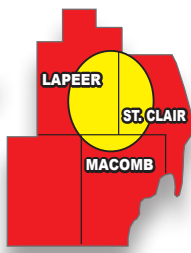


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New Almont Supt. settles in; millage renewal lurks

Voters to decide fate of non-homestead millage

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

ALMONT — It didn't take long for newly selected Almont Superintendent Kyle Wood to jump in to the thick of things.

He knew the district was facing major issues, even prior to his interviews with the school board, after doing his homework.

"I am thrilled to be here and there is a lot going on," Wood told the *Tri-City Times* last week in an interview.

"We have an extremely important millage renewal coming up in a few weeks and we are still working on assembling our administrative team. We've got to replace two principals and an administrative assistant for my office, so yeah, I guess you

could say I've hit the ground running."

Wood, who was selected over one other candidate in a final round of interviews, comes to Almont after serving as Assistant Supt. for the Croswell-Lexington school district.

His first official day was July 1, although he says he actually began as soon as he got the call that he had been selected as Almont's next superintendent.

"I met for a few days with Kim (VonHiltmayer) before she was done and that was a good help," Wood said. "I've met some of the staff and that is an on-going thing every day. I've not met everyone yet, but through meetings and getting around to the buildings and classrooms, and having



Photo by David Fredrick

The Almont School Board reviews information provided by new Supt. Kyle Wood at a meeting earlier this year.

some meetings, I will have that taken care of. I am excited for this upcoming school year and looking forward to another successful year for Almont students and staff."

During his two interviews with the school board, Wood

said in the first 90 days, "I will be doing a lot of listening and learning."

He added, "Almont has a very good thing going. They are very sound academically, extremely successful in the classrooms and it's a matter of me observing and talking to staff

to see how we keep the momentum moving forward.

Wood says he does not intend to make any major changes.

Another major focus over the next few weeks will be getting

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Goodland Township Supervisor resigns

Gives two week notice; no reasons

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

GOODLAND TWP. — Following months of turmoil at township meetings, including some personal attacks, Township Supervisor Mike Eckardt handed in a two-week notice of his intent to resign from his position. The action came during the most recent township meeting on July 6.

Eckardt was voted in to office in the fall of 2024, replacing longtime Supervisor Ron Ciske. Eckardt was one of several new faces on the board at the time.

In his letter to the township board dated July 6, Eckardt said, "Dear members of the board, please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the position as Township Supervisor for Goodland Township,



Goodland Supervisor Eckardt resigned.

Twp. Mike has

effective July 21."

"Serving the residents of Goodland Township has been an honor and privilege. I appreciate the opportunity to work alongside the employees, volunteers and members of the community to address township business and serve the public."

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Photo by David Fredrick

Eastern Michigan State Fair

Arnold Amusements will have a variety of rides and shows for visitors to check out at the Eastern Michigan State Fair. See story on page 4.

Imlay City DDA discusses Community Center rental rates

Billboard use in question

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — Downtown Development Authority members gathered for their July meeting Monday night, covering a variety of topics including an evaluation of their Executive Director, Charles Bennett, and whether or not they will continue their contract with a company that provides billboard services.

Bennett took over his role as Executive Director late last year after former DDA Director Christine Malzahn resigned to



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is an Artist's rendering of the new Community Center building in Imlay City. The building will be available for rentals in the coming weeks.

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Dryden seeks bids for trash hauling service

Dryden Bar & Grill Summer Days this weekend

By Phil Foley
Contributing writer

DRYDEN — Priority One has Village Council mem-

bers are taking bids on trash hauling in the vil-

lage. been handling trash

removal for village resi-

dents since buying out Local Waste Services in 2020. Council Member Dave Weaver noted the last time the village went out for bids Priority was the lowest of the two bids submitted.

Village residents currently pay a \$17.22 monthly assessment to the village for trash removal.

Village businesses and the mobile home park contract privately for trash services,

Village Administrator/Clerk Holly A. Shroyer said bids will be due in August and a new three-year-contract will be awarded in September.

In other business, council members instructed its sewer and water committee to being exploring alternatives for the village's

sewer lagoons.

DPW Supervisor Kermit Woidan told council members that the village's two sewage lagoons are "at or near capacity and we can't afford a new lagoon."

"We can't move forward with building," without a new lagoon Shroyer told council members.

She said there are several alternatives available, including federal assistance through U.S. Rep. Lisa McClain's office, the Lapeer Development Corporation and Michigan Rural Water Association grants. The staff, she said, needs direction from the council.

Woidan noted that North Branch's last lagoon was paid for by a developer.

Council President Allen Graham said

Ryan's Road Rally

Summer is in full swing. A true variety of events happening this week. Grab a friend or go on a solo adventure and take a road trip to enjoy these Michigan Festivals and Fairs throughout our great state this week. — *Ryan Nolin*

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7/15-7/18 - National Baby Food Festival - Fremont
7/15-7/19 - LAUP Fiesta - Holland
7/18 - **Manchester Chicken Broil - Manchester**
** **Staff Pick**
7/16-7/18 - Ann Arbor Art Fair - Ann Arbor
7/16-7/18 - Blue Water Festival & Mackinac Race - Port Huron
7/16-7/19 - Farmers' Summerfest - Pigeon
7/17-7/18 - Lumberjack Festival - Farwell
7/17-7/18 - Houghton Lake Blues Festival - Houghton Lake
7/17-7/19 - Berville Lions Powersport Weekend Allenton
7/17-7/19 - Hot Air Jubilee - Jackson
7/17-7/19 - Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival - Marquette
7/16-7/19 - Brown Trout Festival - Alpena
7/18-7/19 - Michigan Honey Festival - Corunna
7/18-7/25 - Charlevoix Venetian Festival - Charlevoix
7/20-7/25 - St. Clair County 4H & Youth Fair - Goodells

regardless of the solution, he's not in favor of current users paying for it.

He and Council Member Dave Weaver were instructed to develop a plan.

Lapeer County Drain Commissioner Andy Wagner told council members there have been some "bumps in the road" in the project to replace the 1903 drain through the village.

He said residents along North Street were "distracted" over tree removal along the street, but he added the trees "need to go. They're part of the problem."

Shroyer suggested the village could offer residents a selection of trees with less invasive root systems to plant on their properties.

Shroyer told council members the village is working with the Lapeer Development Corp. and Patronicity to complete funding for improvements to Cardinal Field.

She said since Patronicity can't commit funds until October, the village will launch fund raising efforts in

November with a big push in February and March.

She said local residents and businesses will need to raise \$20,000 to secure the grant.

Shroyer said she expects to complete improvements to the park in 2027.

Village Council members voted unanimously Tuesday (July 7) to green light Stuart Perry's request to hold his second Dryden Bar and Grill Summer Days July 18 and 19.

After buying the Dryden Bar and Grill from Matt Rheame in March, Perry decided to continue the event which will include live music, bounce houses, a car show and a beer tent.

Council members approved closing North Mill Street from Main Street north to the alley for the event.

Perry said the event will kick off at 8 p.m. Friday with the 3/4 Band playing until midnight.

The festival will start again at noon Saturday with bounce houses, games and other family fun.

Sal Agnello, Jr. will take the stage with Classic Rock, Pop, Jazz and Yacht Rock from the '70s, '80s and '90s at 4 p.m.

The band 16 Penny, a Rock N Roll, Country, and Heavy Rock cover band will take over at 8 p.m. and play until midnight.

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IC grad excels in Marine Corps. operation

Presented Meritorious Achievement Award

By **Keil Jorgenson**
Contributing writer

IMLAY CITY — A 2013 Imlay City High School graduate, Captain Jake Newton recently returned from a 10-month deployment as an MV-22B Osprey pilot with the U.S. Marine Corps' 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit, completing a demanding mission aboard the USS Iwo Jima.

As a young boy growing up in the community, Jake looked up

Throughout the deployment, he and his fellow Marines supported a wide range of operations while operating across the Caribbean Sea, demonstrating the readiness and flexibility that have become hallmarks of the Marine Corps' expeditionary forces.

