic excellence. Jayden has been an active leader within his school community, serving as President of Students Against Destructive Decisions, class secretary, a member of the Wellness Committee, and a member of the Student Council. He also participated in Link Crew, helping younger students transition to high school. His leadership extends beyond the classroom. Jayden has volunteered his time to organize and run the American Heart Association event at Dryden High School, reflecting his passion for service and community involvement. Athletically, Jayden has excelled in multiple sports. He has played baseball, earning Second Team Big Thumb Conference Blue Division honors and First Team Tri-City Times All-Area recognition. He also competed in basketball and track, balancing his athletic pursuits with his academic responsibilities. His achievements earned him the Dryden Athletic Boosters Scholar Athlete Award multiple times and other numerous awards. Jayden credits his success to his faith. His relationship with God has shaped his character and continues to inspire him in all areas of life. He is also very grateful to his family for helping him along the way. After graduation, Jayden plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall to study Business.

Logan Romain - 3.725 - Logan Romain is the son of Doug and Trisha Romain of Dryden. Logan's GPA is 3.72 and he is ranked seventh in his class. He participated in varsity cross country for four years, qualifying for the State Finals three times, earning two Big Thumb Conference League Champion titles, and helping lead his team to its first Regional Championship while serving as captain for two years. Logan was also recognized as a Tri-City Times All-Area

selection in cross country. In addition, he competed in bowling for two years. In track and field, Logan participated for four years, becoming a League Champion, Regional Champion, and State Qualifier in the 3200m, while also serving as captain for two years. He has been actively involved in school activities, including two years of Link Crew, four years of Color Me Green, and two years with The Red and Black Newspaper. Additionally, Logan attends the Digital Media Arts program at Ed-Tech, where he has earned News Broadcast certifications, qualified for the State competition in News Broadcast, and was recognized as the top senior in his class. The most influential people in Logan's life are his parents and his former coach, Lohrmann, as they continuously support and push him to improve in all aspects of life. Logan will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall to study Cinema Arts.

Hayden Blair - 3.597 - Hayden Blair, the son of Matthew Blair and Danielle Blair of Dryden, is a dedicated and well-rounded student-athlete who has consistently demonstrated commitment both in the classroom and in athletics throughout his high school career. Maintaining a strong GPA of 3.597, Hayden has balanced academic excellence with active involvement in student council, showing leadership and responsibility within his school community. Over the course of all four years of high school, he has played both basketball and golf, while also competing in baseball during his freshman year. His dedication to sports is evident not only in his longevity across multiple teams but also in his performance, earning him Honorable Mention recognition in the Big Thumb Conference and achieving the highest three-point shooting percentage in the conference during his sophomore basketball season. Hayden has consistently earned academic awards each sports season, reflecting his ability to stay disciplined and focused. His work ethic and perseverance set him apart as someone who takes pride in giving his best effort in everything he pursues. Hayden plans to continue his education at Macomb Community College, where he will finish his associate degree while majoring in Construction Management.

Kaeleigh Gourieux - 3.563 - Kaeleigh Gourieux is the daughter of Jessica Hernandez

and Michael Gourieux of Dryden Township. Kaeleigh is ranked ninth in her class with a GPA of 3.563. Kaeleigh has been a part of the bowling team for the past two years and the Drama Club for the past five years. She has received multiple awards for being a Student Council Representative, A/B Honor Roll, Link Crew, NJHS, Student of the Month, Red and Black Newspaper, Academic Letter, and Drama Club. Kaeleigh is also a part of the Digital Media Arts program at Lapeer County Education and Technology Center. She has competed in the Business Professionals of America and placed fifth in the State of Michigan for News and Broadcasting. The most influential people in Kaeleigh's life are her friends and family; she would like to thank them for all they have done for her. After graduation, Kaeleigh will be attending Mott Community College to find herself and then hopefully transferring to Oakland University to major in what she decides.

Chloe DeLoy - 3.553 - Chloe DeLoy is the daughter of Renee Strand of Dryden Township and Anthony DeLoy of Imlay City Township. Chloe is ranked tenth in her class with a GPA of 3.553. Throughout high school, Chloe has been involved in multiple sports and other activities. She participated in cross country her freshman year, bowling all four years, and track and field her senior year. She has been First Team All Conference for the past two years, and went to state with her team in her sophomore year. Chloe has been in the student council all four years of high school, is the Chief Editor of the Yearbook, and she is class president this year. She has received awards for A/B Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Drama Club, NJHS, the College Board National Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, a Scholar Athlete award, an Academic Letter, and a Sports Varsity Letter. This year she was voted the Daughters of the American Revolution's Good Citizen award. She has also worked outside of school since her sophomore year. The most influential people in Chloe's life are her parents, who have always inspired her to do her best, and her school counselor, who has helped her through her whole high school career. She graduated with an associate degree from Macomb Community College on May 8 and after graduating high school, she will be enlisting in the Navy.

Use extreme caution with heat wave

Use extra precautions to stay cool and safe

DETROIT, MI. — As summer heat intensifies across the U.S. this week, the American Heart Association is warning that soaring temperatures don't just make people uncomfortable - they can put serious strain on the heart and increase the risk of life-threatening complications.

Although tragic deaths from major disasters like hurricanes and tornados may get the most news coverage, extreme heat is actually the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States, according to the National Weather Service.

A report in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that more than 2,300 people

died from heat exposure in the U.S. in 2023.

Research published in the American Heart Association's journal Circulation projecting that heat-related cardiovascular deaths could more than double in the coming decades.

Heat forces the heart to work harder - when your body is trying to cool down, your heart rate increases and your blood vessels expand. For people with heart disease, and even those who are otherwise healthy, that added strain can become dangerous very quickly.

Why heat is hard on your heart - when temperatures climb, the body sweats to cool itself which can lead to fluid loss and

dehydration. At the same time, the heart must pump more blood to regulate body temperature. Together, these changes can put significant stress on the cardiovascular system.

How to protect yourself in extreme heat - the American Heart Association recommends taking simple but important steps to stay safe:

- Avoid peak heat hours: Limit outdoor activity between noon and 3 p.m., when temperatures are typically at their highest.
- Dress smart: Choose lightweight, light-colored clothing and wear a hat and sunglasses. Use sunscreen to protect your skin.

- Stay hydrated: Drink

water before, during and after time outdoors. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks, which can contribute to dehydration.

- Take breaks: Rest in the shade or a cool indoor space to give your body time to recover.

Know the warning signs because recognizing symptoms early can save your life.

Heat exhaustion symptoms may include:

- Headache
- Cool, pale, clammy skin
- Fast but weak pulse
- Dizziness or fainting
- Weakness or muscle cramps
- Nausea or vomiting

If you experience any of these symptoms, slow down any physical activity and move to a cooler place, cool down immediately by dousing yourself



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with cold water and re-hydrating. You may need to seek medical attention.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you notice:

- Body temperature above 103°F
- Hot, red, dry or damp skin
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Confusion, headache or loss of consciousness
- Nausea

Stay active - but stay safe.

Physical activity remains essential for heart health, even in the summer months. Try walking,

swimming, biking, skating, building a backyard obstacle course or any activity that gets the family moving.

Even gardening, pushing a stroller or walking the dog counts.

However, in the heat of summer it may be best to try shifting exercise to early morning or evening hours, when it's cooler, or move workouts indoors to air-conditioned spaces such as gyms or community centers.

Learn more about staying heart-healthy in the heat at heart.org.

Legal Announcements

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2025 Water Quality Report for Village of Dryden

Water Supply Serial Number: 1870

This report covers the drinking water quality for Village of Dryden for the 2025 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2025. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from two groundwater wells, each over 150 feet. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from “Very-low” to “Very-high” based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of well 3 and 4 is moderate.

There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by regularly testing the water and inspecting our wells.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Kermit Woidan, Village of Dryden, 5602 Main Street, Dryden, Michigan, 48428, villageofdryden.com, or by phone at 810-796-2291.

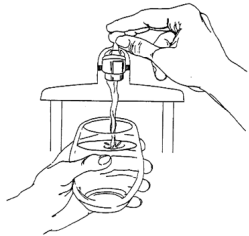
Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

• **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2025 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2025. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit
- **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

- **Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

- **Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E.colli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

1Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	6	0-12	2025	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.26	N/A	2025	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.72	N/A	2025	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	26	N/A	2025	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
TTM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	26	N/A	2025	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAAS Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	2	N/A	2025	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ² (ppm)	4	4	.21	.04-.42	2025	NO	Water additive used to control microbes

Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	2.11	N/A	2023	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	ND	N/A	2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ppb)	30	0	ND	N/A	2024	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	ND	N/A	2024	NO	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples)	See E. coli note ³	0	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Human and animal fecal waste
Fecal Indicator – E. coli at the source (positive samples)	TT	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Human and animal fecal waste

¹ Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

² The chlorine “Level Detected” was calculated using a running annual average.

