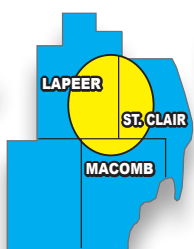


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The 2026 Eastern Michigan State Fair is Tuesday, July 28 through Aug 1. The fair has something for everyone to enjoy. This giant "sand" box, filled with shelled corn, is a big hit with the kids.

Eastern Michigan State Fair opens gates Tuesday

Full lineup for 2026 fair; Sea Lions are back!

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

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 28. "We've had people mowing, getting buildings cleaned out and we're getting things set-up on the fairgrounds slowly. It has been a busy time and we're pretty well ready for folks to come on out and enjoy the fair this year."

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 mid-way to be showing up a few days before the fair. They always do a great job for us and they usu-

ally bring everything they have for us to help make it another great fair week." Kempf said 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!!!" Kempf said one of the biggest splashes of the fair is back for another visit when the Sea Lions entertain the crowds. "Everyone seems to love those Sea Lions and they put on a great

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Main Street work in Capac to begin

Depending on weather, projected to be 8 weeks

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

CAPAC — For motorists who routinely drive through Capac to go to work or to Metro Detroit, you might want to find an alternate route. Beginning later this month, major repairs will be done on a four block section of Main Street that is expected to last at least eight weeks, depending on the weather.

Village Manager Travis Youatt said there

was a pre-construction meeting last week with low-bidder ML Chartier officials and other sub-contractors working on the project. "It was a very good meeting and they are getting ready to go," Youatt said. "It sounds like work could begin the week of July 27." According to Youatt, the contractor will be shutting down the entire paved area of Main Street. However, the side-

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Large construction equipment, like the machines pictured above, will be staging in Capac soon, in preparation of the Main Street replacement project. The full replacement of a four-block section of concrete and pavement in downtown Capac, and other improvements, is expected to take around eight weeks.

Two Imlay City businesses closing

Ace Hardware coming to Belle Valley Center

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — Two Imlay City businesses have announced they will be closing their doors in the coming weeks.

Officials with Jump City addressed their closing in a social media post, as did Indigo Lavender Farms on Van Dyke Rd., owned by the Dennis family.

Jump City business owners are being forced to consider other locations, due to the July 9 announcement that Ace Hardware is securing 14,600 square feet of

business space in the shopping plaza. In their message regarding the closing of the popular kids attraction, Jump City wrote, "It is with incredibly heavy hearts that we share some difficult news. We have officially been notified by our building's landlord that a big box chain store will be taking over our current location, which means Jump City will be closing its doors." The Jump City notice went on to say, "While we have been in limbo for the past several months over this, hoping for a different outcome,

we have now received final confirmation. We are actively searching for a new location, but at this time we have not yet secured one." According to the business owners, their final days of business will be August 1-2. "We would love the opportunity to see as many of you as possible before we close. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to every family who has walked through our doors. Thank you for choosing us for birthday parties, play dates, school

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The Indigo Lavender Farm in Imlay City has been a popular business for many visitors. They are closing their doors due to retirement August 15.

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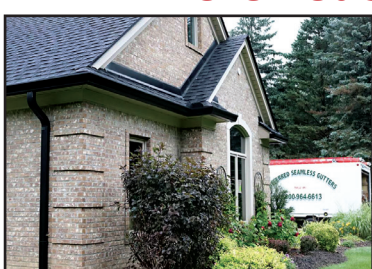
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Lake Pleasant paving project a hot one!

Paving crews working on the resurfacing of Lake Pleasant Rd. in Attica Twp. last week take a break from the extreme heat and smoky air. The paving job is just one of many that are on-going throughout the area this summer.

CLEMIS agreement signed in Dryden Twp.

MABAS system for fire
department approved

By Phil Foley
Contributing writer

DRYDEN TWP. — Township officials voted unanimously Tuesday (July 14) to join a growing number of communities setting moratori-

ums on data centers.

"If you watch the news," Township Attorney Mark Lechlitter told trustees, "you know data centers are a hot topic." He said Michigan is an attractive place for data center developers because it has "a cool climate and lots of water."

More than 50 Michigan communities have set moratoriums on data center development.

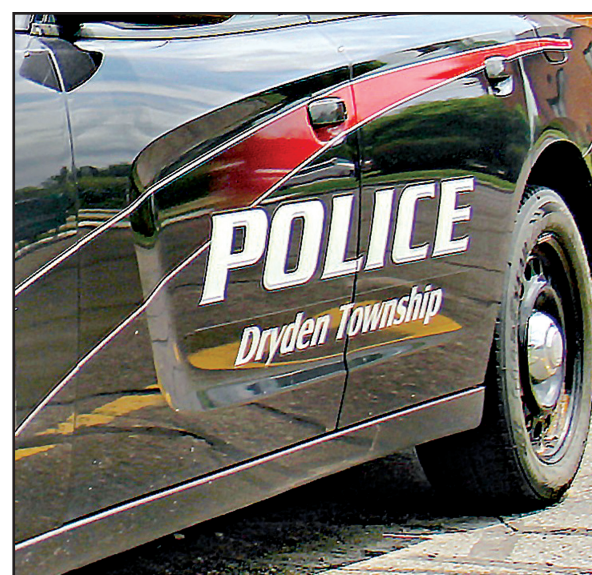
Lechlitter noted that when the township passed its current zoning ordinance in 2022, "data centers were not on the horizon." He said the

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Dryden township officials approved a CLEMIS agreement for the township police department.

township needs time to get something on the books to deal with the issue.

He noted the township can't simply ban data centers, but it can set up restrictions.

Lechlitter recommended a one-year moratorium to give the zoning board "time to get their feet under it" and draft a zoning ordinance. The township board approved the moratorium without discussion.

Police Chief Shawn Peters alerted township trustees to a problem in the township garage. He said the garage drains were originally installed without proper clean-outs and they're now backing up.

He said the problem has been exacerbated by the police department using the garage since 1997.

"Police cars are in and out 24/7," he said. Peters told trustees, "Extensive work needs to be done and it would be nice if we could get started before winter."

Trustees voted to give \$30,000 to the village for renovations to Cardinal Field, with the recommendation that the village install at least three pickle ball courts.

Treasurer Sue Lowney said it made more sense to contribute to the village's effort rather than develop something at the township offices at this time.

Papineau announced the state returned \$3,784 worth of revenue sharing, with the requirement that 75% of it be given to law enforcement for violent crimes. Trustees approved splitting the balance, \$946, between Lapeer County EMS and the Dryden

Township Fire Dept.

Trustees approved signing a CLEMIS participating agreement. CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System) was established by Oakland County in 1982 as a database to allow local municipalities to share criminal justice and public safety data.

Recently it became an independent authority.

Peters told trustees that participating in CLEMIS currently costs the township just under \$10,000 a year and he expects that to increase between 4 and 5% a year.

"It's our lifeline for everything," he said, adding "When I started out you could get by with a note pad and a book of tickets. It's a whole different ballgame now."

Trustees approved spending \$1,230 on smart WIFI door locks and the fire department's interior doors.

Fire Chief Darrell Shultz said the township recently had the locks installed on the department's town stations exterior doors.

