

Road Crew Finds Human Remains in Pine River Twp

Michael MacDonald
Herald Editor

Skeletal human remains were found around noon last Tuesday on a steep embankment near the U.S. 127 overpass at Michigan Avenue in Pine River Township after Gratiot County Road Commission workers spotted them during routine maintenance.

Gratiot County Sheriff Tom Clark told The Herald the remains appeared to have been there for some time and were largely intact, with most of the bones recovered at the scene, including teeth.

Investigators also located what appeared to be the area where the body had decomposed before it

possibly slid or was dragged farther down the bank by an animal.

The Sheriff's Office responded to the scene with assistance from the Michigan State Police, and the remains were taken to the Genesee County Medical Examiner's Office for further examination.

No personal items were recovered that could help identify the individual, according to Clark. Deputies did find some clothing near the remains, including shoes, what appeared to be jogging pants and possibly a T-shirt, though the garments were heavily weathered.

"There were no obvious signs of foul play," Clark said.

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Human remains were found Tuesday, April 7, on a steep embankment near the U.S. 127 overpass at Michigan Avenue in Pine River Township.



Janet Flegel

OFF TO A HOT START: St. Louis softball opened its season last week with a double-header sweep of Grayling, winning 15-0 and 21-5. Freshman Emma Pavlik (above) went 3-for-4 with a home run in the opener and earned the win from the circle in game 2. Look for varsity spring sports team photos and schedules on pages 14-23.



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Gratiot ATHENA Award Goes to Bannister Healthcare Leader



Tammy Terrell, left, received the Gratiot County ATHENA Leadership award last Thursday, April 9, during a Celebration Luncheon at the Masonic Pathways Doig Chapel in Alma. Dr. Stephany Slaughter, right, last year's recipient, presented the honor.

Michael MacDonald
Herald Editor

Gratiot County's newest ATHENA recipient is a woman whose career has stretched from bedside nursing to top administrative roles in healthcare, while also reaching into schools and volunteer work across the community.

Tammy Terrell, of Bannister, received the honor last Thursday during a Celebration Luncheon at Masonic Pathways Doig Chapel in Alma.

The ATHENA Leadership Award honors individuals who excel in their profession, contribute to their communities and help women achieve leadership potential. Locally, the recognition has been presented annually since 1992.

Terrell is a lifelong county resident and longtime leader at MyMichigan Health. She began her career 42 years ago as a staff nurse in the emergency department

at what was then Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma, and later moved into system-wide management and director positions, including vice president of nursing and chief nursing officer. She retired in 2025 after having served as senior operations administrator.

Her nominator, Glenn King, vice president and chief administrative officer for MyMichigan Medical Centers in Alma, Clare and Mt. Pleasant, described Terrell's career path as the work of a respected leader whose influence reached well beyond the medical field.

"Tammy has a leadership style that is so intrinsic to who she is," King said. "It has made her so highly respected by her peers, the teams she's led, and her community."

King pointed to the way Terrell approaches her work with a consistent focus on those around her.

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Wedding Comedy Opens Next Week at Strand Theatre

Chelsea Sherlock
Herald Correspondent

The Gratiot County Players cordially invite the community to attend their production of “Dearly Beloved” April 24-26 and May 1-3. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Wedding gifts are not required.

The play is a comedy centered around the chaos that ensues as the three sisters, with the help of the small town of Fayro, Texas, work to pull off Tina Jo Futrelle’s wedding. Southern accents and jokes abound as the siblings feud with each other, and things continue to go wrong.

Tickets can be purchased at The Strand Theater in Alma or online gcpicketsalma.ludus.com. While there are two smooches, the show is family-friendly and has a fast pace with jokes throughout.

“If you’re looking for something funny and a good time, just a fun date night out or something like that, this play is so funny, and all the actors and actresses are absolutely amazing,” said Rachel Barnum who plays Frankie Futrelle Dubberly, the mother of the bride.

While Barnum has acted before, she is one of many in the cast who are newcomers to the stage.

Nate Smith, plays Dub Dubberly, the father of the bride. While he has performed in the mystery dinner theater at Saravilla Bed & Breakfast, he said he hasn’t done a full play before, and his last time on a stage was in a band during his 20s. Seeing his children in school productions and the Player’s summer youth theater program inspired him to audition.

Marisa Ryan told the Herald this is her first time acting and she’s enjoyed having her children come and watch rehearsals and hopes they’re inspired by it. A St. Louis resident, she plays Twink Futrelle. “A highlight has been making



Cast members rehearse a scene from “Dearly Beloved,” the Gratiot County Players comedy opening Friday, April 24, at the Strand Theatre in Alma.

lots of new friends throughout the production and being coached on how to go through stage prep, blocking, and learning lines,” she said .

Cassandra Scott, who plays the five-time divorced Honey Rate Futrelle, was also inspired by her children who resparked her childhood dream of being an actress.

“I feel like when you become a parent, you’re reminded of you as a youth and some of those things that you either pushed away or chose a different path, and you’re like, ‘you know, I actually did want to do that,’” said Scott, who lives in Alma. She was in last year’s production of “The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever.”

Leading the cast and crew is first-time director Tiffany Martinez. Martinez has acted and been in the crew for past Gratiot County Players’ performances for four years and worked closely with assistant director Claudia McLoughlin.

The pair wanted to do a comedy to appeal to a larger crowd and to have a larger cast since the season’s other shows had small casts. “Dearly Beloved” was recommended to them by Scott Messing, who they had worked with before.

“What I have enjoyed so much is at the beginning, as we would rehearse these scenes, the cast was in stitches,” said McLoughlin. “Honest to God. We just were in tears... I was afraid that reading it, it wasn’t as funny as it is being performed, and that’s a credit to the actors. They know what to do with it, so that’s one big joy I’ve had in this process.

Martinez praised the way the performers have thrown themselves into the production.

“With these actors, they are not afraid to lean into the physical comedy of the show and the slapstick humor,” she said. “It might be silly, and they’re just so gung-ho ready to do that.”

McLoughlin thanked the Alma

Community Art Center for hosting their first few rehearsals while the Strand Theater ceiling was being repaired, part of ongoing maintenance and improvements the organization is working on and came as a result of a series of fundraisers.

“The outpouring of support from the Gratiot County community has been amazing as we have completed these upgrades,” said GCP Board Vice President Stephanie Leppien. “We would like to say a very big ‘thank you!’ to everyone for that support - Gratiot County Players could not exist without you!”

Ryan also credited the role local backing plays in keeping productions going.

“It’s great to have a theater that’s been running so long, and without the support of the community, we wouldn’t be able to have things like this. So, I encourage the community involvement so we can continue to have a vibrant theater,” she said.

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As of Herald presstime Tuesday, the sheriff was still waiting on key findings from the medical examiner, including whether the remains were male or female, an approximate age or size, and how long the person may have been there.

“Our detectives are working very, very hard on trying to find area missing people, maybe from surrounding counties, that it could be,” Clark said. “But unfortunately, there’s nothing there yet that they’ve been able to identify and lead us to a potential victim.”

Clark noted his priority is identifying the person and giving answers to loved ones

“What I hope that we can do is bring some closure to that family that’s missing this person,” he said. “That’s my number one goal.

The case surfaces less than a year after another body was found in the township. In that investigation, a farmer discovered 43-year-old Jenny Weir of Clare County in a cornfield along Alger Road north of M-46 on May 3, 2025.

Authorities said Weir had been reported missing Feb. 26 after she was last seen leaving MyMichigan Medical Center Alma on foot Feb. 19 following a visit with a patient. She was later identified, and investigators said foul play was not suspected, though toxicology results were pending at the time.

Social media discussion about the latest discovery also turned to other unresolved disappearances in Michigan, with some commenters pointing to the long-unresolved case of Glenn “Lenny” Hustin Jr. of Middleton.

Hustin was 30 when he was last seen at his residence on North Caroline Street in Middleton on Feb. 5, 2001. He had been dropped off there by a co-worker after working at Fulton Country Corners, but never showed up for work the next day. His apartment was later found intact, with no evidence of foul play, and clean laundry still

sitting by the door.

Two weeks later, his blue bicycle was found abandoned in Ithaca.

Hustin had been scheduled to testify a week after his disappearance in a criminal case involving his landlord and employer, who had been charged with larceny of a firearm and assault.

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County Weighs Community Development Overhaul

Rosemary Horvath
Herald Correspondent

Gratiot County’s offer to assist townships in tackling blight enforcement and potential prosecution was good in theory but fell short in execution.

After targeting program shortcomings, County Administrator Tim Dolehanty won support from commissioners last week to consider restructuring the Community Development department at the April 21 meeting.

“Framework is outstanding having our communities working together from the same ordinance,” Dolehanty said. “It’s an excellent structure that should work.”

However, its pitfall is lack of resources committed to do the job. “It’s as simple as that,” he said.

His initial proposal separates duties of the director who currently oversees building inspections, planning and zoning, and maintenance.

Dolehanty suggested increasing funding to hire more personnel, and rewriting job descriptions.

Originally, the intergovernmental blight agreement was for a township to pay \$2,000 annually to have the county investigate two blight violations per year, and prosecute, if necessary.

A township supervisor was to determine which blight complaint would be forwarded for a county investigation.

For example, according to the 2024 annual report, Fulton

submitted one violation, Summer, three, and New Haven, two.

At recent county board meetings, Fulton Township Supervisor Bob Baxter criticized the county’s Community Development department over what he described as a lack of oversight and communication.

Last week, Dolehanty apologized and told commissioners the county department should respond to a township even when there is no update to provide.

“If just a letter, there must be communication,” he said.

He also called the two-case annual enforcement limit “problematic.”

“We cannot say we will enforce the blight ordinance twice and then we are done,” Dolehanty said. “You can’t do that.”

Dolehanty said one of the main problems is staffing. He also noted the county must follow state law that limits building inspection revenue to building inspection purposes.

“Revenue from inspections cannot be used for anything else,” he said. “It must be used for building inspections.”

He said that revenue has been co-mingled with other funds and listed additional department issues he plans to address in his proposal.

Commissioner George Bailey backed Dolehanty’s proposal, saying he regularly hears complaints from townships he represents. Chairman Dave Owens agreed, noting spring often brings more visible blight complaints.