In recognition of his outstanding performance and meritorious achievement during the deployment, he was awarded the Single Mission Air Medal, one of the mili-

assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 (Reinforced), 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), II Marine Expeditionary Force, while deployed to Northern Venezuelan waters in support of combined Joint Task Force Bravo, conducting combat casualty evacuation and personnel recovery for contingency operations in January 2026.

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Through his extraordinary capability, he held the position for over 10 hours in an extremely demanding environment to enable the casualty evacuation.

Captain Newton's heroic actions directly impacted the patient's survival. By his skillful airmanship, steadfast aggressiveness, and exemplary dedication to duty, Captain Newton reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."



Courtesy photo

Imlay City 2013 grad Captain Jake Newton was recently honored for his performance in a United States Marine Corps. mission near Venezuela.



Courtesy photo

Imlay City 2013 grad and U.S. Marine Corps. Captain Jake Newton is enjoying some leave time this summer after a recent mission.

to local Marines who had worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor.

Men like his grandfather, Jack Hartel, his father Jake Newton, and his close family friends Gary and Paul Roy, and Jim Schiller.

"They were the kind of men I wanted to be," Newton said. Those hometown role models inspired Newton to pursue his own path of service after graduating from Imlay City High School in 2013.

Years later, he earned his commission as a Marine Corps officer and became an MV-22B Osprey pilot, carrying forward the example that had inspired him as a child.

"The Marines I looked up to know the impact they had on me, and I hope I can do the same for someone else."

tary's distinguished decorations recognizing exceptional aerial achievement.

After months away from home, the most meaningful part of the journey was the return to his family.

He was welcomed home by his wife, Erika, a 2012 Almont graduate, and their daughters, Bryn (2) and Jacey (1), whose support throughout the deployment helped sustain him during the long months apart.

As a family, they are looking forward to a summer out on the water in their boat exploring the low country of Eastern Carolina.

You can read Captain Newton's citation below:

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Eastern Michigan State Fair preparing for another great year

2026 extravaganza has it all; huge crowds expected

By David Fredrick
editor@pageone-inc.com

IMLAY CITY — The annual Eastern Michigan State Fair is putting the finishing touches on the grounds and buildings, getting them in prime shape prior to gates opening on the 2026 fair.

“We’re excited” said fair manager Ian Kempf of the five-day event that begins Tuesday, July 22. “We’ve had people mowing, getting buildings cleaned out and we’re getting things set up on the fairgrounds slowly. The work will get more intense as we get closer.”

Kempf said Arnold Amusements will be back for another year of providing an outstanding program for visitors with everything from thrill rides for all ages, to

games of chance and food vendors.

“We expect the midway to be showing up a few days before the fair. They always do a great job for us and they usually bring everything they have for us to help make it another great fair week.”

Kempf says at most festivals, \$40 will get you maybe 20 minutes of fun. Here, at the Eastern Michigan State Fair, your admission covers ALL DAY fun.

“No extra tickets needed,” Kempf said. “Bring the whole crew! Play all Day. Admission includes: Free Unlimited Rides, Free Shows, Free Grandstand, Free Animal Exhibits, Vendors, and so much FUN!!!”

Vendor space has become a premium, according to fair officials. Kempf says all

available vending spaces have been rented with more calling every day.

“It’s a nice problem to have and we’ve rearranged things so we can get a few more in,” Kempf explained. “Everyone wants to come here because the fair is so successful.”

A full slate of grandstand events, highlighted by the always popular Bump-N-Run and Demolition Derby, has a new act for fair week.

The National Tractor Pulling Association will be making a stop at the fair and is expected to put on a show that will be long remembered by pulling fans.

This year’s fair runs from July 27 to August 1 and whether you are interested in youth livestock exhibits, ground entertainment shows, the midway or grandstand shows, it promises to have something for everyone.

“We always seem to draw the larger crowds for our grandstand events on Friday and Saturday nights,” said Kempf. “We want to give them a good show every night and kind of mix it up with what we have to offer. We’ve made some changes for this year’s line-up.”

Wednesday will be a treat for tractor pulling buffs and Thursday is sure to provide plenty of hard hitting collisions with the Boat Trailer Figure 8 races.

The racing is one of the crowd favorites the past couple of years and is back again this year.

Kempf commented, “It was new for us a couple years ago and from what we heard from people, they really seemed to enjoy it. We told those that wanted to compete, if you have something that can pull a trailer—whatever kind it is, you’re in. It was pretty fun to watch.”

Vehicles of all sorts haul trailers of all shapes and sizes as they work to navigate the dirt course. Along the way there may be a few fender benders, collisions or even rollovers as drivers race to the finish line.

Kempf said participants bring whatever



Photo by David Fredrick

The 2025 Eastern Michigan State Fair runs Tuesday, July 28 through Aug 1. The fair has something for everyone to enjoy.

they want to drive and are able to hook-up to a trailer.

Prior to the races getting underway, there is a meeting where drivers have a random draw and find out what they are pulling.

Tuesday night kicks off the grandstand shows at the fair as the rodeo makes a return appearance to the fair at 7 p.m.

Friday night will be the Bump-N-Run and Saturday night the Eastern Michigan State Fair wraps up it’s grandstand lineup with a smashing good event, the Demolition Derby.

The Derby is sponsored by Great Clips.

“We get a really good crowd the last couple of nights,” Kempf pointed out. “The place is packed and the drivers put on a good show. We are excited for all of the events this year and hope people come out and support the Fair.”

Eastern Michigan State Fair Nightly Grandstand Schedule. Events Start at 7 p.m.

***Tuesday, July 28,** 7:00 p.m. Grandstand: Superkicker Rodeo
Presented By: THE HOT TUB STORE

***Wednesday, July 29,** 7:00 p.m. Grandstand: NTPA Tractor Pulls
Presented By: NOVAK’S SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT

***Thursday, July 30,** Figure 8 Trailer Race 7:00 p.m. Grandstand: Trailer Race
Presented By: WHITE FEATHER

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***Friday, July 31,** Bump-N-Run Presented By: Coulter Real Estate

***Saturday, Aug. 1;** Demolition Derby Presented By: Great Clips.

The Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds is a 47-acre exhibit and entertainment complex in Imlay City that operates seven months a year.

Founded in 1883, the Eastern Michigan State Fair showcases the best of Michigan agriculture, provides top-quality entertainment and is a key piece of the local economy, according to fair board members.

For more information, visit easternmichiganstatefair.com or find them on Facebook.

Kempf reminds visitors there is free re-admission Tuesday-Thursday, but not on Friday or Saturday.

Youth Schedule: Monday, July 27

Swine Weigh In, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (Scale House)

Horses Arrive, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)

Poultry Judging, 9:00 a.m. (Poultry Tent)
Rabbit Judging, 9:00 a.m. (Walker Barn)

Goat Show, 5:00 p.m. (Sheep/Goat Tent)
Beef Sprouts Fun Night, 6:00 p.m. (Walker Barn)

Tuesday, July 28

Swine Judging, 8:30 a.m. (Walker Barn)
Sheep Judging, 4:00 p.m. and Sheep Wool

Lead, after regular show (Walker Barn)

Horse – Jr. and Sr. Pleasure Show, 6:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)

Wednesday, July 29

Horse – Jr. and Sr. Pleasure Show, 11:00 a.m. (Horse Arena)

Beef Show, 10:00 a.m. (Walker Barn)

Thursday, July 30

Livestock Auction Lunch, 12:30 p.m. (Walker Barn)

Market Livestock Sale, 1:00 p.m. (Walker Barn)

Horse Skillathon, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)

Friday, July 31

Livestock Judging Contest, 9:30 a.m. - Registration, 9:00 a.m. (Walker Barn)

Horse – Jr. and Sr. Speed Show, 11:00 a.m. (Horse Arena)

Parade of Champions - 3:00 p.m. (Walker Barn)
Youth Exhibitor and Service Raffle - To follow Parade of Champions (Walker Barn)

Sweepstakes

Showmanship Practice, 5:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)

Saturday, August 1

Rabbit Skillathon Contest, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (FFA Barn)

Horse Fun Show, 1:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)

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Showmanship Contest, 6:00 p.m. (Walker Barn)

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Property sold; funds to PD forfeiture fund

Former massage parlor bought for medical offices

By **Charlie Aldrich**
Contributing Writer

IMLAY CITY — In a brief meeting, the Imlay City Commission came together for their monthly meeting Tuesday, July 7, while just next door the rhythmic beats of Imlay City's own Summer Concert series played in the background.