He said the locks allow the department to monitor who is coming in and out of the buildings as well as terminate access to volunteers who have left the department.

Trustees also approved membership in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).

Schlutz explained MABAS costs the township nothing but gives the department access to a statewide network of emergency services equipment.

Reading of Declaration of Independence

Solid turnout in Imlay as part of a nationwide event

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Nation's 250th birthday celebration hasn't been restricted to just one day or one weekend. It has turned in to a month long event and that was the case in Imlay City earlier this month.

Officials with the Imlay City Historical Museum organized a very special event for July 8 at the City Pavilion at the intersection of E. Third St. and Main St. as was done across the country.

The reading of the



Tom Mooney dressed the role when he read the Declaration of Independence earlier this month in Imlay City.

Photo by David Fredrick

Declaration of Independence was held at 6 p.m., the same starting time at every venue in the U.S. for those who

were participating with the historical reading.

In Imlay City, actor Tim Mooney, dressed in time appropriate garb,

despite warm temperatures, stood proudly at a podium in front of dozens of people and read the famous document complete with the time-period accent.

The Lapeer-based actor, who has done a variety of acting roles in his 50 years of performing, did an outstanding job with the historical document and even utilized the audience.

Following the reading of the Declaration of Independence, those in the crowd were all given a name card and at the appropriate time when the various states were called out, volunteers spoke the signees name out loud.

"It was a great event and was really neat to involve the crowd," Imlay City DDA Director Charles Bennett said. Bennett was the narrator for the evening. He

added, while chuckling, "Personally, I thought it was wonderful, and very special, considering most of us won't be around for the next reading."

Farm equipment slams into train viaduct



By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — A truck and trailer hauling farm equipment had quite a surprise Tuesday morning when they attempted to go underneath the train viaduct on M-53 in Imlay City.

According to Imlay City police, the truck was northbound on S. Cedar St. around noon Tuesday when the incident happened.

"The viaduct is clearly marked 13' 7" and obviously, you can see, he was over that limit," said Imlay City Police Department Sgt. Sean Leathers. No injuries were reported in the collision that slowed traffic on the major highway for two hours and forced a detour around the crash scene.

The equipment was hauled off the highway to a nearby open lot for further investigation. The Imlay City Fire

Department was called to wash down the roadway.

Police Chief Charles Rushton (left) and Sgt. Sean Leathers check out the viaduct as a train goes over the crash scene.

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Dryden Police Department Chief celebrates 25 years

By Phil Foley
Contributing Writer

DRYDEN TWP. — Dryden Police Chief Shawn Peters came into the township hall Tuesday (July 14) night expecting a normal meeting. Instead, he found a packed room, with

everyone holding a cut-out of him as a fresh-faced recruit. Township trustees congratulated Peters for his 25 years of “out-standing service” to the people of Dryden Township. Township Supervisor Papineau added, with a smile, “we want



Dryden Township Supervisor Tina Papineau reads a proclamation praising Police Chief Shawn Peters July 14.



Dryden Township and it's board of trustees congratulates Dryden Township Police Chief Shawn Peters at their meeting Tuesday (July 14) for his 25 years of service to Dryden Township.

to embarrass you a little.”

A Brown City native, Peters joined the Dryden Township Police Department July 17, 2001, after graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in public administration from Saginaw Valley State University.

Before coming to Dryden, Peters served with the now defunct Carsonville Police Dept. in Sanilac County and the Oxford Police Dept.

Peters was promoted to sergeant in 2004 and in 2018 he was named police chief following the retirement of long-time Police Chief Larry Pack.

At the time, Papineau declared, Shawn is a person with integrity, his honesty and moral code will make him a great police chief.” Nothing has changed since then.

Papineau noted Peters has been a good steward of the township's money and has always kept the budget balanced. She added, “He's greatly admired for his integrity.”

Peters said he was attracted to Dryden Township because, “I have my own way of doing things and I can do them here.”

He added, “I feel I can make a difference here. The job is not always about the

money.” The department provides services to the township and village.

In 2018 township officials presented him with a certificate and life-saving pin recognizing his efforts to save the life a 55-year old Havens

Road man. Peters used an AED to revive the man who was blue and showed no signs of life when he arrived at the home.

Peters and his wife, Michelle, live in Brown City and have two children.

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“Cool” livestock at the Fair!

Former Capac FFA Advisor Travis Fahley stands on the top of a sheep pen to help mount ventilation fans while setting up for the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair in Goodells. Livestock was brought to the grounds over the weekend. The fair has a full lineup of activity throughout the week before closing after Saturday. The livestock sale is Thursday afternoon.



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- 7/23-7/25 - Antique-Tractor Engine & Craft Show - Boyne Falls
- 7/23-8/1 - Lakeside Shakespeare Festival - Frankfort
- 7/24 - CopperFest - Ontonagon
- 7/24-7/25 - Saugatuck Venetian Fest - Saugatuck
- 7/24-7/25 - Sounds & Sights Festival - Chelsea
- 7/24-7/25 - St. Ignace Heritage Festival - St. Ignace
- 7/24-7/26 - Arcadia Daze - Manistee
- 7/24-7/26 - Tamarack Music Festival - Morley
- 7/24-8/2 - Coast Guard Festival - Grand Haven
- 7/25 - Rock4Vets Music Festival - Harrison
- 7/28-8/1 - Eastern Michigan State Fair - Imlay City ** Staff Pick

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show,” Kempf said. “Plus, if those sitting up close get a little wet, with these hot days, they’ll enjoy that too.” 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 28 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 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 to 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 FARMS *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 agri-



A variety of food vendors will be on hand for visitors to check out at the Eastern Michigan State Fair.

culture, 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 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

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breaks, rainy afternoons, and countless special celebrations. It has truly been an honor to watch your children laugh, play, grow, and create memories here.” Jump City has always been about more than just an indoor playground. It has been about bringing families together and creating a place where kids could simply be kids. “Being a small part of so many birthdays, milestones and happy memories has meant more to us than words can express,” the owners said. They added, “Although this chapter is coming to an end, we sincerely hope it isn’t the end of Jump City. We are committed to finding a new home and will share updates as soon as we have them. Until then, we hope you’ll come visit us one last time during our final weekend. Thank you for your support, your kindness, and for making Jump City such a special place. We hope this is simply ‘see you later’ rather than goodbye.” Meanwhile, the Dennis family announced their final day of business will be August 15, having decided to retire from the highly popular and successful business. “After much thought, many conversations, and a whole lot of gratitude, we’ve made the bitter-sweet decision to retire and close the farm,” they announced on social media. The notice went on to add, “This farm has been so much more than a business—it has been a place where friendships were made, families created traditions, couples began their lives together, children experienced the joy of the farm, and our community gathered to celebrate life’s special moments.