In other business, Yeo & Yeo auditor Ali Barnes reported

a clean audit opinion and said the county’s audit results were filed with the state on time. She credited the Woodhill Group and Finance Director Todd Moeggenborg for their work.

General Fund revenue totaled \$18.4 million, while expenditures came in at \$17.9 million. Barnes also said several accounts, including secondary road patrol, were moved back under the General Fund rather than remain separate.

She said the county remains in a positive financial position.

Equalization Director Keegan Bengel also presented the county’s 2025-26 Equalization Report. He reported assessed agricultural value at \$1,291,434,000; residential at \$1,176,897,413; personal property at \$666,347,480; commercial at \$184,962,173; and industrial at \$72,530,000.

Bengel noted some solar arrays fall under the PILT Act, under which a company pays a township a flat annual fee instead of property taxes. Because of that, those solar facilities are not included in the assessment totals.

Dolehanty also reported the county received one bid to farm 125.4 acres on county airport property. Stone Fence Organics LLC, of 1245 W. Washington Road, submitted the top bid for a five-year contract beginning in 2026 at \$6,300 annually. According to its website, the farm produces squash, pumpkins, green beans, corn and pickles.

Dolehanty said he will prepare a lease agreement for the board chairman to sign.

Festival of Steel Returns to St. Louis This Saturday

Megan Neeley
Herald Correspondent

The sounds of steel drums will again fill the gymnasium at St. Louis High School this Saturday, April 18, as the 26th annual Festival of Steel returns with student ensembles, guest artists, community performers and a finale expected to bring roughly 120 players together on one stage.

The show begins at 6 p.m., doors open at 5:15 p.m., and tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

For band director Stephen Lawhorne, the concert has long been about more than putting on another school performance.

He built the St. Louis event from ideas he gathered while attending other festivals, then shaped it into a production. What started as an idea years ago has grown into one of the school’s signature music events.

“I just started writing down the stuff I liked about every festival I had gone to and decided that the next year I was going to host a festival,” he said. “I thought it was going to be successful, and it was. We’re not doing it the same way now as we did then, but the idea is still the same.”

This year’s program will bring bands from 10 schools to St. Louis, along with community steel drum groups, school staff and student ensembles, and a professional backing band. Returning guest Tracy Thornton, a longtime collaborator who has been part of the festival since its early years, is again among the featured artists. Las Vegas-based educator and YouTube creator Tyler Swick is also set to appear.

Lawhorne told The Herald the setup introduced last year, including full professional lighting and sound, will return for this year’s concert.

That addition changed the feel of the show, especially once the gym fills and the mass band takes over.

“The lights went great last year, and now everybody’s a little more comfortable knowing what it’s like,” Lawhorne mentioned, noting the show continues to improve each year as it builds on previous years.

The event is known as much for its force as for its musicianship. Lawhorne has said he has never needed a decibel meter to know what the room sounds like when dozens of pans are going at once.

“It is louder than a jet,” he said. “It’s so loud you can feel it. If you’ve ever been to a rock concert, it would be like standing on the floor in front of the speakers.”

Another piece that has helped define the festival is the community band, which opens the door to people who have never played before.

“You don’t have to be able to read music, you don’t have to have any musical back-



The 26th annual Festival of Steel returns to St. Louis High School on Saturday, April 18, featuring about 120 student musicians, guest artists and community performers from across the region.

ground. You can just be shown how to play the instrument,” Lawhorne said.

Community players rehearse in the days leading up to the concert, then take the floor during the program. That setup has helped turn the event from a school concert into something closer to a local tradition, with residents joining students and visiting musicians rather than simply watching from the stands.

Lawhorne has said that local support is what keeps the production going. Funding from the Gratiot County Community Foundation, along with business donations and student fundraising, helps cover the cost each year.

“It really is a concert for the community,” he said, emphasizing the uniqueness of this production. “We just enjoy playing so much and bringing other bands to the community. There’s not another festival like this that I know of in Michigan.”

Part of what gives the night its identity is Lawhorne’s own connection to the instrument.

He has described steel pan as the instrument that reshaped how he thought about music after first falling in love with drums

as a child.

“The minute I touched one of those instruments, that was it,” Lawhorne said. “When I started playing drums in fifth grade, that was the coolest thing I’d ever done, and I wanted to do that the rest of my life. The first time I played a steel pan, that was like the second coming of the drum set. It just spoke to me.”

That feeling has reached students, too. In last year’s coverage, 2024 graduate Rachel Jewell said the festival carried an energy unlike anything else on the school calendar and described the packed gym and shared performance as a major part of its appeal.

“I miss it so much,” she said.

She also spoke about the instrument’s range and why it stayed with her after years of playing.

“I really like how versatile it is. You can play so many things on it,” she said.

Lawhorne has also said his interest goes beyond performance and into the instrument’s cultural roots. He has spoken often about the history of steel pan and the way it developed into a tuned melodic instrument in Trinidad and Tobago, where modern pan took shape in the mid-20th century. He has

noted that, compared with many wind and string instruments taught in schools, it remains relatively young.

“It’s still a very young instrument,” he said. “Compared to all of the other wind and stringed instruments, it is a baby.”

That mix of history, volume, spectacle and accessibility helps explain why the St. Louis show has lasted more than a quarter-century and why it continues to draw both returning performers and new groups. This year, that includes a first appearance by an ensemble from Toledo School for the Arts, adding a new name to a program that regularly rotates schools in and out while keeping longtime relationships intact.

Lawhorne said that variety matters, both for the musicians on stage and for the audience in the bleachers.

Each ensemble is expected to perform a short set of roughly two songs, creating a fast-moving lineup with different styles throughout the night before everyone joins together for the close. For regular attendees, that final number is the payoff. For first-timers, it is usually the moment they understand what makes Festival of Steel different from a standard band concert.

Mobile Farm Lab Visits Ithaca South Elementary

Michael MacDonald
Herald Editor

Students in kindergarten through second grade got a field trip without leaving school last week when Michigan’s FARM Science Lab rolled into Ithaca’s South Elementary for a two-day visit, giving about 230 children a hands-on lesson in how agriculture connects to everyday life.

Operated through Michigan Farm Bureau, the FARM Lab, short for Food, Agriculture and Resources in Motion, is a 40-foot mobile classroom that brings trained educators, teaching materials and interactive activities to schools across the state. Lessons are designed with a focus on STEM: science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The lab has been coming to South Elementary for a number of years. This year’s stop was paid for by the Ithaca PTO, and organized by principal Bethany Vozar.

“The students learned all about agriculture, from the seeds and plants to the animals and insects to the various jobs related to the field,” Vozar said. “It was a fun and educational learning experience for all.”

The visit also gave students a way to keep talking about what they learned after the school day ended.

“Students love when they get to take something with them from the lab, like a plant,” Vozar said. “It’s exciting for them to be able to share this at home, which then sparks a conversation.”



Michigan’s FARM Science Lab made a two-day stop at Ithaca’s South Elementary last week, where about 230 students in kindergarten through second grade took part in hands-on lessons about agriculture.

For Vozar, the experience also offered a different kind of learning environment for her young students.

“It’s exciting to experience learning in a new way outside of the classroom,” she said. “Sometimes they might not even realize that they are gaining new information because it is a new and engaging environment.”



Acting Commissioner Joe Froehlich, left, presents Ithaca Public Schools teacher Amy Hindbaugh-Marr with a Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education award check honoring her work as a K-6 STEAM educator.

Ithaca Teacher Receives Excellence in Education Award

Michael MacDonald
Herald Editor

An Ithaca Public Schools teacher was honored by the Michigan Lottery last week after being nominated by a former student who now works alongside her.

Amy Hindbaugh-Marr received the Lottery’s Excellence in Education award, which recognizes public school educators across the state and gives each weekly honoree a \$2,000 prize.

For Hindbaugh-Marr, the recognition comes during her 28th year in education and her ninth in Ithaca, where she has helped develop the district’s K-6 science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) program and outdoor education area.

Her current efforts grew out of experience following graduation from Albion College.

“I started in education as a K-2 science consultant and found it exciting to share my love of science with students, colleagues, and community members,” Hindbaugh-Marr said. “That position introduced me to the curriculum development, peer collaboration, and community connections that have fueled the rest of my teaching career and prepared me to develop our district’s STEAM program.

The nomination letter penned by her former student and unnamed colleague, described a teacher whose influence has lasted well beyond a single classroom.

“Mrs. Hindbaugh-Marr is a teacher who brings joy to every student she encounters,” the nominator wrote. “Her work in the STEAM Lab and in the classroom reflects a level of dedication and innovation that is truly exceptional. As a former student, I can personally attest to the positive impact she has.

She encouraged me to continue learning, even when I faced challenges due to learning disabilities.”

The nomination also depicted Hindbaugh-marr’s classroom as one built on kindness, curiosity and critical thinking.

“She provides a supportive and creative learning environment where students are empowered to grow both academically and personally,” it reads.

The letter also highlighted Hindbaugh-Marr’s work beyond regular instruction, including the elementary school’s after-school robotics program.

“Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Hindbaugh-Marr established the elementary school’s after-school robotics program through the FIRST LEGO League,” the nominator wrote. “Her LEGO Club is a favorite among students, combining engineering and teamwork in a fun and engaging setting. Under her guidance, students build and program robots that compete in challenges, earning points for performance, collaboration, and good sportsmanship even in the face of setbacks.”

The nomination cast that work as an example of the qualities the state honor is meant to recognize.

“Mrs. Hindbaugh-Marr consistently cultivates a learning environment filled with creativity and excellence,” it reads. “Her students have earned recognition and awards every year under her leadership. She is a remarkable educator and a powerful representation of the values that define Michigan’s commitment to excellence in education.”

Hindbaugh-Marr is now eligible for the Michigan Lottery’s Educator of the Year award, which carries an additional \$10,000 prize.

Public Notice

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Take notice that the City of Ithaca City Charter (Chapter II, Section A., 2.a.) and the International Property Maintenance Code (Section 302.4) provide that all noxious weeds and grasses be controlled to not exceed eight (8) inches of height on any property in the City of Ithaca. The codes require all property owners to keep their grasses and noxious weeds trimmed to be in compliance with these codes. Any grasses or weeds that are found to be in violation of the code(s) may be trimmed by the City if the owner has not cut the weeds and grasses after proper notification to the owner.

