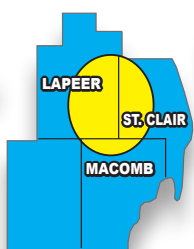


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Streetscape project set to go this month; Pre-construction meeting Monday

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

CAPAC — A streetscape project that has been in the planning process for more than two years has taken another step forward.

According to Village Manager Travis Youatt, residents and motorists passing through town on Main St. will see progress, and a detour, in the coming days.

"The Streetscape project will break ground soon," Youatt told the *Tri-City Times* in an email this week. "We plan to hold a pre-construction meeting with the general contractor and subs on July 13 and then start construction right after."

He went on to write, we are "still unsure on full scope of demolition, we will know more on July 13. We are still working with St. Clair County Road Commission on detour route final approval. They had a few issues with our proposed detour, (but we) should get final okay this week."

On June 11, Youatt

and Village President Debbie Hlubic opened bids from five contractors.

ML Construction was the low bid at \$2,849,695. Other bids included Pro Line at \$2,983,168; Raymond at \$3,105,597; Superior Const. at \$3,268,981 and Warren Const. was the highest at \$3,695,484.

"It's about what we thought," Youatt said after the bids were opened. "I was hoping for more in the \$2 million range. But, costs are going up the longer it goes. It's an exciting time, for sure. We are finally able to move forward once council takes action on the bids."

Although he has not been given the official word, Youatt said he hopes traffic can be maintained in one direction.

"We are requesting that one lane of traffic be open at all times if possible. The contractor will decide how it is handled."

The multi-million dollar project, intended to improve car-swallowing potholes that cur-



Photo by David Fredrick

The Capac streetscape project is set to get underway this month.

rently haunt motorists, is scheduled to get underway later this month.

"Obviously weather plays a big role in the

construction, but we are being told the majority of the work could be done by the end of October," Youatt predicted. "That's not

including the landscaping and brick work."

A major, four-block rebuild of Main Street

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Strong turnout for Blueberry Festival

Perfect weather shines on second annual event

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — Hours of dedication and hard work by many vol-

unteers came to fruition last month when downtown Imlay City came alive for the second annual Blueberry Festival.

The event was filled with everything blueberry, from specialty drinks to ice cream to specially

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Photo by David Fredrick

Downtown Imlay City was filled with vendors and visitors at the second annual Blueberry Festival June 27.



Photo by David Fredrick

Riley Tyack, an employee at Meesch's Ice Cream, is also a very talented painter and was busy creating "Chuckleberry" prior to the start of the festival.

Firefighter calls it a career after 32 years

ICFD veteran firefighter exhibits top notch leadership

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — In a time when recruiting new firefighters is difficult, at best, the Imlay City Fire Department is losing over three decades of knowledge and experience with the retirement of Craig Ross.

The Imlay City Fire Department recently announced the retirement of Firefighter Ross, recognizing more than 32 years of dedicated service to their department and the community.

Ross joined the department in 1994 as a firefighter. According to Chief Keith Klobucar. The commitment, work



Courtesy photo

Imlay City firefighter Craig Ross is calling it a career after 32 years of service to the department.

ethic and leadership abilities by Ross quickly earned him promotions through the ranks.

He became a Lieutenant in 1997, Assistant Chief in 2000, and served as Acting Fire Chief in 2001.

According to Chief Klobucar, life brought unexpected challenges, including a courageous battle with cancer, which interrupted his career progression and ultimately led him to return to the role of firefighter.

Throughout those difficult years, Ross remained committed to the department whenever his health allowed, demonstrating the same determination and resilience that defined his

career, Chief Klobucar said.

"His leadership has been a source of pride for the Imlay City Fire Department throughout his service. His passion for the fire service has never wavered, and the experience he gained serving in nearly every position within the department made him a respected mentor and informal leader," the Chief said.

"His fellow firefighters admire his willingness to have difficult conversations, his unwavering integrity, and his deep commitment to the true meaning of brotherhood."

Ross' dedication, passion, mentorship, and leadership have

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Minor injuries in rollover crash

Imlay City police report minor injuries were sustained as a result of this two-vehicle rollover accident on S. Cedar St. on July 1. According to police, a vehicle had stopped to make a turn into a local business just north of the intersection of S. Cedar and Newark Rd. just before 5 p.m. Following the collision, one of the vehicles ended up on it's roof. Passersby helped the victims out of their vehicles and remained with them until police arrived on the scene. Southbound traffic was slowed while wreckage was cleared from the roadway. Police did not report names or home towns of anyone involved in the incident.

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Lapeer County couple arrested after drive-by shooting

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

LAPEER CO. — Law enforcement officers continue their investigation into an alleged drive-by shooting late last month.

According to information provided by the Lapeer County Sheriff Department in a press release, on Friday, June 26, 2026 at 7:26 p.m., Sheriff Deputies responded to the 1000 block of Angle Rd. in

Lapeer for several gunshots fired at a residence from a motor vehicle.

Through security video footage and subsequent investigation, deputies determined subjects from an east bound Chevrolet Impala, dark blue or black, fired seven rounds while driving past the residence.

Investigators say 9mm shell casings were recovered at the scene.

On Sunday, June 28, at 7:37 p.m., Lapeer County Sheriff's Deputies responded back to the 1000 block of Angle Rd. for a second incident of shots fired at a different residence, besides the Friday incident.

Investigation determined subjects from a west bound GMC Acadia fired five

rounds from the moving vehicle. According to police, no shell casings were recovered from the second incident.

Lapeer County Sheriff's Office Detectives subsequently conducted numerous interviews, chased down leads, and conducted search warrants which lead to the arrest of two individuals involved in the Friday shooting.

A 19-year-old

female and a 21-year-old male were taken into custody for the incident. Names were being withheld until the two subjects were arraigned in 71-A District Court.

Detectives continue to investigate the Sunday shooting and are requesting anyone with information to contact either Detective Danielle Johnson at 810-245-1336 or D/Lt. Andy Engster at 810-245-1383.

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Nash lands on Dean List

KALAMAZOO, MI — Zander Nash of Imlay City has been named to the Kalamazoo College Spring 2026 Dean's List. Dean's List recognition is earned with a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a full-time course load of at least three units, without failing or withdrawing from any course, during the Spring 2026 academic term. Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Zander!

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“Knee high by the Fourth” corn sprouts

Heat wave and moisture make for perfect conditions

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — The saying, “Knee high by the Fourth of July” seems to rear its head every year about this time.

Whether it is farmers from decades ago who used it as a measuring tool or to current



Dan and Declan Steckly of Imlay City have a standing tradition of posing for a photo during the 4th of July holiday in their corn fields.

growers who say if it’s only knee high, they might become concerned.

The old adage “Knee high by the Fourth of July” is an

outdated myth, according to agriculture experts across the country.

Farm journals indicate it was an accurate benchmark for healthy field corn back in the mid-1900s. Modern agricultural technology and advanced seed genetics typically result in corn reaching waist, chest, or even shoulder height by the Fourth of July.

Experts say there is a fair amount of discrepancy regarding the origin of the timeless phrase.

According to numerous ag documents, some date it back to colonial times, while others say it started in the late 1800s.

Corn has a lengthy growing season of three to four months and if it was planted on time, the soil was right, and precipitation was adequate, it would be knee high in time for the July holiday.

In Mussey Twp., corn on the farm of Gerry and Michael Opificius is well past the knee-high measurement, as evidenced by a family photo of Michael’s family taken last weekend.

Typically, knee high is a good sign the crop would make it to har-

vest and a bountiful fall harvest was sure to come.

However, local growers in St. Clair, Sanilac and Lapeer counties say times have changed, growing practices have changed and corn varieties have improved dramatically.

Based on growing data in multiple states, including Michigan, field corn heights can average six to seven feet by the middle of summer for some growers.

Dan and Declan Steckly of Imlay City have a tradition of getting their photos with “knee high” corn every Fourth of July holiday. Depending on the year, the Stecklys say corn height varies.

If your corn is only knee-high in early July, area growers say it actually indicates the crop is struggling due to poor soil, drought, or late planting.

It was first thought knee-high by the Fourth of July meant if your corn was up to your knees or past them, your crop was on track for a good harvest.

On the Opificius farm, and many others like them, their corn crop measurements are sometimes six feet or higher.

Some years the corn is almost up to your shoulders, but on difficult years it is just knee-high. However, with updated genetics and new technologies, it is rare not to surpass the mythical saying, Michigan State University experts say.

From one side of the state to another, you can see cornfield after cornfield. An interesting fact to some is that many crops in general grow in different stages, from west to east, across the state, at different rates.