We have been incredibly blessed to be part of so many memories, and for that, we are forever grateful.” The family is truly appreciative of all of their customers who have become like family. “To every customer who shopped with us, every family who visited, every couple who chose us for their wedding, every vendor who shared their talents, and every person who supported our dream over the years...thank you. You have filled our hearts in ways we could never fully express.” They added, “While saying goodbye is never easy, we are also excited for this next chapter of life. Retirement brings new adventures, more time with family, and the opportunity to reflect on a journey that has exceeded every dream we had when we first opened our gates.” Over the coming weeks, they intend to continue to welcome visitors to the farm, sharing memories, and celebrating this incredible chapter together. “We hope you’ll stop by before August 15 to say hello, reminisce and help us close this season with hearts full of gratitude.” For those who had planned weddings or events with the business, they wrote, “please know that nothing is changing. Every scheduled event remains a top priority, and we are fully committed to making your special day everything you’ve envisioned. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives.” While this may be the end of the farm, the memories, friendships and community that was built together will stay forever. The area will miss the two businesses and wish them well in the future.

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walks will stay in place as long as possible. “We are most concerned about our businesses,” Youatt explained. “We are going to keep the front doors open for the businesses in the downtown area so they can still serve their customers. Not all of them have back door entries, so this was our solution, so as to try and minimize the disruption for our business owners.”

Youatt said crews are confident, once they get going on the work, they can “knock it out fairly quickly and get it opened up yet this fall,” Youatt noted. He said during the pre-con meeting, discussion was held as to potential detour routes and signage to let motorists know the posted detour around the construction work. “We’ve ordered a lot of signs for the detour to let motorists know how to navigate around

town,” Youatt said. “There will be a lot of activity in town for a few weeks, but in the end, it will be worth it and a great addition to our community. We are pretty excited about this getting going finally. There has been a lot of planning, phone calls, paperwork, delays, but it’s happening now and when it’s done, it will be a great improvement for the downtown area.” The St. Clair County Road Commission has also

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) 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) Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest, 6:00 p.m. (Walker Barn) Announcement of College Scholarship Winners, Best Record Books for All Livestock and Sweepstakes Winners, Approximately 7:30 p.m., Immediately Following Sweepstakes. advised the village they intend to install a roundabout at the intersection of Capac Road and Imlay City Road (M-21). “They had told us work would be done yet this year, originally,” Youatt said. “Now, they are saying it will be next year. We don’t really see a need for it and it would be an issue with the underground infrastructure we have. So, we intend to keep discussing the project with them and hopefully change their minds.”

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#600 in a cloud of smoke

A shroud of smoke from Canadian wildfires hovers over my neighborhood as I write this 600th column for the Tri-City Times Newspaper.

That's twelve and a half years of personal, true-to-life vignettes for readers.

As several Biblical meanings to the number 600 are "completeness", "abundance" and "divine fulfillment", the number may also represent "judgment" and "punishment".

I prefer to consider the positive meaning of the number, intend to write until I can no longer paint a true, sensible, meaningful picture with words.

Yet, I've read, and friends have spoken, of the danger in breathing the smoky atmosphere, particularly pets.

At the moment, my two beloved cats roam our property out of sight, and I'm worried for their health.

I've called their names, yet they don't answer. And I'm feeling a bit dizzy; my common response when stressful situations press upon me.

Thankfully, writing about a difficult, human predicament, or a joyful surprise, calms me, grants clarity to the experience.

Therefore, at this moment I focus on the positive, for Mitty and Cuddles just returned to the kitchen door, whining to enter. Oh, what relief!

I reward them with a small portion of kibbles. They chow down.

Cuddles, the smaller of the two sisters, aims for a dining room chair, hides behind the laced edge of the white tablecloth I inherited from my mother.



Iris Lee Underwood

Mitty takes her post in my study as watch-cat between my writing chair before my desk, and my reading chair behind me.

Larger than her sister, I must be careful not to roll my chair back on Mitty's front paws.

At this moment, both pets slumber while I write: a common scenario in this household.

For they've reached the age when our former cat Mo (Mozart) entered the last stage of his life. Thankfully, that season lasted several years.

Indeed, Mo was some cat. His gravestone in my backyard garden testifies to his longevity. Mo roamed, yet always returned home, albeit somewhat wounded.

Yes, Mo fulfilled a 600 life. And my heart's desire is for Mitty and Cuddles to follow in his paw prints, sans his injuries.

What little I've read, I'm concerned about the safety of the birds that gather and sing in my trees, and the entire region affected by the fire's fallout.

I understand the ash pollutes streams and ponds, which impacts the health of farmstock and wildlife. Whatever breathes and drinks.

Dear Reader, the evidence is clear. We live in a fallen world. Perhaps we would do well to ponder the "punishment" and "judgment" meanings of the number 600.

Contact Iris at iris-farmletters@gmail.com

Healthy boundaries to protect ourselves

If you have been pretty hot these last few weeks – raise your hand! The heat can be brutal.

If you sit out in the sun for hours, with no sunscreen, and drink no water, you have immersed yourself in a foolish environment that is going to not only make you sick and give you sun stroke: it might actually kill you.

We must make wise decisions in life and protect ourselves from a harmful environment. It is simply common sense. And yet, so many people subject themselves to an ungodly environment, whether in person or on social media, and they wonder why their personal life is suffering!

The literal sun will burn you, but so will an ungodly, foolish environment. It is only a matter of time before you will suffer from the bad influences in which you are subjecting your body, mind and soul.

Protect your skin and protect your heart. Guard it. That's just common sense.

Scripture tells us in Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you

Guest Columnist:
Julia Cramer

do flows from it."

That simply means we set up healthy boundaries to protect ourselves from physical and emotional harm. Avoid toxic relationships and build relationships on mutual trust where Christ is at the center.

In the midst of the hot weather, don't forget to take a drink from Christ, the Living Water. He will quench your thirst and satisfy your deepest longings.

Just like physical water is necessary for our bodies, Jesus, the Living Water, is necessary to quench the thirst of our souls.

If you haven't taken a drink from Him – try it – let Him refresh your soul in ways you never dreamed possible. John 6:35 says "Whoever believes in me shall never thirst." His soul-quenching fountain never runs dry. Every day ask Him to fill your cup – and He will.

Julia Cramer is an ordained pastor at Cole Methodist Church in Brockway Twp., west of Yale.

Letters from our readers

The Almont Legacy Project

Dear Editor,

Have you ever longed to hold in your hands a letter from those who came before you—a treasured message carried across generations, revealing what they witnessed, what hardships they endured, what hopes they cherished, and what dreams they wished to pass on to the future?

You may not have a letter like this from the past, but in the coming month, you have the chance to add your own voice to that living chain of memory. You are invited to write a Legacy Letter for future generations who may one day wonder who we were, what life was like in Almont, and what mattered most to us in this important moment.

Almont Homecoming volunteers are pleased to launch this special community project, collecting Legacy Letters from individuals, families, students, businesses, churches, clubs, and organizations connected to Almont in 2026.

Together, these letters will preserve our memories, stories, hopes, challenges, traditions, and everyday experiences, creating a meaningful snapshot of life today for those who come after us.

More than a writing

project, this is a gift to the future, shared during a historic year as we celebrate both our nation's 250th birthday and Almont's Community Homecoming.

The Legacy Letters will become part of the 2026–2076 Community Time Capsule. Written on archival paper, they will be buried during the Almont Community Homecoming Celebration on August 15 and preserved for future generations. Public participation is welcome, though space in the time capsule may be limited.