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Cathy Cameron, City Clerk

Veterans Honored at Alma Senior Living Community

Michael MacDonald
Herald Editor

Arbor Grove, a senior living community in Alma, recently honored two residents through a program that preserves and displays the service stories of veterans who live there.

Cecil Dwight Travis and Herb Pasch were recognized through the Wall of Honor, a life enrichment initiative used at StoryPoint senior living communities to highlight residents who served in the military. Each location has its own display featuring veterans and their personal histories.

At Arbor Grove, the display includes personalized tributes for each veteran along with hand-made wooden boards created by students from Shark Tooth Woodshop at St. Louis High School.

Travis served in the U.S. Army after being drafted. He worked as a radio repair specialist while stationed in Verdun, France, then returned home after completing

his two-year service to begin a life centered on farming and family.

Pasch served in the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1962 as an aircraft electrician. His service came during a period that included the Cuban Missile Crisis. After leaving the military, he worked as a contractor and later for a phone company, where he became known for his mechanical skill and ability to fix nearly anything.

During the dedication ceremony, veterans are recognized in front of fellow residents, staff, relatives and guests and presented with a commemorative medal. Additional copies of their tribute are also provided for display in their rooms or to share with family.

The recognition continues throughout the year, with new veteran residents added through smaller ceremonies. All veterans living in the community also are honored during an annual Veterans Day rededication ceremony.



Students from Shark Tooth Woodshop at St. Louis High School created handmade wooden plaques presented to veteran residents honored through the Wall of Honor program



Cecil Dwight Travis, left, and Herb Pasch were recently honored at Arbor Grove in Alma through the community’s Wall of Honor program, which recognizes veteran residents and preserves their military service stories.

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“Through the years, Tammy has met every new challenge as an opportunity to improve the lives of all surrounding her - patients, team members, and peers alike,” he said. “Her emotional intelligence is unmatched. She knows that the team is only strong when it works together and draws different strengths from its individuals.”

Improving patient outcomes and developing future leaders were central to Terrell’s role at MyMichigan, a commitment that extended to preparing her own replacement as chief nursing officer, Marissa Palmer.

“Tammy has exemplified excellence, creativity, and initiative in every aspect of her profession,” Palmer said. “As a former CNO, she led with vision and unwavering dedication, implementing innovative practices that improved patient outcomes and operational efficiency. Her leadership was defined by her ability to inspire and empower those around her, fostering an environment of growth and excellence within the organization.”

That leadership was tested during the COVID-19 pandemic, when Terrell served on the incident command team as conditions shifted by the day.

“With everything changing so rapidly, guidelines from CDC, supply chain concerns, personal protective equipment changes, it was a whirlwind but Tammy kept the entire health system on track with like-mindedness and like-messaging,” King said.

That work did not go unnoticed by her colleagues.

In 2020, Terrell received the Bernard E. Lorimer Award, which recognizes one MyMichigan Health employee each year who reflects the qualities of the former president

of the Midland Medical Center, including compassion, loyalty, dedication and a willingness to help others.

According to King, her calm and steady leadership during the failure of the Edenville Dam, which sent floodwaters onto the Midland hospital campus, stood as a defining example of everything the award represents.

“She spent days and nights in the medical center to ensure all patients and staff had the tools they needed to continue to provide the best patient care possible,” he said.

Terrell’s service record also includes work tied to healthcare access. In 2013, she helped open the Gratiot County Free Clinic, served on its board of directors and vol-

unteered there as a nurse. The operation provided medical, dental, pharmaceutical and mental health services at little or no cost to uninsured and underinsured residents until its closure during the pandemic.

Beyond her profession, Terrell spent years volunteering in schools and youth programs. While raising a family, she took part in parent teacher work at her children’s elementary school, helped create a nature center and later volunteered in classrooms through the Trauma Nurses Talk Tough program, which teaches students about injury prevention and unsafe behavior.

That volunteerism also extended into the farming community. As a 4-H first aid coordinator, she taught

classes on building proper first aid kits, putting nursing skills to work for the next generation of rural youth. King noted that the four H’s of 4-H - head, heart, hands and health - are values Terrell has embodied.

“She is a stellar role model for taking her healthcare skills and expertise and merging them with agriculture to support our Gratiot

rural farming community,” he said. Terrell and her husband, Bill, raised four children, Jenny, Jamie, Billy and Bryan, on Terrell Farms, a centennial operation that has been in their lineage for generations. The clan was recognized as the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce’s Rural Urban Day Farm Family of the Year in 2009. The couple now have eight grandchildren.

FULTON TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY – MAY 2ND, 2026

Fulton Township will be holding their Annual Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 from 10am-2pm at the Fulton Township Hall, located at 3425 W. Cleveland Rd., Perrinton, MI 48871. Fulton Township property owners or those that can prove residence in the township are able to participate. Please see our website (www.fultontwp.com) or contact our office at 989-236-5102, ext. 1, for further details.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MINUTE SUMMARY MARCH 3, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Approved Agenda.
Presentation-Utility Financial Solutions-Electric Rate Study
Approved Minutes.
Approved Claims & Accounts.
Received Board Minutes.
Updates from Lou Fleury-OHM.
Approved Consent Agenda.
Approved Quote for a Buck-A-Bout from Gametime.
Approved Contract from Elite Pipeline for Circuit TV Taping.
Adoption of Resolution 2026-07-Reconstruction Contract Between MDOT and the City of St. Louis.
Adoption of Resolution 2026-08-Resolution to Rescind Previous Resolution 2023-26 and 2025-03-Cancelling Participation in Affordable Solar LLC Distributed Energy Resource Project.
Adoption of Resolution 2026-09-Charitable Gaming License.
Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.
Complete copy of minutes is available at City Hall or at www.stlouismi.com.
Jamie Long, Clerk

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MINUTE SUMMARY MARCH 17, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Approved Agenda.
Approved Minutes.
Approved Claims & Accounts.
Received Monthly Reports.
Approved Consent Agenda.
Approved Quote for Repairs to Bucket Truck #11 from Altec.
Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.
Complete copy of minutes is available at City Hall or at www.stlouismi.com.
Jamie Long, Clerk

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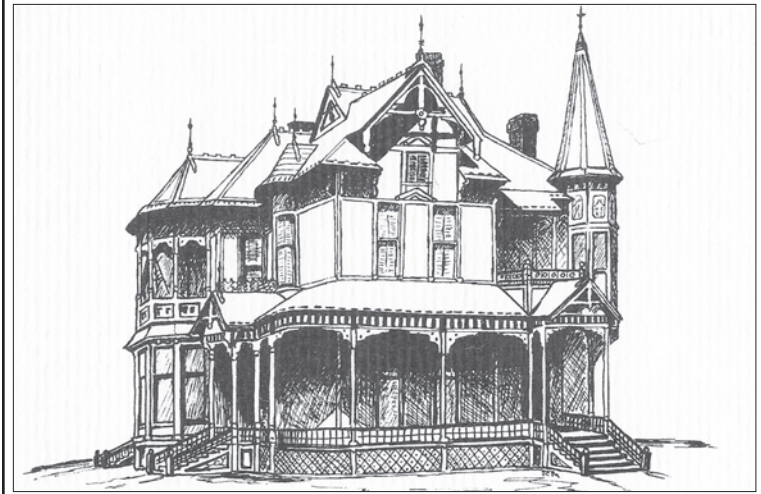
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THE CASTLE



By George Healy

Billy Durham grew up in the Castle during the ’20s, but somehow he failed to make lasting friends with the neighborhood kids. They were in awe of the terrific yard he had to play in as well as the fantastic barn and the largest wood pile they had ever seen. Only one or two of the neighborhood boys were close enough to have access to the Castle. I was one of them.

During the ’20s, Billy used to come after me on Saturday morning and I would spend the day at the Castle. Sometime during the morning a monoplane would fly over, “buzz” the house, and resume flying to the airport in Alma. That was a signal for Elizabeth Durham [Billy’s mother], Billy and me to drive to Alma to pick up her boyfriend from Detroit, George B. Thomas, or as everybody called him, “Tommy.” Back at the Castle, Tommy would always take us on a hike or just tell us a lot of stories. Once he carried a canoe on his back down to Washington Avenue bridge, put it into the Pine, and took us on a canoe trip. We paddled up to the dam, carried the canoe to the river below, and continued on down the river. He never failed to give us money and drive us to Alma on Saturday night and return to pick us up after the show at the Strand Theatre. Billy and I both adored Tommy.

We would arrive back at the Castle, where usually there was a small party in progress, always in the kitchen. Up we would go to Billy’s room where I would spend the night. His room was like a huge cavern. The lights beside the twin beds never seemed to reach the ceiling or side walls. Once Billy showed me a double picture, each framed, showing a blond-haired boy in a sailor suit holding an American flag. He told me one was a picture of him. They looked so much alike that I asked if the other was his father. He said, “No, the other one is Mrs. Barden’s [owner of the Castle at the time] grandson, Gwendell Newman.”

A painting of a similar picture hangs today in the Theodore Cutler Memorial Library in St. Louis. The portrait was donated by Robert L. Wilson . . . [and] restored by Dr. Richard Waggoner’s son, Richard, and is entitled “Curly” because of the boy’s long golden ringlets. A close inspection, however, reveals a remarkable likeness to the young Billy Durham.

Another item in the Castle that I became interested in was a huge broken airplane propeller which hung above the sideboard in the foyer. This was supposedly from the plane in which Gwendell Newman was killed.

Time passed, and I grew away from Billy. I learned from a friend that Billy’s disposition had not improved over the years. Across the river on West Washington, north of the gravel pit, an area now known as Orchard Hills, were the “high banks.” This was a fantastic place for swimming, and since none of the kids could afford a swimming suit, they all went “skinny-dipping.” I learned to swim at the “high banks.” Most of the neighborhood kids met there every Saturday in the summertime. Billy obviously was not one of them. But a few times the boys swimming would suddenly be startled by .22 caliber bullets landing all around them in the water. After a naked chase, they would catch teary-eyed Billy, who apologized. He didn’t want to harm anyone, he just wanted some excitement. . . . I think Billy would have been a nice boy, but he was surrounded by genteel women, and I don’t think he really knew who he was. Later, when Mrs. Barden died, her will would reveal that Billy’s middle name was actually Gwendell, and that she had adopted him as her son. Billy was actually born blue blood, but he just never had a chance.

