

2024  COMMUNITY GUIDE

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MyMichigan Medical Center Alma

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Fast Facts

- Serving central Michigan since 1955
- 97 licensed beds, all private rooms
- 1000+ employees, volunteers, health care providers and other personnel
- 50 percent of employees are Gratiot County residents
- Teaching facility with a family medicine residency training and clinical rotations for medical and nursing students and many other clinical disciplines. Our state-of-the-art Simulation Center is also used by Alma College Bachelor's of Registered Nursing Program
- New Cardiac Cath Lab, Maternity Center and MRI 2019-2020; new operating rooms construction 2022-2024
- Accredited by The Joint Commission
- Affiliated with MyMichigan Health and the University of Michigan Health
- Recipient of the Michigan's Quality Improvement Organization (MPRO) 2019 Governor's Award of Excellence for outstanding achievement in Effective Reporting and Measurement in Outpatient Quality Reporting Acute Care Hospitals



Major Services

MyMichigan Medical Center Alma provides a full range of services in specialty areas, including:

- Bariatric Surgery
- Behavioral Health, including inpatient and partial day-long outpatient programs
- Cancer Care
- Critical Care
- Emergency Care
- Heart and Vascular Services
- Imaging Services
- Maternity Services
- Musculoskeletal Care
- Occupational Health
- Ophthalmology
- Pain Management
- Primary Care
- Rehabilitation Services
- Sleep Disorders
- Sports Medicine
- Surgical Services
- Urology
- Wound Treatment Center

Milestones

- 2022** | Broke ground on new operating rooms.
- 2020** | Opened new MRI and lab. Inpatient Rehabilitation re-accredited by CARF. Graduated second class of four Family Medicine Residents who stayed in the region.
- 2019** | Opened new state-of-the-art Maternity Center and Cath lab. Graduated four family medicine doctors who all stayed in the area.
- 2018** | Accredited as a Level III Trauma Center
- 2017** | Behavioral Health Unit was expanded to 29 private rooms.
Added 3D mammography and a linear accelerator
- 2015** | Started a Breast Health Program. Family Medicine Residency training program established.
- 2013** | Simulation Center opened.
- 2012** | Opened Wound Treatment Center.
- 2011** | Gratiot Medical Center renamed MidMichigan Medical Center Alma. Added state-of-the-art Emergency Department, four-story patient care tower with all private patient rooms and RehabCentre.
- 2005** | Became a full subsidiary of MyMichigan Health.
- 2000** | Opened MyMichigan Gratiot Cancer Center.
- 1955** | Gratiot Community Hospital opened its doors on September 19.

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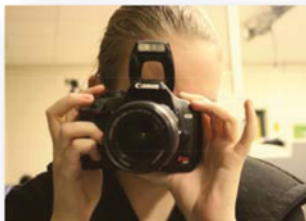
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Welcome to GRATIOT COUNTY

Greetings!

2024 is off to a great start here in Gratiot County, and I am so glad you are here to be a part of it. Whether you have lived here your whole life, moved here, or are just visiting, we are happy to have you in our community!

Over the years, the Chamber has worked hard to support our local businesses, bring fun events to our downtowns, and make valuable connections between our businesses and community members. We are proud of the work we've done, and there is still so much more to come!

As you browse through these pages, I hope you really take in all that Gratiot County has to offer. We may be small, but we are MIGHTY! Full of amazing opportunities, beautiful parks, historical buildings, a state-of-the-art hospital, the gorgeous campus of Alma College, several restaurants and cafes with delicious foods, cute boutiques, ample farms, fabulous salons and barber shops, friendly and knowledgeable tire, home, plumbing, heat and electrical services...the list goes on. We are full of people willing to roll up their sleeves and get the work done!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our many downtown events, golf outings, Rural Urban Day, Gratiot Brews & Bites, and Christmas celebrations!

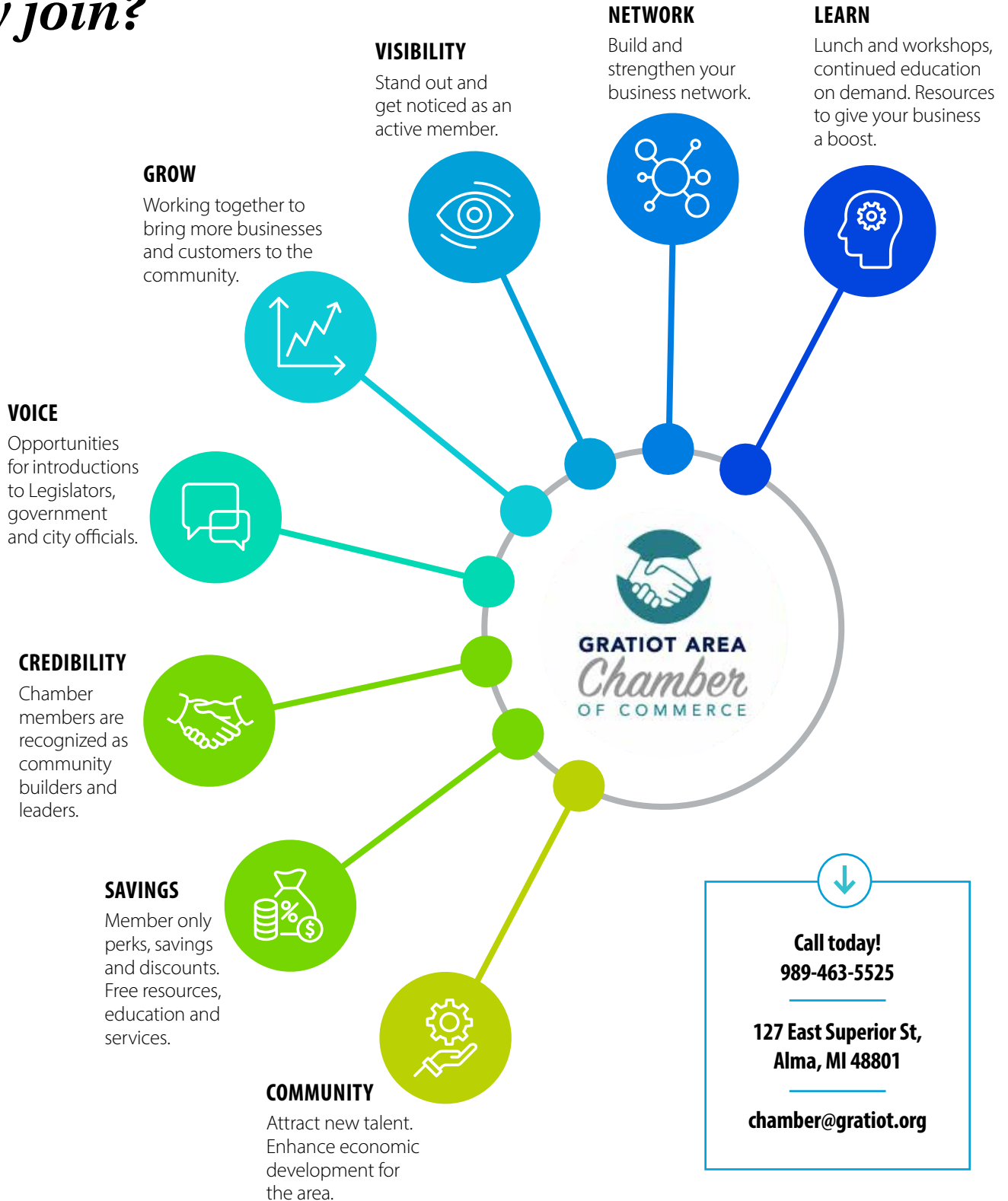
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Sara Bonacci,
Executive Director



