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Greetings,

Sitting directly in the center of the lower peninsula, Gratiot County has historically been known to many as the “Middle of the Mitten.” Being equal distance from the coasts of lakes Huron and Michigan, as well as within close driving distance of every major metropolitan area within our state, business leaders will tell you that Gratiot County is a great place for industry and business.

Of course as with any place, a community is much more than its location. This is especially true in Gratiot County, as it is geographically at the center of everything, but a world of its own to discover. While you are here in Gratiot County, experience our warm but charismatic culture by taking time to explore our great cities, towns, and villages. Whether it’s Ashley, Breckenridge, Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, or anywhere in between, you can:

- See it in our historic downtown architecture, in our community art projects and performances, or on our broad and endless horizons visible from our county trails and seasoned with our state-of-the-art wind turbines and a centuries old legacy of farming.
- Taste it in our wonderful downtown restaurants, coffee shops, diners, and at the 45th annual Rural Urban Day steak fry (July 16 at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth Fairgrounds in Alma). Also, in the fresh harvest served by our farmers and at our farmers markets in Ithaca, St. Louis, and Alma.

- Hear it in our welcoming conversation and the dynamic variety of musical performances from coffee house and tavern troubadours to the Alma Symphony Orchestra.

- Feel it riding your bike on one of our numerous trails, on the ferris wheel at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth (July 25 – August 1), or with the crowd during our many events such as Breckenridge’s Christmas in the Village, the 53rd Annual Alma Highland Festival (May 22-24), or at an Alma College Football Game. Go Scots!

Gratiot County offers something for everyone but with the caring and inclusive energy of small-town America. Make sure to slow down and take time out of your life to experience it. Immerse yourself in all that is Gratiot County.

Sincerely,

Garth Anderson & Brendan K Kelley

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OUR MISSION

To advocate the partnership of business and community to preserve, enhance, and promote those unique qualities that make Gratiot County a great place to live, work, and visit.



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Cover Photo: Alma College’s Wright Leppien Opera House. Page 4 Upper Left: Gratiot County agriculture, and Above: Steam train visiting Alma, MI

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 Newspapers.....refer to page 43
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**GRATIOT AREA
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Connecting you with the tools to help your business succeed

Through our programs and committees the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce offers our members opportunities to learn, grow, connect to resources, and advertise their services. The Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce is here to help you strengthen your business.

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| <p>ADVERTISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the Chamber's Community Guide - Online and Social Media Recognition - Free Radio and print advertising for new members | <p>EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lunch & Learn Program - Professional Development Training - Business development through the Central Michigan University Research Center | <p>NETWORKING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business After Hours - Gratiot Young Professionals Network - Local Promotional Committees |
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From parades to block parties, our promotional committees help us make an impact locally

The Chamber has four promotional committees who organize events and opportunities to promote their local communities: the **Breckenridge Area Action Committee**, the **Middle of the Mitten Association** (St. Louis), the **Alma Action Association**, and the **Ithaca Promotional Committee**. They organize everything from Christmas parades to Easter Egg hunts, from block parties to car shows, and they even contribute to seasonal downtown decorations.

These committees are very active in their communities and are made up of Chamber members. As a Chamber member you have the opportunity to join their meetings and help create excitement for your town.



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

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| <p>MEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member directory listing - Good Morning Gratiot free RSVP - Gift Certificate ("Chamber Bucks") participation - Conference room use at Chamber office (one annual use only) - Networking program RSVP reduced fee, including: Business After Hours, Lunch & Learn, Young Professionals Network - Printed mailing label set of Chamber member list - Annual Dinner invitation (\$30 fee to attend) <p>\$150</p> | <p>STRATEGIC PARTNER</p> <p>Includes everything from the MEMBER list as well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TWO conference room uses annually - FREE Networking Program attendance for up to THREE employees - Receive TWO Annual Dinner tickets at NO COST - Receive TWO entries to the Agri-Fit Challenge at no cost <p>\$275</p> |
| <p>DIRECTORS CLUB</p> <p>Includes everything from the MEMBER list as well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FOUR conference room uses annually - Free Networking Program attendance for up to SIX employees - Receive FOUR Annual Dinner tickets at NO COST - Receive FOUR entries to the Agri-Fit Challenge at no cost - TWO Alma College Athletics Annual Passes at no charge - TWO adult tickets to the Gratiot County Players - Two FREE entries to the Alma Highland Festival - Community Guide Recognition of Director's Club Membership <p>\$625</p> | |

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The Gratiot Community Airport, located at 3999 West Seaman Road, between Alma and Ithaca, offers flight services to business, individual, and freight patrons. The airport features a 5,000 foot east-west primary runway and a 3,200 foot north-south cross wind runway. The runways handle commercial aircraft and small jets. The facility also provides private charters. In total, the airport oversees 9,500 operations per year. Three Point Aviation, LLC is the Fixed Base Operator at the airport and handles the day-to-day operations. Self-serve fuel 100LL and Jet A is available at the airport twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Courtesy cars are available, as well as hangar and aircraft rentals. Please consider utilizing the Gratiot Community Airport for fast and easy service to and from the Gratiot area.

Above: AT-6 Lineup, Gratiot Community Airport



Application for Membership

Name of Business: _____

Type of Business: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Date Business was Established: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Address (If Different): _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

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Number of Full-Time Employees: _____ Number of Part-Time Employees: _____