³ E. coli MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	ND	N/A	2025	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ⁴	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	12	0	1	0-3	2024	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.57	0-.66	2024	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

⁴ Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

Additional Monitoring

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the U.S. EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether regulation of those contaminants is needed

Unregulated Contaminant Name	Average Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Comments
Calcium (ppm)	56	N/A	2025	Typical source is erosion of natural deposits
Chloride (ppm)	12	N/A	2025	Typical source is erosion of natural deposits
Hardness (ppm)	255	N/A	2025	Typical source is erosion of natural deposits
Iron (ppm)	.43	N/A	2025	Typical source is erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	28	N/A	2025	Typical source is erosion of natural deposits

Information about lead: Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Village of Dryden is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Village of Dryden at 5602 Main Street Dryden Michigan 48428 phone number 810-796-2291 for available resources. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson’s Disease should consult their personal doctor.

While your drinking water meets the U.S. EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The U.S. EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Our water supply has 0 lead service lines and 96 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 420 service lines. If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Village of Dryden 5602 Main street Dryden, Michigan 48428, 810-796-2291, kwoidan@villageofdryden.com, villageofdryden.com.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2025.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at The Village office located at 5602 Main Street, Dryden, Michigan 48428. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Our regular council meetings are held at the village office on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Kermit Woidan at 810-796-2291or kwoidan@villageofdryden.com, Villageofdryden.com. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

A friend always

Marilyn, a friend from our graduating class of 1967, phoned this morning. With the few graduation parties I've attended this month, Warren Lincoln High School, our Alma Mater, had come to mind.

There, in Lincoln High's classrooms, I fell in love with American, French and Russian literature.

On the other hand, Marilyn fell for the typewriter, developed into a dynamic and devoted business/typing teacher, and retired after thirty-two years.

Since then, Marilyn, a steadfast sister and friend, drives the route from her house in Plainwell on Michigan's west side to the east side to visit her several siblings.

On my drive home from a graduation party in Ortonville last Sunday, Marilyn came to mind. I made note to call her. Apparently, I misplaced it.

You see, my cats can't remind me of where I left my glasses, or what I walked into the kitchen or basement to fetch.

It's like this. Marilyn is more efficient than I, capable of juggling a multitude of tasks simultaneously. Therefore, she dialed my phone number first. Wait.

I truly doubt she dialed, rather most likely tapped her impeccably nail-polished fingernail to the key programmed "Iris".

Indeed, Marilyn sat behind a wheel as she spoke, so we kept our conversation short with brief updates.

And no date for our next visit together confirmed on our calendars.

Yet, Marilyn, a tall, soft-spoken, blue-eyed blonde, is trustworthy. She knows there's nothing I'd enjoy more than to prepare my guest room for her.

Oh, although I've not yet made my second



Iris Lee Underwood

round weeding the backyard gardens, the roses, lilies and English lavender would no less adorn her room in various vases.

And offer sweet dreams. Add a Southern breakfast after she wakes the next morning.

Meanwhile, today, one in a blessed string of gardening-perfect weather, I tidied the last section of garden moat between the lawn and flower garden in front of my house. Pulled every weed in sight.

You see, this past March, a water-proofing project in my basement meant removing every perennial from the front of my house.

Clumps of hostas, lilies, irises, peonies and other garden companions waited on a tarp, covered with another, for the two weeks the waterproofing project persisted.

Then came weeks of rainfall, waiting for the lawn to dry for mowing. With joy, I threw the clumps of perennials onto their beds of fresh topsoil.

At last, I completed the restoration of the garden today, rubbed the soil from my gloves and put them in my caddy with other tools.

Scraped soil from the blade of the shovel with a trowel, and rested her in my golf cart's cargo carrier.

Dear Reader, at last, there's little evidence of disturbance to my gardens and lawn.

My home, gardens and I are prepared to welcome Marilyn as our house guest whenever the spirit of travel moves upon her. Shall I offer her a gentle nudge?

Contact Iris at iris-farmletters@gmail.com

Letters from our readers

There are two sides to every story

Dear Editor,

In recent articles, concerning Goodland Twp. meetings, it appears that everyone is gaining up on the Supervisor of Goodland Twp..

Why is it, or why does it appear that way. Some would argue that appearances are the mother of all screw ups. And perception sometimes does screw thing up. So lets begin.....

Julie Dockem stated in past articles that

things are not being done properly, or to her liking (Perception). Didn't the newspaper man, Julie, Mike P, and Amy Nolan meet after a meeting in the office of the clerk.

Is that not a Township meeting of three or more - with a reporter. Does that not constitute a violation of the Open Meeting Act (Perception). If is a violation, maybe someone should look into a law suit. There is

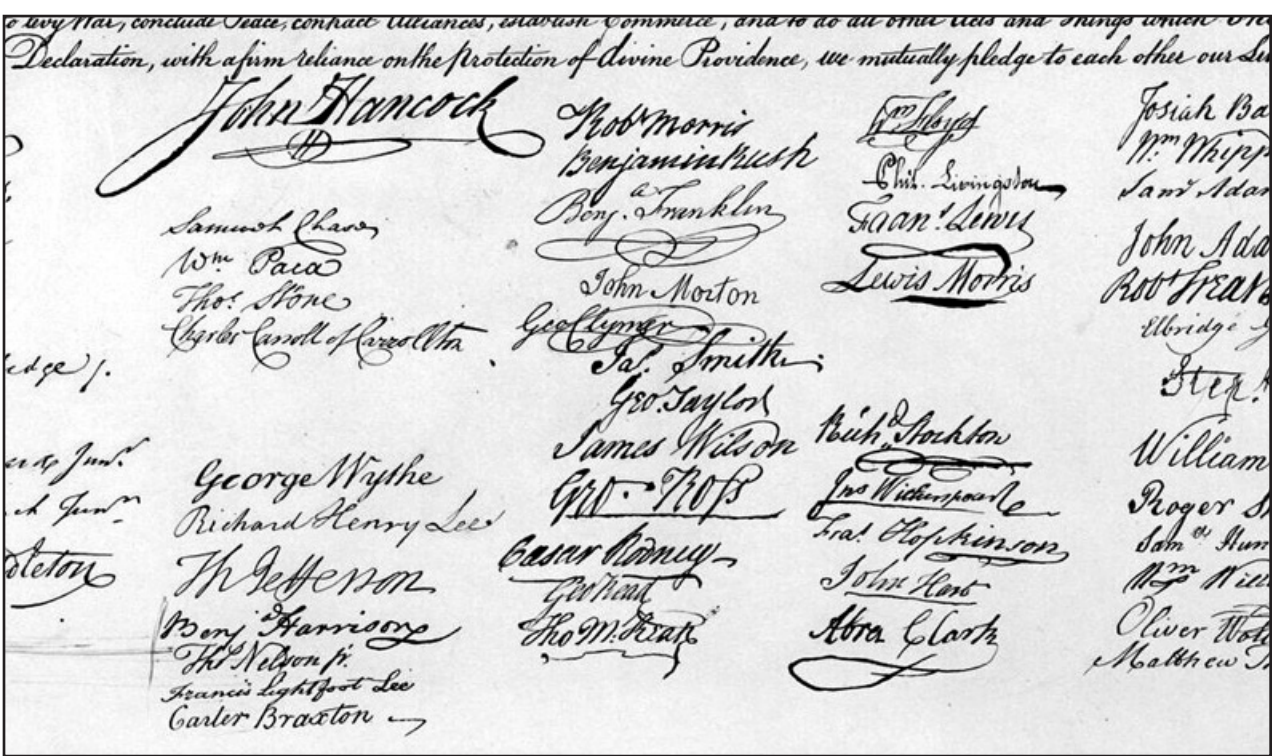
also concern among some residents that newspaper coverage of Township matters appears one-sided and does not consistently give all parties an opportunity to respond. There are always two sides to a story, not just how the reporter sees it. The reporter has always given one side of the township story. The reported story has always been since he has been going to the meeting, is his take of the

meeting, and not the residents (Perception).

Questions have been raised about whether the newspaper's employment of the Deputy Clerk could create the appearance of a conflict of interest.

While no conclusions are being drawn, the perception of fairness and impartiality is important to maintaining public trust (Perception).

Story page 11



The 56 signatures of The Declaration of Independence

"We hold these truths to be self-evident"

Historian and author, Walter Isaacson, calls it the greatest sentence ever written. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Thomas Jefferson wrote it in the Declaration of Independence.

We are about to celebrate America's birthday. On July 4, 1776 the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration separating



Rick Liblong

the thirteen colonies from Great Britain. It had never been done before. The United States of America was born.

I have had the honor and privilege to see the Declaration in-person at the National Archives here in Washington several times. It is a moving experience.

Though we do have Jefferson's "original Rough draught," the copy of the final text voted on by Congress has been lost to history.

It was delivered to printer John Dunlap who printed 100-200 broadsides to be distributed to relevant groups for reading and posting.