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GRATIOT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS *network*

The GYPN Committee launched in 2019, providing young professionals working in Gratiot County with networking events, professional development and volunteer opportunities. To get involved in GYPN, contact the Chamber.

→ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP (LDW)**

Assists young professionals in developing leadership skills and building relationships to grow in their careers and the community. Six half-day sessions deliver classroom-based and experiential learning. If you are interested in participating in the next cohort, contact the Chamber for information.

→ **LUNCH AND LEARN**

Offering networking and educational opportunities, Lunch and Learn events are hosted throughout the year. Free to GYPN members and \$10 to non-members. Check GYPN Facebook page for dates, times and topics.

→ **NETWORKING EVENTS**

GYPN offers a variety of networking opportunities including Connections Over Coffee and Off the Clock. Both provide the chance for socializing and making new connections in the business community.



Joining GYPN has been the most valuable decision that I have made towards my professional development in my career. The Leadership Development Workshop and the lunch and learns have helped me grow immensely in various leadership roles within the county, and the connections that I have made with other members have created new opportunities that I didn't even know existed."

CURTIS DANCER
City of Alma



GYPN provides me with numerous opportunities to develop my leadership skills and make valuable connections within our community. The professional development sessions have helped me gain skills that will benefit me as I grow in the workplace, community, and personal life. I wouldn't be where I am without them!"

RACHEL MOLANDS
Child Advocacy of Gratiot County



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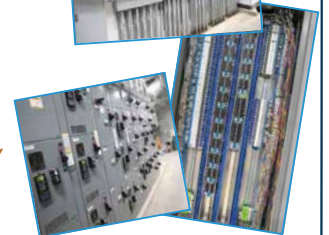
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TOTAL
POPULATION:
41,758



HOUSEHOLDS:
14,859



FAMILIES:
10,036



0-18: **8,210**
18-24: **4,570**
25-44: **11,050**
45-64: **10,746**
65+: **7,182**

MEDIAN AGE:
38.4

**MEDIAN
HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**
\$53,347

**MEDIAN
FAMILY INCOME:**
\$64,550



Average
temperature

WINTER
15°F
SUMMER
82°F



RAINFALL:
33"



SNOWFALL:
42"

*Annual
accumulation*



**LAND
COVERAGE:**
570.13
sq. miles



**WATER
COVERAGE:**
1.48
sq. miles

**GRATIOT COUNTY
COVERS:**
571.62
sq. miles

TOP 20 EMPLOYERS

665	MyMichigan Medical Center-Alma	178.5	Walmart
503	Avalon & Tahoe Manufacturing	162.5	Meijer
432	Central Michigan Correctional Facility	159.75	Merrill Technologies Group
400.5	Alma College	145.5	Gratiot County Courthouse
332	St. Louis Correctional Facility	141.5	Aludyne
280	Gratiot-Isabella RESD	138.5	Hutchinson Aerospace and Industry
260.5	Masonic Pathways	133.5	Apex Marine
205	International Auto Components (IAC)	130	Garr Tool Company
194	Alma Public Schools	124	Ithaca Public Schools
181	Consumers Energy	120	St. Louis Public Schools

→ Welcome to ALMA

Welcome to Alma, Michigan -- a vibrant and inviting community nestled in the heart of the state. With a population that embodies the warmth and friendliness of small-town living, Alma is a place where visitors instantly feel at home. Boasting a community that embraces a rich tapestry of traditions, Alma is a welcoming destination for both residents and guests alike.

For those seeking a blend of leisure and cultural experiences, Alma offers a diverse array of activities and attractions. Nature enthusiasts can explore the scenic Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, while art lovers can appreciate the creative offerings at the Alma Art Center. History comes alive at the Alma College Heritage Center, showcasing the town's rich past and academic achievements. Alma also hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including the Alma Highland Festival, which celebrates Scottish heritage with bagpipes, kilts, and lively festivities.

Whether you're looking to unwind amidst the tranquility of the local parks, enjoy the arts and culture scene or partake in community events, Alma provides a welcoming backdrop for all. Additionally, with a business-friendly environment, Alma beckons entrepreneurs and investors to explore the opportunities for economic growth and collaboration. Come discover the charm of Alma, Michigan -- a destination where community culture and commerce converge to create a truly memorable experience.



EVENTS IN ALMA

April 13	Alma Clean Up Day (tentative)
May 1 - June 14	Field of Honor, Alma Elks
May 17	Spring Fling Golf Outing, Pine River Country Club
May 18	Alma Flower Planting Day
May 24 - 26	Alma Highland Festival and Games, Alma College Campus
May - October	Farmers Market Downtown Alma - Saturdays 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
June 14	Flag Day Event, Alma Elks
July 11 - August 15	Evening in the Park (Tuesdays) Wright Ave. Park
July 18	Rural Urban Day at Gratiot County Fairgrounds, (advanced tickets required)
July 27 - August 3	Gratiot County Fair for Youth
August 17	Alma Alive, 3 pm - 10 pm
August 22	Old US-27 Car Cruise
August 28 - 29	DALMAC Bicycle Riders
September 7	Lucky MacDuck Community Day
September 20	Alma High School Homecoming
September 21	Gratiot Brews & Bites, Downtown Alma
September 28	Alma College Homecoming
October 24	Alma Fall Festival
October 31	City of Alma Trick or Treat, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
November 11	Masonic Pathways Veterans Day Salute
December 13	Come Home to Alma Holiday Celebration
December 14	13th Annual Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk



Alma Action Association

Alma Action Association is a promotional committee composed of community Chamber members dedicated to bringing fun and excitement to our downtown!

*Our Committee Chairperson
Adam Vibber, Century 21*

Meetings are held every fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber Board Room.