In 1929 Delia Barden died, her will naming Maggie Parks [cook/cousin] and others as beneficiaries. . . . The will further stated that whatever funds were left after Mrs. Barden’s funeral expenses were paid would be divided between her adopted son, William Gwendell Durham, and his mother, Elizabeth Durham. Also, Billy would receive a \$5,000 trust fund with his mother as the administratrix. The provisions of the will brought the entire Castle property under the supervision of Elizabeth Durham and Billy.

In 1931, Elizabeth Durham and George B. Thomas were married in Mt. Pleasant. . . . Apparently they moved to Detroit, and Billy went with them. The Castle became a weekend home. It was rumored that on one particular weekend Billy decided to come “home” and took a taxi from Detroit to St. Louis. His mother had to pay for it, and she was furious.

According to the St. Louis school records, a Billy “B” Durham was entered into the school system on January 2, 1927. . . . He was enrolled by his mother, Elizabeth Durham; his father’s name was not given. His birthdate, 1920; his birthplace, Miami Beach, Florida. He left the school system in June 1931, having completed, perhaps, the sixth grade. That is the last record available of him in St. Louis but not the last story of him.

over the Back Fence

Bob MacDonald



While I have considered myself a conservative in most activities and thoughts through my life, I enjoy an occasional courtship with entrepreneurship. Nothing outstanding or having substantial effect, but still a challenge now and then that has an element of chance.

That’s probably why I enjoy the challenge to not be afraid to open a door and enter the unknown. Being in any type of business today almost necessitates some chance-taking so that you won’t be trampled by others perhaps stronger than you or with substantially more financial clout. I admire the small business owner who proves that the little guy wins on occasion.

Which brings to mind a clipping received recently from Esther Henry of Breckenridge on “The Six Mistakes of Man” by Cicero (Roman philosopher, statesman):

The delusion that personal gain is made by crushing others. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected. Insisting that a thing is impossible because WE cannot accomplish it. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.

Neglecting development and refinement of the mind, and not acquiring the habit of reading and studying. Attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do.

ON OUR RECENT trip to Florida, I was dumbfounded at the number of T-shirts that are available today and purchased primarily by young people.

Store after store featured only these flimsy cotton tops with out-of-this-world designs or for the promotion of a variety of products. I’ve always marveled at the success of merchandising items that advertise a brand name. And, these shirts aren’t cheap.

T-shirts are a huge business, especially around entertainment centers. Go to Disneyland and you’ll get a real chance to see merchandising in action. And every store, clothing or otherwise, has a section for these crazy-designed tops. Big business, for sure.

**Editor’s note: “Over The Back Fence” was a weekly editorial penned by former Herald Publisher Bob MacDonald. His popular column ran for over four decades until his death in 2001.*

OBITUARIES

Pamelia Everdeen



Pamelia T. Everdeen passed away peacefully in her home April 9, 2026, with her loving husband and children by her side.

She was born April 10, 1944, in St. Louis, and lived a life filled with love, kindness and devotion to her family. She married the love of her life, Rodger W. Everdeen on Jan. 5, 1962 and they spent 64 years of beautiful marriage together.

She was a loving and caring mother with a heart of gold. She was a stay-at-home mom in Ithaca for her three beautiful children, creating a warm and nurturing love-filled home. Once her children were in school, she started working as a lunch aide at Sumner Elementary and later as a para-professional at Ithaca South Elementary school, where she made a difference in the lives of many children with her gentle spirit and caring nature.

After retirement, she and Rodger moved from Ithaca to Harrison,

where they turned their cabin into their peaceful “forever home.” She spent many years enjoying the simple pleasures of life with family and friends.

She had a creative and joyful spirit. She loved crocheting and cardmaking, always putting her heart into every piece she created. She was known for her love of the Red Hat group, her bright smile, and warm and caring spirit she shared with everyone she met. Family meant everything to her.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Rodger W. Everdeen; her children, Tammy J. Sowles (Steve), Daniel S. Everdeen (Bonnie), and Robert J. (Bob) Everdeen (Giovonna); eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She loved them all dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Clio Vogel; brother, Timothy Vogel; and grandson, Spencer Sowles.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who truly knew her. Her kindness, creativity and beautiful smile will forever remain in their hearts.

A private family ceremony will be held at an undisclosed date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Pam’s honor to the Leota Community Church (1946 Muskegon Rd. Harrison, Michigan 48625) where she was a beloved member.

To share an online memory or condolence with Pamelia’s family, please visit: www.clarkstocking.com. Arrangements for Pamelia are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service (989) 539.7810.

Shirley Merlin and Shirley Ann Priest



Shirley Merlin and Shirley Ann Priest, blessed with 69 years together, passed away peacefully at their home within weeks of each other last fall.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Fri., May 1, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Nativity of the Lord Parish, Mt. St. Joseph, 605 Franklin Street, St. Louis, MI with Fr. David Parsch officiating. Visitation will be held on Thurs., April 30, 2026, from 4-7 p.m. at Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home, Alma and on Fri., May 1, 2026, at Mt. St. Joseph, from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Interment will be held at a later date in Riverside Cemetery, Alma.

To view their full obituaries online or to leave a condolence for the family please visit www.luxfuneralhomes.com.

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Boyd

Marilyn Joan Boyd, 93, of Northville, passed away Fri., April 10, 2026.

She was born on Feb. 5, 1933, in Wheeler, the daughter of Harold James and Carol Eunice (Gulick) Mills. Growing up on the family farm, she became a member of both Homemakers of America and the local 4-H, where she discovered a natural talent for cooking that would earn her the title of State of Michigan Cherry Pie Queen in 1948. A dedicated student, she graduated as valedictorian of Ithaca High School in 1951 before going on to Michigan State University, where she was a member of the Tri Delta Sorority and earned her bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1955.

On June 25th, 1955, she married Keith Allen Boyd in Ithaca. She and Keith had three children, Michael, Susan, and Barbara. They lived in several towns as they moved with Keith's career, including Mt. Clemens and Marshall, South Bend, Ind., and finally Northville. She was the quintessential homemaker. There was always a sweet treat in the freezer, and family and friends enjoyed countless homemade meals lovingly prepared by her, including the famous cherry pie! Once her children were grown, she built a rewarding career at Hudson's fine China department — working at both the South Bend and Novi locations — and later at Kitchen Glamor in Novi. It was work that suited her perfectly; she was in her element among beautiful things, and she made several dear friends

along the way.

She was often with Michael's and Barbara's families in Battle Creek and Ann Arbor, and she took many trips to Germany, to be with Susan's family there. They also visited Michigan frequently for weeks or months at a time to spend time with Grandma. She adored her grandchildren and loved spending time with them and supporting them at school and sports activities. She was thrilled when the family grew with three great-grandchildren in recent years.

She cherished the long history of her and Keith's families in Gratiot County. When they sold their parents' farms, she carefully kept an array of clothing, tools, and household items as reminders of that history. A number of these items have since been donated to the Gratiot County Historical Museum to preserve the memories of the way of life in mid-Michigan from the 1800s into the 20th century.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Sherry) Boyd, Susan (Peter) Talke, and Barbara (Tim) Schenk. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Stefan (Giovanna) Talke, Daniel (Mai) Talke, Matthew (Jade) Boyd, James (Stephanie) Boyd, Rachel Schenk, and John Schenk; great-grandchildren Lia Talke, Keyra Talke, and Kai Talke; nieces, Kellie (Greg) Quinn, Kristine (Clarence) Boote, Kolleen (Scott) Smith; nephews, Steven Johnson, Patrick (Roberta) Boykin, and Donovan (Catherine) Boykin.

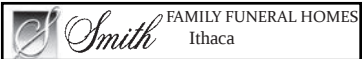


She was preceded in death by her loving husband Keith; her parents, Harold and Carol; her sister, Allison (Mills) Boykin; and her dear friend, Joyce Bousquet.

Funeral services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes in Ithaca, at 12:00 P.M. on Fri., April 17, 2026, with Pastor Steven Gulick officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 - 12:00 P.M. before services. Burial will take place at Ithaca Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Marilyn's honor may be made to the Gratiot County Historical Society. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Ithaca, MI.



Phillip Jessup

Phillip Dean Jessup, 86, passed away on Jan. 17, 2026 with his family by his side.

He was born in Alma to Henry & Eleanor Jessup on July 19, 1939. He graduated from Ithaca High School in 1957 and then went on to attend LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Science in Sept. of 1961. He was drafted as a medic in the Army after college and served in Korea. He met his wife Judy in 1972 and they married on June 30, 1973 and moved to Weatherford, Texas.

He worked for Merchants Fast Motor Lines until he had an industrial accident in 1978. After that he went in to business for himself and ran a convenience store in Willow Park, Texas until he sold it in the late 1990's. He moved to Cody, Wyo., to enjoy his retirement in 2007. He enjoyed farming, spending time with family and friends. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford until moving to Cody, Wyo., where he joined Cody Alliance Church.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy Jessup; daughters, Janee Jessup, and Betsy May-



berry and her husband Keadon Hale; granddaughters, Gracie and Madelyn Mayberry, and Kendall Hale; sister Sally Monroe and her husband John; sister, Linda Drake and her husband Glenn; as well as many nephews, nieces, cousins and family friends.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, Henry and Eleanor Jessup; younger brother, John Jessup; and sister-in-law, Mary Jessup.

The Family has decided to have a celebration of life in July of 2026 in Cody, Wyo., where he loved and enjoyed his retirement.

Karen Cook



her family, planning social events and receptions, and her immense talent and love for cooking and sewing.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University. She touched the lives of many students as a home economics teacher in Coleman, as well as at Traverse City West and East Junior High Schools in Traverse City, retiring in 2000.

She is survived by her children, Steven Cook of Eagle River, Ark., Julie (Tim) Arends of Williamsburg, and Amy Cook (Jason) Otto of Harrison; her grandchildren, Nathan (Amy) Arends and Emily (Jason) Yasick; her great-grandchildren, Nora Arends, Oliver Arends, and Mehliya Yasick; as well as many other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, E. Keith Cook; sister, Gail Somerville; and son-in-law, Bert Mead; as well as many in-laws.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the staff at French Manor LaFranier and AdvisaCare Home Care and Hospice who took wonderful and compassionate care of her.