Twenty-six are known to survive today. No one knows what Dunlap did with the original

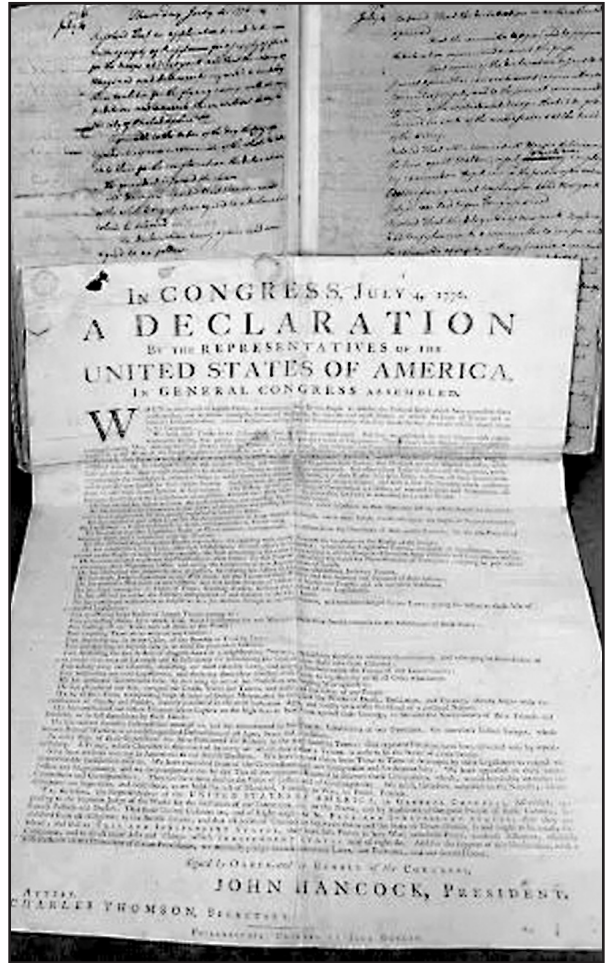
So, the Dunlap broadside (approximately 15" x 19") is actually the first copy of the Declaration. On July 19, 1776, Congress directed that the Declaration be "engrossed" (copied in a large, formal hand) on parchment so delegates could sign it.

This was done by Timothy Matlock and it is this document that we are familiar with and is on display in the Archives.

The parchment (animal skin) is 29 1/2" x 29." Matlock spent days carefully copying the text in perfectly straight lines and by August 2, 1776, it was ready for signing. (Jefferson and John Adams maintained that the Declaration had been signed by the delegates on July 4.

The original sent to Dunlap may have been what they referred to since the engrossed copy wasn't available yet.)

John Hancock of Massachusetts, President of the Congress, signed first in his now familiar



The faded original U.S. Declaration.

large, flowing hand. Eventually, fifty-five other delegates added their signatures.

During the Revolutionary War, the document was carried along when the Congress moved around. There is ample evidence that it was rolled up and folded for transport.

Several copies were made with wet paper applied to transfer some of the ink. In 1823, William Stone engraved the document and signatures on a copperplate. It is the Stone version that is reproduced to this very day.

During the 19th century, the signed Declaration was on display for 35 years in the Patent Department, one year at Independence Hall, and 17 years at the State Department library under uncontrolled environmental conditions.

The Declaration bore physical witness to many years of being handled, rolled, folded, exposed to light, subjected to copy techniques, and mounted for exhibition. Over the decades, ink had sunk into the parchment, flaked off during han-

dling and rolling the document, and been removed during the wet-transfer copy processes used to create facsimiles.

As a result, little original ink remains. The damage to and loss of ink led someone in the past to enhance some signatures, most notably John Hancock's bold distinct handwriting.

So, while this original signed Declaration of Independence is far from pristine, it still symbolizes the ideals for which this nation was founded and to which we are still committed 250 years later.

I hope all of you will be able to come to Washington someday and see it up close along with the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The Declaration concludes "for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

May we all do the same. Happy Birthday, America!

Contact Rick at dave@tri-citytimes.com

Love in purple gloves

I have never seen someone clean so carefully and thoroughly. Normally, when we clean, we wipe what we see, straighten a few things that are crooked, and move on. Not this man.

When my husband was in the University of Michigan hospital, after a few days his roommate was discharged, and a man came in wearing a badge that read "Environmental Services."

I wondered what an Environmental Service person did, and so I surreptitiously started to observe, stealing glances from my seat across the room.

Wearing thick purple gloves, the Environmental Services employee began spraying and wiping, turning over equipment and cleaning places I never would have imagined needed attention.

He carefully sanitized every corner that a



Sharon Smith

patient or visitor might have touched.

It was fascinating to watch. Eventually I wasn't able to keep my mouth shut, as this was truly a marvel I was witnessing, and I had to comment. "I have to tell you," I said, "I have never seen anyone clean so thoroughly."

He looked up, surprised, and with a thick European accent (Bulgarian perhaps?), he said that yes, he wiped every possible surface that might have been touched, so that the next patient would have a completely clean room.

He placed his gloves in the waste bin and carefully washed his hands. Then he made the

bed. With utmost care and efficiency, he arranged the sheets, smoothing each one so that it was uniformly even on each side, of course completing it with flawless "hospital corners."

He placed the final sheet sideways halfway down the bed and carefully pressed it in place with practiced, caring hands.

Again, I couldn't keep my mouth shut. "You are really good at that," I said.

He then said something that gave me pause. "I clean it like my wife might be occupying this bed next."

A job done like he would do for his wife. He approached his daily work with the same love and care he would show someone he loved most.

The entire cleaning and bed making took about thirty minutes. He smiled and quietly left the room. I doubt he has any idea that weeks later, I still think about the loving way he made that bed.

About the author: Rev. Sharon Smith is pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She has never made a hospital bed that could pass inspection but appreciates anyone who can.

Contact Sharon at dave@tri-citytimes.com

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For Senior Citizens

Almont-Dryden area seniors will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at the Almont Lions Hall. For info, call 810-798-8210.

Gentle Yoga Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. at First Congregational Church in Almont. Practice led by Dina Miramonti, RYT.

The Berlin Township Senior Center is open every Tuesday for cards, games and socializing. Doors open at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch or a dish to share. Refreshments provided. Potluck luncheons are the fourth Tuesday of every month at noon. For information call 395-4518.

Free Meals, Food

Free food distribution at West Berlin UMC SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026 at 9:00 AM West Berlin UMC 905 Holmes Rd., Allenton, MI 48002 Volunteers are always welcomed - please arrive around 8:00 AM. Funding from 4 County Comm. Foundation, St. Clair

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Imlay City. Food for Families is offering meal and pantry Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The First Congregational Church of Almont's Food Pantry is available Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. by appointment only. To make an appointment, call the church at 810-798-8855.

The Attica Methodist Church will be holding a free community meal on Tuesdays following Food Pantry of each month from 4-5:30 p.m. For more info please call 810-724-0690 or visit our Facebook page.

The Attica Food Pantry at the Attica Methodist Church, 27 Elk Lake Rd., is open from 12:30-3 p.m. the second Monday and 3-5 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month. Open to Lapeer County residents only.

Imlay City First Congregational Church's food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first four Thursdays of every month for residents of the Imlay City School District. The Pantry is closed when Thursday falls on a holiday. The church is located at 275 Bancroft Street in Imlay City. For more information, please call 810-724-6207 or send an email to fcfcie5thandbancroft@gmail.com Please contact FCC if you would like to know how to donate food to support the food pantry. Always needed are: peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, juice, canned meat, cereal, soup, crackers and pasta sauce. Monetary donations can be sent to: First Congregational Church, 275 Bancroft

Street, Imlay City, MI 48444. Earmark your donation to "food pantry."

Orchards' Cupboard Food Pantry is open the 3rd Saturday of every month 9-11 a.m. Food distributed at 74903 McKay Rd., Bruce Twp., 586-336-4673. www.orchardsonline.org.

Museums

If you are looking for a unique something to do Saturday, Vernece Bigger's American Indian collection of dolls and other items are being displayed at the Imlay City Historical Museum in Imlay City at 77 South Main Street, Imlay City. June Saturdays from 1-4 p.m.

The Imlay City Historical Museum is closed for the months of January, February and March. Opening is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026 with new exhibits. See you in the spring and please consider supporting the museum with your membership. Also, like us on Facebook or leave a message there. Also, watch the Facebook page, the member newsletter or local press for announcements.

The Attica Township Museum is located at 4350 Peppermill Rd., behind the township offices. The museum is open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are welcome.

The Almont Community Historical Society Museum is open Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. Please stop by and learn about your community. Society meetings are held at the museum on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Capac Historical Society is open Saturdays 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., May-September or by appointment.

Call 810-395-2859 for more info.

The Dryden Historical Society's Depot. Please call Chris at (810) 577-5786 for an appointment. But if the train lights are flashing - someone's there. Come see us!

Support Groups

Grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Join us at Grief Share. Weekly grief support group. Tuesdays, July 7 - September 29, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Amazing Grace Church of Imlay City, 210 N. Almont Ave., Imlay City, MI 48444. For more information, contact Pastor Gary Bird at 810-724-0687 or by email at office@imlaycityamazinggrace.org. You can register at griefshare.org/findagroup

Spring into a new you with TOPS 620 Lapeer. Meetings are held every Tuesday at Hunter's Creek Mobile Home Park club house, 725 Demille Road. Weigh-in is held from 6 to 6:25 p.m. with a program that follows. Call Nancy 810-796-3467 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings are held every Saturday at 10 a.m. at West Berlin United Methodist Church, Allenton.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings are held every Monday night at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Imlay City.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Al-Anon meetings are held every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. at the Capac United Methodist Church, Capac, MI.

Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault meets 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday in the Lapeer Court House for personal protection order clinic.

For info 810-667-4193.

Fundraisers

The Imlay City VFW Auxiliary 2492 are collecting bottles and cans to help with memberships. Drop them off in front of the Imlay City VFW at 598 N Almont Ave, Imlay City, MI 48444. For more info call Roberta at 810-656-7725.

Events

Join us for a Soaring Eagle Casino Bus Trip Wednesday, September 23, 2026, for tons of fun! All participants must be 18 and over. Departing from North Branch from the parking lot at the corners of Lincoln and Mill Streets at 9:00 a.m. so please arrive 15 minutes prior. Your ticket will include premium play, dining credit and bingo bucks. Any questions or to purchase tickets call or email Mary Jane at 810-614-6605 or maryjwalker56@yahoo.com. Payments must be received by August 19 and is not refundable unless your ticket can be resold. Sponsored by North Branch Chapter 149 OES.

Other

Are you interested in improving your English speaking and listening conversational skills in fun and meaningful ways? Two sessions to practice your English conversational skills! The morning session is held on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am. The evening session is on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 pm. Held at the Family Literacy Center at 311 Higgins Street, in Lapeer. Please call the Family Literacy Center at 810-664-2737 or email ican@readlapeer.org for more information.

Stepping Out Steps (S.O.S) 12 step program/12 Pasos programa. Available in English or Spanish. Teaches individuals what the Bible says and how to incorporate it step by step into their daily lives to be an overcomer. This class is opened to the public every Thursday evening 7 p.m. at First Apostolic Church, 859 N. Vandyke Rd., Imlay City. For more info call or text Sister Mary E 586-746-5765 or Brother Dalton Oliver 810-542-0566.

Do you know an adult who wants to get their GED or improve their reading or math skills? The Family Literacy Center offers FREE tutoring and support. Participants can earn their GED at NO COST. Tutoring is provided through trained volunteers and lessons are customized for each student. Contact the Center for more information at ican@readlapeer.org or 810-664-2737.

Club News

Grocery Bingo play has just resumed at the Lapeer Center Building with a new coordinator. It will be held weekly on Wednesday nights starting at 6 PM and is

open to everyone. For details on the bingo, call John at (810) 664-2109.

MEAT BINGO at Berville Lions Hall, 13651 Hough Rd, Berlin. 1st Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. 15 meat packages; 50/50 drawing, last game is winner take all. Refreshments available for purchase.

American Legion Memphis Bingo is held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. A light dinner is also served at intermission. Snacks are available for purchase. 34330 Bordman Rd, Memphis Contact Susan Oldham for more information at (810) 300-4561.

American Legion Memphis, 34330 Bordman Rd, Memphis. Euchre is held every Friday. Start time is 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost at door. For more information contact Susan Oldham at (810) 300-4561.

The St. Clair Kennel Club meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant. Check www.stclairkc.org for times and locations. Info on shows, trials, and activities with dogs is on their website and facebook page. New members welcome.

The Quilters in Training Quilt Guild meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 109 East Kempf Court, Capac. For more information, call 810-310-2114.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of Imlay City, Post 2492, 598 N. Almont Ave. (Fairgrounds Rd.) Overseas Veterans Meetings 2nd Thursday, every other month, 7 p.m.; Post Meetings 1st Thursday every month, 7 p.m., unless holiday then next week; Auxiliary Meetings 1st Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.

Almont/Dryden Masons meets 7 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month at Masonic Center in Almont.

The Imlay City American Legion Post 135 meets the second and last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The post is located at 212 E. Third St. New members welcomed. Contact them at 810-441-0792.

The Capac American Legion, located at 115 N. Main St., meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. New members welcome. For more information, call 810-395-7250.

Markets

The weekly Sunday Flea Market continues with up to 50 vendors of all types of items. Vendors should contact Annemarie, market manager, at (810) 417-5416 for space details. The Flea Market is open free to the public 8 AM to 2 PM. The Lapeer Center Building, a non-profit, also offers 3 different size meeting rooms for community rental. Contact John, general manager, at (810) 664-2109 for information.

Church Directory

New Life CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4411 Newark Road Attica, MI 48412 810-724-2702 email: nlccc@newlifechristian.net www.newlifechristian.net Pastor Tim Martin Sunday 10 a.m. Service Friday 6 p.m. Service	St John's Episcopal Church 4074 South Mill St. • Dryden Phone 810-796-2371 email: stjohnschurchedryden@gmail.com website: www.stjohnschurchedryden.org Facebook St John's Episcopal Church Dryden Worship 10:00 a.m. Sundays "Living in Hope, United in Faith, Led by Love"	Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church 4538 Dryden Rd. • Dryden, MI (2 miles west of Dryden) 810-796-3951 FREE CORN ROAST Saturday, August 1 - 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Bible class - 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship service - 9:30 a.m. Dryden Soup Suppers - 5:45 p.m. TO LIVESTREAM AND THE WEBSITE - GO TO HOLYRED.ORG Pastor Evan Veen Christian Pre-school available ALL ARE WELCOME!!	First Congregational Church <i>United Church of Christ All Are Welcome Here Come As You Are</i> 275 Bancroft, Imlay City Worship Sundays 10:30 am Facebook FirstCongregationalUCCImlayCity 724-6207 fccuccimlay.org Rev. David Forsberg	Attica Methodist Church 27 Elk Lake Road, Attica, MI (810) 724-0690 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Attica Food Pantry: 12:30-3 p.m. - 2nd Monday of month 3-5 p.m. - 4th Monday of month Community Dinner: 4-5:30 p.m. - Tuesdays following the Food Pantry Pastor Ron Rouse
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Capac U.M.C. 14952 Imlay City Rd., Capac Church 810-395-2112 Sunday School - 10:00 am - All Ages Sunday Service: 9:00 am Junior Church and Nursery Available Bible Studies Available Come as you are - everyone is welcome!	Goodland Community Church 2008 N. Van Dyke Imlay City, MI 48444 810.724.1747 Worship Service: 10:00 am Rev. Chad Hampton goodlandcc.org	Imlay City CRC Church 395 N. Cedar (M-53) 810-724-4315 www.imlaycitycrc.org Pastor Alex Snider Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE <i>Come Grow With Us!</i>	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) 109 E. Kempf Court • Capac, MI (810) 669-3009 Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CHURCH SERVICES: Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. September thru May	Amazing Grace Church of Imlay City <i>A Global Methodist Congregation</i> 210 N. Almont Ave. Corner of 4th St. & Almont Ave. (Across from the Library) Sermons Available on imlaycityamazinggrace.org • Sunday Adult Bible Study - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 am • Nursery Available • Youth Group Sundays - 4:30 pm • 4th & 5th Grade Group Wednesdays - 4:00 pm Pastor: Rev. Dr. Marcel Allen Lamb Youth Pastor: Rev. Gary Bird office@imlaycityamazinggrace.org 810-724-0687
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Imlay City PD weekly report

6/22/2026

S CEDAR ST&E BORLAND RD Traffic Offense
S CEDAR ST&ENGLE ST Motorist Assist
TOWNSEND DR Citizen Assist
E FIRST ST Larceny
CHENEY ST&S ALMONT AVE Assist Fire Department
S CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE Alarm
W SECOND ST Ordinance Violation
E THIRD ST Ordinance Violation
NORLIN DR Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE Alarm
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
E THIRD ST Found Property
E THIRD ST Found Property
E FIRST ST&S ALMONT AVE Traffic Stop
MAPLE VISTA ST Medical Assist

6/23/2026

S ALMONT AVE Family Trouble
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST Damage to Property
S CEDAR ST Civil Matter
N CEDAR ST Motorist Assist
W SECOND ST Welfare Check
N BLACKS CORNERS RD Welfare Check
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD Personal Injury Traffic Crash
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST Traffic Stop

6/24/2026

S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E FOURTH ST Traffic Stop
NEWARK RD Alarm
N CEDAR ST&S CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD Traffic Stop
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E THIRD ST Citizen Assist
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
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SCHOOL HOUSE DR Ordinance Violation
S CEDAR ST Alarm
N CEDAR ST Assist Fire Department
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD Traffic Stop
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S CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST&E FIRST ST Traffic Stop
HICKORY LN Civil Matter
S BLACKS CORNERS RD Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD Traffic Stop
NEWARK RD&S ALMONT AVE Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
N ALMONT AVE&E THIRD ST Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE&PALMER ST Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE Ordinance Violation
N FAIRGROUNDS RD Ordinance Violation
COLONIAL DR Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST Alarm
E THIRD ST Assault/ Battery
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD Traffic Stop
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST Traffic Stop

6/26/2026

MAIN ST Medical Assist
S CEDAR ST Drunkenness
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE 911 Hang-up
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST Peace Officer Duties
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Offense
E FIRST ST Citizen Assist
WB69&S BLACKS CORNERS RD Property Damage Traffic Crash
S CEDAR ST Hit and Run Citation
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
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PINE ST 911 Hang-up
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S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD Traffic Stop
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S CEDAR ST Property Damage Traffic Crash
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ENGLE ST Fireworks Complaint
E THIRD ST Peace Officer Duties
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
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N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
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E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE Alarm
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD Traffic Stop
&NEWARK RD Personal Injury Traffic Crash
N VAN DYKE RD Traffic Complaint / Road Hazard
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST Traffic Stop

Story:

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There have been some concerns as to how often things have been raised publicly in ways some believe are intended to embarrass or discredit the Supervisor (Perception).