FEATURED EVENTS

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Dec. 13

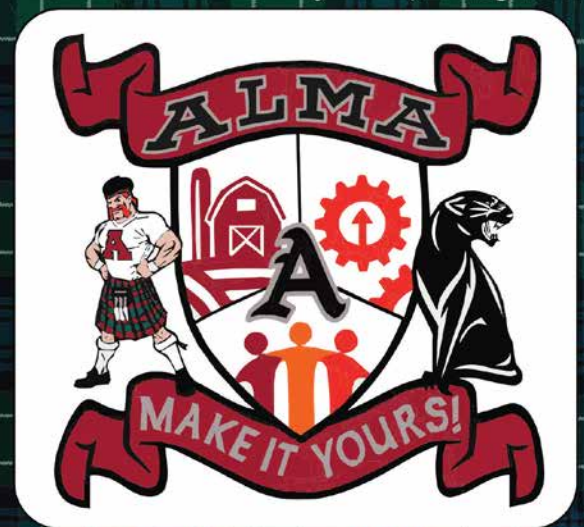


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→ Welcome to BRECKENRIDGE

Welcome to Breckenridge, Michigan -- the heartland of the county, where the fertile fields and agricultural heritage form the backbone of this charming community.

Nestled amidst the expansive farmlands, Breckenridge exudes a sense of community, visitors to Breckenridge are greeted with open arms and a warm welcome.

Breckenridge proudly stands as an agricultural hub, offering a glimpse into the rich farming traditions that have shaped the region. Visitors can immerse themselves in the agrarian way of life, exploring local farms, orchards, and markets that showcase the bounty of the land.

Beyond agriculture, Breckenridge offers a range of activities for those seeking a tranquil retreat. Nature enthusiasts can explore the scenic trails that wind through the countryside, and history buffs can delve into the town's past at the Plank Road Museum and Drake House.

Breckenridge is not only a destination to experience the charm of rural life but also a place for businesses to thrive. Entrepreneurs and investors will find a supportive community, making Breckenridge an ideal locale to establish roots and contribute to the growth of this heartland gem. Whether you're drawn to the lush landscapes, community events or the agricultural heartbeat of the town, Breckenridge welcomes you to discover the beauty and warmth that define this quintessential Midwestern community.



**BERNIE SILER
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GOLF OUTING**

**Aug.
13**

EVENTS IN BRECKENRIDGE

April 28	Arbor Day Celebration, Ridgelawn Cemetery Clean up 9 am-noon
May 18	May Day Event
May 29	Memorial Day Service, Ridgelawn Cemetery 12 pm
July 4	Breckenridge 5K Run, Breckenridge Area Action Committee
July 4	Classic Car Show at Jaycee Park
August 13	Breckenridge Bernie Siler Memorial Golf Outing
September 20	Breckenridge Homecoming
October 31	Breckenridge Trick or Treat, 5:30-7:30 pm
November 11	Veteran's Day Service, 4 pm at American Legion Post 295
December 2	Breckenridge Christmas in the Village

All events subject to change

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FEATURED EVENTS

MAY DAY EVENT

May 18



Breckenridge Area Action Committee



The Breckenridge Area Action Committee promotes and supports the agricultural, economic, educational and social growth, development and success in the Breckenridge area.

Our Committee Chairperson Brian Goward, Isabella Bank

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the basement of Anschutz.

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→ Welcome to ITHACA

Welcome to Ithaca, Michigan -- an historic town and the proud county seat of Gratiot county. Steeped in a rich tapestry of history and community spirit, Ithaca warmly invites you to explore its quaint streets and discover the charm that makes it a true gem in the heart of the state. With a population that mirrors the friendliness and resilience of its residents, Ithaca is a place where both visitors and locals are greeted with a sense of belonging.

Immerse yourself in the town's historical ambiance by exploring landmarks like the Gratiot County Courthouse, a symbol of Ithaca's heritage as the county seat. The historic downtown area beckons with unique shops, cafes, and a nostalgic atmosphere that transports visitors to a bygone era. Nature enthusiasts can revel in the beauty of nearby parks, and those seeking cultural experiences can visit the Ithaca Area Historical Museum to delve deeper into the town's past.

Throughout the year, Ithaca comes alive with events that celebrate its vibrant community. The annual Ithaca Farmers Market showcases local produce and crafts, fostering a sense of connection among residents and visitors alike. For those considering business ventures, Ithaca provides a welcoming environment with opportunities for growth and collaboration.

Whether you're drawn to the town's historical significance, the warmth of its community, or the potential for business endeavors, Ithaca extends a heartfelt invitation to explore, connect, and create lasting memories in this quincennial Michigan town.



EVENTS IN ITHACA

March 8	Trivia Night - Pins Bar & Grille
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt, Woodland Park, 11 am followed by Easter Hop/Craft Show
May - Oct.	Farmers Market (Tuesdays) 1pm - 6 pm
April 19	Dust Off Car Show, Downtown Ithaca, 12 noon - 4 pm
May 18	Rock the Block Downtown Party
May 27	Memorial Day Service and Parade, Ithaca, All Wars Memorial/ Courthouse 10 am
June 19-23	Gratiot Ag Expo, Ithaca Fairgrounds
August 22	Old US-27 Car Cruise, 11:15 am - 1 pm
September 7	Ithaca Promotional Committee Golf Outing, North Star Golf Course
September	Ithaca Hometown Festival/Community Garage Sale & Craft Show TBD
October 4	Ithaca Homecoming
November 11	Veteran's Day Service, Downtown, Ithaca, All Wars Memorial, 11 am
December 6	Our Hometown Ithaca Christmas and Lighted Parade, Downtown Ithaca

FEATURED EVENTS

**DOWNTOWN
EASTER HOP**

*Mar.
30*



**HOMETOWN
ITHACA CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 6



***Ithaca
Promotional
Committee***

The Ithaca Promotional Committee (IPC) includes dedicated community members whose goal is to draw and strengthen the business environment in Ithaca by promoting the wonderful qualities our businesses and community have to offer. We aim to see healthy businesses and a happy community for all of Ithaca.

*Our Committee Chairperson
Josh Strand, MiAz Marketing Solutions*

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. Locations are determined monthly. Follow the IPC Facebook page to stay up to date with events and meeting locations.



**ITHACA
PROMOTIONAL
COMMITTEE**



→ Welcome to ST. LOUIS

The heart of the state, this charming town boasts a unique identity and a warm welcome that extends to all who visit. With a population that mirrors the friendly and close-knit community, St. Louis is a place where the simple pleasures of life are celebrated, and the historic downtown stands as a testament to the town's enduring character.

Explore the quaint downtown, a captivating area that has earned its place on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic architecture, boutique shops, and local eateries create a picturesque setting, inviting visitors to stroll through streets filled with charm and character. For a deeper dive into the town's history, the St. Louis Area Historical Society Museum offers a fascinating glimpse into the past.