Here legacy of love and integrity will endure through the many lives she touched. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment, with her husband, will be in the Columbarium of Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City, MI. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

We are sad to share that our mother, Karen L. Cook, passed away on April 6, 2026, after living gracefully and contentedly with dementia for many years. We are grateful that she is now at peace. She will be dearly missed and always remembered.

She was born in Alma, on June 11, 1941, daughter to Leland and Leola (Williams) Sowle. A 1959 graduate of Ithaca High School, she married E. Keith Cook on Sept. 1, 1960, having first met on a blind date. She and Keith were married for 46 years prior to his passing in 2006.

In 1988, she and Keith built their dream retirement home on Elk Lake in Williamsburg. They were blessed with many happy years with neighbors, friends, family and especially their grandchildren.

Family meant everything to her, and she loved any occasion that brought them together. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be remembered for her devotion to

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BOWLING

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All-County Girls Bowling

First Team

					
Estes Purvis <i>Ithaca 11h</i>	Kylo Riedel <i>Breckenridge 12th</i>	Raegyn Mayer <i>Breckenridge 12th</i>	Miranda Bloomquist <i>Breckenridge 12th</i>	Grace Lombard <i>St. Louis 12th</i>	Mallory Hunt <i>Ithaca 12th</i>
Average: 163 Regional Champion Third-Place State	Average: 163 Third-Place Regional Sixth-Place Sttates	Average: 158	Average: 154	Average: 149	Average: 141

Second Team

					
Sage Lamey <i>Ithaca 11th</i>	Devine Francisco <i>St. Louis 10th</i>	Alivia Wolfe <i>Ithaca 10th</i>	Nevaeh Butler <i>Alma 12th</i>	Alahna Anderson <i>Alma 12th</i>	Makayla Nelson <i>Alma 10th</i>
Average: 138	Average: 134	Average: 133	Average: 157	Average: 126	Average: 124

SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD/BASKETBALL

Alma • Ashley • Breckenridge • Fulton • Ithaca • St. Louis

Panthers boys sweep

Alma’s boys track team had eight winners in their first TVC meet of the season, with the Panthers, John Glenn, Bridgeport and Freeland all competing last Wednesday at Alma. The Panthers beat all three to start the year 3-0 in the league.

Winners for Alma were Brendan Francisco, 23.83 seconds in the 200 meters; Thomas Larson, 53.38 seconds in the 400 meters and 10:17.56 in the 3,200 meters; Ezekiel Baltierra, 4:30.68 in the 1,600 meters; Larson, Brayden Truman, Baltierra and Francisco 3:37.29 in the 4x400-meter relay; Luca Lebron, Nico Lebron, Elijah Baltierra and Ezekiel Baltierra 8:50.96 in the 4x800-meter relay; Truman a PR 6-2 in the high jump; and Matthew Riebel 124-9 in the discus.

Runners-up from Alma were Francisco 11.87 seconds in the 100 meters; Luca Lebron 2:08.59 in the 800 meters; Elijah Balteirra 4:51.98 in the 1,600 meters; Kevin Terpstra 10:50.23 in the 3,200 meters; Peen Seeley 16.22 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles and 45.37 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles; Seeley, Francisco, Collin Dolloff and Truman 45.79 seconds on the 4x100-meter relay; and Manuel Rodriguez 42-6.75 in the shot put and 120-6 in the discus.

Girls

Alma’s girls team defeated Bridgeport, while losing to Freeland and John Glenn.

Alma sophomore Allison Sandro won both hurdles races. She was first in 18.45 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles and first in the 300 with a time of 52.41 seconds.

Their 4x800-meter relay team of Sevarah Markham, Sarah Munger, Grace Hanock and Anna Johnson was runner-up in 11:51.07.

Taking third for Alma were Alex Palmer in the 800 meters; Munger in the 1,600 meters; Celia Ebnit in the 300 hurdles; and Ebnit, Johnson, Palmer and Munger in the 4x400 relay.

Pirates set 17 PRs

Fulton’s track and field teams battled against a field of nearly all larger schools last Friday at Fowler’s Under the Lights Invite.

Pewamo-Westphalia won both the boys and girls races.

“I thought the teams competed well from top to bottom for the first outdoor meet of the season,” Fulton coach Grant Woodman said “We had 17 athletes set a lifetime best in at least one event and we had two others set season bests in at least one event. It is a great start. I am excited to see what they can do in the future meets.”

Setting PRs for Fulton’s boys team were Cole McCormick and Jonny Bailey in the 100 meters; Zach Litweiller, Nolan Kirkpatrick and Ethan Henry in the 400 meters; Jacob Vanderveen in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters; Ethan Henry in the shot put; and Nolan Kirkpatrick and Henry in the discus.

Fulton PRs on the girls side were achieved by Kyla Peters in the 400 meters; Savannah Wesenberg and Emily Piper in the 1,600 meters; Piper in the 3,200 meters; Shaylynn Abrams and Haleigh Podolak in the shot put; and Abrams and Abrams in the discus.



Kevin Terpstra was second in the 3,200 in Alma’s TVC-Red opener.

Ithaca second, third at Clare

Ithaca’s boys track and field team was second to the host school, Clare, and the Yellowjackets’ girls third last Friday at the Pioneer Invitational.

Clare scored 185 points to place first in the 10-team boys field, with Ithaca scoring 132.5.

Jacob Mankey piled up points for the Jackets, winning both the 800 meters in 2:06.79 and 1,600 meters in 4:46.66. Ithaca swept the distance races, as Landen Styka was first in the 3,200 meters in 10:20.57.

Ithaca’s Devyn Fisher won the 300-meter hurdles in 42.14 seconds and was second in the 110 hurdles, 16.09 seconds.

Finishing second from Ithaca at Clare were Greyson Merchant 53.13 seconds in the 400 meters; Thad Whitmore 2:07.39 in the 800 meters; Preston Montgomery 11’0 in the pole vault; and Whitmore Mankey, Charles Blond and Montgomery 3:43.92 in the 4x400-meter relay.

Third-place finishes for Ithaca were Evan MacLaren in the 1,600 meters; Fisher in the high jump; and Riley /Guild, Greyson Merchant, Harper Merchant and Michael Sheler.

Girls

Clare won the girls meet, followed by Pine River and Ithaca.

Ithaca’s top place went to Izze Merlino, who was second in the shot put, 32-3, and Makina Fogle-song, runner-up in the 3,200 me-

ters, 2:17.38.

Third for the Yellowjackets were Khloe Lehnst in the 3,200 meters; Lizzy Nevins in the high jump; Izabella Lalone in the long jump; and Mara Acker, Libby Maurer, Isabelle Strand and Lehnst.

TVC

Ithaca dominated its first TVC dual meet last Wednesday. Ithaca’s boys team beat Carrollton 113-23, and the girls beat Carrollton, 102-18.

Taking first for Ithaca’s boys were Greyson Merchant in the 200 meters, 24.45 seconds, and 400 meters, 55.19 seconds; Riley guild in the 100 meters, 12.13 seconds; Eva MacLaren in the 800 meters, 2:15.26; Lansden Styka in the 1,600 meters, 4:55.05, and 3,200 meters, Devyn Fisher in the 110-meter hurdles, 17.22 seconds, and 300-meter hurdles, 43.90 seconds.

Ithaca swept the relays. Greyson Merchant, Michale Sheler, Harper Merchant and Riley Guild in the 4x100 meters, 45.87; Montgomery, Fisher, Charles Bond and Austin Barancik in the 2x200, 1:38.37; MacLaren, Blond, Chad Davey and Owen Rohrs in the 4x400, 4:24.11; and Weston LePard, Dutch /Smith, Rylan Huyck and MacLaren in the 4x800 relay, 9:52.28.

First in the field from the Jackets were Broghan Bupp in the shot put, 44-11., and discus, 134-1; Fisher in the high jump, 5-8; and Montgomery in the pole vault, 9-0.



Local player, national honor

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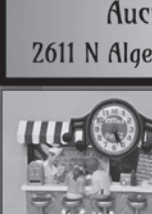


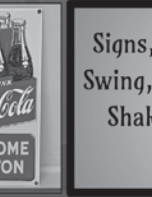
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Bentley Inbody pitches for St. Louis last Wednesday against Grayling (Janet Flegel)



Fulton's Kerrigan Ryan pitches against Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart on Monday.

Jackets Ride Hot Streak Into Ithaca Invitational

The Yellowjackets' softball team will go into Saturday's Ithaca Invitational having won four-straight. They opened the TVC-Blue schedule Monday with a doubleheader sweep of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 8-1 and 18-6.

Emma Janes and Kenslee Martyn had two hits apiece in the first game for Ithaca, as the Yellowjackets had 10 total. Janes had a double, as did Chloe Skieth, while Madelyn Smith tripled.

Maeli Akin threw all seven innings, striking out 14 while giving up four hits.

Ithaca's bats were just getting warmed up, as they exploded for 14 hits in the 18-6 nightcap.

Akin had a grand slam and another home run among her three hits, while Martyn was 4-for-4 at the plate. Emma McCune was also 3-for-4, and McKenzi McClain homered. Mady Smith was 2-for-2 with a pair of sacrifice bunts.

Sharing pitching duties for Ithaca were Samantha Taylor, who started and struck out three in one-and-a-third, and Akin, who struck out nine while allowing no hits or bases on balls in three-and-two-thirds.

Last Friday Ithaca played a pair of mercy-shortened games, beating Lake City 18-0 and 14-2.

Alyssa Polash had a home run and double in the first game. Polash, Martyn and Madelyn Smith all had two hits, including doubles for Martyn and Smith.

Akin got the win, striking out seven in three innings of work.

Everyone in the Jackets' lineup had hits in the second game against Lake City. Akin, Taylor and Skeith all had two.

Taylor pitched, striking out 11 in five innings.

The Ithaca Invitational starts 9 a.m. Saturday in Ithaca. The field includes Unionville-Sebewaing, Gladstone, Evart, New Lothrop, Laingsburg and the host Jackets.