The meeting, although quick, approved the sale of a building and a lack of faith during the citizens on the floor segment.

The city commission approved the sale of 542 N. Cedar St., which was previously a massage establishment, and was forfeited to the Imlay City Police Department. The price of the sale is \$200,000 with projected renovation costs expecting to be roughly \$300,000.

The proceeds go into the forfeiture fund which contributes to any future resources needed for the

Police Department.

Morgan Wildey, the buyer of the building, was present in the crowd. "We're a medical office now, a smaller medical office right across the street from Kroger, so we need a bigger building," she said.

"It's just going to be primarily a medical office. Hopefully some physical therapy and several specialists will be in there as well."

During the public comment time, Dennis Deitch, an Imlay City Township resident used his time on the floor to question the City Council about a suspicious mix up on zoning issues regarding his storage rental building, stating that the sudden concern comes from the Blight Officer's activity in local politics:

"I had a visitor last week come out to the building I occupy (on Fairgrounds Rd.) and tell me that I was out of



Pictured from left to right are; Mayor Barbara Yockey, Stu Davis, Luke Stempien and Al Ramirez. The commission approved the sale of a house that had been taken over due to a police incident. proceeds from the sale go to the police department forfeiture fund.

ordinance," he said.

"Me and the building owner have known that Imlay City's been taxing this building as industrial for many, many years. Apparently, on a map, they've got this building zoned office space only," he continued.

"But my problem is that taxpayers' money was sent out to what felt like an intimidation. I don't own the building yet the Blight Officer was sent out by a complaint from City Office. I've had City Office out multiple times. I've had the county come out.

I've had two women from the state of Michigan come out."

According to Deitch, upon showing the flaw in the paperwork, the Blight Officer returned and apologized.

In wake of the error, Deitch asked the board to reconsider passing

more zoning ordinances until a correction can be made.

The board then confirmed that they're working through the channels to correct it.

The next city commission meeting will take place Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Almont:

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information out to taxpayers of the Almont school district regarding the upcoming non-homestead millage renewal.

"That's \$1.7 million we are talking about," Wood said. "It is critical this passes or the district will have to look at some serious cuts in programs. No one wants to see that happen."

A non-homestead operating renewal millage is a tax approved by voters that allows the

The election takes place on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, with early voting taking place from Saturday, July 25, 2026, through Sunday, August 2, 2026."

She added, "Voting is an important opportunity for community members to stay informed and participate in decisions that impact local schools, students, staff, and the future of the community."

Board Treasurer James Wade echoed the facts, stating, "The non-homestead millage will generate about 1.7 million annually that will be used for programs supporting students and school operations. If it does not pass, the district will have to identify how to bridge that funding loss."

Wade continued, "Those potential difficult decisions could result in reduced programming and services, reduced support, reduced staffing, all of which would impact student learning and opportunities. This funding is critical to maintaining our high quality educational services and district operations."

Board secretary Trustee Russ Buero, said "The non-homestead millage is an important part of why Almont Community Schools has had so much success. This general funding is keeping class sizes appropriate, facilities safe and secure, buses fueled and ready to go, all while helping deliver academic scores students, parents and community members can continue to be proud of."

Absentee ballots and early voting is now available. You can contact the school district at 810-673-9101 or go to their website at www.almontschools.org for further information.

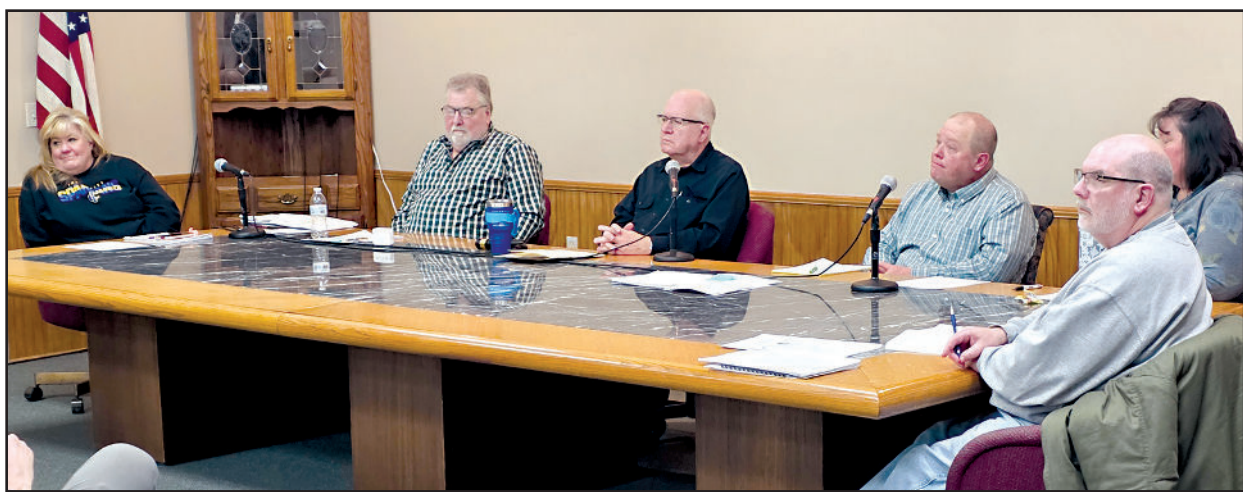


Kyle Wood

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, extra-curricular and athletic opportunities along with building operations and maintenance.

School Board President Janaea Smith commented, "It is important to understand that this is not a new tax. The district is asking voters to continue the current funding authorization that supports school operations.



The Goodland Twp. Board is seeking candidates for their next supervisor, following the sudden resignation of Mike Eckardt at last week's meeting. The resignation is effective July 21, giving the board 45 days to fill the position.

Supervisor:

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He went on to say, "I am committed to assisting with an orderly transition before my departure and will make every effort to

ensure township matters are transferred appropriately."

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve the residents of Goodland Township. I wish the township continued success in the future. Sincerely, Mike

Eckardt, Township Supervisor."

Eckardt and some board members had been at odds in recent meetings, including Trustees Julie Dockham and Michael Puzzoli, questioning how meetings were run

and the amount of time meeting attendees were given during public comment time on the agenda.

Puzzoli and Eckardt have also sparred over blight issues within the township, sharing differing opinions.

Center:

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become City Manager in Marlette.

Bennett came to Imlay City from Brown City and has jumped in feet first in promoting the business district in his new role and has produced great results.

DDA members were given an evaluation form to fill out on Bennett's performance and were to return the forms to Chairman Walt Bargen for results. The outcome of the evaluation will be discussed at a future meeting, including any salary adjustments.

Currently, Bennett receives a salary of \$63,000. A 2.5% salary adjustment has been requested which, if approved, would bring his pay up to \$64,575, an increase of \$1,575.

The DDA, who has been chosen to oversee the operations of the new Community Center on E. Third St., had received a request from the nearby Post Office to rent the facility during a proposed remodeling of the current Post Office.

Bennett said a proposal had been submitted, charging the Post Office \$1,000 a month.

However, at Monday's meeting, he updated the DDA board saying the Post Office project has been either delayed or scrapped for now and there was no need to consider renting the facility out.

The DDA members also discussed use of the new Community Center, following a previous meeting where the first draft of rental use was developed.

In the proposed rental agreement, any person, group or organization wanting to use the facility must abide by several pre-determined requirements, including insurance coverage and paying rental fees/deposits.

The proposed rental fees are as follows: Imlay City residents would pay \$300 for six hours of use or \$600 for up to eight hours of use. A \$200 deposit is required.