Throughout the year, St. Louis hosts a variety of events that showcase its vibrant community spirit. From the annual Fourth of July Celebration & Fireworks to the lively farmers market where locals gather to share fresh produce and crafts, there's always something happening in St. Louis. Nature enthusiasts can explore the nearby Pine River, and families can enjoy the parks and recreational facilities that contribute to the town's welcoming atmosphere.

For those considering business opportunities, St. Louis provides a supportive environment, making it an ideal destination for entrepreneurs and investors alike. Whether you're drawn to the historic charm, community events, or the potential for business growth, St. Louis invites you to experience the heart and soul of the "Middle of the Mitten" in Michigan.



EVENTS IN ST. LOUIS

March 30	Easter Egg Walk, Downtown, 11 am
May 27	Memorial Day Parade, Downtown, 10 am
June - Aug.	St. Louis Swimming Pool Open, Downtown
June - Oct.	Farmers Market, Thursdays, 1 pm - 6 pm
June 6	Middle of the Mitten Community Golf Outing, Hidden Oaks Golf Course
June 8	St. Louis Joe Scholtz Memorial Fishing Derby
June 12	Cruise-In, Downtown St. Louis
June 14	Flag Day Event, St. Louis City Hall
July 10	Cruise-In, Downtown St. Louis
July 13	4th of July Celebration, Fireworks
August 14	Cruise-In, Downtown St. Louis
August 22	Old US-27 Motor Tour, 3:15 pm - 5 pm
September 2	St. Louis Labor Day Bridge Walk 8 am
September 13	St. Louis Homecoming
October 31	Halloween Trick or Treat, Downtown
October 31	City of St. Louis Trick or Treat, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
November 11	Veterans Day Service, Downtown, 11 am
December 5	Small Town Family Christmas and Lighted Parade, 6 pm



Middle of the Mitten Association

The Middle of the Mitten Association is St. Louis' Promotional Committee of the Gratiot Area Chamber. It is dedicated to furthering community involvement and improving the quality of life in the St. Louis area. It does this in a variety of ways including:

- Promoting the St. Louis area business community.
- Sponsoring community events.
- Helping to keep the public informed about events and activities.
- Donating to projects such as the Farmers Market, street banners and promotional materials.
- Supporting county wide events and fostering a spirit of cooperation between all Gratiot County communities.

*Our Committee Chairperson
Corey Bailey, Commercial Bank*

Meetings are held monthly and open to the public. See all our local businesses at: stlouismi.com/local



FEATURED EVENTS

**DOWNTOWN
TRICK-OR-TREAT**
Oct. 31



**4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS**
July 13





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→ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT in Gratiot County

Gratiot County, Michigan, presents promising business development opportunities, particularly in the manufacturing sector. With a diverse economic landscape, the county is home to approximately 50 manufacturing businesses producing such goods as luxury pontoon boats and aircraft engine parts, leveraging Gratiot County's strategic location and skilled workforce. The region's business-friendly environment, coupled with competitive operating costs and proximity to major transportation routes, makes Gratiot County an attractive destination for companies seeking growth and efficiency. Additionally, the supportive community and local government initiatives further contribute to the appeal of establishing or relocating businesses in this thriving Michigan county.



GREATER GRATIOT DEVELOPMENT, INC. (GGDI)

GGDI assists businesses with building and equipment expansions, site selection, Brownfield Redevelopment, strategic planning, general consultation, and state and local incentives. GGDI primarily focuses on industrial, agricultural, and commercial businesses. For more information, visit ggdi.gratiot.org.

Michigan SBDC

MID-MICHIGAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SBDC)

The Small Business Development Center provides consulting, training, and market research for new ventures, existing small businesses, and advanced technology companies. The SBDC team is located in Mt. Pleasant, but has office hours in Gratiot County. Services provided are free thanks to funding from the US Small Business Administration and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.



GRATIOT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GACC)

GACC offers numerous opportunities for businesses to grow. They offer frequent Lunch and Learns featuring business topics, as well as networking opportunities to help promote your business or develop supplier relationships. For more information, visit gacc.gratiot.org.



ZFS Ithaca project assisted by GGD.

GGDI Stats

\$1.7 billion invested by GGD –assisted projects

\$33.98 generated in tax revenue for every \$1 received by GGD

5,511 jobs created or retained since 1978

35.7% of Gratiot Co. tax revenue is generated from GGD-assisted projects



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→ AGRICULTURE *and production*

GRATIOT COUNTY... A LEADER IN CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Agriculture is the foundation for growth and development in Gratiot County. With 82% of land in production, Gratiot is indeed a leader in crop and livestock production. Gratiot is also home to agribusinesses such as grain elevators, equipment dealers and fertilizer dealers. It is home to ZFS Ithaca, a soybean processing facility handling 40% of the state's soybean production and MAC, another leading grain and bean processor in Michigan. In total, agriculture employs approximately 3,300 people and accounts for 22% of the County's tax base.

Due to the County's agricultural dominance, Gratiot is a leader in the state for renewable energy. The county currently is home to six wind farms and 417 turbines. In total, wind development resulted in \$80 million in tax revenue and 38 full-time jobs. Two solar farms are also under construction.

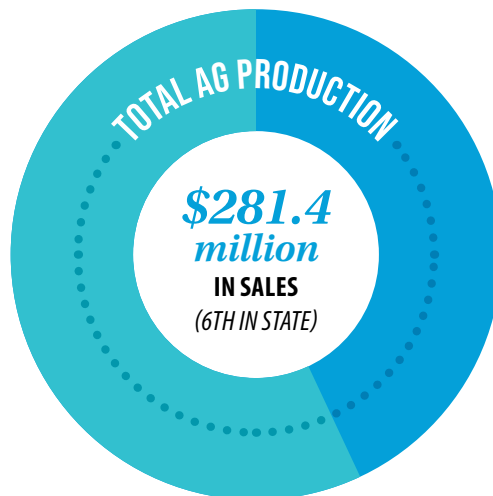
The future of agriculture in the county is driven by its youth. Almost 600 children participate in the 4-H youth programs through MSU Extension. In addition, 400 students are involved in Future Farmers of America clubs throughout schools in the county. These types of educational programs teach children the skills necessary to further advance agricultural development in the area.

Gratiot County's rural charm comes from its agricultural roots. The county hosts a number of events and activities to embrace its agricultural history.