Lets not forget to mention when Mike P, blew a gasket. And that's ok. Why - he is using some long distance problem as an excuse.

Again, if one cant handle the position, maybe its time for another job. All this is perception from the taxpayers of this township.

And of another

topic. Goodlands Clerk position. Why on earth does the deputy clerk need a pay raise. what was tossed back and forth at the last budget meeting, 7 or 8 or 9% pay increase. Why are the residents possibly paying the deputy that much more.

Some are under the impression, that if the township had a Clerk present M-Th, 9 to 1p, her deputy would not need a pay increase. Heck when I go the township, to see the supervisor, deputy clerk is not there. They are no where to be seen. Oh wait - By Appointment Only.

While no conclusions are being drawn, the perception of

fairness and impartiality is important to maintaining public trust. And you read the same line earlier in this article.

I don't think there is much public trust from most of the elected board. But - who am I. I pay my taxes and look at it from a whole different perspective. remember, there are two sides to every story.

Yes two sides, even if there are two, three minute rebuttal segments. The DO matters.

And one final thought. To the Goodland Township Resident who knows about the poisoning of the trees back in 2024, after the election.

Please say some-

thing, it was mentioned that your faith is stopping you from speaking out. One must realize that, so far over \$75,000 (taxpayer money) has been spent on this clean up, and its not finished.

Not to mention the possible infection down the road when little kids played in the effected contaminated soil, unbeknown to them or there parents. So those children will grow up and could possibly have illnesses or serious health issues. All because you decided to be quite.

Remember that thing about Karma.

—Jeff Sklar
Goodland Twp.
Resident

Obituaries

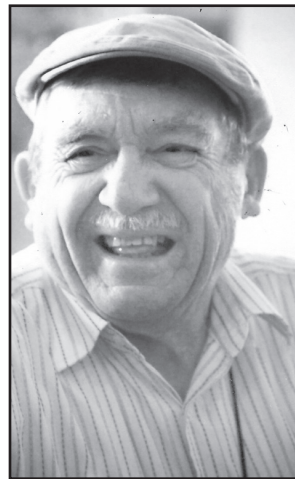
~ Thomas Joseph Baker, 94 ~

Thomas Joseph Baker, age 94, a longtime resident of Almont, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 27, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Huhm) Baker. Tom graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1949, where he proudly played center on the football team. His love of the game stayed with him throughout his life, and he enjoyed teaching his sons and grandsons how to play football.

On October 13, 1951, Tom married the love of his life, Victoria Jasinski, in Angola, Indiana. Together they recently celebrated an incredible 74 years of marriage. For more than 40 years, they were faithful members of St. John the Evangelist Church in Allenton. Their compassion for others led them to serve as interim foster parents for more than 30 children through Catholic Social Services, opening both their hearts and home to those in need.

Tom worked as a master machinist at Lasell Machine Tool for 40 years, where he earned the respect of coworkers through his dedication and craftsmanship. A gifted woodworker, he generously helped each of his children build their own



homes, leaving behind not only his workmanship but a lasting legacy of love and support.

He had a passion for classic automobiles and proudly owned a 1937 Chevrolet, enjoying time with fellow members of his classic car club. Tom also loved the outdoors, whether he was camping, tending to his garden or simply enjoying nature. He had a sweet tooth, loved to bake and was always ready to share a homemade treat.

Tom was known for his warm personality, beautiful smile and the gift of conversation. He always had a story to tell and never met a stranger. He and Victoria especially enjoyed dancing together throughout the years. Above all else, Tom cherished every moment spent with his family, who were the center of his life.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Victoria Baker; his loving children, Tom

(Marie) Baker of Wisconsin, John (Michelle) Baker of Richmond, Mike (Karna) Baker of Indiana, Dave (Shelly) Baker of Almont, Chris (Teresa) Baker of Almont, and Mary (Steve) Adamczak of Imlay City; his cherished grandchildren: Julie, Kristie, Laura, Becky, Tom, Bethany, Timmy, Ben, Reuben, Joey, Gloria, Thomas, Kellie, Tanya, Nick, Rachelle, Jamie, Hanna, Melissa, Colleen and Stephen; and his treasured great-grandchildren Alaina, Ryan, Kayla, Jordon, Ashley, David, Dakota, Ophelia, Emberson, Felix, Cora, Kadence, Lilly, Roslyn, Leelah, Zack, Jacob, Thorsten, Helio, and Kaylen. He is also survived by his sister, Joan Laskey; his brother, Frank (Diane) Baker; and his faithful cat, Poppy.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved children, Tim and Elizabeth Baker, and by his siblings, Rosemary Dircks and James Baker.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Muir Funeral Home & Celebration of Life Center, 2650 South Van Dyke Road, Imlay City, Michigan 48444. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Following a luncheon, Tom will be laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Dryden.

Memorial donations may be made in Thomas's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please share a memory or photograph of Thomas by visiting the Memory Page at www.muirfh.com

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ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF June 11, 2026 SYNOPSIS

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor McLellan. Present were: Supervisor McLellan, Treasurer Mason, Trustee Winslow and Trustee Herpolsheimer. The 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget/Wage Recommendations

were approved.

A complete copy of the minutes is available at the Attica Township Hall.

Valerie Schultz
Attica Township Clerk
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IMLAY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Imlay Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a pub-

lic hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 21, 2026 at the Township Hall located at 682 N. Fairgrounds Road. The public hearing is to consider the following request:

To consider variances request by Preferred Gutters, in order to allow the construction of a storage building to be located within the required side and rear setbacks conflicting with Section 3.1.7.E.

Anyone wishing to comment may attend the meeting in person or provide written comments to the Township Hall. Written public comments need to be submitted by

Monday July 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Copies of the variance applications may be examined at Imlay Township Hall, 682 N. Fairgrounds Road, Imlay City, MI 48444 during regular business hours, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. until the date of the hearing or call 810-724-8835. Written comments may be addressed to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the Township Hall address.

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Capac's Brody Tesnow (R) awaits the umpire's call after putting a tag on a Brown City runner in a game this spring.

All-Area baseball team chosen

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — From the season-opener until the final contest, these players let their respective performances out on the field speak for itself.

Here is a look at those who earned a spot on the 2026 edition of The Tri-City Times All-Area first team lineup and the numbers they generated along the way:

Brody Tesnow, Capac, pitcher/infield.

Record: Tesnow finished with a 7-3 mark, including a 3.52 ERA, this season.

In 57 2/3 innings of work, Tesnow allowed 54 hits, struck out 63 and walked 14.

He wrapped up his four-year stint on Capac's squad with a school record-setting

output of 253 strikeouts.

Batting average: He finished the year with a .363 average. That ranked him first on the Capac squad and eighth among Tri-City Times All-Area first team honorees.

The senior generated 15 singles, 12 doubles, one triple and one home run in 80 at bats.

He also provided Capac with 25 RBI and drew 12 walks.

Tesnow struck out just eight times this season.

Postseason honors:

Tesnow, who has signed with St. Clair County Community College, wrapped up the season as an All-Region, All-District and All-St. Clair County selection and was a Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Division 4 All-State honorable mention

choice.

He was also an All-Big Thumb Conference Black Division first team selection as a pitcher.

Aiden Furneaux, Dryden

Record: Furneaux put together a 7-2 record, featuring a 3.32 ERA, during the 2026 campaign.

He also retired 46 on strikes and walked 23 along the way.

Batting average: He supplied a .558 average, leaving him first on the Dryden squad and out of those who attained Tri-City Times All-Area first team status.

The junior managed 23 singles, six doubles and one triple in 54 at bats.

He also contributed 28 RBI to Dryden's cause.

This was his second year on Dryden's squad.

Postseason honors: He finished the 2026 campaign as an All-Big Thumb Conference Blue Division first team selection.

Ian Tresnak, Dryden.

Record: Tresnak posted a 9-3 mark, including a 3.02 ERA, this season.

In 48 1/3 innings of work, Tresnak registered 77 strikeouts and walked 32.

Batting average: Tresnak concluded the season with a .500 average That ranked him second on the Dryden squad and second among Tri-City Times All-Area first team honorees.

The senior collected 29 singles, six doubles and three triples in 69 at bats.

He also provided

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Imlay City's Sam Edson looks to tag out a sliding baserunner in the All-Star game.