To participate, email your full name and the type of letter you would like to submit—Family, Community Resident, History/Heritage, or Club/Organization—to almontlegacyletters@gmail.com. Each participant will receive one archival-quality letter sheet for their submission.

Archival envelopes without adhesive will also be provided, and each letter will be placed in a protective archival sleeve for preservation in the time capsule.

Because these letters are meant to remain underground for 50 years, some instructions may be more detailed than expected. These guidelines help ensure the letters are properly

preserved and can be read and enjoyed by future generations when the capsule is opened in 2076.

Below is a brief overview of the letter types listed above.

Family Legacy Letters include guided questions about family life in 2026, along with messages from parents or guardians to their children and from children to their future selves.

These letters are intended to be returned to the designated recipients when the time capsule is opened in 2076.

Community Resident Letters. These letters may be written by current residents, alumni, and community members who wish to share memories, reflections, and hopes for Almont's future.

When the time capsule is opened in 2076, the letters may either be returned to a designated recipient or shared with the Almont Historical Society, depending on the author's preference.

History and Heritage Letters. These letters are meant to preserve historical stories, memories, and generational connections to Almont.

When the time capsule is opened in 2076, they will become part of the Almont Historical Society archives, help-

ing protect and share the community's historical record.

Community Organization Letters.

Local clubs, businesses, schools, and organizations are invited to reflect on their role in the Almont community in 2026. These letters are intended to preserve a historical snapshot of the organizations serving Almont at that time. When the time capsule is opened, they will become part of the Almont Historical Society archives.

The letter submission deadline is Saturday, August 1, 2026. Participants are encouraged to return completed letters as soon as possible to the Almont District Library or the Almont Historical Society. For questions, please email almontlegacyletters@gmail.com.

Take this opportunity to send a message through time and leave your voice for future generations.

If you would like to suggest other items or materials for the Time Capsule, please email almontmuseum@gmail.com for criteria and guidelines. Please include "Time Capsule" in the subject line.

—Lynn Nolin
Almont Community Historical Society Trustee and Volunteer.



Courtesy photo

These busy beavers are very particular with the placement of their hard work.

Another Plethora of Ponderables

Sometimes I sit around and simply ponder. Do you? I wonder "how did that happen?" or "how did they do that?"

For example, I decide I'd like to read a certain book. I go to Amazon.com, find the book and download it to my Kindle. Instantly, it's there in its entirety, pictures and all. How?

How did they get the entire book digitized like that? Are there people sitting around in their cubicles typing in every book to be uploaded?

Where is that book stored until I download it? And how does Amazon know how to



Rick Liblong

send it to my Kindle? Not Sam's or Sally's. Mine.

I also wonder...and marvel...at smart phones. I literally have most of the world's body of knowledge in my hands. A few thumb strokes and I can find almost anything.

How? How/where does that signal go from my phone and instantly

them? What would they look like if I could? And what are they doing to my body smashing into me continuously?

Construction is something else that has always intrigued and puzzled me. I know next to nothing about it, but admire the people who do. Obviously, it's important that the builders do things in a certain order.

Don't hang drywall before the frame is up, for example. Or try to add another story before the foundation is finished. Fascinating how each crew knows when to show up to do their part, all in the proper order. They must have gone to builder's school and trained for their specialty.

But what about nature's other creatures? How do they know how to construct things? How does a beaver know how to build a dam or lodge?

He/she (beavers mate for life and share tasks) swims out, picks up a stick or gnaws one off a bigger stick, if necessary, then swims back and places it in exactly the right position. They repeat the process until what they are constructing is finished.

Spider web construction is another marvel to me. How do they do that? They squirt some stuff out that turns into a solid "string" that clings to a branch and they

keep repeating that until they have a web. Then they wait for some unsuspecting fly to get ensnared and it's lunchtime.

But I think the one that intrigues me the most is the robin's nest. The robin, as you know, is the state bird of Michigan, even though it winters elsewhere. It's hard to tell a boy robin from a girl but they figure it out. She does most of the work.

She starts by finding a twig just the right size and placing it firmly in the safe site she has chosen. Then she finds another twig and attaches it to the first. More and more twigs (sometimes he brings a few) then they add some mud to hold it all together, and line it with some grass to make it softer and more comfortable.

What I don't understand is how all of those robin's nests look almost identical.

Look at a nest in Dryden, Michigan, Dayton, Ohio or Dunn Loring, Virginia and they all look the same. Same size, same shape, same depth, etc. How do they do that? Is it pure instinct?

Or, maybe, just maybe, when they go to Florida in the winter, there's a nesting night school they secretly attend. Wouldn't surprise me. What do you think?

Contact Rick at dave@tri-citytimes.com



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Some think if you've seen one Robin's nest, you've seen them all. Mud and sticks are main components.

come back with the answer? And again, it comes back to my phone, not Sue's or yours.

What about waves? We are bombarded by all different kind of waves all the time. Radio waves, microwaves, light waves, sound waves, etc., etc. Why can't I see

Letters, opinions welcome

We're always pleased when readers take the time to share their opinions with us. We're bolstered by the diversity of opinions that make our editorial pages consistently judged winners by the Michigan Press Association each year. We welcome feedback, letters, guest columns, complaints, praise, opinions—the whole gamut.

However, we're unable to share some of the input we receive because it is sent anonymously and therefore we can't confirm the source. All letters, guest columns, opinions, etc. for the editorial pages must include a name and contact information for verification purposes. Writer's names may be withheld upon request when deemed appropriate. If there are any questions or the material is deemed inappropriate, the writer will be notified or the letter will simply not be published. Write to the editor at P.O. Box 278, Imlay City, MI 48444 or send an email to dave@tri-citytimes.com.

Lapeer County health officials give update on disease outbreak

13 cases in the County

LAPEER CO. — As of July 16, 2026, Michigan has reported 4,312 cases of Cyclosporiasis infection, with 102 individuals hospitalized statewide.

Lapeer County has identified 13 reported cases. While the investigation is ongoing, produce, lettuce and salad greens remain the leading suspected source of the outbreak.

Residents can help

reduce their risk of illness by:

- Choosing whole heads of lettuce instead of bagged salad mixes when possible.
- Removing the outer leaves and washing the remaining leaves under clean running water.
- Washing all fresh produce before eating.
- Cooking leafy greens when appropriate.

Symptoms of cyclosporiasis infection may develop up to two weeks after exposure and commonly include watery diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, and fatigue.

Individuals experiencing persistent watery diarrhea should contact their primary care provider or visit an urgent care clinic and request testing for Cyclospora, as routine stool tests may not detect the parasite.

The Lapeer County Health Department is not currently providing testing for Cyclosporiasis.

The Lapeer County Health Department will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as new information becomes available.

For more information you can contact the Lapeer County Health Department at 1800 Imlay City Road, Lapeer, MI 48446 or call (810) 245-5711.



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Almont PD weekly report

ALMONT — Here is the weekly report for the Village of Almont as well as the Township for the week of 7/6/26 – 7/12/26. We had a total of 105 calls for service.