Ag officials from MSU say if you venture from one side of the state to the other, you can walk through corn fields that are ankle-high, knee-high, waist-high or above your head all in the same day.

Farmers used the saying of knee-high in the olden days to measure the success of their



Amanda and Michael Opificius and their three sons Brock (in mom’s arms), Brent and Brady stand in a field of corn that is well beyond the mythical “Knee high by the Fourth of July.” The Opificius farm is in Mussey Twp., between Capac and Yale.

corn crop. Growers who have experienced growing the corn crop when they were younger and now, later in life, feel it is strange to still hear the familiar saying, regarding the July holiday.

Longtime local growers say there are situations when knee-high by the fourth doesn’t happen and at times, causes a field to be replanted.

According to crop specialists, when a farmer replants, the crop they originally planted will not harvest to its fullest potential and would be better off planting new seeds. So far this season, replants in the area have been minimal.

Locally, corn growers throughout the area say last week’s extreme heat, mixed in with a little bit of moisture, has allowed the crop to jump over 12 inches in the past week.

In Lapeer, St. Clair and Sanilac counties, growers are reporting with overnight lows in the 70s, corn has been increasing in height by the minute and appears to be a strong crop, at this point of the growing season.

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Suspect flees in golf cart

ST. CLAIR CO. — Michigan State Police from the Lapeer Post responded to a felonious domestic assault complaint in the 1200 block of Holmes Rd. around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, July 5. According to an MSP press release, preliminary investigation indicates the suspect, Andrew Craner, 27, of Allenton, had been beating and strangling his girlfriend for the last several days and shot her phone with a pistol to keep her from calling 911. When troopers attempted to contact Craner, he fled on a golf cart and was eventually taken into custody nearby. Craner was lodged in the St Clair County Jail on charges of Felonious Assault, Interfering with Electronic Communications, Reckless use of a firearm, MDOP and obstruction of justice. He was arraigned in the 72nd District Court on Monday.

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.

Attica Days fun for all ages

Two-day festival has something for everyone

By Phil Foley
Contributing writer

ATTICA TWP. — It's time once again for Attica Days and festival organizers are promising it will be better than ever.

The festival runs Friday and Saturday (July 10-11) at the Attica Township Park, 4350 Peppermill Rd. just west of Lake Pleasant Road.

Attica Days Chairman Diana Weingartz says things will get rolling with a

craft show featuring more than 30 vendors and the Lapeer Eagles beer tent, both opening at 2 p.m.

The craft show will wrap up at 8 p.m., while the beer tent will stay open until midnight.

Weingartz said this is the fifth consecutive Attica Days festival. Township officials revived the event, which had been a popular fixture in the township in the '70s and '80s, in 2013.

A lack of volunteers

in 2016 and the Pandemic in 2020 created gaps in the festival, but the good times keep coming back.

The Attica Township Fire Dept. will hold its popular spaghetti dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the fire hall. Tickets are only \$10. At 6 p.m. Train Wreck will take the main music stage and play to 8 p.m.

Attica Days will kick off at 8 a.m. with the Elk Lake Methodist Church serving up their pancake breakfast,



Courtesy photo

The Attica Twp. Fire Department used fire hoses to cool off excited kids who were looking for a way to beat the heat.

which serves until 11 a.m.

Car show registration will run from 8 – 10 a.m. Weingartz said last year's show drew 300 cars and motorcycles, so it's important to show up early to get a good spot.

Also, on Saturday the Seven Ponds Astronomy Club will

be showing off their telescopes from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Things will heat up at noon with car show judging beginning; crafts and games at the Ruth Hughes Memorial Library's Kids Central Tent; midway stage music; inflatables; and the Eagles beer tent. Midway state music

will continue until 6 p.m. and include Joe Poni, Pete Folco, Jeff Geske, Deb Barber and Dawn LaBonte, Jim Albert & Friends and Cosmic Crossfire.

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in downtown Capac has been on the drawing board for several years with promises of assistance in funding the work from state and federal authorities.

Two years ago, in an interview with the *Tri-City Times*, Youatt said, “We’ve been taking a look at how we can best spend that money and get as much done as we possibly can. It’s less than we were first talking when we met with Lisa McClain’s office, but at least it is something. The project really needs to be done.”

Original plans had called for a “building-to-building” rebuild of Main St., including new underground utilities, sidewalks, parking and other improvements.

The Capac village council has made public their intention to issue and sell up to three million dollars worth of bonds for improvements throughout the village.

In a published notice in the October 22, 2025 issue of the *Tri-City Times*, the village advertised the notice of intent for the bonds that have a 30-year payback plan.

In the notice, residents were told the three million dollars would be for the “purpose of paying all, or a part of, the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping capital improvements.”

The description of the notice went on to

add the funds are “including, but not limited to replacing and installing benches and sidewalks, utility infrastructure and street paving together with all related site work and associated improvements.”

Interest rates on the bonds will be set at the time of the sale of the bonds, according to the notice.

Youatt explained the money is all part of the village’s long-discussed and upcoming major Main St. rebuild project. “We have been awarded \$1.5 in grants and will be borrowing another \$1.5 to cover the projected costs,” Youatt explained in an earlier interview. “We can pay that off over a period of time, up to 30 years.”

According to Youatt, the major, complete rebuild of Main St., including reworking the elevated sidewalks on both sides of the heavily traveled roadway, has been planned and discussed for months.

“Yeah, it’s been a few years since it all started,” Youatt recalled. “from the time our first paperwork was started, funding searches done, a waiting period for a decision from the federal government. It’s been a long process, but certainly one that council and I feel is well worth it. When it is done, it is going to be something we can be proud of, it will be functional and nice. We are counting on our design team to

make that happen for us.”

Youatt pointed out the bonded funds will not be a tax increase to residents and the money will be paid back through the village’s street fund.

“We’ve seen a 37% increase in revenue in our street fund and council is planning on using those funds to pay back the bonds,” he said.

Planning for streetscapes typically takes 5-10 years of planning and securing funding before construction can begin.

Youatt said village officials consider a range of factors, including design, underground infrastructure, drainage, elevations, parking, business interruption, staging, temporary parking, and public safety, among others, before final project approval.

Youatt stated, “We look forward to starting this project and can’t wait to see the final product soon.”

The work, from business fronts on the west side to the business fronts on the east side of Main St., will include the removal of decaying concrete that has plagued the four block stretch for years.”

Youatt said while it will take a period of time to complete, “once it is done, it is really going to improve the village, for years to come. We are excited about the project getting underway.”

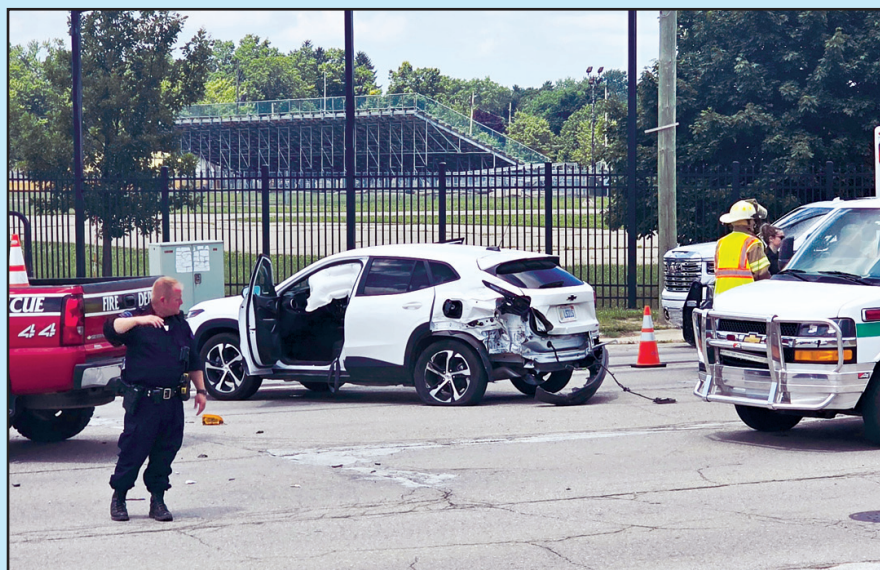


Photo by David Fredrick

Another crash on S. Cedar St.

Yet another crash on S. Cedar St., this one happening just after 1 p.m. Tuesday, slowed traffic for motorists in both directions. A passenger vehicle sustained substantial damage to the back end after being struck by a second vehicle. It was unclear as of press time how the accident happened or what other vehicle was involved. Imlay City police and fire, Lapeer County EMS and Michigan State Police responded to the scene. Southbound M-53 was eventually closed and re-routed for a period of time, to allow for clean-up and investigation.