Six Tri-City players test their skills

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — Six players from the Tri-City Area competed for the West squad in a 12-6 loss to the East team in the Blue Water Area Senior All-Star Baseball game on Tuesday, June 23.

Richmond High School is where the action unfolded.

Capac's Wiley Roose went 1-2, with a triple, that evening.

The catcher also picked off an opposing baserunner attempting to steal from his position at catcher.

Capac's Austin Howard managed one

hit, a single, in his two at bats during the game.

He split his time in the field between first base, second base and third base.

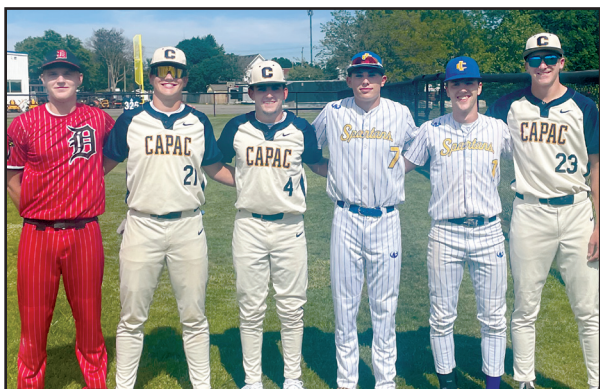
Capac's Brody Tesnow wound up zero for two at the plate that evening.

However, he was able to register an impressive accomplishment nonetheless. He played all nine positions during the game.

Imlay City's Sam Edson finished with a single in his two at bats.

He lined up defensively at second base, shortstop, left field, center field and right field in

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Dryden's Ian Tresnak, Capac's Wiley Roose and Brody Tesnow, Imlay City's Brady Detwiler and Sam Edson; plus Capac's Austin Howard participated at the Blue Water Area Senior All-Star Game last week.

Eads hits for two points in contest

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — Imlay City's Montana Eads competed for the home team in a 41-36 loss to the away squad at the Blue Water Senior All-Star Girls' Basketball Game last Thursday evening.

Imlay City High School is where the action unfolded.

In Thursday's encounter, the home team jumped out to a 17-11 edge at the half-

time break.

The away squad then bounced back with a 30-17 advantage over the final 20 minutes of play, pulling out a 41-34 victory.

Eads finished the contest with two points.

She was joined on the home team by Molly Walker (Kingston), Gracie Pickelhaupt (St. Clair), Sofia Russell (St. Clair), Audrey

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Imlay City's Lavon Edwards (#14) and Isaac Sommer (#24) competed for the away team in the Blue Water Senior All-Star Boys' Basketball Game last Thursday.

Sommer, Edwards in All-Star game

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — Imlay City's Isaac Sommer and Lavon Edwards tested their court skills for the away squad against the home team in a 46-36 setback at the Blue Water Senior

All-Star Boys' Basketball Game last Thursday.

Imlay City High School is where the action unfolded.

In Thursday's clash, the away squad grabbed a 21-19 edge at the half-

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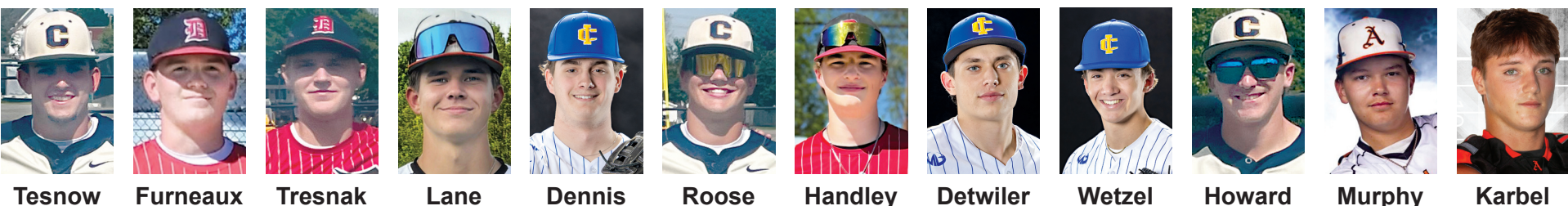
Imlay City's Isaac Sommer drives the lane in the Blue Water Area Senior All-Star Boys' Basketball Game.



Imlay City's Lavon Edwards looks to score during the Blue Water Area Senior All-Star Boys' Basketball Game last week.



Imlay City's Montana Eads brings the ball up the floor during the Blue Water Area Senior All-Star Girls' Basketball Game last Thursday.



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Dryden with 22 RBI. This was his fourth season on Dryden's varsity.

Postseason honors: He completed the year as an All-Big Thumb Conference Blue Division first team choice.



Dryden's Rowan Handley looks to make the catch during a game this past spring.

Blake Lane, Almont, pitcher/shortstop.

Record: Lane registered a 5-4 record, featuring a 3.39 ERA, during the 2026 campaign. He also allowed 38 hits, struck out 66 and issued 32 walks over 51 2/3 innings.

Batting average: He produced a .430 average, leaving him first on the Almont squad and fourth out of those who attained Tri-City Times All-Area first team status.

The junior collected 26 singles, seven doubles, three triples and one home run in 86 bats. He also contributed 24 stolen bases to Almont's cause.

This was his third season on Almont's squad.

Postseason honors: He completed the 2026

campaign as an All-Blue Water Area Conference first team selection and All-District choice.

Trace Dennis, Imlay City, catcher.

Record: Dennis wrapped up the season with a .418 average. That ranked him first on the Imlay City squad and fifth among Tri-City Times All-Area first team honorees.

offensive prowess, Roose made just one error behind the plate in 153 2/3 innings of playing time.

This was his fourth year on Capac's squad.

Postseason honors: Roose finished the season as a All-District and All-St. Clair County pick and was an All-Big Thumb Conference Black Division second team selection.

Rowan Handley, Dryden, infield.

Record: Handley generated a .484 average, leaving him third on the Dryden squad and third out of those who attained Tri-City Times All-Area first team status during the 2026 campaign.

The senior had 17 singles, eighth doubles, five triples and one home run in 66 at bats.

He also contributed 29 RBI to Dryden's cause.

This was his fourth year on Dryden's squad.

Postseason honors: He wrapped up the 2026 campaign as an All-Big Thumb Conference Blue Division first team pick.

Brady Detwiler, Imlay City, infield.

Record: Detwiler amassed a .364 average, leaving him second on the Imlay City squad and seventh out of those who attained Tri-City Times All-Area first team status during the 2026 campaign.

The senior had 26 singles, five doubles and one home run in 88 at bats.

He also contributed 34 runs scored and 20 stolen bases to Imlay City's cause.

This was his fourth year on Imlay City's squad.

Postseason honors: He ended the 2026 campaign as an All-Blue Water Area Conference honorable mention choice.

Griffin Wetzel, Imlay City, infield.

Record: Wetzel finished the season with a .299 average. That ranked him third on the Imlay City squad and

13th among Tri-City Times All-Area first team honorees.

The sophomore collected 24 singles, seven doubles and one homer in 107 at bats.

This was his second season on Imlay City's squad.

Postseason honors: Wetzel completed the season as an All-Blue Water Area Conference honorable mention pick.

Austin Howard, Capac, infield.

Record: Howard supplied a .356 average, leaving him second on the Capac squad and out of those who attained Tri-City Times first team status during the 2026 campaign.

The senior provided 21 singles, four doubles and one home run in 73 at bats.

He also contributed 17 RBI and six walks to Capac's cause.

This was his third year on Capac's squad.

Postseason honors: He ended the 2026 campaign as an All-District choice.

Brock Murphy, Almont, second base.

Record: Murphy provided a .348 average this season. That ranked him third on the Almont squad and 10th among Tri-City Times All-Area first team honorees.

The sophomore had 21 singles and 11 doubles in 92 at bats.

He also contributed 24 RBI to Almont's cause.

This was his second season on Almont's squad.

Postseason honors: Murphy wrapped up the season as an All-District pick and All-Blue Area Conference honorable mention selection.

Colten Karbel, Almont, centerfield.

Record: Karbel furnished a .369 average, leaving him second on the Almont squad and sixth out of those who attained Tri-City Times All-Area first team status during the 2026 campaign.

The sophomore had 17 singles, 11 doubles,

two triples and one home run 84 in at bats.

He also contributed 20 RBI to Almont's cause.

This was his second year on Almont's squad.

Postseason honors: Karbel wrapped up the 2026 campaign as an All-Blue Water Area Conference first team selection and All-District choice.

Axel Demaray, Capac, outfield.

Record: Demaray finished with a .319 average this season.

That ranked him fourth on the Capac squad and 12th among Tri-City Times All-Area first team honorees.

The junior had 22 singles and a double in 72 at bats.

He also provided Capac with 17 stolen bases, 15 walks and 10 RBI.

This was his third year on Capac's squad.

Postseason honors: Demaray ended the year with All-District acco-

lades as an outfielder.

Second team-Griffin Wetzel, Imlay City, pitcher; Sam Edson, Imlay City, pitcher/shortstop; Axel Demaray, Capac, pitcher; Landon Swain, Almont, pitcher/shortstop; Mason Kruse, catcher, Almont; Paul Swamba, infielder, Capac; Collin Potter, infielder, Capac; and Noah Campbell, outfielder, Almont.