CALLS OF INTEREST

Traffic Stops.	37 stops with 3 citations issued
Assist to Fire Department	3
Traffic Complaints.	7
Civil Complaints	2
Animal Complaints	4
Medical Assists	5
Assist to Other Agencies	7
Fireworks Complaint	2
Neighbor Trouble Complaints	3
Citizen Assists	3
Traffic Crashes	4
Welfare Checks	1
Property / Business Checks	14
Road Hazards.	2
Suspicious Circumstances	2
911 Hang Ups	2
Found Property	1
Alarms	2
Miscellaneous Complaints	3
Parking Complaints	1

Imlay City PD weekly report

7/13/2026

NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE.	Property Damage Traffic Crash
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE.	Civil Matter
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Assist Motorist
S ALMONT AVE.	Ordinance Violation
MAIN ST.	Ordinance Violation
MAIN ST.	Ordinance Violation
NEWARK RD	Citizen Assist
TITUS ST.	Assist Fire Department

7/14/2026

MORRICE BLVD	Alarm
E THIRD ST	Found Property
BLACKS CORNERS RD&ATTICA RD	Suspicious Circumstances
S ALMONT AVE&E SECOND ST	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
N ALMONT AVE&E FIFTH ST.	Citizen Assist
METCALF ST	Assault/ Battery
S ALMONT AVE.	Alarm
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Assist Fire Department

7/15/2026

WALKER ST&MAPLE VISTA ST	Citizen Assist
SEVENTH ST	Family Trouble
BLACKS CORNERS ROAD &E FOURTH ST.	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST&ENGLE ST.	Traffic Stop
PALMER ST&S ALMONT AVE.	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Citizen Assist
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N. CEDAR ST.	Property Check
S. CEDAR ST.	Property Check
W FIFTH ST	Neighborhood Trouble
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
W FIRST ST	Ordinance Violation
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
MAIN ST.	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST&E FIRST ST.	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
MAPLE VISTA ST	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST.	Alarm
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
MORRICE BLVD	Alarm
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
NEWARK RD&S CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop

7/16/2026

N BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST	Traffic Stop
W SIXTH ST.	Medical Assist
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
ATTICA RD&N BLACKS CORNERS RD	Traffic Stop
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST	Traffic Stop
N. CEDAR ST	Property Check
S ALMONT AVE&STOLDT AVE	Traffic Stop
E BORLAND RD&S CEDAR ST	Found Property
S VAN DYKE RD&ROSS RD	Traffic Offense
W FOURTH ST&N BLACKS CORNERS RD	Traffic Stop
W FOURTH ST	Citizen Assist
CAMBRIDGE LN&N BLACKS CORNERS RD	Traffic Stop
HICKORY LN	Damage to Property
E THIRD ST&MAIN ST.	Animal Complaint
E FOURTH ST	Peace Officer Duties
WILLOW LN.	Ordinance Violation
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Complaint / Commercial Vehicle Inspection
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
S BLACKS CORNERS RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
S. CEDAR ST	Property Check
N. CEDAR ST	Property Check

7/17/2026

S CEDAR ST.	Citizen Assist
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
N BLACKS CORNERS RD&W FOURTH ST	Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD	Traffic Stop
N ALMONT AVE&E THIRD ST	Property Damage Traffic Crash
NEWARK RD	Citizen Assist
S VAN DYKE RD&HUNTERS CREEK RD.	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST.	Medical Assist
NORLIN DR.	Property Check
N. CEDAR ST	Property Check

7/18/2026

STOLDT AVE&S ALMONT AVE	Traffic Stop
NORLIN DR	Citizen Assist
BLACKS CORNERS RD&ATTICA RD	Area Check
E BORLAND RD&S ALMONT AVE	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE&E SECOND ST	Traffic Stop
HICKORY LN	Damage to Property
BLACKS CORNERS RD&ATTICA RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
NEWARK RD	Citizen Assist
S ALMONT AVE.	Alarm

7/19/2026

N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD	Traffic Stop
BANCROFT ST.	Peace Officer Duties
S ALMONT AVE&NEWARK RD	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop
W FOURTH ST.	Citizen Assist
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
E THIRD ST	Peace Officer Duties
NORLIN DR	Alarm
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD	Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE.	Welfare Check
E THIRD ST	Citizen Assist
N CEDAR ST	Traffic Stop

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

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@imlaycityamazinggrace.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 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

FREE CORN ROAST at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church 4538 Dryden Road Dryden on Saturday, August 1 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free corn on the cob, hot dogs and desserts, car show, games, face painting, music, garden tours, hayrides, and more. Please join

us.

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.

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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. 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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Support for 4CCF’s scholarship program

Over 200 students awarded nearly \$1 million

Editor’s note: The following press release was submitted by Four County Community Foundation regarding their scholarship program that recognized the work of over 200 students.

TRI-CITY AREA — Four County Community Foundation's (4CCF) scholarship cycle saw continued growth in 2025-26.

A total of 217 students were awarded more than \$950,000 in funds including several new funds that made their first awards in 2026.

The Pond Guy made three awards for Armada High School seniors with strong work experience. The John D. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship, created by the Imlay City Eagles Club and open to any Michigan student studying agriculture, handed out five awards while the Kenneth A. Monicatti Scholarship recognized two Romeo seniors.

Growth was also realized in the newly launched Trade School Scholarship offering which, to date, has made \$43,000 in awards.

Donors have dedicated both new and existing dollars to this program that features a shorter application with no deadline.

Among this year's recipients are Capac, Almont and Imlay City students pursuing careers in electrical services, welding, diesel mechanics, electric vehicle technology, commercial shipping and sonography.

Some of the awards are being applied to tuition and related fees, while other are using the dollars to purchase laptops and other technology or tools needed for

apprenticeships.

"We pride ourselves on being relevant to our communities. There is no better way to demonstrate that than by supporting individuals pursuing careers in the skilled trades," said 4CCF Executive Director Kathy Dickens.

"Because trades programs don't always follow a traditional academic calendar, we're proud to offer scholarship opportunities when they're most relevant to our applicants - helping them take the next step when the time is right."

Funds are still available through the Trade School portal for recent graduates of Almont, Dryden and Romeo high schools, thanks to the Koerner Family Foundation, who donated additional funds specific to trades students.

To start the application process visit <https://www.4ccf.org/scholarships/apply/>.

The Foundation is home to more than 80 scholarships that mainly serve students within their service area -Almont, Armada, Capac, Dryden, Imlay City, Oxford, Richmond and Romeo - plus other regional and state-wide awards.

Interested in learning more about starting a scholarship fund? Reach out to Kathy Dickens at kdickens@4ccf.org or (810) 798-0909.

Four County Community Foundation is committed to serving the current and emerging needs of our local community.

The foundation serves portions of Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb and Oakland counties. To learn more about Four County Community Foundation, visit www.4ccf.org or call (810) 798-0909.



Hugh Camire, Aubree Akers, Cierra Helzer, Samuel Schneider and Diego Bolanos were among Capac High School’s scholarship recipients in 2026.