Sharks start strong

St. Louis did little to dissuade the softball coaches who voted the Sharks a preseason top 10 team, opening the season at home against Grayling last Wednesday with wins of 15-0 and 21-5.

Paige Luneack did it on the mound and at the plate for the Sharks in the first game. She pitched four innings of shutout ball

striking out nine. She helped her cause by going 2-for-2 with five RBI, including a home run. Emma Pavlik was 3-for-4 with a home run. Kennidi Gibbons had two hits and two RBI for the Sharks.

The second game saw St. Louis' Madilyn Devine have two hits, including a home run, and five RBI; Pavlik three hits with a home run; Luneack two hits and four RBI; Seleski a base hit and two RBI.

Alma splits

Alma opened its season at Bay City John Glenn, where the Panthers came back to win the nightcap, 15-5, after dropping the opener, 8-4.

Alma had 17 hits in just five innings in the second game, including three hits with a two-run homer by freshman Tessa Heeke. Also for the Panthers, Ellie Aldrich had three hits, with a double; Teegan Adams a double and single; Shelby Sparks a double and single; Samantha Allison a double and single; and Emmalyn Wing two hits.

Aldrich started the game and struck out one in two innings. Sparks came on in relief to strike out five in three innings.

In the 8-4 loss, Samantha Allison had two hits and two RBI; Teegan Adams two hits; Maddie Myers a double; Aldrich, Clara Liedke and Sydney Allison base hits.

BASEBALL

Sharks split

St. Louis' baseball team opened the season last Wednesday splitting a non-league doubleheader with Grayling, winning 6-5 then losing 15-1.

Bentley Inbody was 2-for-2 with a double and four stolen bases for the Sharks. Keityn Clark had a hit, walk and stone base, while Marcus Hoyt and Bralyee Lintern both had base hits.

Carson Zacharko started and allowed no earned runs on two hits over three innings. Keityn Clark threw two innings in relief, allowing now earned runs no two hits.

Inbody and Clark had base hits for St. Louis in the second game.

Alma drops a pair

Alma lost both ends of a doubleheader last Friday at Shepherd.

Shepherd won the first game, 11-1. Alma's Malachi Irvin was 2-for-3 with a double and scored the Panthers' lone run. Ethan Helinski and Luke Bonacci both had base hits.

Shepherd shut out Alma in the second game, 10-0.

Nick Prohaska had a hit for the Panthers.

in a quad meet at the Emerald at Maple Creek. St. Johns won with 173, followed by DeWitt at 180, Alma 186 and Perry 194.

Alma's Jamison Ferguson had the top individual score, a one-over round of 37. Also for the Panthers, Cai Mills shot 47, Connor Blake 50 and Koby Shunk 51.

TENNIS

Alma wins

Alma's tennis team beat Bay City All Saints, 7-1.

Winning at singles for Alma were Adrian Block, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2, and Myla Lowell, 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3.

At No. 1 doubles, Emersyn Adams and Alahna Andreson won 6-1, 6-1; No. Abbigail Anderson and Mylia Marr won 7-6 (10-9), 6-0; No. 3 Nora Vozar, Brooklyn Lippert won 6-4, 6-3; and No. 4 Monica Dopke, Lene' Break won 6-0, 6-0.



Freshman Emma Pavlik pitches for St. Louis' softball team last Wednesday in a win against Grayling. (Janet Flegel)

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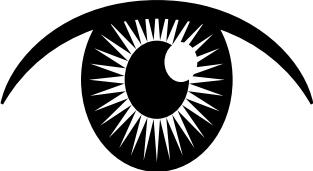
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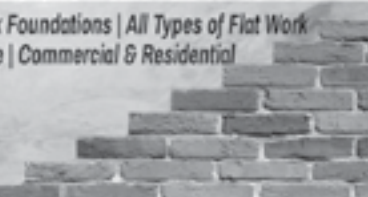


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2	Weston Wing	10	4-16 at Cadillac
3	Izak Richards	12	4-21 at Swan Valley
4	Malachi Irvin	11	4-23 Ionia
6	Dylan Thomas	11	4-25 Alma Tournament
8	Casey Doyle	11	4-28 Bridgeport
10	Treyshon Ogelsby	11	5-1 Central Montcalm
11	Vicente Rodriguez	12	5-5 Frankenmuth
15	Luke Bonacci	11	5-7 at Ovid-Elsie
16	Ethan Helinski	12	5-13 Valley Lutheran
24	Nick Prohaska	12	5-19 Freeland
Coach: Jarod Hughes			5-26 at Durand

SCHEDULE		ROSTER	
		No.	Name
4-14	at Garber	1	Emmalyn Wing
4-21	at Swan Valley	2	Tessa Heeke
4-23	Ionia	3	Ciara Groce
4-25	Alma Tournament	4	Bridget Bowerman
4-30	Chesaning	5	Shelby Sparks
5-1	Central Montcalm	6	Madison Myers
5-5	Frankenmuth	10	Elyssa Garcia
5-7	at Ovid-Elsie	11	Jocelyn Ryckman
5-9	at Ionia	12	Elizabeth Aldrich
5-13	Valley Lutheran	13	Annaleise Ives
5-15	at Ithaca	14	Clara Liedke
5-19	Freeland	17	Teegan Adams
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3	Maggie Lux	12
4	Delaney Ortiz	9
6	Natalie Walker	9
7	Genavieve Root	11
8	Gracy Durocher	10
9	Julia Allen	9
10	Evelyn Adins	9
12	Ashlee Wilknsn	11
13	Mikayla Rojas	12
14	Roxy Castillo	9
15	Kelly Telford	10
17	Tadala Store	9
18	Lina Richter	12
19	Ava Bailey	10
20	Choe Thrush	9
21	Hayleigh Slater	9
22	Savanna Beery	12
23	Samantha Helman	11
24	Olivia Huff	9
25	Adriana Fabela	9
27	Ava Harvey	9
Coach: Nick O'Neill		

SCHEDULE

4-13	Swan Valley
4-16	at John Glenn
4-18	at Montrose
4-20	Garber
4-23	at Freeland
4-27	at Frankenmuth
4-30	at Swan Valley
5-1	Owosso
5-4	John Glenn
5-7	at Garber
5-9	Alma Tournament
5-11	Freeland
5-15	at Hemlock
5-18	at Ithaca

SCHEDULE

4-13	Garber
4-15	Frankenmuth
4-17	Fremont
4-20	at John Glenn
4-21	at Bridgeport
4-25	at Durand
4-27	Nouvel
4-29	Hemlock
4-30	Chesaning
5-1	at Mt. Pleasant
5-5	Bullock Creek
5-6	at Corunna

ROSTER

Name	Gr
Emersyn Adams	10
Alahna Anderson	11
Abbigail Anderson	9
Adrian Blcok	10
Hailey Brondstetter	11
Harmony Dean	10
Monica Dopke	9
Kali Gray	10
Hailey Harkness	11
Brooklyn Lippert	9
Myla Lowell	10
Mylia Marr	9
Allison Wenzel	10
Coach: Becky Hartman	



TENNIS

ROSTER

Name	Gr
Connor Blake	11
Jordan Felters	12
Jamison Ferguson	11
Jake Johnston	11
Nick Johnston	11
Cai Mills	9
Graham Moegenborh	11
Kage Ortiz	11
Lucas Ramirez	11
Koby Shunk	12
Coach: Steve Kettler	

SCHEDULE

4-11	at Laingsburg
4-18	at Lakeview
4-22	at John Glenn
4-24	at Ogemaw Heights
4-25	at Ogemaw Heights
4-25	at Perry
4-27	Panther Classic
4-29	at Frankenmuth
5-8	at Mt. Pleasant
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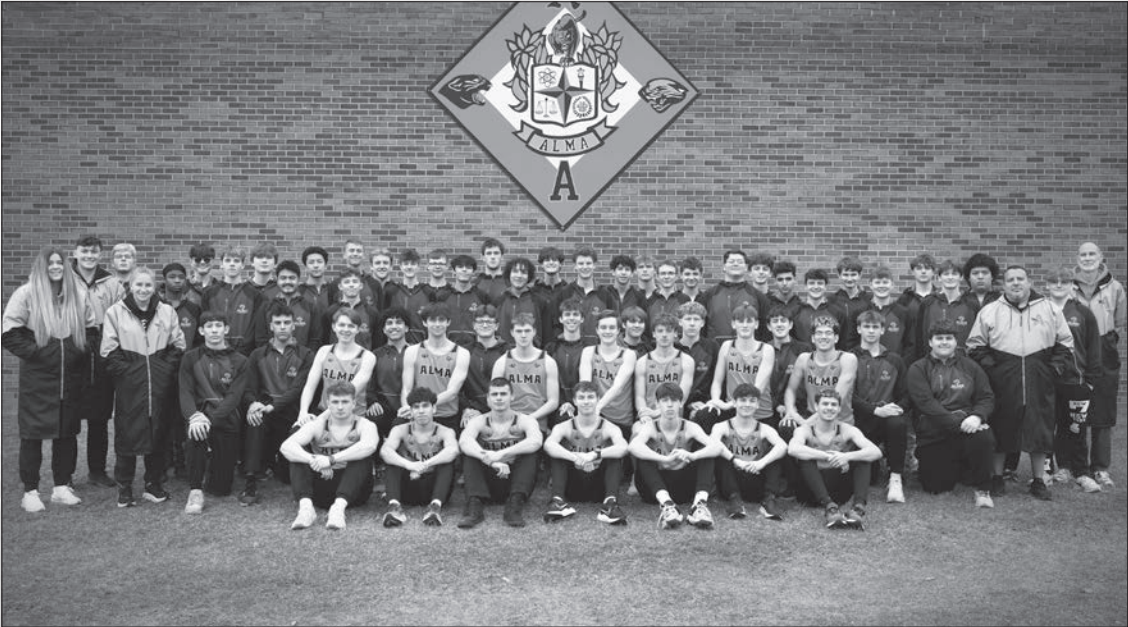
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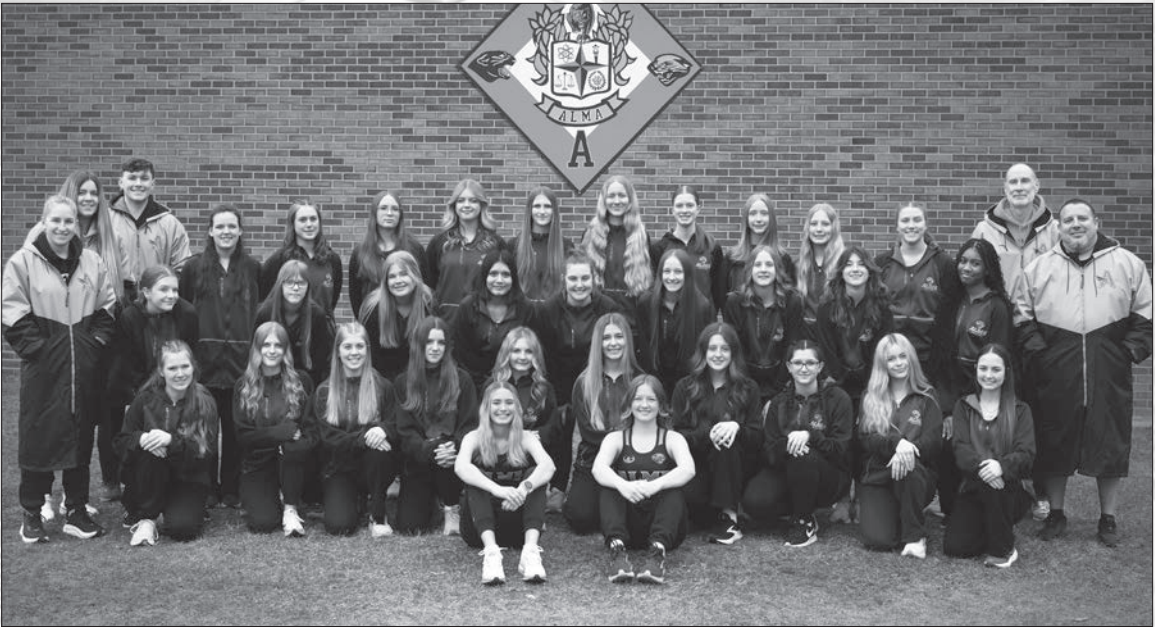
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Caleb Palmer	10
Travis Pettigrew	9
Lucas Ramirez	9
Matthew Riebel	11
Manuel Rodriguez	11