Coach of the Year-Rick Furneaux, who directed Dryden to a 15-7, overall mark, a Division 4 district title and a regional championship game appearance, earns Tri-City Times All-Area Coach of the Year accolades.

He shares that honor with Travis Fahley, who guided Capac to an 18-11 overall mark and Division 4 district title.



Imlay City's Trace Dennis is congratulated after connecting for a home run during a game this season.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Imlay City sophomore softball standout Roslyn Bruman supplied a .402 average this past season.

For her effort, Bruman earns our Girls' Athlete of the Week honor.



Dryden junior baseball standout Aiden Furneaux provided a .558 batting average this spring.

For his effort, Furneaux claims our Boys' Athlete of the Week honor.

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time break.

The home team then outscored them 27-15 the rest of the way, earning a 46-36 win at night's end.

Sommer paced the Imlay City duo that evening, finishing with

three points. Edwards added a one-point performance.

Brady Hinton (Port Huron High), Ashton Cook (Port Huron High), Cam Harju (Port Huron Northern), Luke Thomas (Marlette), Cullen Knuth (Cardinal Mooney), Tom West (Peck) and Brayden Bullard (Yale)

joined the Imlay City players on the away squad.

Braylon Frantz (St. Clair), Jack Kerrigan (Cros-Lex), Alex Jamison (Port Huron Northern), Cole Cooper (Marysville), Alex

Levitt (Cros-Lex), Evan Trudeau (St. Clair), Colin Corliss (Kingston), Nick Cummings (Kingston) and Isaiah Rosser (Carsonville-Port Sanilac) represented the home team that evening.

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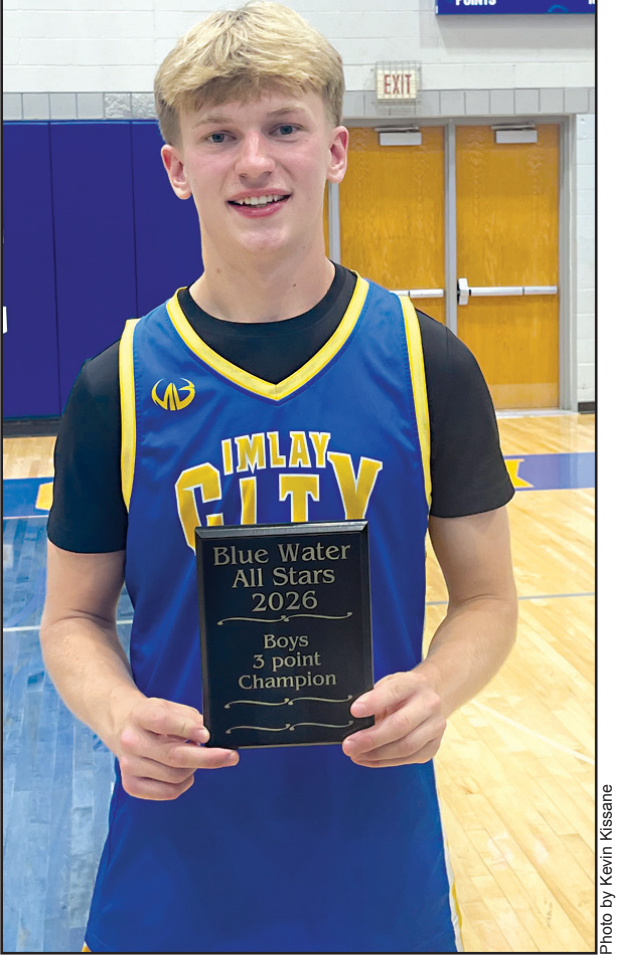
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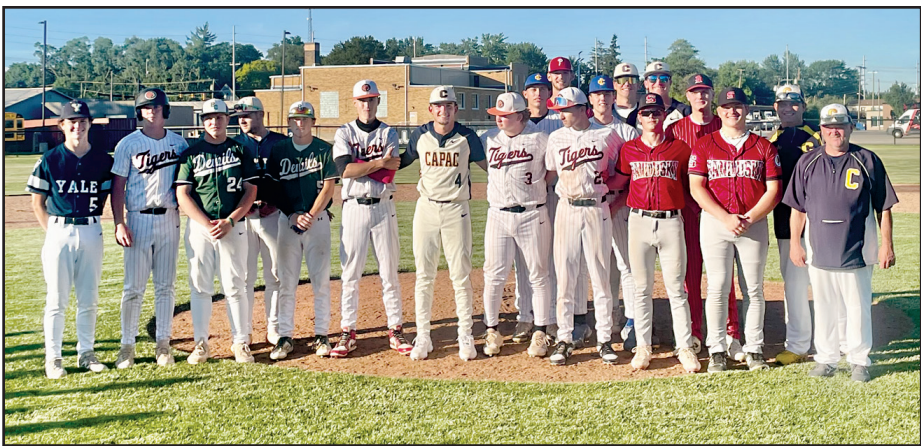


Photo by Kevin Kissane

The West team takes time out for a photo following last week's Blue Water Area Senior All-Star Baseball Game in Richmond.

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the contest.

Imlay City's Brady Detwiler wound up zero for two and waited out a walk.

He played five positions throughout the game, splitting his time between second, short-stop, left field, center field and right field.

Dryden's Ian Tresnak competed for the West squad as well, going zero for two.

He saw action as a pitcher and a second baseman,

Luke Pretty (Armada), Kaden Meeks (Armada), Migel Navarro (Armada), Marshall Ridenour (Armada), Liam Francek (Brown City), Jaxon Trombly (Brown City), Jan Pohlman (Peck), Peyton Bowerman (Sandusky), Chase Green (Sandusky), Bryce Kiley (Sandusky) and Cole Peltier (Yale) joined them on the West squad.

Johnny Swamba (Richmond), Steven Walther (Algonac), Cole Thaler (Algonac),

Dakota Droptiny (Marine City), Cole Cooper (Marysville), Mason Peyerk (Memphis), Keegan Walsh (Memphis), Joseph Doddy (Cardinal Mooney), Jacob Michaux (Cardinal Mooney), Jackson Salter (Cardinal Mooney), Carson Nichols (Port Huron), Joey Seppo (Port Huron),

Cameron Tesluck (Port Huron), Ashton Cook (Port Huron), Jaxon Sherrod (Port Huron Northern), Gaige Townner (Richmond), Cameron Murray (Richmond), Joey Joudi (Richmond), Tyler Starr (St. Clair) and Jack Shafer (St. Clair) appeared on the East team's roster that evening.



Photo by Kevin Kissane

Imlay City's Brady Detwiler looks to throw out an opposing baserunner in last week's All-Star game.

Eads:

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Northrup (Marine City) and Mariah Turner (Port Huron High).

Sadie Dykstra (Yale), Camry Eveningred (Marysville), Annika Gellasch (Marysville), Ella McMillian (Cross-Lex), Kendal Quain

(Marysville), Morgan Reams (Algonac), Arielle Runnals (Yale), Libby Tank (Deckerville) represented the away squad that evening.



Photo by Kevin Kissane

Imlay City's Montanna Eads (#2) and her teammates pose for a photo at the Blue Water Area Girls' Senior All-Star Basketball Game. Imlay City's Bob Bova and Katie Dye were the coaches.