Human Resources Contact: _____

Contacts to List in Directory: _____

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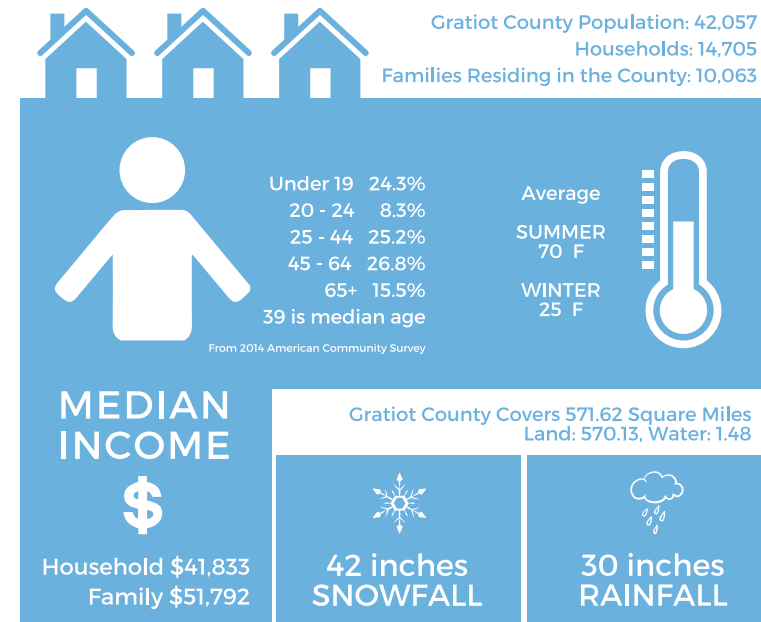
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GRATIOT COUNTY Demographics

USEFUL DATA



TOP 20 EMPLOYERS

MidMichigan Medical Center - Gratiot	698
Central Michigan Correctional Facility	446
Masonic Pathways	426
Avalon & Tahoe Manufacturing, Inc.	391
Alma College	344
St Louis Correctional Facility	332
International Automotive Components (IAC)	280
Alma Public Schools	265
Gratiot-Isabella R.E.S.D.	213
Cartridges Are Us (a division of Clover Technologies Group)	179
Wal-Mart	172
Apex Marine	161
Hutchinson Aerospace & Industry	161
Meijer	157
Gratiot County Courthouse	155
Shiloh Industries	151
Consumers Energy	149
Garr Tool Company	144
Ithaca Public Schools	132
Merrill Fabricators	131

DRIVING DISTANCE

From Ithaca, our County Seat, to:

St. Louis	8 miles	Grand Rapids	75 miles
Alma	10 miles	Ann Arbor	105 miles
Mt Pleasant	28 miles	Traverse City	138 miles
Clare	43 miles	Detroit	130 miles
Saginaw	42 miles	Mackinaw City	177 miles
Midland	44 miles	Marquette	355 miles
Lansing	45 miles	Sault Ste. Marie	245 miles

MAJOR PRODUCTS

Corn 13.15 M bu.	Dry Beans 140,000 cwt.
Soybeans 4.416 M bu.	Milk 414.6 M lbs.
Wheat 1.515 M bu.	Hogs 140,000 hd.
Sugar Beets 230,000 T	Cattle 32,000 hd.

This estimate does not include commodities such as alfalfa, turkeys, and other vegetable crops.



THINGS TO DO

The City of Alma has a population of 9,383. Alma offers the Pine River, Fred Meijer Heartland Trail (a non-motorized, paved trail), Pine River Country Club, live theater, unique downtown shops, major retail chains, and a movie theater as entertainment and recreation options.

Host to many great events and activities, Alma might be most famous for being the site of the Annual Alma Highland Festival, one of the largest Scottish festivals in the Midwest for nearly five decades.

EVENTS IN ALMA

- 04.11 Masonic Pathways Community Easter Egg Hunt, 11 am
- 04.30 Athena Award Luncheon, Masonic Pathways
- 04.18 Alma Spring Clean Up Day
- 05.01 Field of Honor Dedication, Alma Elks Club, 2 pm
- 05.01-06.14 Field of Honor, Alma Elks Club
- 05.01 Spring Fling Golf Outing, Pine River Country Club
- 05.16 Alma Flower Planting Day
- MULTIPLE 05.23 - 10.31 Farmers Market, Wed & Sat 7 am - 1 pm
- 05.22-24 Alma Highland Festival and Games—Alma College
- MULTIPLE June - Aug Gratiot County Players Showtime at the Strand and Summer Youth Workshop
- 06.14 Flag Day Event, Alma Elks Club
- 07.16 Rural-Urban Day at Gratiot County Fairgrounds

RURAL-URBAN DAY | 07.16

The 45th Annual Rural-Urban Day is a chance for Gratiot County to celebrate the importance of agriculture to the community. Along with the annual agriculture awards, Rural-Urban Day is a festival centered around a delicious community steak fry at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth Fairgrounds.

PARTY ON STATE STREET | 09.12

This year Party on State Street, Alma Church of God Block Party is moving to Wright Park! It's four hours of music and fun near Alma's vibrant downtown. Come enjoy great food and music while exploring Alma's downtown this summer.

EVENTS IN ALMA (continued)

- 07.25-08.01 Gratiot County Fair for Youth
- 08.20 Old US-27 Car Cruise, 1 pm - 3 pm
- 09.02-03 DALMAC Bicycle Riders
- 09.12 Party on State Street, Alma Church of God Block Party
- 09.12 Lucky MacDuck Community Day
- 09.12 Cyclecross Bike Race, 2 pm
- 09.TBD Alma Fall Clean Up Day
- 10.02 Alma Homecoming
- 10.10 Alma College Homecoming
- 10.22 Alma Fall Festival
- 11.11 Veterans Day Salute, Masonic Pathways
- 12.11 Come Home to Alma Holiday Celebration
- 12.12 5th Annual Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk



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THINGS TO DO

The Village of Breckenridge has a population of 1,328. Breckenridge is the heartland of the county in terms of agriculture. One of the largest grain processing facilities in Michigan is adjacent to the east side of the Village and is owned by Michigan Agricultural Commodities.

For recreation, Breckenridge offers a splash park, two village parks, a library, downtown shopping, and a golf course. The people of Breckenridge are committed to their future and welcome opportunities for growth.

EVENTS IN BRECKENRIDGE

- 05.25 Memorial Day Service, Ridgelawn Cemetery, 12 noon
- 07.04 Fireworks, Breckenridge Area Action Committee
- 08.11 Breckenridge Bernie Siler Memorial Golf Outing
- 10.02 Breckenridge Homecoming
- 11.11 Veterans Day Service, American Legion Post 295, 4 pm
- 12.07 Breckenridge Christmas in the Village, Downtown



Breckenridge High/Middle School



Breckenridge Elementary School



A BIT ABOUT BRECKENRIDGE

The Village of Breckenridge is 1.07 square miles of land in the middle of Michigan's agricultural heartland. Located in Wheeler Township, the Village was founded when the Pere Marquette Railroad came through the area and incorporated as a village in 1908.