Imlay City honors Class of 2026 Top Ten

Seniors recognized for their hard work



Hayley Thibodeaux



Caleb McLain



Jack Whitley



James Stewart



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This system was also adopted by the Detroit News Scholar program and is currently used by the Blue Water Area Conference to determine its highest academic honors.

Valedictorian - The valedictorian of Imlay City High School Class of 2026 is Hayley Thibodeaux. Hayley is the daughter of Jennifer and David Thibodeaux of Attica.

Hayley is currently co-president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Japanese Club, Gardening Club, and History Club.

She has received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award from the University of Rochester, the Society of Women Engineers – Certificate of Merit from Michigan Technological University, the National Recognition program from the College Board and First Generation, Rural and Small Town Recognition Award, and many school recognition awards.

She is in the top 3% of all test takers and has also been named a National Merit Scholar.

Hayley plans to attend Michiga State University and major in Biochemistry/Pre-Med.

While there, she plans to complete medical school and receive a Doctor of Medicine Degree. Her plan is to become a surgeon, but her specialty has yet to be determined.

The person who influenced her the most is, without a doubt, her mother. When raising her, she didn’t just teach her how to put a Band-Aid on a cut; rather, she taught her to push through life no matter what it throws at you.

Watching her mother push through life while maintaining her kindness inspired Hayley to help others when she grows up. This influenced her to pursue a career in the medical field and inspired her to become a medical doctor.

Salutatorian - The salutatorian of Imlay City High School Class of 2026 is Caleb McLain. Caleb is the son of Bethany and David McLain of Imlay City.

Caleb has been an active member of the Tennis team for four years, where he was captain and 1st team All Academic all four years; He participated in wrestling for four years, where he was also captain; 1st team All Academic (four years), and received the coach’s award for commitment and dedication.

He was a member of the National Honor Society for two years and served as Vice President.

For eight years, he has belonged to the F.E.D.S. (Families Exploring Down Syndrome) program. He

volunteers his time and manages volunteers, accumulating over 30 hours a year in the process.

During the summers he has been in various positions at Camp Barnabas, which is a summer camp for people with special needs; was the founding member of the Pickle Pros (Pickleball club); he has been involved with his church, Heritage church, for six years in various capacities, which include 3-5th grade small group leader and youth group host; volunteered during special events such as Halloween, Christmas, and kids camp; went to Indianapolis to serve and help the homeless and made two mission trips to Camp Barnabas.

Caleb’s plan after graduation is to attend the University of Michigan-Flint and get his undergraduate degree in Economics. After he obtains that, he plans to study law at the University of Michigan Law School and become a corporate lawyer.

The most influential person in his life is his mother. She pushes him every day and sets an example of leadership and excellence in everything that she does.

Top Seniors - Jack Whitley is the son of Kim Whitley and Brad Whitley of North Branch. Jack has earned several school academic awards, including 1st - and 2nd-year pins, as well as citizenship, math, science, Spanish, and social studies awards.

He also received the Small-Town Recognition Award. His plans after graduation are to immediately pursue a career in Freelance Video Editing.

He plans on finding a mentor to improve and

Blueberry:

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designed food and treats.

A large number of vendors filled Main St. downtown, from S. Almont Ave. to Third St. with a variety of inflatable entertainment for the younger ones, to axe throwing, corn hole, a dog show and bull riding and of course, who could miss out on the taco eating contest.

Spirited competition was held in two age brackets, youth up to 12 years old and another for those 12 and up, including adults.

Later in the day, a number of businesses had musical entertainment and other activities



These poodles took the competition seriously.

as visitors enjoyed the one-day event.

Organizers say proceeds from the event,

like last year’s, are given to the school to help students in the coming school year.



Photo by David Fredrick

Bull riding was a popular attraction at the festival.

of the Imlay City Fire Department’s 2023 Firefighter of the Year Award.

This honor is awarded to a department member whose outstanding service, years of dedication and contributions exemplify the highest standards of the fire service.

As Ross begins his well-earned retirement, the department extends their sincere gratitude for his decades of faithful service, leadership, mentorship and friendship.

Chief Klobucar concluded, “His impact on

the Imlay City Fire Department will be felt for many years to come, and the example he set will continue to inspire future generations of firefighters.”

Congratulations, Craig, on an outstanding career and a well-deserved retirement.

The department extends their thanks for his service to the department, his fellow firefighters and the citizens of Imlay City.

“We wish you and your family good health, happiness and many blessings in the years ahead,” Klobucar said.

Firefighter:

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been recognized many times throughout his career. He was honored as the Imlay City Fire Department’s Firefighter of the Year in both 2013 and 2023, and his service has also been recognized by the Lapeer County Firefighters Association as “Firefighter of the Year” in 2014.

Most recently, Ross was selected by his fellow firefighters and fire officers as the recipient

Two cats in training

Before my youngest daughter's visit from California this past June, she'd witnessed my gradually thinning figure since our beloved patriarch's death January 30, 2024.

Mind, the last thing a woman of any age wants is flabby, wrinkly biceps.

And the last thing a mother desires from her baby is a lecture, particularly when the child has just moved 2,000 miles from Michigan to California to live with her older sister and brother-in-law.

Furthermore, with the help of my flabby biceps, before she left Michigan in March and drove to California with her dog Lilly, I mopped the lower level of floors in her house in preparation for her rental.

So, yes, my flabby biceps still work. They weed gardens, have carried fifty-pound bags of BACTO and cocoa bean mulch from my car to gardens since the first fair spring day.

However, truly, my biceps need some toning. I need more flesh on my bones.

Yet, I've no delusion about recovering muscle tone to what it once was. Therefore, during her visit to my home in June, Ruth offered, "Let's go to Target to buy a set of barbells."

"Barbells?" I replied. "Yes. Two three-pound weights should do it to strengthen your biceps," she said.

She sat in the chicken chair by the kitchen window. "Like this," she said and illustrated the open, close, up, down, pattern.

Meanwhile, Mitty's blue eyes and Cuddles' green eyes focused on Ruth, their heads following her hands. "This could be fun," I said.



Iris Lee Underwood

So, off she drove us to a local Target store, led us to a colorful collection of barbell weights.

"Looks like you've been here before," I said. "A few times."

I picked up two lavender colored, three-pound barbells. Ruth smiled. "I thought you'd like that color."

Dear Reader, the handful of times I've since sat in the chicken chair with barbells in hands, Cuddles and Mitty have sat before me, waiting.

Then the training begins. Cuddles' green and Mitty's blue eyes look sideways, up, and down.

They don't exactly know which way to turn their heads when I open my left hand and right hand simultaneously.

Sometimes their eyes move left. Sometimes right. Up and down their eyes and heads move together.

Here it is the second week in July, the English lavender is about bloomed out, and the gorgeous, long-stemmed French Grosso is beginning to pop. Harvest is nigh.

I pray this persistent, hot weather breaks, grants some mercy upon my wrinkly biceps.

Meanwhile, Mitty, Cuddles, and I devote some time to training with lavender barbells.

And my water thermos waits for the field.

Contact Iris at iris-farmletters@gmail.com

Letters from our readers

2nd annual scholarship fundraiser a success

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Kerry and Peyton Shepherd and myself we would like to thank all the volunteers, family, friends and golfers for another successful golf outing sponsored by Imlay City Eagles #4082.

This year was another huge success. All proceeds will go to the Four County Community Foundation to go toward scholarships for students futher their education in the agricultural field. We also donated to the Sanilac ISD class for autism.

We also are very grateful for all the donations we received for the auction and hole sponsors. The list of donation providers is below. We deeply apologize if we missed

someone. There were so many. We look forward to seeing you all next year. Please keep an eye on the FB page as the date for the 2027 outing will be posted soon so you can save the date.

Donations from: Imlay City Eagles, Ben's Great Outdoors, Jimmy and Janita Mauk, The Blooded Hound, Rolling Hills, John and Jenna Lindsey, Seams Rite Sewing - Linda Davis, Cloud Culture, Lake Nepessing Golf Land, Larry and Hilda Hebbard, I.C. Strikes, Peyton Shepherd and Nathan Peters, Rebekah's Health and Nutrition, Mike and Jill Welch, Sippin' Michigan, WoodChips BBQ, Game Stop, Tilted Axis, Stevo's Bar & Grill, Hitch n Post, Oxford Tap, Mojo's,

North Branch Bar & Grill, North Branch Bakery, Brian's Restaurant - North Branch, Lake Inn, White Horse Inn, E.G. Nick's, Third N Main, Next Level Tattoo, Strange Daze Tattoo, Apple Tree, Eastern Woods Outdoors, Applebee's, Lightning Rounds, Italia Gardens Restaurant, Maude's Alabama BBQ, Krave, TJ's Custard Cabin, Wojo's Greenhouse, Rachel and Jason Stover, Jeni and Brian Peters, Brian and Krista Fox, Helena Chemical - Imlay City, Kookys n Cream, L.A.S.E.R. Lapeer Area Sports & Entertainment Rink, Buffalo Wild Wings, NCG Lapeer, Mancino's, Blend, Forgemark Studio - Derek Fahs, Lizetta

McCormick, Waltercation - Walleye Charters, Country Smoke House, Charmaine Sharkey, Gene and Marion Sommerville, D&K Market, and The Country Market.