Capac players garner accolades

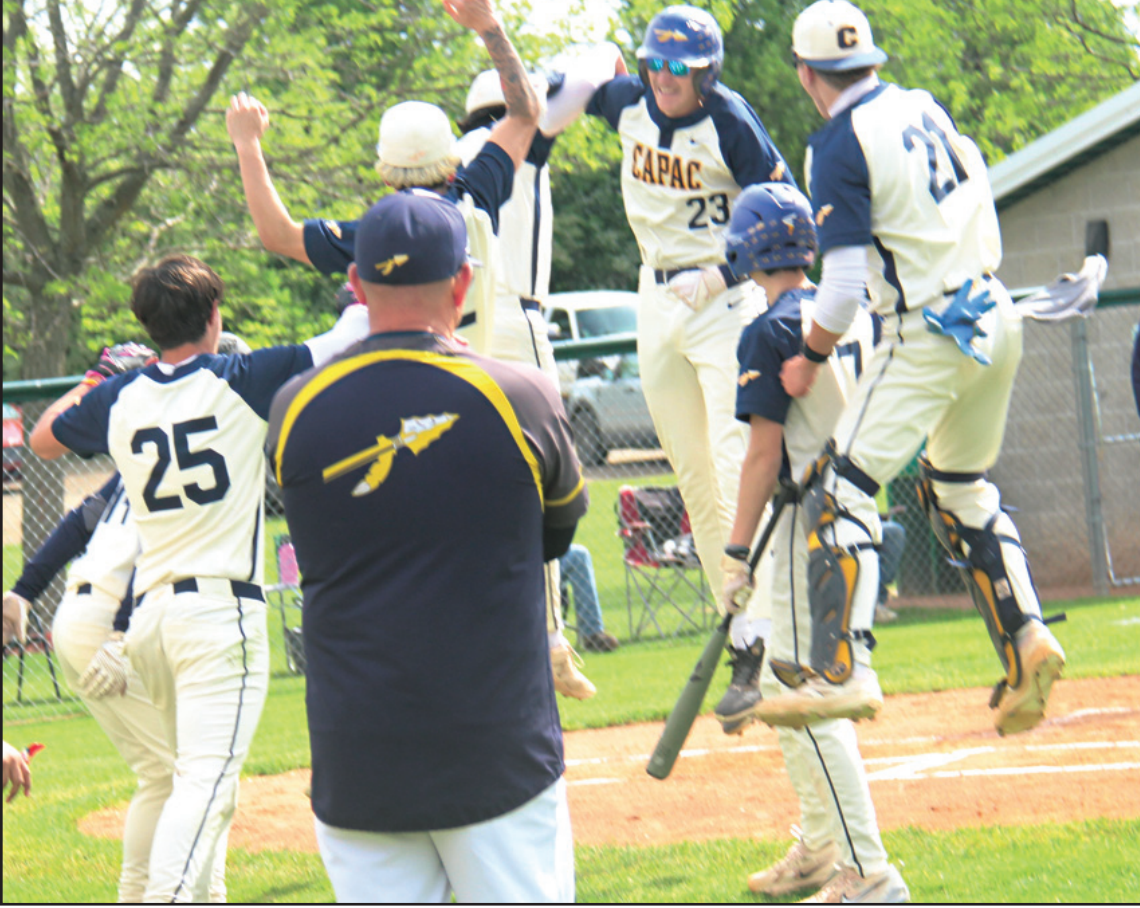


Photo by Kevin Kissane

Capac's Austin Howard (#23) and his Capac teammates celebrate his home run during a game against Brown City this past season.

Attack 9U captures a top finish

By Kevin Kissane

Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA

— The Attack 9U softball squad won the Cards Summer Slam Tournament recently.

The team started things off with a 6-2 loss to Cards 9U on Saturday, June 20.

Later that day, they bounced back with a 12-0 win against Royal Oak 9U.

They then picked up a 9-1 victory the following day over Emmett Irish 9U and registered a n 8-0 triumph against Cards 9U.

Those outcomes landed them a spot in the title game where Firecrackers 9U provided their opposition.

When the final scores were added up, they had prevailed 7-4.

Bailey Blake (Almont), Londyn Childs

(Almont), Josie Lucia (Armada), Camryn Prendergast (Imlay City), Ellie Jones (Almont), Eleanor Berger (Almont), Stevie Flinn (Almont), Presley Sidorowicz (Almont), Katie Krick (Imlay City), Calla Hilliker (Almont), Sophie LaPonse (Almont), and Leah Hoffa (Almont) made their top finish possible. They were coached by Marcus LaPonse and Doni Flinn.



Photo provided

The Attack 9U softball won the Cards Summer Slam Tourney recently. They are front (L to R) Bailey Blake, Londyn Childs, Josie Lucia and Camryn Prendergast; middle Ellie Jones, Eleanor Berger, Stevie Flinn, Presley Sidorowicz, Kate Krick, Calla Hilliker and Sophie LaPonse; and back row coaches Marcus LaPonse and Doni Flinn. Leah Hoffa was not present for the photo.

Dryden lands five on the first team

By Kevin Kissane

Tri-City Times Sports Editor

DRYDEN — The following baseball players were chosen to the All-Big Thumb Conference Blue Division squad which was announced recently:

First team- Ian Tresnak (Dryden), Nick Cummings (Kingston), Dominic Aymer (Mayville), Tj Mersino (Dryden), Colin Corlis (Kingston), Rowan Handley (Dryden), Brody Pohlod (Kingston), Jackson Buhl (Mayville), Aiden Furneaux (Dryden), Jax Morley (Dryden), Logan Wilcox (Kingston), Antonio Combs (Kingston) and Tyrus Davidson (Mayville).

Second team- Tanner James (Kingston), Even Benjey (Deckerville), Collin Topham (Mayville), Carson Halsne (Mayville), Michael LaBarge (Kingston),



Photo by Kevin Kissane

Dryden's Ian Tresnak was an All-BTC Blue Division first team pick this past spring.

Caden Franzel (Deckerville), Ian Stankevich (Dryden), Brayden Borek (Kingston), Jaxen Peruski (Deckerville), Cooper Brown (Deckerville), Robert Brown (Mayville) and Brayden Russell (Deckerville).

Honorable mention- Ian Flanagan

(Deckerville), Jayden Stankevich (Dryden), Brayden Borek (Kingston), Jaxen Peruski (Deckerville), Cooper Brown (Deckerville), Robert Brown (Mayville) and Brayden Russell (Deckerville).

By Kevin Kissane

Tri-City Times Sports Editor

CAPAC — The following players were chosen recently to the All-Big Thumb Conference Black Division baseball squad:

First team- Jack Betts (Sandusky), Peyton Bowerman (Sandusky), Jayce Halbert (Brown City), Brody Tesnow (Capac), Colin Franzel (Ubly), Landon Morse (Brown City), Nathaniel Tovar (Sandusky), Chase Green (Sandusky), TJ Barnes (Ubly), Jackson Lonnberg (Brown City), Skiler Kruse (Harbor Beach), Hunter Bush (Sandusky), Bryce Kiley (Sandusky), Tyreke Essenmacher (Ubly) and Kaden Bucholtz (Harbor Beach).

Second team- Axel Demaray (Capac), Jacob Siemen (Harbor Beach), Ethan Peacock (Memphis), Blake Bowerman (Sandusky), Wiley Roose (Capac), Gavin Phillips (Sandusky), Jaxon Trombly

(Brown City), Austin Howard (Capac), Matthew Geiger (Harbor Beach), Aiden Liccardello (Marlette), Trey Lester (Marlette), Grant Spackman (Ubly), Liam Francek (Brown City), James Owens (Capac) and Trey Lester (Marlette).

Honorable mention- Ryan Budnick (Memphis), Marvin Kritzman (Sandusky), Wyatt Schumacher (Ubly), Logan Johnson (Ubly), Andrew Workman (Brown City), Brady Worrell (Brown City), Collin Potter (Capac), Paul Swamba (Capac), Tanner Gutt (Memphis), Keegan Walsh (Memphis), Lance Root (Marlette), Lucas Volmering (Ubly), Joseph Rich (Sandusky), Isaac Brown (Sandusky), Kaline Mulholland (Brown City), Garret Simpson (Brown City), James Owens (Capac), Clay Fuller (Marlette), Rogan Messing (Harbor Beach), Keagun Potestivo (Harbor Beach) and Brody Friday (Marlette).

MSP competes in Best Looking Cruiser contest

Hoping for top honors, after second place finish in '25

LANSING, MI. Riding momentum from a second-place finish in 2025, the Michigan State Police (MSP) is again competing in the American Association of State Troopers' (AAST) annual "Best Looking Cruiser" contest.

Public support is needed to help the "Blue Goose" secure the top spot this year. Voting is open now through Monday, July 13, 2026, at noon Eastern time.

Members of the public may cast one vote per device by visiting SurveyMonkey, the AAST Facebook page or the official website at StateTroopers.org.

This year's entry features an MSP Dodge Charger patrol vehicle and a Marine Services Team patrol boat photographed along the shoreline of Lake Michigan at Grand Haven State Park.

State police and highway patrol agencies from across the country annually compete in this friendly competition that has grown into a nationwide event that allows community members to support and interact with law enforcement agencies in a positive manner.

The top 13 photographs as voted on by the public will be featured in the 2027 "America's Best Looking Trooper



Courtesy photo

A Michigan State Police patrol boat and a cruiser were photographed on the sandy shores of Lake Michigan at Grand Haven State Park as part of an annual contest.

Cruisers" wall calendar, with the first-place winner earning the cover spot.

Calendars will be available for purchase beginning in October at StateTroopers.org. Net proceeds from calendar

sales benefit the AAST Foundation, which provides educational scholarships to dependents of member troopers.

In 2025, the MSP placed second in the contest.

Ryan's Road Rally

Looking for something to do over the summer and wanting to check out fairs and festivals in the coming weeks? Below is a compilation of special events going on in the next week throughout the State. Get out and enjoy these hot summer months. There's plenty to choose from.

- 7/1-7/4 - Red, White and Boom Fireworks Festival - Bay City
- 7/1-7/5 - Field of Flight Air Show & Balloon Fest - Battle Creek
- 7/1-7/5 - Latvian Song & Dance Festival - Grand Rapids
- 7/1-7/5 - Manistee National Forest Festival - Manistee
- 7/2-7/5 - Pickerel Tournament & Festival - Algonac - Staff pick
- 7/2-7/5 - Cadillac Freedom Festival - Cadillac
- 7/3-7/4 - Cruise at the Fountain - Marshall
- 7/4 - New Haven 250th Independence Day Celebration - Lenox
- 7/4 - Pickle Festival - Berrien Springs
- 7/4-7/11 - National Cherry Festival - Traverse City.

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