SCHEDULE	
4-15	at Frankenmuth
4-17	at Pewamo-Westphalia
4-22	Freeland, Garber
4-24	at Romeo
4-29	at Swan Valley
5-1	at Shepherd
5-6	TVC at Swan Valley
5-8	Alma Invitational
5-11	at Pewamo-Westphalia
5-26	Mid-Michigan Meet of Champions

Name	Gr
CJ Sandro	10
Nathanael Scates	10
Penn Seeley	10
Travis Shauver	10
Jake Soto	11
Ramsy Sova	10
Marcus Sprague	9
Mason Sprague	10
Gavin Swisher	10
Kevin Terpstra	11
Brayden Truman	11
Graeyden Turk	9
Shayne Zimmerman	11
Coach: Gene Lebron	

SCHEDULE	
4-15	at Frankenmuth
4-17	at Pewamo-Westphalia
4-22	Freeland, Garber
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5-26	Mid-Michigan Meet of Champion

ROSTER	
Name	Gr
Giovanna Clark	10
A'Myah Fleming	11
Genevieve Grandy	9
Nevaeh Gutierrez	9
Isabella Hagerman	9
Anna Johnson	11
Reese Kress	11
Sarah Munger	11
Alexa Palmer	10
Gillian Parsons	11
Serena Prince	11
Jazlene Rangel-Muniz	9
Allison Sandro	9
Alexa Soto	9
Trystanne Thompson	10
Coach: Allison Lebron	



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ROSTER			SCHEDULE	
No.	Name	Gr		
1	Blaze Snyder	12	4-13	at Evert
2	Keegan Suhr	11	4-15	at Nouvel
3	Noah Barr	12	4-17	Carson City-Crystal
4	Bentley MacLaren	10	4-22	Fulton
5	Mikel Wolgast	11	4-24	at Lutheran Seminary
8	Truman Smith	9	4-27	at St. Charles
9	Dawson Smith	9	5-1	at Coleman
10	Gavin Corbat	10	5-2	at Farwell
12	Carter Suhr	10	5-6	Montabella
13	Dylan Davenport	11	5-9	Huskies Invitational
14	Braxton Clapp	12	5-11	Vestaburg
22	Zayden Farr	10	5-15	at Merrill
25	Isaac Bush	11	5-19	John Glenn
33	Clinton Delo	9	5-26	Ithaca
36	Emmet Coyle	10		
Coach: Jason Aldrich				



SCHEDULE		ROSTER	
		No.	Name
4-13	at Evert	1	Presley Butcher
4-17	Carson City-Crystal	2	Maddie Breece
4-20	Hemlock	3	Karley Braman
4-22	Fulton	4	Lexi Smith
4-24	at Lutheran Seminary	5	Liberty Short
4-27	at St. Charles	6	Aroa Fuente-Gonzalez
5-1	at Coleman	7	Jayden Gillis
5-2	at Farwell	8	Izzy Humm
5-5	Montabella	9	Lydia Slavik
5-9	Huskies Invitational	10	Madi Aldrich
5-11	Vestaburg	12	Brooklynn Long
5-15	at Merrill	11	Ainara Lopez-Linares
5-16	at Dansville	10	Ady Collins
5-19	John Glenn	12	Leah Wale
5-26	Ithaca	11	
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5-16	Regional at Fowler
5-19	at Fulton
5-23	Distance Night Under the Lights in Grand Rapids
5-26	Mid-Michigan Meet of Champions at Mt. Pleasant

ROSTER	
Name	Gr
Gus Barr	9
Oliver Burt	9
Dominick Chiverton	11
Andrew Clark	11
Christian Dutton	10
Nolan Foster	9
Kaydence Gilbert	12
Jaxton Keller	10
Xander Libby	11
Braiden Long	12
Braylon Mayle	11
Brock Mayle	11
Gerreck McKenzie	12
Anthony Rowe II	11
Jr Sanders	9
Zach Waite	9
Cole Wing	9
Coach: Kurt Gulick	



BOYS TRACK



GIRLS TRACK

ROSTER		SCHEDULE	
Name	Gr	4-18	Trent Carter Windmill Invite
Macie Bush	9	4-22	at Carson City-Crystal
BayLeigh Clapp	12	4-24	at Clare
Da'sia Denwiddie	11	5-1	at Shepherd
Maeze Humm	9	5-6	at Coleman
Piper Libby	9	5-8	at Alma
Bri Mandujano	11	5-16	Regional at Fowler
Maizy Matthews	10	5-19	at Fulton
Raegyn Mayer	12	5-23	Distance Night Under the Lights in Grand Rapids
Kenna Moulton	9	5-26	Mid-Michigan Meet of Champions at Mt. Pleasant
Jayla Potter	10		
Vanny Potter	12		
Jena Riedel	12		
Ally Schmitz	12		
Jenny Short	11		
Emma Young	11		
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2	Jaxon Wirt	9	4-14 at New Lothrop
3	Michael Brown	9	4-17 Portland St. Patrick
4	Bentley Strong	9	4-21 at Breckenrige
5	Lincoln Beltinck	12	4-24 Boyne City
6	Kenton Taylor-Zarka	10	4-27 Carson City-Crystla
7	Levi Palacios	10	5-1 at St. Charles
10	Ryder Yelsik	10	5-4 Webberville
11	Jennings Burley	10	5-5 at Coleman
12	Connor Cuningham	12	5-9 Fulton Invitational
14	Robert Kral	12	5-11 Montabella
15	Bryson Sattler	12	5-15 Vestaburg
16	Spencer Womble	10	5-18 Laingsburg
17	Eli Coblentz	10	5-21 Pewamo-Westphalia
20	Gibby Jason	12	
22	Layne Spekin	11	
99	Parker Billings	12	
Coach: Jeremy Stephens			



SCHEDULE		ROSTER	
4-13	at Sacred Heart	No.	Name
4-15	at Webberville	1	Ryan Kerrigan
4-17	Portland St. Patrick	2	Norah Hnetyнка
4-21	at Breckenridge	4	Nevaeh Gotham
4-24	Laingsburg	5	Regain Weaver
4-27	Carson City-Crystal	6	Jazmyne Good
5-1	at St. Charles	7	Brooklyn Kanous
5-4	Webberville	8	Dayten Lambert
5-5	at Coleman	9	Addison Smolinski
5-9	Fulton Invitatoinal	10	Ellie Drummond
5-11	Montabella	11	Lilly Morrison
5-15	Vestaburg	12	Camryn Cunningham
5-16	at St. Louis	13	Whitney Reniewicz
5-21	Pewamo-Westphalia	14	Kiaya Hustin
5-29	District at Fulton	15	MacKenize Ney
		16	Gracyn McAllister
		17	Aiyan Diaz-Villarral
		18	Claire Arnold
		20	Jordyn Long
		21	Jillian Davis
		22	Tessa Duflo
		24	Ali Ney
		Coach: Dan Weaver	



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ROSTER		SCHEDULE	
Dustin Antes	12	4-15	at Edmore
Lincoln Beltinck	12	4-22	at Sacred Heart
Connor Cunningham	12	4-29	MSAC Jamboree
Kaiden Oliver	12		at Fulton
Bryson Sattler	12		
Ethan Henry	11		
Zach Litwiller	11		
Roman Patmon	11		
Cooper Beltinck	10		
Jakub Taylor	10		
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Kellan McEwen	9		
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Name	Gr	4-17	at Ithaca
Jonny Bailey	9	4-22	at Carson City-Crystal
Ethan Henry	11	4-24	at Clare
Noaln Kirkpatrick	11	5-1	at Ovid-Elsie
Zach Litwiller	11	5-6	at Coleman
Rogan Marsden	10	5-9	Fulton Invitational
Rush Marsden	11	5-19	MSAC at Montabella
Cole McCormick	10	5-26	at Mt. Pleasant
Izaya Palacios	10		
Jacob Vanderveen	12		
Coach: Grant Woodman			