Non-residents would be charged \$450 for up to six hours and \$800 for up to eight hours. A \$300 deposit is required.

Occupancy beyond the specified times would add an additional \$100 per hour for every hour occupied, beyond the agreed usage.

Security deposits would only be returned after certain criteria is met including no damage done to the building, trash has been removed and the facility is returned in substantially the same condition in which it was received.

DDA members also shared opinions on the

effectiveness of a billboard they have rented out to various groups, businesses and organizations over the years.

The billboard is located near the train viaduct along M-53. Some questioned the visibility of the signage. The board agreed to finish out the year allowing those who had already reserved space, but may reconsider the use of the billboard near the end of the year.

Director Bennett suggested the board consider not retaining control of the billboard and rather use those funds to assist businesses with marketing needs in other ways.

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Lavender harvest season upon us

Last summer I made the difficult decision not to perpetuate my lovely, fenced-in vegetable garden. Let it go to weeds. For I've discovered a local organic farm that meets my culinary and nutritional needs.

Good thing my vacant, fenced-in garden is out of sight from my house and backyard. Otherwise the lonely, overgrown place would nag me, play on my pity.

On the other hand, yesterday I harvested fifteen bundles from the beautiful, perennial Grosso lavender patch I've sustained for over a decade.

The hybrid plants (Lavandula X Intermedia Passiflora) now bloom on a backyard slope facing east,

For I have learned from wild critters and human visitors that you either love or hate the herb.

bathing in the sun. Yes, the bottom row suffers winter kill, yet, the majority of shrubs thrive in the location. The crop provides more than enough lavender for my needs, and to share with fellow lavender lovers.

For I have learned from wild critters and human visitors that you either love or hate the herb. I enjoy the flavor steeped in iced and hot tea, and baked in scones, cookies, and cake.

And my favorite savory dishes. For example, I sprinkle fresh or dried lavender on my baked fish.

As lavender pairs well with lemon, the blend of lemon and lavender is particularly delicious with baked salmon. My main dish last night.



Iris Lee Underwood

Therefore, yesterday I sat in the shade of my pergola and bundled fifteen generous bundles from several baskets filled with my harvest.

To bundle the stems, you gather a generous handful in a proportionate manner. Trim the end of the stems for a tidy finish. Secure with a rubber band midway the flowers and stem's end.

Then, open the smaller end of a paper clip and slip it under the rubber band. Open the larger end of the paper clip for hanging to dry.

I hang my bundled lavender on a clothesline in my pavilion; a structure built to specifications to optimize the drying process of bundled herbs.

Proper aeration prevents molding within the fresh bundle as it dries. Another hot, sunny day is forecast, and I have my harvest baskets, scissors, and I hope enough rubber bands at ready.

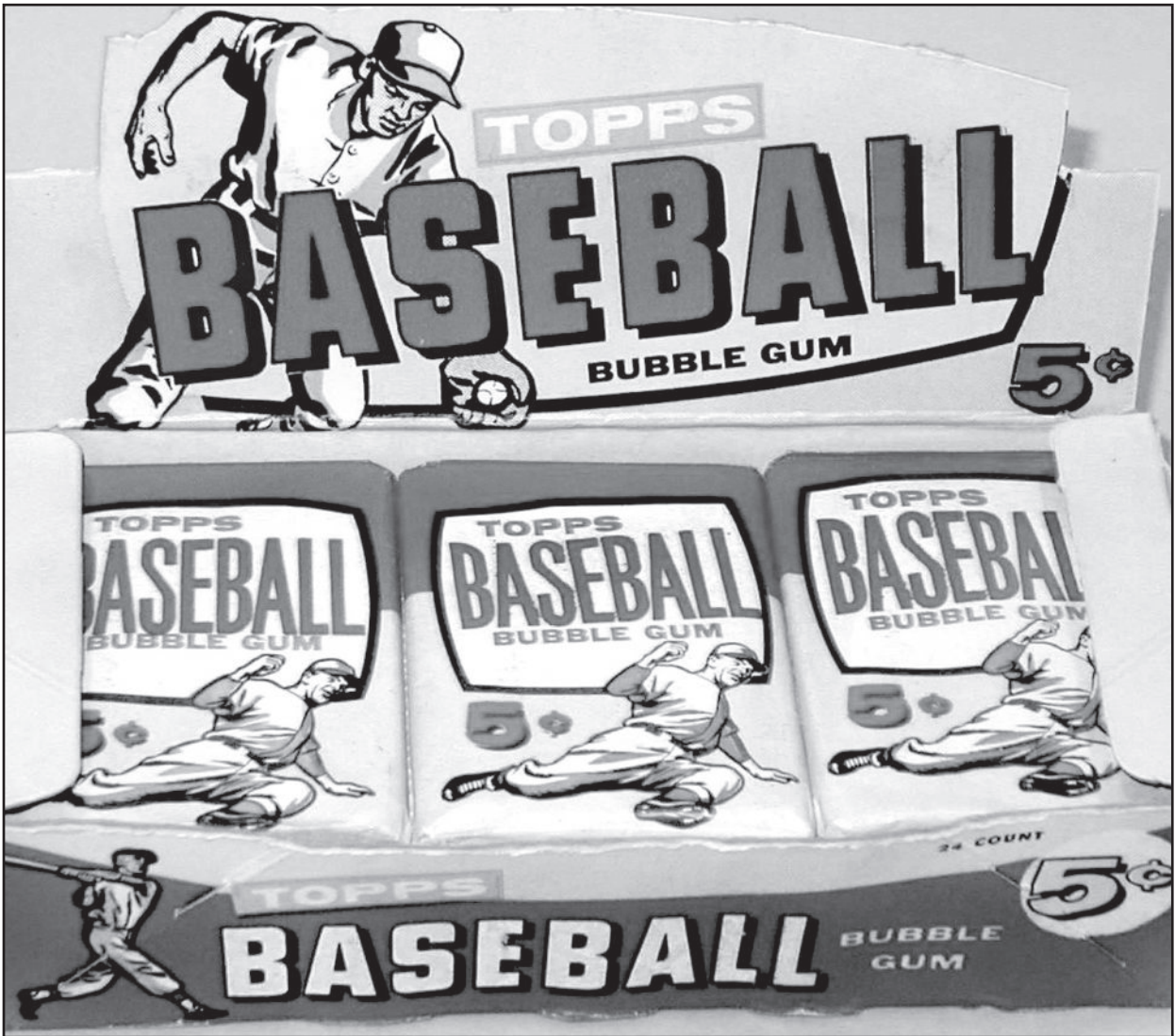
As rubber bands are perishable, it seems I always overlook to replace that necessary part that holds the bundle together before the lavender decides to suddenly bloom.

Dear Reader, as the Grosso variety of lavender has gorgeous, long stems, bundling baskets under the pavilion with friends is a communal and congenial event we enjoy each summer.

Friends Mary Ellen and Erna return as faithfully as lavender's purple flowers to enjoy the season that fills the air with its dreamy scent.

Yes, I have no trouble sleeping during lavender season. And I hope neither do my friends.

Contact Iris at iris-farmletters@gmail.com



Pictured above are five cards for five cents, complete with bubble gum, that Rick Liblong purchased back in the day.

Trade ya a Mantle for a Kaline

In the summer of 1957, my cousin, John Liblong, and I went to Weaver's dime store in Almont and each bought one Topps baseball card for a penny apiece. They were wrapped in wax paper that also contained a pink stick of bubblegum.

I have no recollection of what player's card I got that day, but John hit the jackpot. He unwrapped a mint-condition Charlie Maxwell card. Maxwell played left field for our Detroit Tigers. John was even happier to know that he and Maxwell were both left-handed!

Thus, I started collecting baseball cards and continued for several



Rick Liblong

years. I bought five-packs (five cards) for a nickel each. Most of the kids I knew also bought cards. I'm not sure how many we purchased but I think store owner Sid Weaver was able to buy a new car with our proceeds.