57%
FROM LIVESTOCK SALES:

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| Milk
(4th in the state) | Poultry
(5th in the state) |
| Hogs
(9th in the state) | Cattle
(7th in the state) |



43%
FROM CROP SALES:

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| Corn
(top 10 in state) | Wheat
(top 10 in state) |
| Soybeans
(top 10 in state) | Sugar beets
(top 10 in state) |
| Dry beans
(top 10 in state) | |

AGRICULTURE THEMED EVENTS



**GRATIOT COUNTY
FAIR FOR YOUTH**
*July 27
- Aug. 3*

This year the Gratiot County Fair for Youth celebrates its 75th anniversary! The Fair is a community-based youth fair in collaboration with the Gratiot County 4H Program and FFA Chapters. The youth of Gratiot County look forward to this week all year long! Join us the week of July 27-August 3, 2024 at the Gratiot County Fairgrounds!

RURAL URBAN DAY
July 18

Rural Urban Day is a celebration of the rural and urban communities of Gratiot County coming together for a day of family fun. The community-wide picnic features a menu representing the many farm products grown right here in Gratiot County including steak, beans, sweet corn, bread, pickles and milk. The event features awards for the Farm Family of the Year and the Agricultural Business of the year.



FARMERS MARKET
May - Oct.

- ALMA** - Saturdays, 7 am-1pm
 - ITHACA** - Tuesdays, 2 pm-6pm
 - ST. LOUIS** - Thursdays, 2 pm-6pm (June - October)
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HEALTHCARE in Gratiot County



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To keep you and your family healthy, we are continuously expanding access to primary care providers including:

- family medicine
- internal medicine
- obstetrics/gynecology.

Along with our Medical Center campus in Alma, we have physician offices in Ithaca, Breckenridge, Shepherd and Mount Pleasant, as well as on the campus of Alma College. We offer online scheduling, virtual care including telemedicine, video visits and e-visits, and a 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.

With an Innovative approach to delivering excellent care to patients, our Hospital-at-Home program allows for inpatient level care in the comfort of one's own home. Besides the lower cost, the program provides patients additional benefits including:

- receiving care in familiar surroundings,
- removing traveling costs
- eliminating transportation barriers.

Our full range of specialty services include:

- Heart and vascular care
- Cancer care
- Orthopedics
- General and bariatric surgery
- Urology
- Diagnostic imaging
- Laboratory
- Maternity
- Behavioral health
- Pain management
- Sports medicine
- Physical medicine
- Rehabilitation
- Wound treatment center
- Rehabilitative services including physical occupational and speech therapy

Ongoing Investments ensure we have the latest in advanced technology. We recently added a \$2.6 million dollar maternity center, invested \$1 million in a cardiac catheterization lab and installed the very latest in MRI technology.

We are in the process of a 51,200 ft operating room renovation and expansion project. The \$34.5 million multi-year project includes three large, state-of-the-art surgical suites, two procedure rooms, private pre-operative and recovery rooms, as well as a new Sterile Processing Department with proximity to the OR. Our redesigned patient care areas will offer patients and their families increased privacy and security as well as an environment of seamless, coordinated care. An additional phase of this project will include a new main entrance to the medical center.

What's more, we are training the healthcare providers of the future. In 2016, a Family Medicine Residency program was established to train family medicine physicians. Since this program's start, we have exceeded our goal to keep at least 25% of graduates right here in Central Michigan. In addition we partner with area nursing schools and other clinical disciplines to help train future health care team members. Our simulation lab offers a leading-edge way to train staff in patient assessment skills with lifelike mannequins 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
- Alma Highland Festival
- Central Michigan University
- Child Advocacy of Gratiot County
- Food distributions with East Lansing Food Bank
- Toys for Tots
- United Way ... and more.



QUALITY SENIOR CARE

Gratiot County, Michigan, stands as a beacon of high-quality care for senior citizens, providing a nurturing environment that prioritizes the well-being and dignity of its elderly residents. At the heart of this commitment are five of Michigan's highest-rated skilled nursing and short-stay rehab centers, each exemplifying excellence in senior care.

For those who want to continue living independently, yet desire the emotional security of a community environment, Arbor Grove Assisted Living and Masonic Pathways CCRC offer various levels of assistance in personal care in beautiful environments.

Those seeking greater levels of care, Gratiot County is home to five top-rated facilities including the Arbor Grove Assisted Living, Laurels of Fulton, Masonic Pathways Health Care Center, Pine River Health Care Center and Schnepf Senior Care & Rehab.

These state-of-the-art facilities in Gratiot County are equipped with compassionate and skilled healthcare professionals who specialize in catering to the unique needs of seniors. From personalized care plans to innovative rehabilitation services, the centers are designed to support seniors in maintaining their independence and reclaiming their daily lives.

One notable aspect of these top-rated facilities is their focus on holistic care. Beyond addressing medical needs, they emphasize the importance of mental and emotional well-being. Engaging activities, social programs, and personalized attention contribute to a sense of community and belonging, fostering a positive atmosphere that enhances the overall quality of life for seniors.

Access to high-quality care in Gratiot County is a game-changer for seniors and their families. It provides peace of mind, knowing that loved ones are in capable hands. Moreover, the comprehensive services offered empower seniors to navigate their daily lives with confidence, whether it's through rehabilitation to regain mobility or ongoing support to manage chronic conditions. In Gratiot County, the commitment to senior care goes beyond just meeting basic needs; it's about creating an environment where seniors thrive. The integration of top-notch medical care, compassionate staff, and a focus on individualized attention makes Gratiot County an exemplary destination for those seeking the highest standard of care for their elderly loved ones.

SENIOR FACILITIES

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Pine River Health Care Center

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989.681.3852

The Laurels of Fulton

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989.236.5433

Schnepf Senior Care & Rehab Center

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Masonic Pathways CRCC & Heath Care Center

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Food with Friends

The Commission on Aging assists the citizens of Gratiot County who are 60 years of age and older. Services include:

- Personal care
- Respite care
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- Homemaking
- Medicare/Medicaid assistance
- Home chores/home repairs
- Transportation to appointments
- Caregiver support

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Fulton area - Fulton Township Hall • 3425 W. Cleveland Rd., Perrinton
989.236.5019
Mon./Wed./Fri. 10 am-2 pm

Ithaca area - Senior Activity Building/Senior Center • 1011 E. North St., Ithaca • 989.875.2135
Mon.-Fri. 9 am-3 pm