Hole sponsors: Tri-County Bank, American Legion Post 0135 Auxillary, Dale and Cindy Duckert, Watercation Sports Fishing, Parsco Automotive, Ferrall 9AS, Castle Creek Golf Club, F.O.E. 4082, Sippin' Michigan, The Country Market, Centerline Electric Inc., Cascaddan Lounge, Eagle Excavation Inc., Ben's Great Outdoors, 21 Social, Compass Technology Solutions.

Again, thank you all, see you next year!

—John Shepherd

Appreciate seeing Kenny Chesney in Las Vegas

Dear Editor,

Wow, I just gotta mention that I recently attended the Kenny Chesney concert at The Sphere in Las Vegas. It was simply amazing! There were so many visual effects, it felt like the massive 160,000 sq. ft. immersive screen was gonna pull you right into it!

And the commanding sound was totally complimentary to Kenny's stage performance! The Sphere has exactly 167,000 individually amplified loudspeaker drivers, almost hard to believe, it is like

mid-21st century coming to age!

The venue even switched me from my inexpensive seat in lower level with limited-viewing to the more preferred mid-level tier with full view at no extra charge; original ticket cost \$81. The Sphere guest services associate kindly switched me to a \$396 seat and pleasantly insisted that I go ahead and enjoy the concert!

Prior to the concert, I spoke with Kenny's sound engineer asking him to convey to Kenny that I had my friend sing

Kenny's song 'Knowing You' at my dear late wife Sharon Lee Samyn's memorial celebration back in June 2023.

The many who attended all had to handkerchief their teary eyes because they've long-known that my late wife was a good person!

Halfway through the concert, Kenny tells the crowd he really doesn't sing his next song too much, and to my surprise it's 'Knowing You'. Don't know it he got the message or it was just a coincidence, but it sure sounded nice and com-

forting!

I felt the presence of Sharon's loving and kind-hearted spirit being there with me! We attended soooo many concerts in our 50 years of being together! I miss her dearly!

I'd highly recommend a visit to The Sphere. There's even a long-running showing of The Wizard of Oz with all the visual effects on the huge immersive screen!

I am truly grateful! God is Good, and Kenny Chesney is too!

—Ken Hreha
Dryden, Mi.

St. Cornelius critical to serving needs of Catholics

Editor,

Despite some recent reporting St. Cornelius Catholic Church in

Dryden is not closing, at least not any time soon or possibly ever.

Parishioners of the

nearly 75-year-old church attended a listening session regarding the Archdiocese of Detroit's planned reorganization. And while all three of the options for reorganization of Catholic Churches in Lapeer County called for the cessation of Masses at St. Cornelius, they were also told that no final decision has been made and that other options are possible.

The archdiocese tells us no final decision will be made until July 2027. We've also been told that there have been substantial changes to reorganizational plans in other Catholic communities around the country as a result of parishioner input.

Many of us at St. Cornelius believe that our parish is critical to serving the needs of Catholics in Southern Lapeer and Northern Oakland Counties. Our facilities are debt free and centrally located.

One of the presented options links Allenton's St. John the Evangelist, Imlay City's Sacred Heart and St. Cornelius, but eliminates weekend Masses at St. Cornelius.

We would propose holding at least one Mass in each of the three churches. Another viable option would be to link St. Cornelius with Lapeer's Immaculate Conception and hold at least one Mass at St. Cornelius each weekend.

Historically church

attendance has ebbed and flowed across the decades. We have seen some hopeful signs that attendance at Mass is beginning a resurgence.

Dryden has always been a resilient community. We believe that St. Cornelius, like Dryden, has a viable and bright future. We intend to lobby for that.

Whether you are a parishioner or not, your voice matters to keep weekend Masses at St. Cornelius going. Please send your support for St. Cornelius to the Archdiocese of Detroit, Attn: Fr. Mario Amore and Archbishop Edward Weisenburger at restructuring@aod.org.

Best,

—Marty Vernier
President
Men's Club
St. Cornelius
Catholic Church

Editor's note: As stated in the article, the Dryden location, and one in North Branch, are among those listed as being considered for closure. As the writer notes, and the article stated, listening sessions were held and alternatives are being considered. According to the Archdiocese of Detroit, the two locations, along with Sacred Heart in Yale and a number of other St. Clair County catholic churches, have been identified as potential closings. No definitive action is planned until 2027, according to the Detroit Archdiocese.



The U.S. Constitution was signed by 39 men present for the special occasion, led by George Washington.

The other Charters of Freedom

I recently wrote about the Declaration of Independence being on display in the rotunda of the National Archives here in Washington.

I hope you will be able to visit and see it in person, if you haven't already. The other two Charters of Freedom, the Constitution of the United States and The Bill of Rights are also preserved under glass in cases next to the Declaration.

As I indicated before, the signed parchment copy of the Declaration is far from pristine, having been handled and displayed over many years. However, copies of it were made so we know



Rick Liblong

exactly what it looked like.

According to the Archives website, "The Constitution of the United States contains a preamble and seven articles that describe the way the government is structured and how it operates.

The first three articles establish the three branches of government and their powers:

Legislative (Congress), Executive (office of the

President,) and Judicial (Federal court system).

A system of checks and balances prevents any one of these separate powers from becoming dominant.

Articles four through seven describe the relationship of the states to the Federal Government, establish the Constitution as the supreme law of the land, and define the amendment and ratification processes.

The state delegates approved the draft of the Constitution on September 15, 1787.

The signing was set for the very next Monday.

Jacob Shallus, the assistant clerk for the Pennsylvania General Assembly, agreed to

engross (copy in a fine, clear hand) the document.

Over the course of about 40 hours, he created an accurate transcription of the draft. He was paid \$30 for his efforts. On September 17, the document was ready for signing.

Thirty-nine of the 42 men present signed the Constitution. George Washington was first, followed by each state delegation descending from north to south. George Mason, Elbridge Gerry, and Edmund Randolph refused to sign because the Constitution lacked a bill of rights.

Thomas Jefferson and

Guest Columnist

Have a differing opinion about a hot topic? Want to further explain your side of the story? You can share your thoughts by being a guest columnist. Anyone may submit a guest column, but we ask that the information be accurate. The columns can be a maximum of three typed, double-spaced pages. Send them to: Tri-City Times, P.O. Box 278, Imlay City, MI, 48444 or run the idea by the editor by calling 810-842-0557 or email them to: dave@tri-citytimes.com. The newspaper reserves the right to edit or reject any column considered inappropriate for publication.

Almont PD weekly report

ALMONT — Here is the weekly report for the Village of Almont as well as the Township for the week of 6/29/26 – 7/5/26. We had a total of 115 calls for service.

CALLS OF INTEREST

Traffic Stops . . .	46 stops with 14 citations issued
Property / Business Checks . . .	10
911 Hang Ups . . .	3
Miscellaneous Complaints . . .	3
Traffic Crashes . . .	2
Medical Assists . . .	6
Assist to Fire Department . . .	8
Fireworks Complaints . . .	3
Road Hazards . . .	8
Assist to Other Agencies . . .	5
Parking Complaints . . .	2
Traffic Complaints . . .	3
Fraud Complaints . . .	2
Assault Complaints . . .	1
Unlicensed Driver Complaints . . .	1
Motorist Assists . . .	1
Accidental Damage Complaints . . .	1
Suspicious Circumstances . . .	1
Found Property . . .	1
Civil Matters . . .	1
Retail Fraud Complaints . . .	2
Open Buildings . . .	1

Imlay City PD weekly report

6/29/2026	
N CEDAR ST&S CEDAR ST.	Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol / Liquor
S ALMONT AVE&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST	Property Check
N ALMONT AVE	Welfare Check
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N ALMONT AVE	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Animal Complaint
S CEDAR ST.	Animal Complaint
S CEDAR ST.	Family Trouble
S ALMONT AVE&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
E FIRST ST	Assault/ Battery
E BORLAND RD	Ordinance Violation
METCALF ST	Ordinance Violation
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD	Property Damage Traffic Crash