We kids got together occasionally to look at our cards and often traded with one another for one we wanted but didn't have. Negotiation

among 10 to 12 year-olds could be intense. I traded a Mickey Mantle for an Al Kaline once. I don't remember what year's card either was but a '57 Mantle is worth about ten times more than a '57 Kaline in similar condition.

Of course, you know how the story ends. My large stack of cards, wrapped in large rubber bands, disappeared. I don't remember if I gave them away or mom disposed of them. But, alas, they were gone. Oh, how I wish I still had them.

That, unfortunately, is a familiar story. Keith J. tells me he had more than 5,000 baseball cards. But his dad was in the foreign service and because they moved so much, his mom made him give them all away. John A. W. says that he had every player in both leagues from 1954-1960. When he went away to college, mom gave them away. Both collections would be worth a fortune today.

John W. says he collected all sports cards, baseball, football, basketball, hockey, golf, etc. for several years. When the prices increased dramatically during the Covid pandemic, John was smart enough to sell the collection for a handsome profit.

I was no stranger to card collecting. During the Davy Crockett craze in 1956, I bought several Crockett cards for a penny each. I loved them. I watched the Disney Crockett series

on our black and white television set but the cards, with scenes from the series, were in color. Very cool.

There were actually two Crockett sets released, orange back and green back. Both sets had 80 cards each so a complete set was 160 cards. As much as I would have liked, there was zero chance I could raise enough money at nine years old to afford very many.

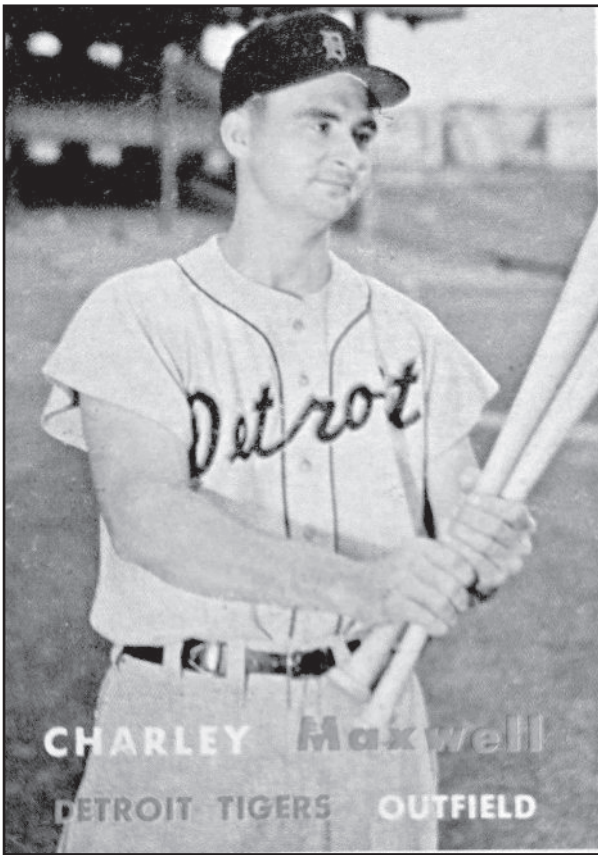
So, a few years ago, I gave myself a present by buying a complete 160-card set on eBay. I thought about doing the same thing with the 1957 Topps baseball set of 407 cards but quickly gave up the dream when I discovered that they would cost \$4,000-\$6,000 for an average set. Ouch.

For today's collectors, many companies still produce trading cards in many different categories like sports and entertainment. A complete set (704) of 2026 Topps baseball cards will set you back about a hundred bucks.

But if you really want a challenge, see if you can accumulate a complete set of Pokémon cards. Google says that as of mid-2026, there are over 18,300 unique English Pokémon cards spanning more than 125 mainline and special sets.

Want to trade a Verlander rookie card for a Skubal rookie?

Contact Rick at dave@tri-citytimes.com



Former Tigers player Charlie Maxwell

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Send submissions to dave@tri-citytimes.com or Tri-City Times, P.O. Box 278, Imlay City, MI 48444.

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A Message of *Gratitude*

Over the past eight months, I've had the privilege of serving as the Director of the Imlay City Downtown Development Authority, and one thing has become abundantly clear—what makes Imlay City special isn't just its beautiful downtown or its historic buildings... *it's the people.*

From the moment I arrived, I was welcomed with kindness, encouragement, and a shared passion for this community. I've been inspired by the pride people have in their hometown and by the willingness of so many to volunteer, sponsor events, support local businesses, and invest in the future of Downtown Imlay City.

The work of the DDA would not be possible without our local businesses, property owners, community organizations, volunteers, city leadership, schools, event sponsors, and residents. Every project completed, every event attended, every storefront improved, and every new idea shared is the result of people working together toward a common goal.

When I accepted this position, I hoped to make a positive impact. What I didn't expect was how quickly this community would make me feel at home. Over these past eight months, we've celebrated successes, tackled challenges, and built meaningful momentum together. While there is still much to accomplish, I truly believe the best days for Downtown Imlay City are still ahead.

As we continue building a vibrant downtown that serves our businesses, residents, and visitors alike, I want to simply say...

Thank You.

- ♥ Thank you for believing in our vision.
- ♥ Thank you for supporting our mission.
- ♥ Thank you for investing your time, your talents, and your heart into this incredible community.

It is an honor to serve alongside you, and I look forward to continuing this journey together as we shape the future of Downtown Imlay City.

*Together, we're not just investing in downtown—
we're investing in our community's future.*

Courtesy photo



Photo by David Fredrick

Heavy police response

Law enforcement units from Imlay City and Lapeer County responded to a call on Lake Pleasant Rd. in Attica Twp. last week, sending units racing to the scene from throughout the County. Lapeer Dispatch had received a call possibly involving a teen and a weapon. Amidst the heavy response of officers and deputies, a police drone was brought to the scene to assist with the incident. No injuries were reported and it's believed law enforcement was able to safely defuse the situation.

Thanks from the IC DDA Executive Director

It's been a busy eight months for Imlay City Executive Director Chuck Bennett. He thanks those who have helped him along the way.

Travel through time

GOODLAND TOWNSHIP — Travel through time and uncover Michigan's history through rocks and fossils. The naturalist from Seven Ponds Nature Center will be at the Goodland Township Library to tell us where the rocks and fossils around us have come from and how

to find them. The event will be held at the Goodland Township Library, 2370 N. Van Dyke, on Wednesday, July 22 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone in the family will be interested in this great program. To register please call the library at 810-721-2110.

Drive for your Community

LAPEER — Milnes Ford in Lapeer is sponsoring a Drive for your Community event July 25 to help raise funds for the Lapeer Post of the American Legion. The event will be held at 1701 Genesee St. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants

are asked to take the wheel and help their community. Ford will donate \$30 for each test drive taken, up to \$6,000. For more information on the event, contact the dealership at 810-667-5000.

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Town Talk

Editor's note: Due to space constraints announcements will be posted one week in advance of the event. Notices must be received by noon Monday prior to the publication date. Please email them to natalie@tri-citytimes.com; subject: town talk.

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 lifelong 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@imlaycityamazing-grace.org. You can register at griefshare.org/findagroup

TOPS 620 LAPEER has a new meeting room. Trinity Methodist Church 1340 N. Main Street, Lapeer. Weigh-in 6 p.m. Information: call Nancy 810-796-3467

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 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 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.

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4411 Newark Road
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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
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3-5 p.m. - 4th Monday of month
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With the help of an adult, this young visitor worked up the courage to pet a friendly creature while attending Attica Days.

Attica Days shine with perfect conditions

ATTICA TWP. — It was as close to perfection as it could be. The annual Attica Days celebration was held last weekend under beautiful skies and near perfect temperatures.

Dozens of people made the trip to the township park for a variety of events including being sprayed to cool off by the Attica Twp. Fire Department.

Event organizers had spent weeks and weeks planning the special event and were

thrilled with the response of visitors and the cooperation of the weather.

Whether it was pet-

ting furry creatures, playing with giant bubbles or climbing rock walls, visitors had a great time.