Contact the Commission on Aging office for more information: **989.875.5246**

Food with Friends locations/times available at: gratiotmi.com



Gratiot Area 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 18	Good Morning Gratiot! Awards
February 24	Comedy Night @ Pins Bar & Grille, co-hosted by BBBS of Gratiot County (tentative)
TBD	IPC Spring Trivia Night Fundraiser @ Pins Bar & Grille
March 30	St. Louis Downtown Easter Scavenger Hunt - 11 a.m.
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. Woodland Park, followed by Easter Hop/Craft Show, downtown Ithaca
April 13	Alma Clean Up Day - tentative
April 25	12 noon - 1:30 p.m. - Athena Award Luncheon
April 26	Arbor Day Celebration-Ridgelawn Cemetery Cleanup-Breckenridge 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
May 1 - June 14	Field of Honor, Alma Elks
May 2	Community Celebration, Central Michigan Youth For Christ, 2550 Cheesman, Alma
May 7 - October 15	Ithaca Farmer's Market - Tuesday 2 - 6 p.m.
May 17	Spring Fling Golf Outing, Pine River Country Club, Alma - tentative
May 18	May Day Event - downtown Breckenridge (tentative)
May 18	Rock The Block Ithaca Downtown Party
May 18	Alma Flower Planting Day - tentative
May 19	Dust Off Car Show, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., downtown Ithaca
May 24, 25 & 26	Alma Highland Festival and Games - Alma High School
May 27	Memorial Day Service and Parade, 10 a.m., Ithaca All Wars Memorial/Courthouse Lawn
May 27	Memorial Day Parade, Downtown St. Louis - 10 a.m.
May 27	Memorial Day Service, Ridgelawn Cemetery - Breckenridge - 12 p.m.
May 30	GACC Golf Outing, The Fields, Ithaca (tentative)
May 4-October 31	Farmer's Market - 7 a.m.-1 p.m., downtown Alma (Sat.) & St. Louis (June thru October, Thursday 2-6 p.m.)
June - August	St. Louis Swimming Pool open - Downtown St. Louis
June 6	Middle of the Mitten Community Golf Outing, Hidden Oaks Golf Course, St. Louis
June 7 & 8	Ashley Trading Days, Ashley
June 8	St. Louis Joe Scholtz Memorial Fishing Derby
June 12	Cruise In - Downtown St. Louis
June 14	Flag Day Event, Alma Elks
June 14	Flag Day Event, City Hall, St. Louis - 7 p.m.
June 19-23	Gratiot Ag Expo, Ithaca Fairgrounds
June 20	9 and Wine, Women's Golf Outing (tentative)
June 22	Gratiot County Fair For Youth golf outing at The Fields in Ithaca - starting at 9 a.m.
July 4	Classic Car Show @ Jaycee Park - Breckenridge
July 9-August 13	Evening in the Park, Tuesday, Wright Avenue Park, Alma

July 10	Cruise In - Downtown St. Louis
July 13	Fireworks - St. Louis Fourth of July Celebration
July 18	Gratiot County FFA Golf for Scholarships - The Fields golf course
July 18	Rural Urban Day at Gratiot County Fairgrounds, Alma (Advanced tickets required)
July 27- August 3	Gratiot County Fair for Youth, Alma
August 4	Bannister Czechoslovak Harvest Festival, Bannister
August 13	Breckenridge Bernie Siler Memorial Golf Outing
August 14	Cruise-In, Downtown St. Louis
August 16-18	Summer Daze, Sumner
August 17	Alma Alive
August 22	Old US-27 Car Cruise, Ithaca 11:15 -1 p.m., Alma - 1:30 p.m. -3 p.m.; St. Louis -3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
August 28 & 29	DALMAC Bicycle Riders, Alma
September 2	St. Louis Labor Day Bridge Walk -8 a.m.
September 6	Ithaca Promotional Committee Golf Outing - North Star Golf Course
September 7	Lucky McDuck Community Day, Alma
September 13	St. Louis Homecoming
September 20	Alma High School Homecoming
September 20	Breckenridge Homecoming
September 20	Fulton Homecoming
September 21	Gratiot Brews & Bites, Alma
September 28	Alma College Homecoming
September/October	Ashley Homecoming (TBD)
October 4	Ithaca Homecoming
October 24	Alma Fall Festival
October 24	Downtown St. Louis Halloween Trick or Treat -3 -5 p.m.
October 31	City of Ithaca, Alma, St. Louis & Breckenridge - Trick or Treating - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
November 11	Veteran's Day Service - 11 a.m. - Downtown Ithaca All Wars Memorial & Downtown St. Louis
November 11	Masonic Pathway's Veteran's Day Salute
November 11	Veteran's Day Service -4 p.m. - American Legion Post 295 - Breckenridge
December 2	Breckenridge Christmas in the Village
December 5	St. Louis Small Town Family Christmas and Lighted Parade
December 6	Our Hometown Ithaca Christmas and Light Parade - Downtown Ithaca
December 13	Come Home to Alma Holiday Celebration
December 14	Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk, Alma

GRATIOT Christmas Events



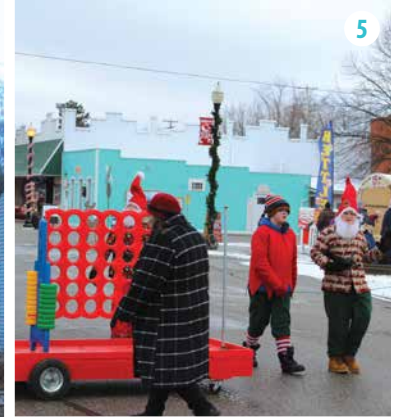
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1 *Ithaca* **OUR HOMETOWN ITHACA CHRISTMAS** *Dec. 6*

Downtown Ithaca lights up the night with a lighted parade, Christmas tree lighting, caroling and plenty of cheer from downtown merchants. Be sure to visit Santa's Workshop. For more information visit facebook.com/lthacamipc

2 *Breckenridge* **CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE** *Dec. 2*

The Village sparkles with a lighted parade, visits with Santa, trolley rides and holiday music. Visit breckenridgemi.com for more information.

3 *St. Louis* **SMALL TOWN FAMILY CHRISTMAS** *Dec. 5*

This small-town celebration offers big festivities with a lighted parade, toy making workshop, and visits with Santa. For more information visit [City Hall St. Louis, Michigan](https://CityHallStLouisMichigan.com) on Facebook.

4 *Alma* **COME HOME TO ALMA FOR THE HOLIDAYS** *Dec. 13*

Celebrate the holiday spirit in Downtown Alma with kids activities, music and dance performances. Meet Santa and Mrs. Clause and their reindeer while viewing the Christmas tree lighting. Shop the local merchants for special Christmas Cash prizes. For more information visit Facebook.com/ComehometoAlma.

5 *Ashley* **VILLAGE OF ASHLEY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS** *Weekends - mid-Nov. till Christmas*

Ashley transforms into the North Pole for the holiday season when the North Pole Express Train arrives in town. Santa welcomes guests stepping off the train. The celebration features activities for kids, entertainment and refreshments for all. For information on train tickets and schedule of events visit Facebook.com/VillageofAshley.