6/30/2026	
NEWARK RD	Family Trouble
NEWARK RD&S CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
N FAIRGROUNDS RD.	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Animal Complaint
S ALMONT AVE.	911 Hang-up
E CAPAC RD&N ALMONT AVE	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&BANCROFT ST	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE.	Alarm
S CEDAR ST.	Property Damage Traffic Crash
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD	Property Damage Traffic Crash
MAPLE VISTA ST	Traffic Complaint / Abandoned Auto
E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N ALMONT AVE&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
E THIRD ST&MAIN ST.	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Alarm
S CEDAR ST	Property Check

7/1/2026	
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
W SIXTH ST.	Medical Assist
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE.	Juvenile
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N ALMONT AVE&E THIRD ST	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
HICKORY LN	Citizen Assist
N ALMONT AVE&SEVENTH ST.	Traffic Stop
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
HANDLEY ST.	Citizen Assist
PALMER ST	Ordinance Violation
TITUS ST.	Ordinance Violation
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&MAIN ST.	Citizen Assist
E BORLAND RD&S CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
NEWARK RD&S CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&NEWARK RD	Citizen Assist

7/2/2026	
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
W FOURTH ST&PO AND ST N	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST&E BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
E THIRD ST	Animal Complaint
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Property Damage Traffic Crash
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
NEWARK RD&REEK RD	Ordinance Violation
METCALF ST	Ordinance Violation
MAPLE VISTA ST	Medical Assist
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
BANCROFT ST.	Citizen Assist

7/3/2026	
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&ATTICA RD	Citizen Assist
MAIN ST&E THIRD ST.	Citizen Assist
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
W FOURTH ST&N BLACKS CORNERS RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Animal Complaint
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Property Check
W SIXTH ST.	Assault/ Battery
S CEDAR ST.	Alarm
S CEDAR ST.	Alarm
S CEDAR ST.	Alarm

7/4/2026	
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
NORLIN DR	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD	Found Property
W SIXTH ST.	Peace Officer Duties
MAPLE VISTA ST	Citizen Assist
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop

7/5/2026	
MORRICE BLVD&S CEDAR ST	Traffic Complaint / Road Hazard
S ALMONT AVE.	Nuisances Ord - Noise / Prohibited Hours
STOLDT AVE	Nuisances Ord - Noise / Prohibited Hours
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE&WALKER ST	Citizen Assist
NEWARK RD&S BLACKS CORNERS RD.	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST.	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Welfare Check
S VAN DYKE RD&EB69.	Personal Injury Traffic Crash
E THIRD ST	Family Trouble
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Alarm
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop

Top Ten:

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reach out much farther. He is not committed to any specific college right now, but would be interested in Media or an English degree.

The most influential person in his life was his father. He taught him to question everything, learn as much as possible, and to connect with everyone before passing judgment.

James Stewart is the son of Ryan Stewart and Jade Cleland of Almont. James has been a member of the National Honor Society, French Club, and History Club. He has received many outstanding awards, including the Junior Honors Award in Auto Mechanics.

Due to his excellence in academics, he was chosen as an honorary usher for the 2024/25 graduating class and has received excellent attendance and citizenship awards, as well as being on the All “A’s” honor roll throughout his high school career.

After graduation, James plans to attend Kettering University in Flint to major in Mechanical Engineering with a goal of entering the automotive field.

The most influential person in James’ life has been his math teacher, Mr. Halsted, whom he has had for the last three years in Geometry, Pre-calc, and AP Calc.

In the last three years, he has seen academic and overall personal growth, and he attributes much of this to Mr. Halsted. He pushed him to his limits, challenging him and helping him grow, while never losing confidence in him—giving James the belief in himself he needed to overcome his doubts.

He also taught him to be resilient and that the things he wants will come through hard work. He states that in Mr. Halsted’s class, he doesn’t just give you the answers to all of your questions; he makes you work for them, which has taught him to be comfortable being uncomfortable. He is super lucky to have had a teacher like Mr. Halsted.

Wade Murray is the son of Heather and Mike LaMarra of Lapeer. During his high school career, he participated in three varsity sports: Cross Country for four years, Wrestling for three years, and Track and Field for two years.

While doing sports, he was named captain for both Cross Country and Wrestling. He was inducted into the National Honor Society and also founded a Pickleball club!

He plans to attend Kettering University after graduation to major in Chemical Engineering.

The most influential person in his life thus far is his mother. She has pushed him to maintain high grades and has always been supportive and understanding of his goals and choices.

Emma Keeping is the daughter of Bryan and Jessica Keeping of Imlay City. Emma’s high school career has earned her many awards, including the DAR (Daughters of the Revolution) Award

just this year, the College Board Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, and BWAC All-Academic honors in Bowling, Volleyball, Tennis, Citizenship, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

She was named a 2025 MIVCA Academic All-State and a 2025 National High School Coaches Association Academic All-American, and has been a four-year Varsity member of Volleyball, bowling, and tennis (captain for all sports).

She is a member of the National Honor Society, 2025 Miss Volleyball nominee and State Champs, Michigan volleyball player of the year nominee, 1st team All State tennis (2023), 2x 1st team All State volleyball (2024,2025), and 2x BWAC MVP tennis (2024,2025).

When not competing in high school sports, Emma was a key player for club volleyball.

Emma will attend Wake Forest University to play volleyball and earn a degree in health and exercise science. Emma credits her success to her mom, as she is the most influential person in her life.

Ethan Collins is the son of Neil and Leslie Collins of Imlay City.

During his high school career, Ethan has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and on the Student Council.

He had been a member of the football team for four years, earning the coach’s award, member of the baseball team for four years, member of the bowling team for three years, where he was named a captain. He was the founding leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, of which he has been a part for four years.

Ethan’s plans are to attend Kettering University or Central Michigan University and complete a four-year Mechanical Engineering program.

The most influential person in his life is his dad, as he is the most selfless person he knows. He has literally put his life on the line, and it inspires him to be better!

Kyra Jolin is the daughter of Kimberly and Daniel Jolin of Imlay City.

Kyra has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and has been involved in our local community, but is most proud of serving as an official officer for the Lapeer County FFA.

She has been involved in FFA for the past two years and loves showing livestock and being involved in the community. In showing livestock, she has received a Reserve Senior Grand Champion Award and other award-winning ribbons. These activities have helped her develop solid leadership skills and a strong work ethic.

After graduation, Kyra will attend SVSU to get her bachelor’s degree in biology while completing her pre-vet program.

Once that is completed, she will continue her education at MSU to obtain her doctorate in veterinary medicine, becoming a mixed practice veterinarian who treats both companion

animals and large animals/livestock.

The most influential person in Kyra’s life is her grandma. She is the one who instilled in her a passion for animals at a young age. She always let her learn hands-on and showed her how to truly care for and respect animals. She will never forget the moment when she was around seven years old, and she gently placed a baby raccoon in her lap. In that moment, she realized that she wanted to become a veterinarian one day and care for animals the way that her grandma taught her. She taught her true empathy and always stayed true to herself.

Anna Heffel is the daughter of Ed and Denise Heffel of Lapeer. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years and has been enrolled in dual enrollment courses through Macomb Community College since her Sophomore year.

Anna earned 36 credit hours by completing these courses and will graduate from high school with her Certificate of General Business with honors.

She also attends Ed. Tech. and is a student in the Medical Careers Program, where she has earned certificates in Stop the Bleed, CPR, Medical Terminology, and earned her diploma from Penn Foster for Dental Assisting.

She has been working as a dental assistant for over a year at Gagi Dental in Imlay City. Anna’s plans after high school are to attend a community college to pursue a career as a registered dental hygienist. She plans to continue working as a dental assistant at Gagi Dental while in school. She says her family is the most influential group in her life.

Griffin King is the son of Jack and Loni King of Imlay City.

Freedom:

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John Adams did not sign because they were on diplomatic missions in Europe during the convention.”

The four-page document, on permanent display at the Archives, is very still legible. You can easily read, in very large, dark letters, “We the People...” All of the text that follows is clearly readable, as well.

The final Charter of Freedom is the Bill of Rights.

The website states, “On September 25, 1789, the First Congress of the United States proposed 12 amendments to the Constitution. The 1789 Joint Resolution of Congress proposing the amendments is on display in the Rotunda in the National Archives Museum. Ten of the proposed 12 amendments were ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures on December 15, 1791.

The ratified Articles (Articles 3–12) constitute the first 10 amendments of the Constitution, or the U.S. Bill of Rights. In 1992, 203 years after it was proposed, Article 2 was ratified as the 27th Amendment to the Constitution. Article 1

During his freshmen year, he was a member of both the French Club and the History Club, and then in his junior year, he was inducted into the National Honor Society. He received several awards throughout his high school career, including academic awards in Math, Science, and Citizenship.