SCHEDULE

4-17 at Ithaca
4-22 at Carson City-Crystal
4-24 at Clare
5-1 at Ovid-Elsie
5-6 at Coleman
5-9 Fulton Invitational
5-19 MSAC at Montabella
5-26 at Mt. Pleasan

ROSTER

Name	Gr
Shaylynn Abrams	9
Shyanne Abrams	10
Brenna Clewley	11
Skyler MacLennan	10
Kyla Peters	10
Emily Piper	10
Haleigh Podolak	9
Lynnae Podolak	12
Lillian Reynolds	12
Makiya Telling	11
Rosie Upton	9
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No.	Name	Gr
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2	Brady Paradise	12
3	Wylie Martyin	9
4	Lucas Little	11
5	Justice McDaid	10
6	Connor McMurphy	11
7	Beckett Fogelsong	9
8	Braylon Simcox	9
9	Koal Duflo	10
10	Hayden Hull	10
11	Greyson Merchant	10
12	Landon Bratschi	9
13	Carsen Shankel	11
17	Jaxson Whitmore	9
18	Gunner McDaid	11
19	Lincoln Peters	11
Coach: Tim Palmer		

SCHEDULE

4-13	at Lutheran Seminary
4-15	at Chesaning
4-17	Central Montcalm
4-20	Nouvel
4-24	Hemlock
4-27	Carrollton
5-1	Valley Lutheran
5-5	Lutheran Seminary
5-11	at Hemlock
5-15	at Nouvel
5-19	at Carrollton
5-20	Merrill
5-26	at Breckenridge
5-27	Carson City-Crystal

SCHEDULE

4-13	at Lutheran Seminary
4-16	at Mt. Pleasant
4-18	Ithaca Invitational
4-20	Evert
4-22	Central Montcalm
4-24	Hemlock
4-27	Carrollton
5-1	Valley Lutheran
5-5	Lutheran Seminary
5-11	at Hemlock
5-14	at Sacred Heart
5-19	at Carrollton
5-20	Ovid-Elsie
5-26	at Breckenridge

ROSTER

No.	Name	Gr
13	Elora Clark	9
1	Madelyn Smith	9
9	Brooklyn Mithcel	9
7	Ivey Dacus	9
8	Myah Lott	9
3	Emma McCune	10
16	Samantha Taylor	10
15	Emma Juhas	11
12	Kenslee Martyn	11
5	Maeli Akin	11
6	Emma Janes	11
2	Alyssa Polash	11
10	Chloe Skeith	12
4	McKenzi McClain	12
Coach: Shelby Shankel		



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Austin Barancik	12	5-15	at Hemlock
Kenny Daniels	12	5-17	Blue & Gold Invitational
Riley Guild	12	5-22	Nouvel
Tysin Jenkins	12	5-24	at Central Montcalm
Jacob Mankey	12	5-29	at Lutheran Seminary
Evan Ottobre	12	5-1	at Ovid-Elsie
Thad Sherman	12	5-6	TVC Meet at Ithaca
Landen Styka	12	5-8	at Alma
Thad Whitmore	12		
Broghan Bupp	11		
Brayden Chatfield	11		
Chad Davey	11		
Devyn Fisher	11		
Evan MacLaren	11		
Jeffery McNatt	11		
Harper Merchant	11		
Preston Montgomery	11		
Ben Munro	11		
Adam Poff	11		
Rylan Huyck	10		
Brody LeBaron	10		
Greyson Merchant	10		
Landon Moore	10		
Noah Montgomery	10		

Michael Sheler	10
Christopher Shernes	10
Tyler Smith	10
Calvin Stoneman	10
Jericho Antoine	9
Charles Blond	9
Brody Hubbard	9
Weston Lepard	9
Braden Litwiller	9
Casen Nelson	9
Owen Rohrs	9
Dutch Smith	9
Coach: Josh Macha	

SCHEDULE		ROSTER	
5-10	at Clare	Name	Gr
5-15	at Hemlock	Izabelle LaLone	12
5-17	Blue & Gold Invitational	Lizzy Nevins	12
5-22	Nouvel	Emma Rohrs	12
5-24	at Central Montcalm	Izze Merlino	11
5-29	at Lutheran Seminary	Amelia Dawe	10
5-1	at Ovid-Elsie	Khloe Lehnst	10
5-6	TVC Meet at Ithaca	Isabella Strand	10
5-8	at Alma	Kymer Austin	10
		Bianca Bailey	10
		Sage Lamey	11
		Genavieve Cox	11
		Libby Maurer	12
		Nevaeah Gilbert	10
		Kynley Rademacher	11
		Makinna Foglesong	11
		Mara Acker	11
		Estreya Rolon	11
		Charlee McLaren	10
		Coach: Stephen Merchant	



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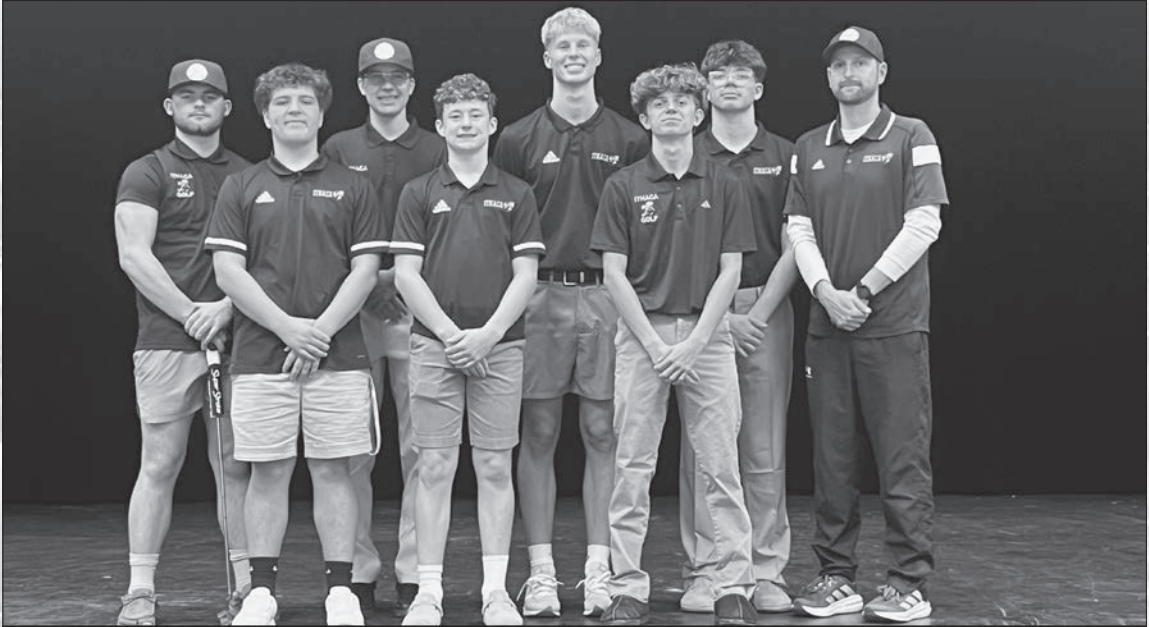


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2	Myleigh Hephner	12	4-22	at Nouvel
3	Emma Dawe	12	4-24	Tri-County
4	Riley Skinner	10	4-29	Hemlock
5	Allie Clore	12	5-1	at Lakeview
6	Megan Robertson	11	5-5	Ionia
7	Kaylee Strait	9	5-6	at Valley Lutheran
8	Phoebe Ochoa	12	5-11	Clare
9	Pazlee Donovan	12	5-13	Nouvel
10	Aaleigha Fidler	10	5-15	at Swan Valley
11	Cambre Foster	12	5-18	Alma
12	Reagan Bauer	11		
13	Lexi Madden	12		
14	Sage Lamey	11		
15	Noemi Bona	12		
16	Sophia Strand	12		
17	Karly Marshall	12		
Coach: Paige Beracy				

SCHEDULE		ROSTER	
		Name	Gr
4-22	at Nouvel	Tanner Lamey	12
4-27	at Alma	Carson Hardman	12
4-29	at Valley Lutheran	Harper Merchant	11
5-7	Ithaca Invitatoinal	Adam Poff	11
5-13	at Hemlock	Brody Lebaron	10
5-14	at St. Johns	Jacob Crawford	12
5-18	at St. Louis	Owen Rohrs	9
5-10	TVC-Blue at Ithaca	Bentlee Skinner	9
		Riley Guild	12
		Landyn Saxton	11
		Gibson Rondy	11
		Braylon Kench	11
		Jaren Paradise	9
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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Gratiot County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on 5/7/2026.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Names of Mortgagor(s): Lauren Harrington.

Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Van Dyk Mortgage Corporation.

Date of mortgage: 4/10/2019. Mortgage recorded on 4/17/2019 in Liber 01040, Page 00207.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC.

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$119,314.32

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Gratiot County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF GRATIOT, CITY OF ITHACA. THE NORTH 50 FEET OF LOT 9, BLOCK 1, IN MAP OF UPPER ITHACA. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, GRATIOT COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 316 N Maple St, Ithaca, MI 48847.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH FINCEN RULES AND REGULATIONS IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AT THIS SALE.

Date of Notice: 04/02/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00177 (04-02)(04-23) 14t4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Gratiot County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 07, 2026.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Dylan Conley, a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mercantile Bank Date of mortgage: April 25, 2025 Recorded on May 5, 2025, in Document No. 2025R-02409,

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight and 58/100 Dollars (\$160,528.58)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Gratiot County, and described as: Commencing 48 rods 4 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section 20, Town 11 North, Range 3 West. Arcada Township, Gratiot County, Michigan; thence West 40 rods thence South 12 rods; thence East 40 rods, thence North 12 rods to beginning. Commonly known as 2845 N Luce Rd, Alma, MI 48801

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

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Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1589934 (04-09)(04-30) 15t4

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - GRATIOT COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Gratiot County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2026.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Jamie Blizzard, unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 25, 2018

Recorded on October 29, 2018, Liber 1031, on Page 496,

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU

Mortgage Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eleven and 34/100 Dollars (\$64,511.34)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Gratiot County, and described as: South 1/2 of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 12, S.S. Hastings' Addition to the City of St. Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan. Commonly known as 207 Euclid St, Saint Louis, MI 48880

The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1590625 (04-16)(05-07) 16t4

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