Breckenridge is a beautiful and vibrant community with numerous community events, recreational activities, commerce options, and an outstanding public school system. The Village also has a Michigan Certified Industrial and Agribusiness Park. This is the first industrial park in the United States of America to be established specifically for the purpose of conducting agricultural business.

Area Attractions:

- Plank Road Museum and Drake House – Historical Society
- JayCee & Hoffmeyer Park
- Birch Street Park
- Howe Memorial Library

The Village of Breckenridge offers a few great parks for children of all ages. JayCee & Hoffmeyer Memorial Park located on Sexton Street (north side of town) is the home of the Splash Park. Other park features include a three-hole disc golf course, corn-hole, horseshoes, beach volleyball court, and many play structures. Birch Street Park (south side of town) has a newly constructed restroom, pavilion and play areas.



Village of Breckenridge

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THINGS TO DO

The City of Ithaca is the county seat of Gratiot County, MI with a population of 2,910. Ithaca has multiple city parks, a county park, a golf course, a bowling alley, unique downtown shops, and annual holiday events as entertainment and recreation activities. Ithaca is a historic town that cherishes its past, but is living for the future and is welcome to all development opportunities.

EVENTS IN ITHACA

- 04.11 Easter Egg Hunt, Woodland Park, 11 am
- MULTIPLE May - Oct Farmers Market, Sat 8 am - 1 pm
- 05.17 Dust Off Car Show, Downtown, 12 noon - 4 pm
- 05.25 Memorial Day Service and Parade, 10 am
All Wars Memorial/Courthouse Lawn
- 06.13 Gratiot County Fair for Youth Golf Outing, The Fields
- 06.14 Flag Day Boy Scouts Presentation, All Wars Memorial
- 06.19-23 Gratiot Ag Expo, Ithaca Fairgrounds
- 08.20 Old US-27 Motor Tour, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 09.12 Ithaca Fall Festival, Downtown
- 09.19 Agri-Fit Challenge Obstacle Course 5K, McNabb Park
- 10.9 Ithaca Homecoming
- 11.11 Veterans Day Service, All Wars Memorial, Downtown, 11 am
- 12.04 Christmas Under the Stars Celebration & Santa Parade



AGRI-FIT CHALLENGE OBSTACLE COURSE 5K | 09.19

A crossfit race for the "Middle of the Mitten". Last year more than 200 competitors completed the 5K course while overcoming farm themed hurdles and obstacles. The agricultural themed course challenges registrants from all over the country and in Canada while showcasing the agri-business history of Gratiot County. Don't be surprised to see gym clothes and sneakers line up with blue jeans and boots on the starting line, each with an equal chance to take home glory.



OLD US-27 MOTOR TOUR | 08.20

An original stopping point for the Tour in its 14th year, downtown Ithaca plays host as the perfect backdrop for what can only be described as a traveling festival for lovers of classic cars. Last year there were 306 classic cars with owners from all over the globe that descended on Ithaca, as they stopped and celebrated on their week-long tour north.



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THINGS TO DO

St. Louis, Michigan, the “Middle of the Mitten” is known for its historic past. Its quaint downtown is on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to a wide variety of shops, eateries and service businesses. The City of St. Louis has a population of 7,482.

The community also offers many opportunities for fun and entertainment including Hidden Oaks Golf Course, a public swimming pool, the Pine River, a downtown music theater featuring live music, a modern library and six City parks.

EVENTS IN ST. LOUIS

- 03.07 St. Louis Dueling Pianos, Alma Elks Lodge
- 04.11 Easter Egg Walk, Downtown, 11am - 1 pm
- 04.26 I Love My City Clean Up Day
- 05.25 Memorial Day Parade, Downtown, 10 am
- MULTIPLE June 4 - Oct 29 - Farmers Market, Thursdays, 2 pm - 6 pm
- MULTIPLE Jun - Aug W.T. - Morris Memorial Pool Open, Downtown
- 06.04 Middle of the Mitten Community Golf Outing, Hidden Oaks Golf Course
- 06.13 St. Louis Joe Scholtz Memorial Fishing Derby
- 06.15 Flag Day Event, St. Louis City Hall
- 07.04 4th of July Celebration, Fireworks
- 08.20 Old US-27 Motor Tour, 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm
- 09.07 Labor Day Bridge Walk, St. Louis High School, 8 am
- 09.25 St. Louis Homecoming
- 10.29 Trick or Treat, Downtown
- 11.11 Veterans Day Service, Downtown, 11 am
- 12.03 Small Town Family Christmas and Lighted Parade, 6 pm



FARMERS MARKET | JUN 4 - OCT 29

Located in Downtown St. Louis at 300 N Mill St, offering plenty of parking and easy access to other downtown shops and restaurants.

Vendors offer fresh local produce, baked goods, jams, roasted coffee, eggs, honey, maple syrup, hormone free beef and pork, eggs, unique handmade crafts and more. Listen to local musicians, watch a cooking demonstration or sample a new recipe.

The Market accepts Credit/Debit and participates in food assistance programs: SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC Project Fresh, Senior Market Fresh and Prescription for Health.

Open Thursdays from 2 pm - 6 pm, June thru October. Visit our exciting new website at gratiotfarmersmarkets.com/st-louis



W.T. MORRIS MEMORIAL POOL | JUN - AUG

The only outdoor pool in Gratiot County, the pool facility saw a \$150,000 renovation project in 2019! The pool house work was done with the help of a GREAT Grant from the Gratiot County Community Foundation, a gift from Gary DeShano and a grant from the W.T. Morris Foundation.

Rebuilt in 2005, the pool is a quality facility that provides swim lessons, programming and fun events for youngsters and adults alike.