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Gratiot County

OUTDOOR RECREATION

EXPLORE GRATIOT COUNTY

Gratiot County is fortunate to have many recreational opportunities to serve its diverse and active population. Two of the County'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). Both parks are open to the public, offering a

swimming beach, playground, nature trails, various sport fields, pavilions and picnic tables and grills.

In addition to these county parks, cities and villages within Gratiot have a collection of local parks offering a variety of amenities.

Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the trail system throughout the county. The Fred Meijer Heartland Trail is 42 miles long and runs from Alma to Greenville. The smooth asphalt trail 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 more exhilarating and scenic rides. Finally, a paved 6.6 mile non-motorized pathway was recently constructed along the east side of US Highway 127 from Ithaca to Alma. The trail is part of the efforts of Mid-Michigan Community Pathways, a

community group seeking to establish a cohesive non-motorized route from Ithaca to Clare, Michigan.

Gratiot County is home to the Pine and Maple Rivers. The Pine River boasts a 30-mile canoe/kayak trail running from Riverdale to Alma with multiple access points. The trail is wheelchair accessible at Luneack County Park in Alma. Maple River, located in the southern portion of Gratiot County, is surrounded by three state game areas.

In addition to the County's many parks and trails, other recreational activities include 9-hole and 18 hole golf courses, a splash park, public swimming pool, shooting ranges and soccer fields. Gratiot County offers an incredible variety of recreational activities to meet anyone's needs and interests.

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



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Gratiot County



ARTS & HISTORY

PERFORMING ARTS

The historic Strand Theater is home to the Gratiot County Players. The long-standing community theater group includes talented volunteers of every age throughout the community, offering a variety of performances and theatrical experiences. The group recently completed an \$80,000 renovation of the historical auditorium which will enhance productions for years to come.



Strand Theater, Alma

VISUAL ARTS

The Alma Community Arts Center (ACAC), a nonprofit organization showcasing the talents of local artists, offers a well-rounded curriculum of classes in a wide-variety of mediums for all ages. The ACAC expanded and renovated their facility in downtown Alma, allowing for even more artistic opportunities including pottery classes.

DANCE

DuHadway Dance Dimensions Classes are taught by highly qualified and experienced teachers who go out of their way to create an experience for everyone interested in dance, starting as early as 3 years old.

GRATIOT COUNTY HISTORY

The City of Ithaca is home to many historical sites such as the Courthouse, Historical and 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 is located in the 130-year-old Georgiana Pete Miller Home. History buffs and researchers can find the names of every resident who has ever lived in the county, and archive of original newspapers spanning the past 100 years, among other notable historical tidbits of information.

Other Gratiot County historical sites include:

- Plank Road Museum in Breckenridge
- St. Louis Area Historical Society in St. Louis
- Michigan’s smallest Post Office in Elm Hall
- Riverdale Museum in Riverdale

Winding a path through the southern half of Gratiot County is the railroad passing through Bannister, Ashley, Pompeii, Perrinton and Middleton. Ashley has a well-known holiday tradition with its old fashioned Country Christmas, centering around the Polar Express rail line. Whether you’re a passenger or spectator, the Polar Express can be exciting for all. The experience is so popular that if you want to ride, be sure to purchase tickets early in the fall.



Plank Road Museum, Breckenridge

The recently restored Wright Leppien Opera House block is another key historical spot in Gratiot County. This historic building was constructed 140 years ago by Ammi Wright as a retail and entertainment venue. Sadly, it was destroyed by 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. The building now offers event space, retail stores and student housing. The opera house now stands as a cornerstone of downtown Alma.

A World of Opportunities

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For 130 years, Alma College has connected students with a world of ideas and opportunities. A 4-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 connections. Collaborations between the college and Community include mutually beneficial research projects, volunteer opportunities and community partnerships such as the annual Highland Festival.

An attractive 128-acre campus features a combination of historic and contemporary buildings within walking distance from downtown Alma. The campus is bordered by a 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 College 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 Performing Arts is the region's premier 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.



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→ EDUCATION

Gratiot County knows a quality education is the basis for success in life. Walk into any school in the county, and you will get a sense of personal friendliness along with a seriousness about education.

The six school districts in the area 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 for 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. Parents and a supportive community are also a

critical part of the education system in the county. Several private schools blend traditional education with religious values for elementary-age children.

Students in Gratiot County can participate in more than 20 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs through the Gratiot-Isabella RESD Consortium. The Consortium was made possible thanks to voters approving a 1.0 mill tax levy dedicated to enhancing the CTE programs. This support ensures students are trained with industry standard equipment to best prepare students with the technical skills employers need. Students also have the ability to gain training and certifications in areas representing the employment opportunities in Gratiot county, including:

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VOLUNTEERING in Gratiot County

2023 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Gratiot County has a strong base of volunteers who embody the spirit of compassion and selflessness that fosters a sense of unity and shared responsibility. These volunteers are a powerful catalyst for positive change, allowing individuals to actively contribute to the well-being and growth in the communities where they live.

Every year each community in Gratiot County honors their own citizen of the year. The awards recognize someone who has...

- Gone above and beyond for the community
- Made a positive impact
- Continuously gives back

Award recipients are nominated by community members, and selected by a designated group of people in each community. This year, the Gratiot Chamber added a new recognition -- the Director's Award, honoring someone who not only goes above and beyond for the community, but also selflessly gives their time to the Chamber of Commerce. Recipients are selected by the Chamber Director with feedback from Chamber Board members.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER IN GRATIOT COUNTY

Gratiot County offers a wealth of volunteer opportunities, starting right here with the Chamber. Whatever the interest, passion or expertise, the Chamber is a great place to find a volunteer activity for everyone in the community.

Contact the Chamber office to find the ideal volunteer activity for you. 989-463-5525.

JERRY & CATHY TIMMONS Ithaca Persons of the Year Award

Meet Jerry and Cathy, the dynamic duo honored as the Ithaca Persons of the Year Award in Ithaca, Michigan. Their dedication to community service and commitment to making a difference shine through their impressive backgrounds.

Jerry, a retired Gratiot County Sheriff Deputy and a former 1st Sergeant in the Michigan National Guard with 40 years of military service, has been an integral part of the community since joining the Sheriff's Department in 1975. Cathy, with 28 years at Hewlett Packard supporting Communication/Engineering design solutions, retired to open a Guardianship business servicing Mid-Michigan counties.



The couple has been in Gratiot County since 1984, with Jerry's job initially bringing him here in 1975. They've built a family with two daughters, two sons-in-law, and two grandchildren.

Both Jerry and Cathy boast impressive educational backgrounds. Jerry holds an Associate Degree in Business and received training at Delta College in their Law Enforcement Academy. Cathy holds a BS and ME in Business with an emphasis in Communication and Engineering.