Obituaries

~ Nancy DeVriendt, 85 ~

Nancy DeVriendt, age 85, formerly of Dryden, Michigan died Saturday, July 18, 2026 at United Hospice Service of Marlette. Nancy Lou Fox was born November 25, 1940 in Kingston, MI. She was the daughter of the late Arthur Fox and Margaret (Wilcox) Fox. Nancy grew up in Kings Mill. She attended North Branch and Lapeer High Schools and was a graduate of Lapeer High School. Nancy continued her education at Mott Community College in Flint, MI. She married Arthur Rene DeVriendt in Detroit, MI on July 18, 1964 and they enjoyed 45 years of marriage together.

She worked at the Lapeer County Courthouse as a magis-



trate clerk for 20 years. Nancy also was an accountant for Almont Manufacturing Grey Iron Foundry in Imlay City for over 10 years. In her free time, she enjoyed shopping, walking and traveling with friends. One of her favorite trips was to Alaska. She loved her grandchildren. Nancy was in a RV camping group with

her granddaughters Leah and Brooklyn.

Nancy is survived by her sons, Christopher (Natalee) DeVriendt of Otter Lake, MI, Michael (Jamie Gunn) DeVriendt of Imlay City, MI; brother, Ray Fox of Lapeer, MI; and her grandchildren, Joshua DeVriendt, Killian DeVriendt, Leah Viau, Brooklyn Mickail and Malia DeVriendt. Nancy was preceded in death by: her daughter Sheri DeVriendt, husband Arthur DeVriendt, and sister Lydia Fox.

The funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 N. Main Street, Imlay City, MI 48444.

Reverend Ronald Rouse, pastor of Dryden Methodist Church, will be officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Dryden, MI. The visitation for the family will be 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2026 and all others are invited to visit from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Imlay City.

Arrangements were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 N. Main Street, Imlay City, MI 48444. Please be sure to sign our online register book at www.muirbrothersfh.com to share memories and condolences with the DeVriendt family.

~ Donna Jean Schonfeld, 93 ~

Donna Jean Schonfeld, age 93, of Bay City, Michigan died Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Carriage House of Bay City. Donna Jean Schultz was born October 12, 1932 in Imlay City, MI. She is the daughter of the late Fred and the late Viola (Werth) Schultz. Donna grew up in Imlay City, MI and was a graduate of Imlay City High School. She married Marvin Charles Schonfeld on July 23, 1951 in Angola, Indiana.

Donna was a stay at home mom but also worked outside the home as a bookkeeper at Dorothy Person’s Boutique for several years. Summer vacations were a big part of her life, especially spending time in Upper Michigan with family. She was a member of Bay City Eagles Club 1010, often enjoying the weekends dancing to the polka bands.

Surviving Donna are



her daughters; Debra (Paul) Nichol and Lori (Mark) Gerard. Eight grandchildren; Chad (Suzette) Schmidt, Heather (Jack) Titus, Tiffany (Matt) Moyer, Ryan LaBrie, Christopher (Kristin) LaBrie, Matthew (Lori) LaBrie, Aaron (Jenna) Gerard, Courtney Gerard. Thirteen Great Grandchildren; Hayden, Collin, Nicholas, Emma, Landon, Reyna, MaKenna, Kyleigh, Cadince, Kendall, Ryker, Jason and Tyler. Her sister, Janet Schultz

Black and brother-in-law, Keith Black, son-in-law, Dave Fakler, and family friend John Dwyer. Donna was preceded in death by; her husband, Marvin Schonfeld and daughter, Carol Schmidt.

The family would like to thank the Carriage House staff and McLaren Hospice for their excellent care of Donna. According to Donna's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private burial will take

place at Imlay City Cemetery. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution, may direct them to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 N. Main Street, Imlay City, MI 48444. Please be sure to sign our online register book at www.muirbrothersfh.com to share memories and condolences with the Schonfeld family.

Almont PD weekly report

ALMONT — Here is the weekly report for the Village of Almont as well as the Township for the week of 7/13/26 – 7/19/26. We had a total of 114 calls for service.

CALLS OF INTEREST

Traffic Stops.	39 stops with 11 citations issued
Animal Complaints	1
Alarms	4
Driving While License Suspended	1
Misdemeanor Arrest.	1
Welfare Check	2
Property Checks.	17
Traffic Complaints.	6
Medical Assists.	10
Road Hazards.	6
Assist to Fire Department	5
911 hang Ups.	3
Assist to Other Agencies	2
Peace Officer Complaints	1
Miscellaneous Complaints.	2
Abandon Auto Complaints	1
Citizen Assists	3
Assault Complaints	2
Family Trouble Complaints.	2
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Neighbor Trouble Complaints.	2
Accidental Property Damage Complaints	1

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Legal Announcements

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF July 8, 2026 SYNOPSIS

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor McLellan. Present were: Supervisor McLellan, Treasurer Mason, Trustee Winslow and Trustee Herpolsheimer.

A text amendment to the Attica Township Zoning Ordinance regarding data centers was approved.

Budget amendments for fiscal year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 were approved.

Attica Township Fire Department Bi-Laws were approved.

Resolution 2026-02, Semco Energy ordinance was approved.

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

Valerie Schultz
Attica Township Clerk
29-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LAPEER NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
File No.: 26-042399-DE
JUDGE DENIS J. MCCARTHY
Estate of Margaret Adele Gettel. Date of birth: March 16, 1942.

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Margaret Adele Gettel died February 5, 2026.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to David Skeberdis, 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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ALMONT TOWNSHIP ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS JULY 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Gary Groesbeck at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan 48003.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Krauss, Treasurer Streeter, Trustees Chriss, Dodge, Eschenburg, and Sweers. The following actions were taken: 1. Approved amended consent agenda, 2. Adopted SEMCO Franchise Agreement Ordinance, 3. Acknowledged withdrawal of Blakes' Rezoning Application, 4. Approved Almont Homecoming Fireworks, 5. Accepted L-4029 Millage Certificate, 6. Adopted Resolution 2026-009 for NSF fees, 7. Approved installation of cross-tube on Farley Road, 8. Adopted Building Operation Guidelines as amended, 9. Tabled Solar Ordinance 10. Amended Budget FYE 2025-2026 per auditor direction 11. Changed board

meeting dates to August 17 and November 18. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Gary Groesbeck,
Township Supervisor
Bonnie Krauss, Township Clerk
29-1

ALMONT TOWNSHIP ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING SYNOPSIS JULY 13, 2026

Meeting called to order by Clerk Krauss at 9:05 a.m. at 819 N. Main Street, Almont, MI.

Members present were Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Krauss, and Treasurer Streeter. The following actions were taken: 1.) approved Minutes of May 12, 2026, as presented, 2.) approved the list of election inspectors as presented for August 4 Primary, 3.) Authorized Clerk Krauss to hire additional election inspectors as needed for August 4 Primary and November 3 General Elections, 4.) Authorized hourly pay for Township employees working elections based on precedent. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Gary Groesbeck – Supervisor
Bonnie Krauss – Clerk
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ALMONT TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ALMONT TOWNSHIP SEMCO GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE #77

On July 13, 2026, the Almont Township Board of Trustees

adopted the SEMCO Gas Franchise Ordinance granting to Southeastern Michigan Gas Company the nonexclusive right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways and other public places; and to conduct a local gas business in Almont Township; repealing any and all Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict with the Ordinance.