Keep up with schedules and events at facebook.com/stlouispool/

Live, Learn, Grow, Relax “Middle of the Mitten” St. Louis



City of St. Louis
300 North Mill Street • St. Louis, MI 48880
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St. Louis Public Schools
113 East Saginaw Street • St. Louis, MI 48880
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jmckittrick@stlouisschools.net • stlouisschools.net



SMALL BUSINESS

Alma, Breckenridge, Ithaca, and St. Louis all offer downtown shopping areas filled with various shops, restaurants, and service establishments. Many small businesses in the area have specialized offerings (musical instruments, bicycles, and a brewery, to name a few), which draw in visitors from near and far. Classic gift boutiques, antique shops, and florists also offer convenient options for citizens and tourists to explore. Small businesses in the area are supported by the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce and Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. The Small Business Development Center is also available for assistance through a satellite office in Ithaca at Greater Gratiot. Small business services include business plan development, market research, and financial management.

For more information, or for business assistance, please contact the Gratiot Area Chamber at **989.463.5525** or Greater Gratiot Development at **989.875.2083**.

Although agriculture makes up a substantial part of the Gratiot economy, the area also relies on industrial, alternative energy, and small business sectors for diversification.

MANUFACTURING

The scope of industry throughout the County is very diverse, with manufacturing companies ranging in size from 2 to 400+ employees. Companies produce a variety of goods such as automotive parts, jet aircraft engine components, carbide cutting tools, pontoon boats, plastic parts, fabricated metal parts, bleach production equipment, and many others. The area industry is also served with necessary support services, including providers of industrial fasteners, metal recycling, and coatings.

Gratiot County is an appealing area for numerous industrial businesses due to its accessibility. The area is serviced by Gratiot Community Airport, which offers service for businesses, individuals,

and freight. Two railroads also serve the area. Gratiot's location in the center of the state offers easy access to major interstates via US Highway 127 and Michigan Highways 46 and 57.

Manufacturing businesses are supported through Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. (GGDI). GGDI assists businesses with building & equipment expansions, site selection, brownfield redevelopment, strategic planning, general consultation, and state & local incentives.

Also, the Gratiot Area Chamber (GAC) and GGDI participate in a monthly industry/education roundtable meeting, hosted by the Central Michigan Manufacturers Association, to discuss how schools, industry, and other partners can work together to solve workforce and training needs.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Gratiot County is home to three different wind farms and 217 wind turbines. The County is an ideal fit for wind energy due to its rural nature and flat, open landscape. The first wind farm, Gratiot County Wind, was completed in 2012 and remains the largest farm (by turbine count) in Michigan with 133 turbines. Since construction, wind development has resulted in \$42.8 million in tax revenue and 26 full-time jobs. The County is also hoping to take advantage of solar energy opportunities, and a solar ordinance was passed in 2018 to accommodate these developments. Solar energy is targeted for areas that have few redevelopment options. Gratiot County is proving to be forward-thinking in its attempts to attract alternative energy opportunities.

Collaborating to shape the Gratiot Community...



300+ acres available for industrial and agribusiness projects

...for location, expansion, and entrepreneurial support

...for a diverse and growing economy



Home to Michigan's largest wind farm



Excellent public, private, and vocational education centers

...for education opportunities beyond the traditional classroom

...for cultural and recreational activities



A superior quality of life

One-stop assistance for locating and growing your business



- Building/equipment expansions
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Entrepreneurial assistance
- Employee recruitment/training
- Foreign Trade Zone
- Site selection
- State & local incentives
- General consultation
- Strategic planning



AGRI-TOURISM and Production

DIVERSE & ABUNDANT

Agriculture provides the foundation for growth and development in Gratiot County. With 82% of land used in agriculture, Gratiot is a leader in crop and livestock production. The County is ranked in the top ten counties in the state for the following crops: soybeans, corn, sugar beets, dry beans, and wheat. In terms of livestock, the county is ranked 4th in production of milk, 5th in poultry and eggs, 7th in cattle, and 9th in hogs. As a result, total agricultural production is ranked 6th in the state and is valued at \$281.4 million according to the latest USDA Ag Census.

To support production efforts, the County is also home to agribusinesses such as grain elevators, equipment dealers, and fertilizer dealers, to name a few. In 2019, the County welcomed ZFS Ithaca, a new soybean processing facility that will handle 40% of the state's total crop. Professional consultants, agriculture advisors, and USDA offices also contribute to the success of the local producers of agriculture products. In terms of production and support businesses, agriculture has a huge impact on the area economy—over 3,300 are employed on farms and in agribusinesses. Further, it is estimated that agriculture accounts for 22% of the County's tax base.

The future for agriculture in the County is driven by its youth. Currently, almost 600 youth participate in the 4-H youth programs through MSU Extension. Additionally, 400 students are involved in Future Farmers of America clubs across Gratiot County schools. Educational programs such as these teach children necessary skills that benefit them throughout their lives.

Gratiot County's rural charm is a result of its agricultural roots. Various events and activities are conducted throughout the County in order to embrace agriculture and its numerous benefits. Check out the various agri-tourism opportunities within Gratiot County on the following page!



GRATIOT COUNTY Quilt Trail



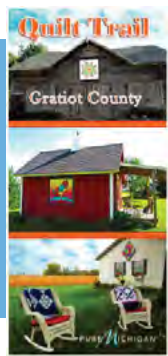
Over 75 beautifully unique wooden quilt squares hang on local farms and businesses in Gratiot County. This agri-tourism attraction celebrates both the art of quilting and the history of the local farms and businesses.

The Quilt Trail unites the rural and urban communities through promotional efforts that will encourage tourists to explore the countywide trail and support local businesses along the way.

To learn more about the Gratiot County Quilt Trail visit:

gratiotcountyquilttrail.com

or stop by Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce to pick up one of these brochures!



FARMERS Markets

MAY/JUNE - OCTOBER

ALMA, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 7 am - 1 pm
ST. LOUIS, Thursdays, 2 pm - 6 pm
ITHACA, Saturdays, 8 am - 1 pm

gratiotfarmersmarkets.com



AGRI-FIT Challenge

GRATIOT AREA CHAMBER INVITES YOU...

to join us for our Annual Agri-Fit Challenge on September 19, 2020 at McNabb Park in Ithaca. Obstacles include mud crawls, climbing over large round hay bales, carrying seed bags, a trail run, a muddy pond, and more! This race is fun for the whole family with a kids race kicking off the event. To register or for more info, visit: www.gratiot.org for more information!