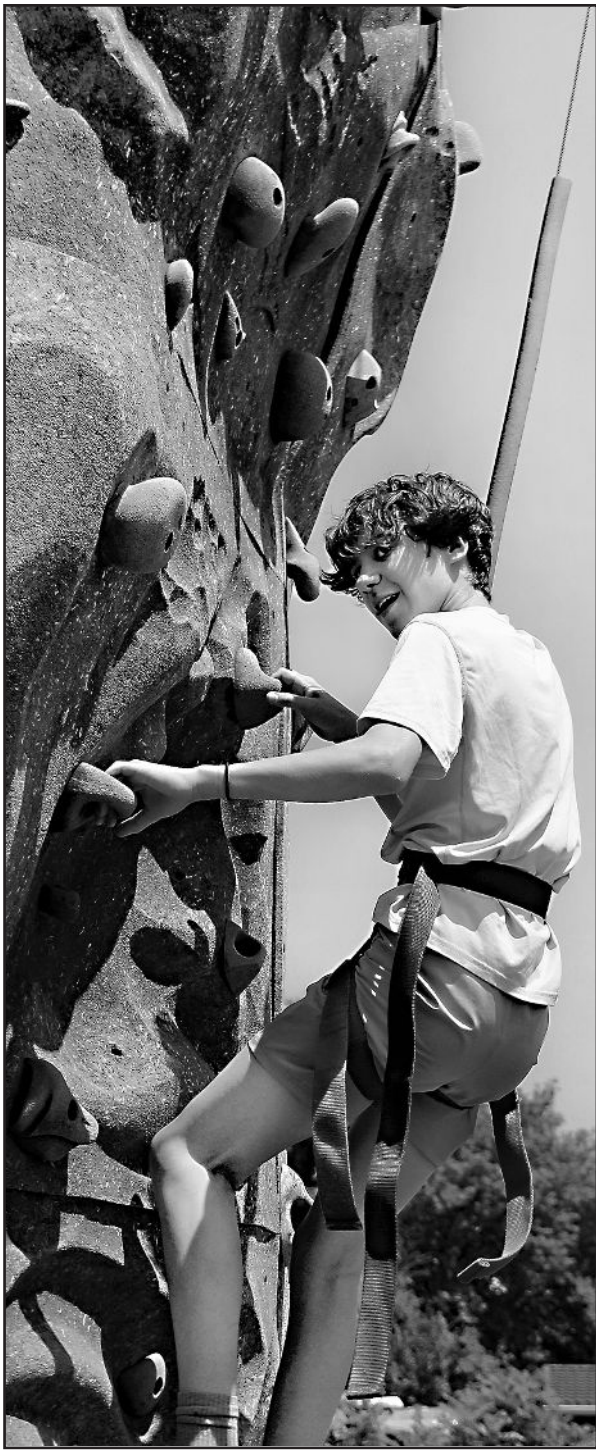


Photo by Phil Foley

The strong, brave young man showed everyone how it's done when he scaled a rock wall at the Attica Days festival.



Photo by Phil Foley

Bubbles, bubbles and more bubbles! This youngster had a great time creating her own fun at Attica Days last week.

Used books wanted

GOODLAND TWP. — The Goodland Township Library will be accepting gently used books on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 in advance of our September book sale. Please only books in good condition. We cannot accept encyclopedias, text books, medical books or VHS tapes. The library is located at 2370 N. Van Dyke, just north of Armstrong Rd. Our hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The library's phone number is 810-721-2110.

Imlay City PD weekly report

7/6/2026	
NEWARK RD	Customer Trouble
N. CEDAR ST.	Property Check
N. CEDAR ST.	Property Check
S CEDAR ST&E BORLAND RD	Motorist Assist
S CEDAR ST	Property Check
S CEDAR ST.	Misdemeanor Arrest Warrant (Originating Agency)
S. ALMONT AVE & CHENEY ST.	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Complaint / Commercial Vehicle Inspection
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD	Traffic Offense
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST	Traffic Stop
E CAPAC RD	Medical Assist
W THIRD ST.	Ordinance Violation
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Complaint / Commercial Vehicle Inspection
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Property Damage Traffic Crash
7/7/2026	
S VAN DYKE RD&EB69	Traffic Stop
E THIRD ST	Welfare Check
N CEDAR ST	Alarm
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST&E BORLAND RD	Personal Injury Traffic Crash
E CAPAC RD	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Citizen Assist
E FIRST ST&S ALMONT AVE	Citizen Assist
S. CEDAR ST	Property Check - IC
NEWARK RD	Welfare Check
N. CEDAR.	Citizen Assist
7/8/2026	
S ALMONT AVE.	Alarm
S ALMONT AVE.	Civil Matter
HICKORY LN	Peace Officer Duties
W FOURTH ST&HANDLEY ST	Traffic Stop
NORLIN DR	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Property Damage Traffic Crash
E CAPAC RD&N CEDAR ST	Property Damage Traffic Crash
MORTIMER LUMBER	Traffic Complaint / Road Hazard
E THIRD ST&N ALMONT AVE	Citizen Assist
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Property Damage Traffic Crash
S. CEDAR STREET	Property Check
N. CEDAR ST	Property Check
7/9/2026	
NEWARK RD&REEK RD	Animal Complaint
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Citizen Assist
WILCOX CT.	Ordinance Violation
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Complaint / Commercial Vehicle Inspection
N CEDAR ST	Property Check
MORRICE BLVD&S CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE.	Alarm
7/10/2026	
N. CEDAR ST.	Property Check
SEVENTH ST	Assault/ Battery
S CEDAR ST.	Property Damage Traffic Crash
S CEDAR ST&ENGLE ST.	Traffic Stop
N ALMONT AVE&E THIRD ST	Traffic Stop
W CAPAC RD&TOWNSEND DR.	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E FIFTH ST.	Traffic Stop
E FIRST ST&S ALMONT AVE	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Juvenile
N CEDAR ST&E FIFTH ST.	Motorist Assist
MORRICE BLVD	Intimidation
W BORLAND RD.	Alarm
S ALMONT AVE.	Medical Assist
S ALMONT AVE&E SECOND ST	Citizen Assist
7/11/2026	
HICKORY LN	Nuisances Ord - Noise / Prohibited Hours / Area
N FAIRGROUNDS RD&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Offense
S. CEDAR ST.	Property Check
NORLIN DR.	Property Check
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD	Citizen Assist
W FIRST ST	Citizen Assist
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Fraud
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&ATTICA RD	Citizen Assist
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
E IMLAY CITY RD	Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol / Liquor OWI
MAIN ST	Citizen Assist
7/12/2026	
S CEDAR ST.	Alarm
TOWNSEND DR.	Citizen Assist
CEDAR STREET	Property Check
W SECOND ST.	ORV Complaint
S. CEDAR ST	Property Check
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Offense
S CEDAR ST.	Assault/ Battery
BANCROFT ST.	Juvenile
E THIRD ST	Civil Matter
METCALF ST	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Hit and Run Citation
N CEDAR ST	Animal Complaint
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
E BORLAND RD&S CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N. CEDAR ST	Property Check
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Obituaries

~ Bryan Lee Nelson, 71 ~

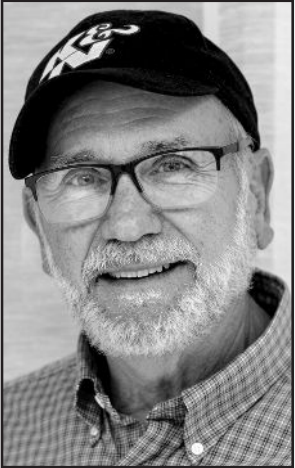
Bryan Lee Nelson, 71, passed away on July 5, 2026, at home with his family by his side. He leaves behind a lifetime of love, hard work, and cherished memories.

He was born November 15, 1954, in Lapeer to the late Carl and Neva Nelson.

On December 8, 1979, he married the love of his life, Diana Lomakoski, at Thornville Baptist Church in Thornville, Michigan. Together they built a loving home centered on family, faith, and lasting traditions.