Griffin also took Early Middle College courses through Baker College. After high school, Griffin plans to attend Kettering University.

While there, he plans to study chemical engineering and get a job in metal coating or petroleum refining. There have been many people along the way who have pushed his life forward and influenced him. One person who topped all others would be his teacher, Mr. Gartrell. He was his chemistry teacher and is now his AP environmental teacher.

Mr. Gartrell has had a significant impact on his life through his outlook on science knowledge and information. He strives to continue learning every day, which inspires those he teaches to do the same. One of his most common quotes is “learning is a workout for your brain; a strong brain makes a strong body.” This resonates with Griffin, as he has been bodybuilding for four years now. This mindset helped encourage him to push past the difficult points when learning.

For Griffin specifically, Mr. Gartrell made chemistry complex topics fun and enjoyable to learn. This helped him feel more comfortable with the topics and apply them in labs and on worksheets.

Mr. Gartrell’s pursuit of knowledge encouraged Griffin to challenge himself by planning to attend Kettering University.

was never ratified.

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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 County Comm. Foundation, FBEM, Mich. Conf. UMC, many local businesses and individuals.

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 Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. 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 fccic5thandbancroft@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 something unique to do

on a Saturday, the Imlay City Historical Museum could be a place to visit. Throughout the summer, from June thru November, vernece Biggers' American Indian collection of dolls and other items are being displayed at the Museum on S. Main St., from 1 to 4 p.m. each Saturday. The display is a life-long labor of love by Bigger.

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

The Thumb Dance meets on July 11th and the 25th from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley Street, Sandusky, MI. Please bring a dish to pass or a snack to share for our meal break at 2:00 p.m. We enjoy good music, a wonderful meal, and fellowship. Please join us. Questions: 810-310-2715

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 a 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 meet 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: nlcc@newlifechristian.net www.newlifechristian.net <i>Pastor Tim Martin</i> 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 <i>Pastor Evan Yeen</i> Christian Pre-school available ALL ARE WELCOME!!	First Congregational Church <i>United Church of Christ</i> <i>All Are Welcome Here</i> <i>Come As You Are</i> 275 Bancroft, Imlay City Worship Sundays 10:30 am Facebook FirstCongregationalUCC.ImlayCity 724-6207 fccuccimlay.org <i>Rev. David Forsberg</i>	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 <i>Pastor Ron Rouse</i>
Imlay City Church of Christ 670 N. Van Dyke Imlay City, MI 48444 Sunday Service Bible Study (all ages) 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Wednesday Bible Classes (all ages) 10:00am 248-392-6160 COME WORSHIP WITH US! <i>Dwaine Estes, Minister</i>	HERITAGECHURCH.COM  heritagechurch SERVICETIMES SUNDAYS 9:30AM 11:00AM 810-721-7570 543N.CEDARST. IMLAYCITY	Sacred Heart - Imlay City 700 Maple Vista Sunday 10:00 am, 12 noon (Spanish) Tuesday 6:00 pm (Bilingual) Thursday 9:00 am St. Cornelius - Dryden 3834 N. Mill Rd Saturday 4:00 pm • Sunday 8:00 am Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am 810-724-1135	West Berlin U.M.C. 905 Holmes Rd. - Allenton, MI Corner of Almont Road 810-395-2409 Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. <i>Pastor Patty Hoppenworth</i>	St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA) 200 North Cedar (M-53) Imlay City, MI 810-724-1200 Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00-10:55 a.m. Contemporary Service: 11:00 a.m. Also Available on Facebook St. Paul's Lutheran Church, ELCA www.stpaulslutheranic.org
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 <i>Rev. Chad Hampton</i> goodlandcc.org	 395 N. Cedar (M-53) 810-724-4315 www.imlaycitycrc.org <i>Pastor Alex Snider</i> 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
BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 1635 Berville Road, Allenton, MI Phone: (586) 784-5854 Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Worship - 11:00 am Eve. Service - 6:30 pm Wed. Service - 6:30 pm Christian School K-12 <i>A Warm Welcome Awaits You!</i> <i>Gayle P. Hortop, Pastor</i>	Place your church ad in the Tri-City Times! 810-842-0557 rnolin.tct@gmail.com 			

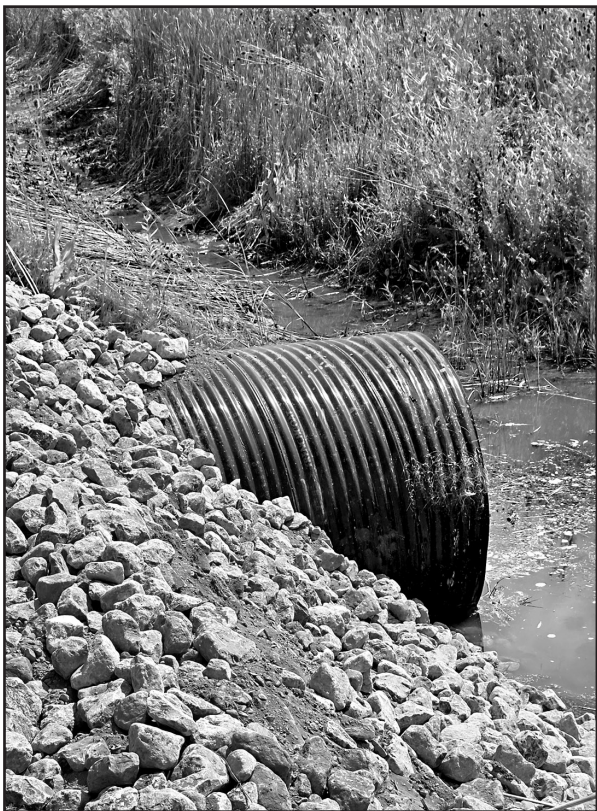
Graham Rd. opened in Imlay Twp; new culvert installed

IMLAY TWP. — A section of Graham Rd. near the I-69 overpass has been closed for several weeks, following flooding spring rains that washed away the road near the area of a culvert.

The Lapeer County Road Commission closed the road from Dryden Rd. to the south to Imlay City Rd. (M-21) to the north while they waited for a new culvert to be delivered.

Work began early last week with needed repairs, including replacing a portion of the roadway and installing the new culvert.

The road was opened July 1, in time for the 4th of July holiday — *Dave Fredrick*



A large new culvert has been installed on Graham Rd. in Imlay Twp. Flooding rains in the spring washed away the ground.



A small portion of Graham Rd. where a large culvert was installed, was paved following construction by the Lapeer County Road Commission. The road was opened last week before the 4th of July holiday.

Obituaries

~ Richard “Dick” Lauwers, 92 ~

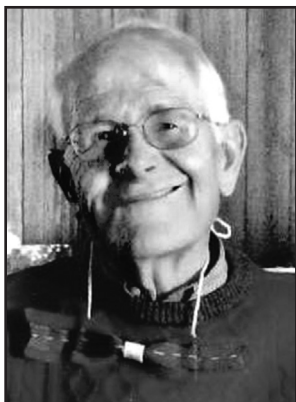
Richard “Dick” Lauwers, age 92, of Imlay City, Michigan died Thursday, July 2, 2026 at The Orchards of Armada in Armada, MI. Richard Victor Lauwers was born June 27, 1934 in Detroit, MI. He is the son of the late Victor and the late Mary (Lybeer) Lauwers. Dick grew up in Capac, MI. He was a graduate of Capac High School, Class of 1952. He married Carol Campbell on May 2, 1959 in Allenton, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, on September 18, 2003. Dick married Mary Lou (Duquette) Spiller August 2005.

He was a Self - Employed Dairy and Crop Farmer. Dick was co-owner of Eastern Michigan Grain in Emmett, MI. Dick was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Imlay City,

MI, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Allenton, MI and Knights of Columbus-Our Lady Queen of Peace where he was a "Singing Knight" for 20 years.

He served as a Lapeer County Commissioner for a period of time and on Capac High School Board in the late 1990's, Farm Bureau Board, Mussey Township Board, Farm Service Agency Board, MMPA Board, and on the Federal Land Bank Board. Dick was a Michigan Distinguished Master Farmer.

Dick is survived by: his wife, Mary Lou Lauwers of Gross Pointe Woods, MI; children, Mark (Chris) Lauwers of Almont, MI, Mike (Stacey) Lauwers of Capac, MI, Dan (Kellie) Lauwers of Yale, MI, Cathrine (Brian) Schriber of



Caro, MI and Anne (Tom) Leen of Fairgrove, MI; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. He is also survived by: his sisters, Margie Matovina and Catherine Skwirsk; brother-in-law, Joe Mouthaan; and Mary Lou's children, Diane Klug of Lapeer, MI, Tim (Carla) Spiller of Yale, MI, Randy (Jenny) Spiller of Yale, MI, Connie (Carl) Crawford of Lum, MI and Kristi (Edward) Donnellon of Grosse Pointe Park, MI.