RURAL-URBAN Day

A COMMUNITY PICNIC WHERE FRIENDS...

old and new come together to enjoy a delicious steak fry. On July 16, 2020 over 1,000 people will come to celebrate the bond of the rural and urban communities in Gratiot County. The event features a golf outing, petting zoo and the annual awards for the Farm Family and Agribusiness of the Year.



Thursdays 2pm-6pm June - October
300 N. Mill Street, Downtown St. Louis

Web: GratiotFarmersMarkets.com
Social Media: @stlouisfm
Phone: (989) 620-0448



HEALTH CARE in Gratiot County

OFFERING STATE-OF-THE-ART CARE IN A RURAL SETTING

MidMichigan Medical Center – Gratiot, a 97 licensed-bed hospital located in Alma, has been serving the health care needs of residents throughout Gratiot, Serving Gratiot, Isabella, Montcalm and other counties since 1955.

An affiliate of MidMichigan Health, to keep you and your family healthy and managing chronic health conditions, we provide access to primary care providers including family medicine, internal medicine and obstetrics/gynecology. Along with our main Medical Center campus in Alma, we have physician offices in Ithaca, Alma, Breckenridge, Shepherd and Mt. Pleasant. Our offices all offer online scheduling and an online patient portal for personal access to your health information. We also have convenient urgent care and state-of-the-art emergency services located at the Medical Center.

Our full range of specialty services include heart and vascular care, cancer care, orthopedics, general and bariatric surgery, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, maternity, mental health and rehabilitative services including physical, occupational, and speech. Recent investments ensure we have the latest in advanced technology. For example, in 2019, we built a new, \$2.6 million Maternity Center and invested \$1 million in a Cardiac Catheterization Lab. A new MRI will also be installed in 2020.

What’s more, we are training the health care providers of the future. In 2016, a family medicine residency program was established to train family medicine physicians. Today, 100 percent of our graduates have remained in Central Michigan to practice. In addition, we partner with area nursing schools to help train registered nurses and have built a Simulation Lab which offers a leading edge way to train staff in patient assessment skills with life-like manikins that are programmed to present with symptoms and respond to treatments.

Above all, in addition to our patients, we care for our communities. We give back with our time, talent and treasure through local support of a diversity of charitable, community and development organizations, such as Art Reach of Mid Michigan, the Alma Highland Festival, Central Michigan University, Child Advocacy of Gratiot County, Toys for Tots, United Way and more.

MidMichigan Health is a non-profit health system headquartered in Midland, Michigan, affiliated with Michigan Medicine, the health care division of the University of Michigan. To learn more visit midmichigan.org.



QUALITY SENIOR CARE

For those who wish to continue living independently in Gratiot County, yet desire the emotional security of a community environment, Arbor Grove Assisted Living and Masonic Pathways CCRC are two beautiful options. Both have much to offer, including various levels of assistance in personal care, medication administration, housekeeping, laundry, meals and social activities.

If you seek greater levels of care, Gratiot County is home to five of Michigan’s highest rated skilled nursing and short-stay rehabilitation centers, including the Laurels of Fulton, Masonic Pathways Health Care Center, Pine River Health Care Center, Schnepf Senior Care & Rehab Center and Warwick Living Center.

All facilities offer state-of-the-art rehabilitation programs, providing a bridge between the hospital and home for those who require intense therapy after joint replacements, stroke, or extended stays in the hospital.

Through physical, occupational and speech therapy, these health centers make it possible for their short-stay patients to reclaim their vitality, return to their homes and resume their daily lives. Each of these centers can also become a “home away from home,” where memory and long-term care residents receive around-the-clock nursing care, therapeutic activities and nutritional support while enjoying a home-like atmosphere. Physician, dental, optometry and podiatry are provided within each center. Additionally, as an answer to a critical need for long-term ventilator dependent care, Masonic Pathways recently opened a specialized Assisted Breathing unit. Gratiot County is truly fortunate to have many high quality options for our Seniors.

SENIOR FACILITIES

- Arbor Grove Assisted Living**
1320 Pine Ave | Alma, MI 48801 | 989.463.3074
- Pine River Health Care Center**
1149 Monroe Rd | St Louis, MI 48880 | 989.681.3852
- The Laurels of Fulton**
4735 Ranger Rd | Perrinton, MI 48871 | 989.236.5433
- Schnepf Senior Care & Rehab Center**
427 Washington | St Louis, MI 48880 | 989.681.5721
- Masonic Pathways CCRC & Health Care Center**
1200 Wright Ave | Alma, MI 48801 | 989.463.3141
- Warwick Living Center**
842 West Warwick Dr | Alma, MI 48801 | 989.463.2200



The Commission on Aging assists the citizens of Gratiot County who are 60 years of age and older. Some of the services provided include: Personal Care, Respite Care, Home Delivered Meals, Homemaking, Medicare / Medicaid Assistance, Home Chore / Home Repair, Transportation to Appointments and Caregiver Support. Please contact the office for additional information at 989.875.5246. The Food with Friends locations and times are listed below.

- Alma/St. Louis Area**
Gratiot Community Senior Center
1329 Michigan Ave, St. Louis | Mon - Fri: 9 am - 2 pm | 989.681.4341
- Breckenridge**
Breckenridge Masonic Temple
122 E Saginaw St, Breckenridge | Mon - Fri: 10 am - 2 pm | 989.842.3338
- Fulton Area**
Fulton Township Hall
3425 W Cleveland Rd, Perrinton | Mon-Wed-Fri: 10 am - 2 pm | 989.236.5019
- Ithaca Area**
Senior Activity Building
1011 E North St, Ithaca | Mon - Fri: 10 am - 2 pm | 989.875.2135
- West Gratiot Area**
Sumner Community Center
10820 Pine St, Sumner | Mon-Wed-Fri: 10 am - 2 pm | 989.833.7624