The full text of the Ordinance has been posted in the office of the Almont Township Clerk and on the Almont Township website. The Township Clerk's office is located at 819 North Main Street, Almont, MI 48003. The Almont Township website can be accessed at www.almonttownship.org. A copy of the Ordinance may be viewed or purchased at the office of the Almont Township Clerk during regular business hours.

The Ordinance shall become effective one day after this publication contingent upon SEMCO providing written acceptance of the Ordinance provisions.

Bonnie M. Krauss,
Almont Township Clerk
29-1

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Photo by Kevin Kissane

Imlay City's Lucas Furgerson looks to tag out an opposing base-runner in the 12U division of the CYBL Tournament in Capac.

Imlay City wins 12U title at Capac

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Imlay City 12U baseball team went 4-0 en route to a first-place finish at the CYBL All-Star Tournament in Capac this past week-

end.

The squad began their title-producing path last Saturday with a 4-3 win against Armada Tigers Select 12U.

Later that day, they picked up an 8-3 victory over Imlay City 11U.

The squad then

improved to 3-0, thanks to a 12-2 triumph against Elba Bulldogs on Sunday.

That outcome was followed by a 10-4 win over Armada Orange, leaving them with a

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Photo by Kevin Kissane

Almont outfielder Easton Reynolds throws the ball back to the infield after fielding a basehit in the 8U title encounter.

Almont 8U places second at tourney

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — The Almont 8U baseball squad obtained a second-place finish at the CYBL Tournament in Capac this past week.

Almont got their successful tournament run underway Friday with a 10-0 win against Armada All-Stars Orange.

Saturday's action saw them secure a 10-0

victory over Imlay City 8U All-Stars and a 16-15 triumph against Elba 8U All-Stars.

They then followed those outcomes up Sunday with an 18-1 win over Imlay City Blue and a 15-14 loss to Armada 8U Black, leaving them with a second to show for their efforts.

Easton Reynolds, Sawyer Morgan, Owen Howard, Carson Ball, Trent Jackson, Dax

Mergogey, Wyatt Laatz, Finley Morgan, Preston Shkreli, Heinrich Geiger, Lucas Little and Beckett Sosek helped make Almont's second-place finish possible. They were guided to that showing by head coach Adam Little along with assistant coaches Travis Jackson and Matt Mergogey.

With their showing, Almont watches an 11-4 season draw to a close.



Photo by Kevin Kissane

The Almont 8U baseball team took second at the CYBL Tournament recently. Their ranks include Easton Reynolds, Sawyer Morgan, Owen Howard, Carson Ball, Trent Jackson, Dax Mergogey, Wyatt Laatz, Finley Morgan, Preston Shkreli, Heinrich Geiger, Lucas Little and Beckett Sosek plus coaches Adam Little, Travis Jackson and Matt Mergogey.

Spartans excel at Summer Showdown

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Imlay City volleyball squad claimed a top-four showing out of a 38-team Aquinas Summer Showdown last Friday.

In pool play, Imlay City started things off with a two-game sweep of Lake City. That was

followed by a split with Big Rapids and a win against Comstock Park.

Those outcomes landed Imlay City a spot in the Gold Bracket, consisting of the top-eight squads.

It was there Imlay City posted a quarter-final sweep against Fremont.

Imlay City squared off versus Lakeview

next. Their semifinal confrontation drew to a close with Lakeview prevailing.

Roslyn Bruman, Kaylee Brown, Lyla Russell, Kendall Jones, Allie Vermonter, Millie Craven, Evelyn Robertson, Mia Zepeda, Mia-Ann Grapentin and Bella O'Malley made Imlay City's strong showing possible.



Photo provided

The Imlay City volleyball team excelled at the Aquinas Summer Showdown recently. They are front (L to R) Roslyn Bruman, Kaylee Brown, Lyla Russell, Kendall Jones and Allie Vermonter; and back Millie Craven, Evelyn Robertson, Mia Zepeda, Mia-Ann Grapentin and Bella O'Malley.

Edge 12U claims tournament title

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — The Edge 12U softball squad went 7-0, paving the way to a first-place finish at the 15-team USSSA Beach Bash Tournament in Holland recently.

The squad started things off Friday, July 10 with an 8-2 win against Detroit Prospects Palo/Peiffer 12U and a 9-3 victory over Tri-Valley Twisters 12U.

They then posted a 10-4 triumph against Michigan Rebels Peters 12U and a 13-4 win over Cards Fastpitch 12U on Saturday, July 11.

Edge 12U followed it up Sunday, July 12 with an 8-1 victory against Hitting Center Legacy Grimsley 12U; a 10-6 triumph over GR Diamonds 12U VanLangen; and a 6-5 win against Elite 12U Bertoia (rallying from a 5-0 deficit to prevail on a walkoff in

the sixth inning).

Ashlyn Schoen (Almont), Kara Branson (Waterford), Clare Marshall (Goodrich), Riley Phillips (Oakland Township), Nevada Eads (Imlay City), Breann Syts (Almont), Mila Mathie (Oxford), Reese Rapp (Shelby Township), Adelaide Rivard (Oxford), Tess Nowacki (Oxford) formed Edge 12U's first place squad. They were coached by Jessica Branson, Tom Schoen and Brad Nowacki.



Photo provided

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



The Almont 10U baseball team took second at the CYBL Tourney. They are front (L to R) Eli Nicotri, Dylan Claey's, Evan McKinney, Ethan Gebauer and Orlando Castillo; middle Christian Wentworth, Marshall Bialas, John Haula, Landon Morgan, Lincoln Walker and Granger Griffin; and back coaches Pete Nicotri, John Haula and Rob McKinney.

Almont 10U takes second at Capac

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — The Almont 10U baseball team posted a 3-2 mark, good for second place at the CYBL All-Star Tournament in Capac this past week.

Almont started things off with a 19-1 loss to Capac on Friday. Saturday's action saw them bounce back with a 10-7 win over Imlay City 9U and a 5-3 victory against Imlay City 10U. They then followed

that up with a 14-8 triumph over Armada 10U and a 5-4 setback to Elba Bulldogs on Sunday. Eli Nicotri, Dylan Claey's, Evan McKinney, Ethan Gebauer, Orlando Castillo, Christian

Wentworth, Marshall Bialas, John Haula, Landon Morgan, Lincoln Walker and Granger Griffin helped make Almont's second-place finish possible. They were coached by Pete Nicotri, John Haula and Rob McKinney.



The Imlay City 12U baseball team won the CYBL Tourney. They are front (L to R) Nolan Parrot, Ben Creamer, Lucas Furgerson, Colton Ailor and Grant Maier; middle Hayden Elwart, Hunter Elwart, Hayden Wilcox, Mason Grover, Noah Hansen, Myles Lakawskas and Wyatt Reif; and back coaches Scott Parrot, Shane Ailor and Nick Furgerson.