He was preceded in death by: his first wife, Carol Lauwers; parents, Victor and Mary Lauwers; his sister, Barbara Mouthaan; brothers-in-law, Mark Matovina and Carl Skwirsk; half-brothers, Robert Lauwers and Larry Lauwers; Mary Lou's first husband, Al Spiller; and her son, Steve Spiller.

The funeral will be held 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 883 Capac Road, Allenton, MI. Reverend Fr. Mike Gawlowski, pastor of St. John the Evangelist, will officiate. Interment will follow at West Berlin Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City. Please be sure to sign our online register at www.muirbrothersfh.com

~ James “Jimmy” Patrick Steele, Jr., 56 ~

James “Jimmy” Patrick Steele, Jr., age 56, of Attica, Michigan died Thursday, June 25, 2026. Jimmy was born November 19, 1969 in Warren, MI. He is the son of the late James “Jim” and the late Linda (Whisler) Steele. Jimmy grew up in Attica. He was a graduate of Imlay City High School, Class of 1988. Jimmy went on to become a certified electrician and received his certification from Mott Community College.

He worked as a certified electrician and maintenance supervisor for Mold Master’s Co. in Imlay City and Lapeer, MI for 15 years. Jimmy loved Harley



Davidson motorcycles as well as RC cars and RC planes.

Jimmy is survived by: his sister, Dawn Stephens of Attica, MI; and niece, Ashley Stephens of Attica, MI. He was preceded in death by: his parents, James "Jim" and Linda Steele.

A graveside service was held 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at Attica Township Cemetery, 4350 Peppermill Rd., Attica, MI 48412.

Please be sure to sign our online register book at www.muirbrothersfh.com to share memories and condolences with the Steele family.

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ATTICA TOWNSHIP July 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

The Attica Township Board of Review will be in session at the Attica Township Hall (4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI) on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

MCL 211.53b provides that the July or December Boards of Review can correct "qualified errors" for the current year and one prior year unless additional years are specifically addressed by the statute.

Qualified Errors are defined in MCL 211.53b as:

- A clerical error relative to the correct assessment figures, the rate of taxation, or the mathematical computation relating to the assessing of taxes
- A mutual mistake of fact.
- An adjustment under section 27a(4) - taxable value or an exemption under section 7hh(3) (b)- qualified start-up business exemption.
- An error of measurement or calculation of the physical dimensions or components of the real property being assessed.
- An error of omission or inclusion of a part of the real prop-

erty being assessed.

- An error regarding the correct taxable status of the real property being assessed.

- An error made by the taxpayer in preparing the statement of assessable personal property under section 19.

- An error made in the denial of a claim of exemption for personal property under section 90.

- An error made by the local tax collecting unit in the processing of a timely filed disabled veterans exemption affidavit.

- A delay in the determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that a veteran is permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate.

- An exemption under section 7u(10), for the immediately preceding tax year only, if the exemption was not on the assessment roll and was not denied for that tax year. A claim for exemption must be filed with the board of review on a form prescribed by the state tax commission and provided by the local assessing unit, accompanied by supporting documentation establishing eligibility for the exemption for that immediately preceding tax year under the criteria in section 7u(2) and any other supporting documentation as may be required by the state

tax commission.

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VILLAGE OF CAPAC REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026 SYNOPSIS

President Debra Hlubic called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Council Members Debra Hlubic, Mary Klug, Lynne Mandeville, Samantha Ramirez, Miguel Rodriguez, and Patricia Weyhrauch, along with Village Manager Travis Youatt and Clerk LeAnn Brewer.

The following motions were passed: approval of the June 30, 2026, regular meeting agenda; approval of the June 15, 2026, regular meeting minutes; approval of the budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; adoption of the Capac Downtown Development Authority budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; adoption of the Village of Capac budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; approval of the tentative Capac Police Union Agreement; and approval of the ATTA Elevator Service

Agreement.

Adjournment at 5:07 p.m. A complete copy of the minutes is available at the Village of Capac Office during regular business hours.

Village Clerk, LeAnn Brewer 27-1

ALMONT TOWNSHIP ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS JUNE 23, 2026

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Groesbeck at 7:00 p.m. at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, MI. Members present were Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Krauss, Treasurer Streeter, and Trustees Chris, Dodge, Eschenburg, and Sweers. The following actions were taken: 1) Approved Police Contract 2) Authorized variance for fireworks on August 15 at three specific locations 3) Authorized payment of reimbursement for building official, 4) Approved Limestone Contract for Hough Road. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Gary Groesbeck - Supervisor
Bonnie Krauss - Clerk 27-1

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O'Malley's team wins their bracket

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Michigan Elite National 15U volleyball squad, which includes Imlay City's Isabella O'Malley, won the AAU National Championship Ruby Bracket title recently. The tournament was contested June 28-July 1 in Orlando, Florida. Michigan Elite National 15U began their tournament stint with a 25-15, 25-11 win against Figs Volleyball Club; a 25-12, 25-14 victory over Cinci VB Academy; and a 25-21, 25-18 triumph against OVC on Saturday, June 28.

The next day saw the squad go 2-1. It was there they fell 17-25, 21-25 to Performance Juniors; posted a 25-18, 25-15 win against Ozark Juniors 15 National; and obtained a 25-21, 25-14 victory over Five Star 15 Black.

Michigan Elite National 15U National followed that up Monday, June 30 with 25-21, 11-25, 15-11 win against Miami Hype 15U Prime 2; a 20-25,

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Imlay City's Isabella O'Malley sets the ball at the AAU National Championships in Orlando recently.



Almont's Melina Campbell (back third from left) and Imlay City's Macie Stine (fourth from left) helped their team to a ninth-place showing at the FireStix College Exposure Tournament recently.

Stine, Campbell excel at FireStix tournament

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — The Tri-Valley Twisters 15U softball squad, which counts Imlay City's Macie Stine and Almont's Melina Campbell among their ranks, went 6-1 en route to a ninth-place finish among 60 entries at the FireStix College Exposure Tournament recently.

Grand Blanc is where the action unfolded.

The team began their tournament path Thursday, June 25 with

a 10-6 win against Caledonia Chaos and a 9-7 victory over Michigan Batbusters 15U.

Friday, June 26 saw Tri-Valley Twisters 15U register a 7-4 triumph against Ice Fastpitch 15U Murchie and a 15-2 win over GR Flames Terry 15U.

They followed that up Saturday, June 27 with a 7-4 victory against FireStix 16U Miller/Fitch; a 14-0 triumph over Midwest Gators 16U; and a 7-1 loss to Detroit Prospects 16U.

Stine wound up with eight singles, two

doubles and four home runs for the tournament.

She also provided Tri-Valley Twisters with 12 RBI and seven runs.

In addition to that, Stine fashioned a 3-1 pitching mark for Tri-Valley Twisters.

She allowed 14 hits, struck out 10 and issued five walks over 17 1/3 innings.

Campbell ended the tournament with seven hits. Her effort included four singles, two doubles and a triple.

She also contributed nine runs scored, four RBI and one walk to her team's cause.

Wetzel on Silver Division champs

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Foutch Red 16U baseball squad, which counts Imlay City's Griffin Wetzel among their ranks, went 3-2 en at the Kent State Top Gun World Series this past week.

The team began tournament action Thursday with a 9-1 loss to Home Field 17U.

Foutch Red 16U followed it up Friday with an 8-2 setback to Ohio Wildcats 17U.

Both of those encounters were hosted by Mount Union College.

Foutch 16U then bounced back Saturday with 15-3 win against CLE Nighthawks 16U and a 10-3 victory over Lakeshore Admirals 16U.

That closed out the

pool play portion of the event, leaving them as the fifth seed out of nine teams.

They then wrapped

up tournament action Sunday with a 5-3 triumph against US Elite Scout Team 16U, assuring themselves of the

distinction of Silver Division champs.

The last three games were all at Kent State University.



Imlay City's Griffin Wetzel throws a strike to home plate during a game this summer.



Capac's Lilly Rodriguez poses for a photo at the Flying Pig Half Marathon in Cincinnati, Ohio. She required 1:58:22 to go the distance.

Rodriguez finishes half marathon

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

CAPAC — Capac's Lily Rodriguez went the distance at the Flying Pig Half Marathon in Cincinnati, Ohio recently.

The race was contested on Sunday,

May 3.

Rodriguez was timed in 1:58:22. That works out to an average of 9:02 per mile.

That left her 832nd of 7,629 women entrants.