GRATIOT AREA 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 7 Duelling Pianos to support the Middle of the Mitten Assoc. Elks Club, Alma, 6pm
- April 11 Downtown Easter Egg Walk, St. Louis, 11 am – 1 pm
- April 11 Masonic Pathways Community Easter Egg Hunt, Alma, 11 am
- April 11 Easter Egg Hunt. Woodland Park, Ithaca, 11 am**
- April 18 Keep Alma Beautiful, Alma Clean Up Day
- April 26 I Love My City Cleanup Day, St. Louis
- April 30 Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Award Luncheon, Alma, 12 noon
- May 1 Field of Honor Dedication Ceremony, Elks Club, Alma, 2 pm
- May 1 Alma Action Association's Spring Fling Golf Outing, Pine River Country Club, Alma
- May 16 Flower Planting Day, Alma
- May 17 Dust Off Car Show, Downtown Ithaca, 12 noon - 4 pm
- May 22-24 Alma Highland Festival and Games, Alma College Campus**
- May 25 Memorial Day Service and Parade, All Wars Memorial Courthouse Lawn, Ithaca, 10 am
- May 25 Memorial Day Parade, Downtown St. Louis, 10 am
- May 25 Memorial Day Service, Ridgelawn Cemetery, Breckenridge
- June – August Gratiot County Players Showtime At The Strand and Summer Youth Workshop, Alma
- June 4 Middle of the Mitten Community Golf Outing, Hidden Oaks Golf Course, St. Louis
- June 12 & 13 Ashley Trading Days, Ashley
- June 13 Joe Scholtz Memorial Fishing Derby, St. Louis
- June 13 Gratiot County Fair for Youth Golf Outing, The Fields Golf Course, Ithaca
- June 14 Flag Day Event, Elks Club, Alma
- Flag Day Boy Scouts Presentation, All Wars Memorial, Ithaca
- June 15 Flag Day Event, City Hall, St. Louis
- June 19-23 Gratiot Ag Expo, Ithaca Fairgrounds
- July 4 Fourth of July Celebration & Fireworks, Breckenridge
- Fourth of July Celebration & Fireworks, St. Louis
- July 16 Rural Urban Day, Gratiot County Fairgrounds, Alma**
- July 25– August 1 Gratiot County Fair for Youth (GCFFY), Alma
- August 1 GCFFY Super Kicker Rodeo, GCFFY Fairgrounds, Alma, 6 pm
- August 2 Bannister Czechoslovak Harvest Festival, Bannister
- August 7 Sport Shirt Golf Outing, The Fields Golf Course, Ithaca, 12 pm
- August 11 Bernie Siler Memorial Golf Outing, Breckenridge
- August 21-23 Sumner Daze, Sumner



Easter Egg Hunt, Ithaca



Alma Highland Festival & Games



Rural Urban Day, Alma

- August 20 Old US-27 Motor Tour:**
Ithaca 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Alma 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, St. Louis 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm
- September 2-3 DALMAC Bicycle Tour, Alma
- September 7 Labor Day Bridge Walk, St. Louis, 8 am
- September 12 Lucky MacDuck Community Day, Alma
- September 12 Cyclecross Bike Race, Bridge Street, Alma, 2 pm
- September 12 Party on State Street/Church of God Block Party, Alma, 4:30 pm
- September 12 Ithaca Fall Fest
- September 25 St. Louis High School Homecoming
- September (TBD) Alma Fall Clean Up Day
- September 19 Agri-Fit Challenge Obstacle Course 5K, McNabb Park, Ithaca**
- October (TBD) Fulton High School Homecoming
- October 2 Alma High School Homecoming
- October 2 Breckenridge High School Homecoming
- October 9 Ashley High School Homecoming
- October 9 Ithaca High School Homecoming
- October 10 Alma College Homecoming
- October 22 Alma Fall Festival
- October 29 Downtown St. Louis Halloween Trick or Treat
- November 11 Veterans Day Service, Downtown St. Louis
- Downtown Ithaca, All Wars Memorial
- Masonic Pathway's Veterans Day Salute, Alma
- Veterans Day Service, American Legion Post 295, Breckenridge
- November 14 – December 20 Village of Ashley Country Christmas & North Pole Express Train
- December 3 Small Town Family Christmas and Lighted Parade, St. Louis, 6 pm
- December 4 Ithaca Hometown Christmas and Santa Parade, 6 pm
- December 7 Christmas in the Village, Breckenridge, 5 pm**
- December 20 "2020 Love Lights" – MidMichigan Medical Center-Gratiot, Alma, 4:30 pm
- December 11 Come Home to Alma Holiday Celebration, Downtown Alma, 5:45 pm
- December 12 5th Annual Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk, Alma, 10 am



Old US-27 Motor Tour, Alma



Agri-Fit Challenge, Ithaca



Christmas in the Village, Breckenridge

This is the perfect calendar to pull out and put on your refrigerator or bulletin board! Just tear it out and you can have all the county-wide events for the year. For more information on these or other upcoming events, call the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce at 989-463-5525, or visit: **GACC.GRATIOT.ORG**



GRATIOT COUNTY Bike Trails



Map Key

- Picnic Facilities
- Parking
- US 127 Parallel Bike Path
- Fred Meijer Heartland Trail
- Jailhouse Mountain Bike Trails at McNabb Park

GRATIOT COUNTY Exploration

Gratiot County is extremely fortunate to have a multitude of recreational opportunities to serve a diverse and active population. Perhaps two of Gratiot's greatest offerings are Paul Hubscher County Park in Sumner Township (west of Ithaca) and Reed County Park in North Star Township (south of Ithaca). Open to the public, both parks offer a swimming beach, a playground, nature trails, various sports fields, pavilions, and picnic tables & grills.

In addition to these major county parks, cities and villages within Gratiot County have a selection of local parks that offer a variety of amenities. For a complete listing of these parks, please visit each city's website.

Outdoor enthusiasts are sure to enjoy Gratiot County's offering of trails. The Fred Meijer Heartland Trail is 42 miles long and runs from Alma, Michigan to Greenville, Michigan. It is a smooth asphalt trail that can be used for walking, biking, skating, and other non-motorized traffic. The Alma Mountain Bike Trail, located in Alma's Pine River Park & Outdoor Center, offers a more exhilarating and scenic ride. Finally, a paved 6.6-mile non-motorized pathway was recently constructed along the east side of US Highway 127 from Ithaca to Alma. This trail is part of the efforts of Mid-Michigan Community Pathways, a community group that seeks to establish a cohesive nonmotorized route from Ithaca to Clare.