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first-place finish to show

for their efforts, Nolin Parrot, Ben Creamer, Lucas Furgerson, Colton Ailor, Grant Maier, Hayden

Elwart, Hunter Elwart, Hayden Wilcox, Mason Grover, Noah Hansen, Myles Lakawskas and Wyatt Reif comprised

their championship roster. They were coached by Scott Parrot, Shane Ailor and Nick Furgerson.

Almont welcomes Malburg as coach

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — The Almont varsity boys' basketball team will start the 2026-27 campaign with Joe Malburg III as their new head coach.

Malburg is a lifelong northern Macomb County resident, born and raised in Ray Township and a graduate of Romeo High School. He brings 24 years of coaching experience at all levels of basketball, including youth, AAU, middle school, freshman, junior varsity and varsity.

Over his coaching career, coach Malburg has amassed over 200 career wins across all high school levels and has served eight seasons as a varsity level coach. He also has been a part of five league championships and three district titles during his time at Romeo High School from 2003-2011. Malburg is no stranger to the Almont basketball program. From 2016-2018 he

served as their junior varsity basketball head coach while leading them to a 35-5 mark over that stretch.

He also served as an assistant varsity coach for the 2017 Almont varsity boys' basketball squad that claimed BWAC and district championships.

Since his first stint at Almont, Malburg has continued to build his coaching resume. That span saw him hold down jobs as Rochester Adams varsity girls' basketball coach, Parkway Christian varsity girls' basketball coach and most recently as a coach at Utica Henry Ford II.

"This is an opportunity I have been waiting for many years," Malburg commented. "I could not be more proud and excited to wear the orange and black and represent Raider nation once again," he noted.



Malburg

Kozak set to guide Almont wrestling

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — When the 2026-27 campaign starts in a few months from now, Almont will have someone new instructing their grapplers. That is because Gerry Kozak has been named the new varsity wrestling coach.

He takes over the assignment from Chis Loomis, who stepped down from the post at the completion of the 2025-26 campaign. Kozak has served as the Almont Middle School wrestling coach for the past four years and brings with him a strong background in

the sport as a former high school wrestler and MHSAA wrestling referee. He has spent many years in the community through AYBA Baseball as well as an assistant with Almont Youth Football.

Gerry is deeply connected to the Almont community. He and his wife have four children, all of whom attend Almont schools. Professionally, he serves as Clinic Director at Doctors of Physical Therapy in downtown Almont.



Kozak

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Almont junior soccer standout Nora Yarborough claimed a spot on the honorable mention portion of the Div. 3 All-State lineup recently. For her effort, Yarborough earns our Girls' Athlete of the Week honor.



Almont sophomore baseball standout Brock Murphy posted a .348 average this past spring. For his effort, Murphy claims our Boys' Athlete of the Week honor.

Arnold second at Motor City Triathlon

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — Former Almont track standout Rebecca Measel, who went on to compete collegiately at Wayne State University, turned in an outstanding showing at the Detroit-based Motor City

Triathlon on Saturday, June 21. She competed in the Olympic Triathlon event (1500 meter swim, 40 kilometer bike and 10 kilometer run) that day. It was there Arnold, who was making her triathlon debut, crossed the finish-line 2:28:45 after the race got underway,

paving the way to a second overall. Stephanie Trepanier, of Windsor, Ontario, won the race, with a time of 2:19:23.

Elk Rapids competitor Bethany Bartlett rounded out the top-three overall finishers that day. She stopped the watch at 2:28:52.



Rebecca Arnold takes time out for a photo after claiming a second place overall finish at the Motor City Triathlon recently.



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Macie Stine delivers a pitch to home plate during a game this summer.

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Stine, Brown help squad to a strong finish at Stingray Showcase Tourney

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The T2 National Goleski softball squad, which counts Imlay City’s Macie Stine and Addison Brown among their ranks, secured a top-four showing at Ohio Stingray Showcase Powerplay Tournament recently.

The team began tournament play Friday, July 10 with an 8-2 pool play setback to TPA from Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. Later that day, T2 National Goleski bounced back with a 4-2 win against Ohio Stingrays (Plain City, Ohio).

They then picked up an 8-2 victory over Colorado Stars (Bloomfield, Colorado)

and wound up with a 4-4 outcome against Rock Gold Virginia (Fairfax, Virginia) on Saturday, July 11.

In the latter contest, Stine threw out two base runners from her position at catcher.

That left them second at the conclusion of pool play.

T2 National Goleski then followed it up Sunday, July 12 with a favorable 5-4 verdict against Ohio Storm National (North Canton, Ohio).

There T2 National Goleski outlasted their foe in the international tiebreaker.

The team posted a

6-2 win over Finesse (Michigan) later that day.

T2 National Goleski then wrapped up tournament play with a 7-6 setback to Ohio Stingrays.

In that matchup, T2 National Goleski jumped out to a 5-0 advantage only to see their opponent rally for the win.

Stine finished the tournament with four singles and a double in 17 at bats.

She also contributed three RBI to T2 National Goleski’s cause.

Brown managed four singles in 15 at bats while collecting three RBI.

Schriber helps team to a top finish

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Freedom Fastpitch 16U softball squad, which lists Imlay City’s Faith Schriber on its roster, fashioned a 4-1 mark on the way to a first-place showing at an NSA Summer Showdown in Grand Blanc recently.

The team began their tournament path Friday, July 10 with a 3-1 loss to ICE Fastpitch 15U Murchie.

Later that day, Freedom Fastpitch bounced back with a 13-1 win against Raptors 16U.

Freedom Fastpitch 16U then picked up 4-1 victory over Rebels 15U on Saturday, July 11.



Photo provided

Freedom Fastpitch, which includes Imlay City’s Faith Schriber (back fourth from left) won the NSA Summer Showdown in Grand Blanc recently.

The team followed it up Sunday, July 12 against Jags Fastpitch 16U and a 10-3 win over Michigan Classics Knapp 16U, assuring themselves of a top tournament placing.



Photo provided

Imlay City’s Isabella Aune, shown here during a recent race, won her age group of the Volkslaufe Half Marathon in Frankenmuth.

Aune is age group champ at race

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — Imlay City’s Isabella Aune went the distance at the Frankenmuth-based Volkslaufe Half Marathon on Saturday, July 4.

Competing in the women’s 24-29 age group, Aune pulled up first with a clocking of 2:00.38.

That left her 24th of 97 female finishers.

She also ranked 113th out of 294 overall finishers that day.

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Rural Lifestyles

Capac FFA kids off to good start at the fair



Capac FFA took nine lambs and eight turkeys to the fair this year. They also have swine entries that will show on Wednesday.

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

GOODELLS — The 2026 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair has gotten off to a good start for the exhibitors with entries from the Capac FFA.

Turkeys and sheep

were first up for judging on Monday, with the Capac kids excelling in the show ring. It was the first year of showing turkeys for the Capac club.

Margaux Camire was all smiles as she was crowned Grand Champion for her breeding sheep entry.



Margaux Camire was all smiles as she was named Grand Champion after showing her breeding sheep entry. The Capac FFA is entered in several classes at the fair this year.



Capac FFA member Hunter Richardson, and his turkey entry, earned a couple of ribbons in the show ring. It was the first year for showing turkeys for Capac FFA.

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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