A dedicated and hardworking man, Bryan was the owner and operator of Nelson Trucking for 37 years. He took great pride in his work and was known for his strong work ethic and willingness to lend a helping hand. Outside of work, he was a true "grease monkey" who found joy in restoring classic cars and bringing old vehicles back to life. He enjoyed playing billiards and created his own "Pool School" for his grandchildren and enjoyed attending their sporting events, sharing not only the game but also laughter, patience, and life lessons. He also loved golfing and spending time enjoying outdoor sports.

Above all else,



Bryan was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. His greatest happiness came from being surrounded by the people he loved.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Diana Nelson; his children, Pete (Denise) Stryker, Tara (Scott Wranosky) Stryker, and Carl (Britta) Nelson; his grandchildren, Tyler (Leah Dawson) Stryker, Samantha (Chance) Green, A.J. Antonelli, and Skylar (Joey Savel) Stryker; his great-grandson, Dakota Green; and his great-granddaughter, Millie Green, who is expected to arrive in December. He is also survived by many loving family members and dear friends who will forever treasure his memory.

His legacy of love, hard work, generosity, and devotion to family will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

The family honors the memory of Bryan and invites you to visit and share memories Friday, July 17, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Jansen Family Funeral Home, Capac.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. with 11:00 a.m. visiting. Burial will be in West Berlin Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Tunnel of Towers or New Beginnings Shepherd Rescue.

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Legal Announcements

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 property 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 9o.
- 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.

BERLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
SYNOPSIS
JULY 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Winn. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Members present: Parks, Klos, Winn, Christian and Wittstock. Twelve audience members. June minutes approved. Treasurer's report approved. Fire report: 11 runs last month; received thanks for help and professionalism at pallet fire and landfill fire and new skid is in service. Planning Commission: several splits approved on Capac Road and Dryden Road and September meeting will be on 9/9. Senior report: exercise is every Monday at 11 a.m. and cards is every Tuesday at noon; next potluck is 7/28. Park report: Tie-dye event is 7/23 (5-7p.m. in the pavilion...bring a clean cotton item to dye). Discussed: revenue sharing portion will go to Capac Police and/or County Sheriff as stipulated; annual Berlin share of park distribution will be \$19,540; projects needing attention at West Berlin Cemetery; insurance approved for this year; monies will be loaned to Fire Department until 10/1 to cover new truck; workers approved for August election and mention of issues at wastewater site in Berville. Audience: question answered about resignation of Board of Review/Zoning Board of Appeals

member - regarding replacement. Motion to adjourn 8:10 p.m. A complete copy of the unapproved current minutes is available at the township hall during business hours and on the township website within a couple days of the meeting.

Karen A. Klos, Clerk
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF LAPEER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No.: 2026-042398-DE
JUDGE DENIS MCCARTHY
Estate of Gary Edward Stebner. Date of birth: August 26, 1954.
To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Gary Edward Stebner died March 1, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Craig Andrew Stebner, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 255 Clay Street, Lapeer, MI 48446 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
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July 1, 2026
Craig Andrew Stebner
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The decedent, **ANDREW ALBERT GEOIT**, born August 17, 1950, died on April 23, 2026. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the

Albert Andrew Geoit Revocable Living Trust No. 1, dated August 8, 2017 (now irrevocable), will be forever barred unless presented to **Susan Marie Geoit**, Trustee, 13242 Sullivan Street, Emmett, MI 48022, within four (4) months after date of publication of this Notice.
Dated: 7/14/2026
Steven R. Schneider (P20034)
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF LAPEER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No.: 26-042419-DE
Estate of Richard L. Gajewski, deceased. Date of birth: April 18, 1954.
To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Richard L. Gajewski, deceased, died December 21, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cindy L. Gajewski, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 255 Clay Street, Lapeer, MI 48446 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Steven R. Schneider
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Tesnow helps team to Silver Bracket title game at Lake Of Ozarks Tourney

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

CAPAC — The Armada Fastpitch 13U Select softball squad,

which lists Capac’s Harper Tesnow on its roster, earned the distinction of Silver Division finalist at the World Series Lake of

the Ozarks Tournament recently. The Missouri-based event was held July 2-5. Armada 13U started things off with a 5-5

outcome against Washington Impact 14U on Thursday, July 2.

Later that day, they dropped a 4-2 verdict to Diamond Divas Carolina Blue 14U.

Armada 13U followed that up Friday, July 3 with an 8-5 setback to 122 Stars Gale 14U.

The team then posted a 9-1 win against Diamond Divas Carolina Blue on Saturday, July 4.

That outcome meant they would face Wahoes 14U for the distinction of Silver Division champions. The Sunday July 5 confrontation drew to a close with Wahoes 14U ahead by an 8-6 score.

Tesnow finished the tournament with two doubles. In addition to that, she contributed three RBI, two runs and a walk to Armada 13U’s cause.



Capac’s Harper Tesnow connects on a pitch recently at the World Series Lake of the Ozarks Tournament.

Almont claims 12U championship

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — The Almont 12U baseball squad claimed a first-place finish at the Imlay City Spartan Classic this past weekend.

Almont began their title-producing path Saturday with a 17-0 triumph against Elba.

Later that day, Almont posted a 9-7 win over Armada.

Sunday’s action saw Almont start things off with a 10-0 victory against Imlay City.

They then faced Cass City for tournament honors.

When the final out was registered, Almont had obtained an 8-2 triumph.

Almont page 12



Almont 12U first baseman Christian Luciano looks to tag out a Cass City foe at the Imlay City Spartan Classic in Sunday’s title clash.

Franco, Galeana score for team

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — Imlay City’s Giovanni Franco and Xavier Galeana along with Almont’s Gabe

Nucolovic competed for the White team in a 3-2 setback to the Blue squad at the Blue Water All-Star Boys’ Soccer Game last Thursday.

Walt Braun Viking Stadium, in Marysville, hosted the contest.

In Thursday’s battle, the White team grabbed a 1-0 edge

after one half was over with.

Half number two would see the Blue squad counter with a 3-1 advantage, allowing them to pull out a 3-2 victory.

Franco and Galeana accounted for the White team’s goals that evening.

Ethan Morhan (Yale), Jackson Kohler (Yale), Brayden Bullard (Yale), Corbin Allen (Cros-Lex), Martin Nelson (Cros-Lex), Connor Soule (Cros-Lex), Jake Hill



Imlay City’s Xavier Galeana keeps the ball away from a foe at the Blue Water All-Star Boys’ Soccer Game last Thursday.

(Richmond), Charles Allen (Richmond), Cullen Knuth (Cardinal Mooney), and Sawyer Ingles (New Life Christian) joined them on the White team. They were coached by Pat Egan (Yale).

Ethan Russell (Marysville), Luke Oles (Marysville), Cole Stevens (Marysville), Zane Lukasek (Marysville), Matthew

Ball (Marysville), Chase Jones (St. Clair), Seth White (St. Clair), Bondaryl McCall (Port Huron), Andrew Becker (Port Huron Northern), Frank Orlando (Port Huron Northern), Vasili Kasparian (Port Huron Northern) and Kasch Chapman (Marine City) comprised the Blue squad’s roster. They were coached by Scott Parker (Marysville).



Imlay City’s Emily Prado looks over her offensive options at the Blue Water All-Star Girls’ Soccer Game in Marysville this past week.

Prados play in All-Star encounter

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — Imlay City’s Emily Prado and Pamela Prado suited up the White squad in a 1-0 loss to the Blue team last Thursday at the Blue Water All-Star Girls’ Soccer Game.

Walt Braun Viking Stadium is where the action unfolded.

In Thursday’s clash, the White squad and Blue team ended the initial half tied at zero goals apiece.

The Blue team then

struck for the game’s first goal, that coming with 12:55 remaining during half number two.

That would prove the last time either side scored that evening, leaving the Blue team with a 1-0 win to celebrate at game’s end.

Kaylee Backers (Richmond), Charley McIntyre (Lakeshore), Emma Moore (Richmond), Aubrie Rush (Richmond), Lily Wallace (Lakeshore), Aireonna Keller (Yale),

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Imlay City’s Emily Prado, coach Jonny Torres and Pamela Prado pose for a photo prior to the Blue Water All-Star Girls’ Soccer Game.