She also placed 2,764th out of 13,924 overall finishers.



The Foutch 16U baseball team, which includes Imlay City's Griffin Wetzel (number 10), won the Silver Division at the Kent State Top Gun World Series last week.



Photo provided

The Capac 12U softball squad won a tourney in Imlay City recently. They are (L to R) Adrianna Vigiletti, Riley Podgorski, Sophia Doering, Evelyn Mandeville, Kensley Devoight, Faith Peters, Margaux Camire, Addalynn Makurat, Tess Hiller, Payton Vamvas and Gwen Polzin.

Capac 12U claims a tourney title

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — The Capac 12U softball squad claimed a first-place finish at a tournament in Imlay City recently.

Capac started their title-producing path with a 15-14 win against the Elba Phillies on Saturday, June 27.

Later that day, Capac secured a 10-1 victory over the Elba Athletics.

They then registered an 11-5 semifinal triumph against Elba Athletics on Sunday, June 28.

Capac followed it up with a 13-6 championship win over Imlay City.

Adrianna Vigiletti, Riley Podgorski, Sophia

Doering, Evelyn Mandeville, Kensley Devoight, Faith Peters, Margaux Camire, Addalynn Makurat, Tess Hiller, Payton Vamvas, Gwen Polzin and Leinna Cagle made Capac's top finish possible. They were coached by Jason Peters with assistance from Raymond Cagle, Clint Podgorski and Clint Devoight.



Photo provided

Almont 2 won the MiTTs Tourney recently in Imlay City. The team includes Kennedy Orr, Elianna Adamson, Kora Welling, Jozie Welling, Mila Grimes, Ava Fay, Brooke Klein, Charlotte Nash, Aviana Heard, Holly Klein, Grace Donato and coaches Brian Klein, Ricky Grimes, and Andy Orr.

Almont 2 wins 8U tourney crown

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — The Almont 2 8U softball squad wound up with a 4-0 mark, good

for first place at the MiTTs Tournament recently in Imlay City.

The team got their tournament path underway with a 16-8 win against Elba on Saturday,

June 27.

Later that day, Almont 2 picked up a 12-0 victory over Imlay City 2.

The following day saw Almont 2 register a 15-6 triumph against Armada.

They then faced Almont 1 for tournament honors next, pulling out a 14-12 win.

Kennedy Orr, Elianna Adamson, Kora Welling, Jozie Welling, Mila Grimes, Ava Fay, Brooke Klein, Charlotte Nash, Aviana Heard and Holly Klein comprised the championship squad. They were coached by Brian Klein, Ricky Grimes and Andy Orr.

Edge 12U wins Bayside Bash title

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — The Edge 12U softball squad placed first at the Traverse City Bayside Bash Tournament recently.

A total of 14 teams competed in the division.

The squad started things off Friday, June 26 with a 6-4 win against Glad Softball 12U.

They then picked up

a 4-1 victory over Precision Patriots 12U and registered a 14-0 triumph against TC Waves on Saturday, June 27.

The squad followed that up Sunday, June 28 with a 5-4 win over Precision Patriots.

They then squared off versus Michiana Repetition for the distinction of tournament champions. That battle drew to a close with Edge 12U ahead 11-6.

Ashlyn Schoen

(Almont), Kara Branson (Waterford), Riley Phillips (Oakland Township), Adelaide Rivard (Oxford), Tess Nowacki (Oxford), Nevada Eads (Imlay City), Clare Marshall (Goodrich), Mila Mathie (Oxford), Breann Syts (Almont) and Reese Rapp (Shelby Township) formed the championship team's roster. They were coached by Brad Nowacki, Tom Schoen and Jessica Branson.



Photo provided

Edge 12U won the Traverse City Bayside Bash Tournament recently. They are front row (L to R), Ashlyn Schoen and Kara Branson; middle Riley Phillips, Adelaide Rivard, Tess Nowacki and Nevada Eads; and back row coach Brad Nowacki, Clare Marshall, Mila Mathie, Breann Syts, Reese Rapp, coach Tom Schoen and Jessica Branson.



Photo provided

The Michigan Elite National 15U volleyball squad, which includes Isabella O'Malley (#22), excelled at the AAU National Championships in Orlando, Florida recently.

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25-23, 11-15 setback to Atom 15 Red; and a 24-26, 25-13, 15-8 triumph against AJV 15 Helix.

They then closed out tournament play Wednesday, July 1 with

a 17-25, 25-20, 15-3 win over Texas One 15; a 25-13, 25-21 victory against Ignite AzZ 15 National; and a 25-19, 25-23 triumph against Ozark Juniors 15 National.

Isabella Adamski, Hadley Conrad, Madelyn Cook, Haley Fellin, Jane Geck, Theadora Goodwin,

Londyn Howard, Shaylee Mertz and Emery Richards joined O'Malley on the roster of Michigan Elite 15U National's squad.

With their recent showing, Michigan Elite National 15U's volleyball squad wraps up an outstanding 57-17 campaign.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Almont softball standout Emma Campbell furnished a .377 average this past spring. For her effort, Campbell garners our Girls' Athlete of the Week honor.



Dryden senior baseball standout Rowan Handley supplied a .484 batting average this past season. For his effort, Handley earns our Boys' Athlete of the Week honor.

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earned a top-10 showing at the Hadley 5K Run last Saturday. It took him 18:00 to go the distance,



Romain

paving the way to a sixth-place overall finish.

Jackson Baese, of Lapeer, took first that day. He stopped the watch at 16:33.

A total of 371 competitors finished the race.



Photo by Kevin Kissane

Logan Romain picks up the pace in a race for Dryden's track team this past spring.

All-BWAC baseball team selected

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA
— The following baseball players were named to the All-Blue Water Area Conference squad recently:

First team- Logan

Evans, Richmond;
Cameron Murray,
Richmond; Dominic
Bonnetti, Richmond;
Gaige Towner,
Richmond; Tyler Dubbs,
Yale; Cole Peltier, Yale;
Derek Fowler, Yale;
Jaxon Shafer, Algonac;
Cole Thayer, Algonac;

Steven Walther, Algonac;
Elijah Mitchell, North
Branch; Andrew Jerome,
North Branch; Blake
Lane, Almont; Colten
Karbel, Almont; Kaden
Meeks, Armada; Nigel
Navarrdiz, Armada;
Braylon Davis, Cros-
Lex; and Trace Dennis,
Imlay City.

Second team-
Matthew Golden,
Algonac; Bolton Reams,
Algonac; Brock Murphy,
Almont; Landon Swain,
Almont; Luke Pretty,
Armada; Andrew
Rafalski, Armada; Wyatt
Frey, Cros-Lex; Xander
Marshall, Cros-Lex;
Brady Detwiler, Imlay
City; Griffin Wetzel,
Almont; Sawyer Myers,
North Branch; Kyler
Goss, North Branch;
Joey Joudi, Richmond;
Cam Sutherland,
Richmond; Hayden
Atkins, Yale; and Hoyce
Cole, Yale.

MVP- Logan Evans,
Richmond.

Coach of the Year-
Scott Evans, Richmond.



Almont's Colten Karbel was an All-Blue Water Area Conference first team selection this spring.



Almont's Brock Murphy looks to force out an opposing baserunner this spring.

Wrestling Camp

The Imlay City wrestling team attended the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Wrestling Camp recently at Spring Arbor. They are Jacob Capling, Mason Brown, Jaxon Brown, Ben Creamer, Avry Creamer, Vinnie Pawlaczyk, Tristan Wagner, Alex Gomez, Cyrus Washington, Cash Serylo, Cole Bontrager, Cruz Robinson, Jace Hummel, Jaxon Ebner, Mason Flanigan, Pierce Murray, Jose Venegas and Will Cilk.



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Rural Lifestyles



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Capac FFA students who take part in the Ag program have been working the past few weeks preparing their sheep for the show ring. The St. Clair County 4-H fair runs July 20 - 25 in Goodells.

Capac FFA prepares for county fair

St. Clair County Fair July 20 - 25

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

CAPAC —
Members of the Capac

FFA program have been busy in recent works, preparing their show animals for the St. Clair County Fair.

The fair, which runs from July 20 - 25, will be held at the Goodells Fairgrounds, between Emmett and Port

Huron. The FFA kids have been working with their sheep, cattle and swine projects, including participating in various shows and exhibitions.

Volunteers have been coming to the Capac Ag building on the school campus to help kids learn showmanship.



Courtesy photo

Along with working at the Capac FFA building near the school campus, exhibitors have taken part in various summer shows to help learn showmanship.



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Capac FFA exhibitors involved with the sheep program have been fine tuning their showmanship skills in the practice ring and at summer shows.

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