Gratiot County is home to the Pine and Maple rivers. The Pine River boasts a 30-mile canoe/kayak trail that runs from Riverdale to Alma with multiple access points. The trail is wheelchair accessible at Luneack County Park in Alma, Michigan, which also offers multiple parking spaces for easy access. Maple River, located in the southern portion of Gratiot County, is surrounded by three state game areas.

Additional outdoor recreational activities include 9-hole and 18-hole golf courses, a splash park, public swimming pools, shooting ranges, paintball courses, and soccer fields. Indoor recreational opportunities are also available throughout Gratiot County. Various live theater and music performances occur at the Strand Theatre in Alma and the Gem Theater in St. Louis.

Additionally, all three cities offer beautiful downtown settings with a variety of dining options and unique shopping opportunities. Other indoor recreational options include a movie theater, public libraries, a bowling alley, indoor swimming pools, arcades, health clubs / gyms, and dance lessons. Suffice it to say that Gratiot County has a great variety of recreational activities that are sure to meet anyone's needs and interests.

For a detailed listing of recreational opportunities, please visit gratiot.org.

PARKS and Recreation

- ALMA**
989.463.8346 (Call City)
- King Park
 - Hampton Park
 - Pine River Park
 - Holiday Park
 - Riverside Park
 - Wright Park
 - Scotland Yard
 - Euclid Ball Fields
 - Mill Street Park
 - Highland Park
- ITHACA**
989.875.3200 (Call City)
- Woodland Park
 - McNabb Park
 - Atkinson Park

- ST LOUIS**
989.681.2137 (Call City)
- Penny Park
 - Leppien City Park
 - Lincoln Park
 - Clapp Memorial Park
 - Lions Park
 - Barnum Park
- BRECKENRIDGE**
989.842.3109 (Call City)
- JayCee & Hoffmeyer Memorial Park & Splash Park
 - Birch Street Park
- Lumberjack Park**
989.833.7373
- 9160 N Lumberjack Rd, Riverdale

- Paul Hubscher Park**
989.875.5278
- 8300 W Washington Rd, Sumner
- Reed Park**
989.875.5278
- 3181 E Johnson Rd, North Star
- Ashley Village Park & Ball Fields**
989.847.3050
- Pompeii Park**
989.875.5282
- 7000 S State Rd, Pompeii
- Sumner Centennial Park**
989.574.0914



CONNECTING GRATIOT COUNTY A world of opportunities

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALMA COLLEGE, VISIT THESE ONLINE RESOURCES:

Main Website: alma.edu
 Campus Events Calendar: events.alma.edu
 Athletics: almascots.com

Recreation Center: alma.edu/stone-center/
 Heritage Center Box Office: alma.edu/heritage-center/



For 130 years, Alma College has connected students with a world of ideas and opportunities. A four-year residential liberal arts college, Alma College offers each student a personalized education emphasizing high-impact experiential learning opportunities, such as internships, research fellowships, study abroad, and engagement with the local community. Alma College is proud of its community linkages. Collaborations between the college and community include mutually beneficial research projects, volunteer opportunities and community partnerships such as the annual Highland Festival.

The attractive 128-acre campus features a combination of historic and contemporary buildings within walking distance from downtown Alma. The campus is bordered by the 41-mile Fred Meijer Heartland Bike Trail. The Alma College Bookstore with Starbucks is a popular destination for both community members and students who seek Alma apparel or a coffee beverage. College athletics facilities, including the Alan J. Stone Center for Recreation and the McClure Natatorium, offer wellness education, swimming instruction and recreational opportunities to community members and local businesses. Cultural and sports events are offered throughout the year.

The Oscar E. Remick Heritage Center for the Performing Arts is the region's premiere performing arts facility, with concerts, lectures, plays and other events scheduled throughout the year. Alma's Division III athletics program offers intercollegiate competition in 25 varsity sports.



EDUCATION A Dynamic Offering

HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

The residents of Gratiot County recognize that a quality education is the basis for a successful life. Walk into any school in Gratiot County, and you will get a sense not only of personal friendliness but also of seriousness about education.

The six school districts have been able to preserve their small-town values while keeping up-to-date with the latest in educational practice and technology. A dynamic offering of educational opportunities is available to students of all ages. Preschools and developmental kindergarten programs, both public and private, are available. Elementary and secondary schools perform at a high level under the direction of dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff members. Also critical to this mission are involved parents and a supportive community. Several private parochial schools blend traditional education with religious values for elementary-age children.

Career Technical Education (CTE) centers at Alma High School and Mt. Pleasant High School provide students with twenty programs ranging from welding and agriculture to culinary arts and nursing. CTE course offerings are gaining in popularity and importance, as our region continues to experience a welcomed increase in the manufacturing sector. In November 2013, voters in the Gratiot-Isabella RESD service area voted to support a 1.0 mil tax increase dedicated to enhancing CTE course offerings. This millage has been and will be used to upgrade facilities and support skilled trades programs in the region.

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Alma Public Schools	989.463.3111
Ashley Public Schools	989.847.4283
Breckenridge Comm. Schools.....	989.842.3182
Fulton Area Schools.....	989.236.7232
Ithaca Public Schools	989.875.3700
St Louis Public Schools	989.681.2545
Gratiot-Isabella R.E.S.D.....	989.875.5101

NEARBY COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

WEBSITES

Mid Michigan College (Harrison & Mt. Pleasant)	midmich.edu
Montcalm Community College (Sidney)	montcalm.edu
Delta College (Bay City)	delta.edu
Lansing Community College (Lansing)	lcc.edu
Alma College (Alma)	alma.edu
Central Michigan University (Mt. Pleasant)	cmich.edu
Michigan State University (East Lansing)	msu.edu
Saginaw Valley State University (Saginaw)	svsu.edu
Northwood University (Midland)	northwood.edu

AG EDUCATION

Over 525 students throughout Alma, Breckenridge, Ithaca, and St Louis are enrolled in an agri-science career and technical educational program at their respective middle & high schools. With topics ranging from ag mechanics to horticulture and zoology to ag business management, students gain hands-on, employability skills with an agriculture emphasis. Their classrooms are far from the traditional setting. You will most likely find agri-science students learning how to treat county fair animals in their educational

livestock barns, growing plants for a community spring sale in the ag science greenhouse, or using GPS as they harvest corn on the school's land lab. As part of their programs, students also participate in their local FFA Chapters, gaining leadership skills through team projects, contests, travel, and community service.