Almont’s Gabe Nucolovic plus Imlay City’s Giovanni Franco and Xavier Galeana competed in the Blue Water All-Star Soccer Game.



The Almont 8U baseball team took second at the Imlay City Spartan Classic. They are front (L to R) Easton Reynolds, Matt Laatz, Dax Mergogey and Heinrich Geiger; middle Trey Jackson, Carson Ball, Beckett Slosek, Sawyer Morgan, Lucas Little, Preston Sherell, Finley Morgan and Owen Howard; and back assistant coach Travis Jackson, head coach Adam Little and assistant coach Matt Mergogey.

Almont 8U earns a second place

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — The Almont 8U baseball team earned a second-place finish at the Imlay City Spartan Classic this past weekend.

Almont began tournament action Saturday with a 14-3 win against Armada Orange.

Later that day, the team picked up a 19-3

victory over Imlay City. Almont then improved to 3-0 on Sunday, thanks to a 17-10 triumph against Sandusky.

Next up they squared off against Armada Black for the distinction of tournament champions. That clash drew to a close with Armada Black prevailing 13-3.

Easton Reynolds, Wyatt Laatz, Dax

Mergogey, Heinrich Geiger, Trey Jackson, Carson Ball, Beckett Slosek, Spencer Morgan, Lucas Little, Preston Sherell, Finley Morgan and Owen Howard helped make Almont's second-place finish possible. They were directed to that showing by head coach Adam Little along with assistant coaches Travis Jackson and Matt Mergogey.

Capac has two All-County picks

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

CAPAC — The following baseball players earned a spot on the All-St. Clair County squad which was announced recently:

Catcher- Wiley

Roose (Capac), Lukus DeSmyther (Marine City) and Cayden Parent (Marysville).

Pitcher- Cole Thaler (Algonac), Emmet Hoski (Marine City), Jacob Michaux (Cardinal Mooney), Wyatt Smith (St. Clair), Tyler Debbs

(Yale) and Jack Roose (Yale).

Outfield- Matthew Golden (Algonac), Dakota Droptiny (Marine City), Cole Cooper (Marysville), Hunter Freeland (St. Clair) and Jack Shafer (St. Clair).

First base- Tanner Gutt (Memphis) and Joey Seppo (Port Huron).

Infield- Jason Shafer (Algonac), Brody Tesnow (Capac), Joe Doddy (Cardinal Mooney), Braden Schalk (St. Clair), Michael Frantz (St. Clair) and Cole Peltier (Yale).

Utility- Ryan Budnick (Memphis) and Levi Acquaviva (Marysville).

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Almont soccer standout Natalia Radisljevic was named to the honorable mention portion of the Div. 3 All-State lineup recently.

For her effort, Radisljevic claims our Girls' Athlete of the Week honor.



Imlay City senior Trace Dennis supplied a .418 average this past spring.

For his effort, Dennis earns our Boys' Athlete of the Week honor.

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Imlay City 15U team takes second place

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Imlay City 15U baseball team took second at the Imlay City Spartan Classic this past weekend.

Imlay City 15U started things off Saturday with a 10-3 loss to Armada.

Later that day, Imlay

City posted a 10-2 win against Elba and was handed a 9-6 setback by Elba.

Sunday's action saw Imlay City bounce back, picking up a 16-0 victory over Elba and registering a 9-0 victory over Armada.

They then squared off against Armada for tournament honors. That battle drew to a close

with Armada ahead 14-6.

Paxton Morgan, Ryan Smelis, Connor McCracken, Nolan Siegler, Cole Sullivan, Lucas Hunter, Brody Hanson, Peyton Pauley, Aiden Rossen, Anthony Velazquez and Jacob Hunter helped Imlay City secure a second-place finish. They were coached by Dave Rossen.



Imlay City's 15U baseball team took second at the Imlay City Spartan Classic. They are front (L to R) Lucas Hunter, Brody Hansen, Peyton Pauley, Aiden Rossen, Anthony Rossen, Anthony Velazquez and Jacob Hunter; and back Dave Rossen, Paxton Morgan, Ryan Smelis, Connor McCracken, Nolan Siegler and Cole Sullivan.



Almont won the 12U title at the Imlay City Spartan Classic. They include Connor Bradley, Julian Luciano, Braxton Felek, Lucas Schwarzwald, Lucas Lindamood, Connor Zangara, Bentley Garner, Josh Bernardi, Christian Luciano, Easton Cobb and Blake McSpadin plus coaches Dino Bernardi, Nick Cobb, Miguel Luciano and Mikey Luciano.

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Connor Bradley, Julian Luciano, Braxton Felek, Lucas

Schwarzwald, Lucas Lindamood, Connor Zangara, Bentley Garner, Josh Bernardi, Christian Luciano, Easton Cobb and Blake McSpadin comprised

Almont's championship roster. They were coached by Dino Bernardi along with assistant coaches Nick Cobb, Miguel Luciano and Mikey Luciano.



The White team, which includes Imlay City's Emily Prado (front fourth from left) and back coach Jonny Torres (far left) and Pamela Prado (second from left), pose for a photo at the Blue Water All-Star Girls' Soccer Game.

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Belle Fair (Richmond), Mia Muragin (Anchor Bay), Gabby Thiede (Anchor Bay) and Finlay Hatcher (Marine City) appeared on the

White squad's roster as well. They were coached by Johnny Torres (Imlay City).

Sarah Valdavia (Algonac), Tessa Freeland (St. Clair), Layla Unger (Warren Woods Tower), Madelyn Suiter (Port Huron Northern), Addy

Mynsberghe (Marysville), Cessaly Fitcher (Freeland), Katelyn Kaminski (St. Clair), Ava Candejas (Port Huron Northern), Brooke Armstrong (Lake Orion), McKenna Howard (Warren Woods Tower), Grace Field

(Marysville), Sydney Simpson (Port Huron Northern), Lila Cron (St. Clair), Zaira Sullivan (St. Clair) and AvaLee Pomper were listed as the Blue team's representatives that day. They were coached by Scott Parker (Marysville).

Spartan trap shooter has success at Nationals; hits 288 of 300 targets

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY —
The Imlay City Trap
Team is among those

who took part in a
National competition last
weekend in Mason,
Michigan.

The team, comprised
mostly of underclassmen

(and women) continues
to fine tune their skills
and were able to make a
splash at Nationals last
week.

In a Facebook post,
team leaders wrote, “So
long, Michigan Trap
Association — the
National stage has been
conquered and what a
weekend it was for
Spartan shooter Jason
Sefcovic!”

The report went on
to say, “After earning his
spot in Sunday’s finals,
Jason finished strong,
crushing an impressive
95/100 to cap off an
incredible weekend.
When the smoke cleared,
Jason had broken an out-
standing 288 out of 300
targets across the
National events!”

Competing against
approximately 1,800 of
the nation’s best shoot-
ers, Jason battled his way
to an incredible 267th
place finish in the nation.

The entire Spartan
family couldn’t be
prouder of the hard work,
dedication, and determi-
nation Jason displayed
all season long.

Congratulations on
an amazing accomplish-
ment and an unforgetta-
ble Nationals experience.

Now it’s time to
reload and look ahead
to next season! Keep
an eye out for informa-
tion on upcoming Fall
Season meetings coming
soon.

If you are interested
in joining the Spartan
Clay Target Team, don’t
wait. You need to obtain
your Hunter Safety certi-
fication and field day
completed ASAP so
you’re ready to hit the
line when the season
begins



Facebook photo

It was a weekend to remember for Imlay City’s Jason Sefcovic. The sharp-shooting Spartan competed against nearly 2,000 opponents and scored very well.



Facebook photo

Jason Sefcovic was all smiles after notching a solid score while working to earn his way to the final shoot on Sunday. He finished well ahead of many in the field.



Facebook photo

Spartan trap shooter Jason Sefcovic celebrates, having busted 288 of 300 targets.

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