We are proud of the investment our community has made towards building our future employees, leaders, and productive community members!





VOLUNTEER in Gratiot County



What makes our community an exceptional place to live is our people. There is a collaborative, engaging spirit that literally flows into our non-profit organizations. You will find volunteering for one of our community's charitable organizations rewarding, and you will be able to see how your time and energy makes an impact.

Our volunteers in Gratiot County have a generous spirit and give of their time, talents and resources. It is our volunteers who make Gratiot County a special place.



2019 Volunteers of the Year



John Pavlik
Alma's Order of the Tartan Award

John has an extensive background serving the community through the Alma/St. Louis Rotary, the Alma First Presbyterian Church, and by volunteering his auctioneering services to numerous organizations.



Lisa Yoder
Ithaca Person of the Year

As a 5th grade teacher at Ithaca Public Schools, Lisa has educated the young minds of Ithaca for almost two decades. She encourages her students to make Ithaca a better place by working on different service projects, including an annual Veterans Day Ceremony.



Ron Salladay
Spirit of St. Louis Award

Ron, a lifelong resident of St. Louis, has shown commitment to the City through his service as a firefighter and EMT. Ron is also very active in working with youth in the community through the St. Louis Church of Christ and St. Louis Schools as a para-pro.



Joel Colbry, Breckenridge
Distinguished Citizen Award

Joel has been a guiding figure for the youth of Breckenridge, where he taught for 37 years and coached football for 31 years. Joel has also been active in Gratiot County 4-H Youth Programs, the Breckenridge/Wheeler Area Historical Society, and the Breckenridge United Methodist Church.



Anne Lambrecht
Athena Leadership Award

Anne was recognized for her commitment to human rights and her dedication to helping those in need. She currently serves at Alma College as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Counseling, Health and Wellness.

ARTS and history

Saravilla was built in 1894 by Ammi Wright, a historic Alma businessman, for his daughter. The building now functions as a seven-room bed and breakfast, with new owners as of 2019.

GRATIOT COUNTY HISTORY

The City of Ithaca is home to many historical sites including the Courthouse, Historical & Genealogical Society and Historical Museum. The museum, located adjacent to the Ithaca Public Library, displays various artifacts and much of the history of Gratiot County. The Historical and Genealogical Society can be found in the 130-year-old Georgiana Peet Miller home. There you can research the names of every resident who has ever lived in the county. An archive of original newspapers spanning the past 100 years is also on file at the Society. History buffs will find both locations a must stop in Gratiot County.

Other Gratiot County historical sites include the Plank Road Museum in Breckenridge, the St. Louis Area Historical Society in St. Louis, and the state's smallest Post Office in Elm Hall. Walk or bike the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail to Riverdale and you'll find the Riverdale Museum. In Riverdale, you might also want to stop by the Riverdale Tavern, one of the area's oldest restaurants.

Winding a path through the southern half of Gratiot County is the railroad passing through Bannister, Ashley, Pompeii, Perrinton and Middleton. Ashley has well-known holiday tradition with their old-fashioned country Christmas, which centers around their Polar Express rail line. Whether you are a passenger or spectator the Polar Express can be exciting for everyone, but because the experience has become so popular, if you and your loved ones want a ticket to ride you will want to purchase a ticket early this autumn.

Another key historical feature of Gratiot County is the recently restored Wright Leppien Opera House Block (see cover). This historic building was constructed 140 years ago by Ammi Wright as a retail and entertainment venue. Unfortunately, it was destroyed by a fire in 2010. However, thanks to the leadership and generosity of Alma College, several community donors, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the building has been restored to its original character and integrity. The building offers event space, retail stores, and student housing. The Opera House is now the cornerstone of Downtown Alma.

PERFORMING ARTS

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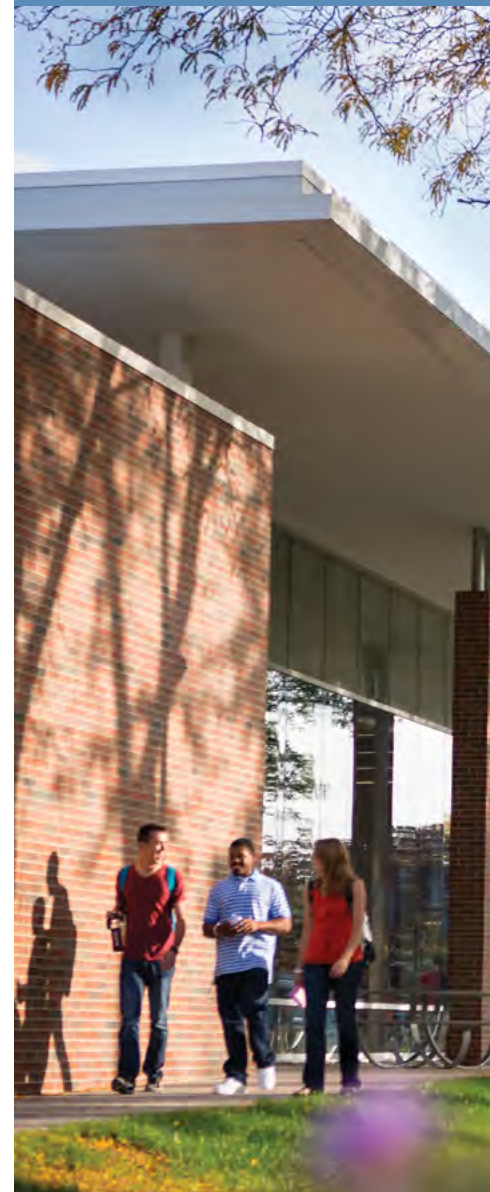
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