Their volunteer activities are extensive and varied, ranging from CASA and Big Brothers/Big Sisters to supporting local schools through sponsorships and volunteering at events like the Ithaca Schools Weekend Backpack program, Ithaca Promotional Committee, Ithaca Dust Off Car Show, US 27 Motor Tour, Back to the Bricks Motor Tour, Commission on Aging, Ithaca City Academy, and various city and county boards/committees. They also contribute to the community's cultural life through activities like Ithaca Music in the Park.

Jerry and Cathy believe in the power of volunteering to connect with the community and make it a better place to live. They've always seen even the smallest tasks as opportunities to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others, finding a sense of accomplishment and purpose in their efforts.

In their hometown, they enjoy shopping, supporting local events, attending school activities, and relishing moments with friends over coffee at local hangouts. When not working, their shared hobbies include being old car enthusiasts, traveling, antiquing, and engaging in furniture restoration.

Upon receiving the award, Jerry and Cathy expressed their humility and honor, emphasizing their wish to give back and support the community, making Ithaca the best place to live. Their journey is a testament to the transformative power of community service and the joy derived from contributing to the well-being of others.

AERIC RIPLEY**Order of the Tartan Award**

Aeric Ripley, the distinguished recipient of the Order of the Tartan Award in Gratiot County, stands as an exemplary figure in community leadership and service. Currently serving as the Alma City Manager, Aeric has called Gratiot County home for just over 25 years. His journey to the community began with his first full-time job in municipal management, marking the start of a lifelong commitment to the well-being and development of Alma.

Aeric's family ties extend across the state, with his mother residing in Charlotte, a sister in Holland, a brother in Wayland and outside the state another sister in South Dakota. Embracing the importance of education, Aeric holds a Bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University and a Masters from Western Michigan University, showcasing a commitment to continuous learning and growth.



Beyond his professional role, Aeric is engaged in volunteer activities that reflect his dedication to Alma's vibrancy. Actively participating in Alma Action Association Activities, Alma-St. Louis Rotary, and Keep Alma Beautiful, he has become an integral part of the community's fabric. Aeric passionately believes in the significance of community service, asserting that true connection with one's community necessitates involvement beyond regular working hours.

In his downtime, Aeric finds joy in riding the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and attending community meetings, showcasing a genuine love for his hometown's offerings. As an avid runner, he completes multiple half marathons and other distances throughout the year, emphasizing the importance of a balanced and active lifestyle.

Upon receiving the Order of the Tartan Award, Aeric Ripley expresses his deep humility, acknowledging the numerous deserving individuals he works alongside daily. He graciously credits the Alma community for providing opportunities to serve and expresses everlasting gratitude for the honor bestowed upon him.

KASEY ZEHNER**Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce's Director's Award**

Kasey Zehner, the deserving recipient of the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce's newly created Director's Award, is a dedicated individual whose commitment to community development and service has left an indelible mark on Alma, her lifelong home. Currently serving as the Vice President of Greater Gratiot Development, Inc., Kasey's professional journey aligns seamlessly with her passion for nurturing the growth and prosperity of the community.

Having lived in Alma her entire life, Kasey's deep connection to the town is reflected in her educational journey. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Alma College and a Masters of Public Administration from Central Michigan University, showcasing her dedication to academic excellence.

Kasey's involvement in volunteer activities is extensive, spanning key organizations such as the Gratiot Young Professionals Network, Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Michigan



Manufacturers Association, and the Gratiot County Community Foundation. Recognizing the transformative power of community service, Kasey emphasizes the importance of young people getting involved to help the community thrive and face future challenges.

In her role as Co-Chair of the Gratiot Young Professionals Network, Kasey organizes events at unique local businesses, introducing young people to the diverse offerings in the area, from gaming at Block House to painting signs at Hooked on Home and practicing yoga at Zenlightenment. Her favorite pastimes include running, reading, and spending quality moments with her canine companion.

Kasey's commitment to Gratiot County goes beyond professional duties, as reflected in her deep appreciation for the area's exceptional schools, robust healthcare system, employment opportunities, passionate non-profits, and vibrant downtowns—all while maintaining a cherished small-town charm.

"Working at GGDI has given me the opportunity to know many wonderful people in our community who work together to make great things happen; Gratiot County's collaborative spirit is what makes it so special and why I continue to call it home," said Kasey.

Kasey Zehner's dedication to her community truly exemplifies the spirit of the Director's Award.

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MARI RYDER
St. Louis's Spirit of St. Louis Award

Meet this year's recipient of St. Louis's Spirit of St. Louis Award in Gratiot County, Mari Ryder a true pillar of the community as a retired City Clerk who has devoted a lifetime to the betterment of the region. Having lived in Gratiot County for her entire life, Mari is deeply rooted in the community's fabric, and her commitment to service shines through.

With a legacy that includes raising three children and being a loving grandparent to seven grandchildren, Mari has not only dedicated her time to family but has also contributed significantly to the community. Her educational journey

includes completing high school and pursuing some college education, a foundation that has undoubtedly enriched her understanding of community dynamics.

After an illustrious 25-year career as a City Clerk, Mari is currently reveling in the joy of retirement and the freedom it brings. Though presently not actively volunteering, she emphasizes the importance of giving back to the community and the profound impact it has on both individuals and the collective well-being of the region. Attending community events remains a cherished pastime, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to staying connected and engaged.

In her newfound leisure time, Mari enjoys the simple pleasures of life, spending quality time with her family, attending her grandchildren's sports events, and leisurely floating in her pool. Despite stepping back from formal volunteer commitments, Mari continues to embody the spirit of community involvement through her active participation in local events and ongoing dedication to family bonds.

It is with great humility and honor Mari accepts The Spirit of St. Louis award, recognizing a lifetime of selfless service, community engagement, and a legacy that continues to inspire others to give back to Gratiot County.

ROB FLEMING
Breckenridge Distinguished Service Award

Rob Fleming, the proud owner of Breckenridge Insurance Agency, has been honored with the prestigious Breckenridge Distinguished Service Award. A true hometown hero, Rob has called Gratiot County home for an impressive 55 years, having been born and raised in the community.

Rob's commitment to family is evident in his role as a devoted husband to Karla and a proud father to daughter Kaitlin and son Spencer. His family circle extends further with son-in-law Bailey and daughter-in-law to be Olivia.

Educated at Breckenridge High School, Rob has deep roots in the local educational system. Beyond his professional endeavors, Rob has been actively involved in volunteer activities.

He views community service as a means of contributing to the growth and well-being of the local area. Although his volunteerism slowed down after acquiring the insurance agency in 2015, Rob plans to rekindle his community involvement upon retiring in a few years.

A firm believer in the importance of giving back, Rob emphasizes the value of sharing time, talent, and treasure with the community.

In his leisure time, Rob finds joy in connecting with people, a passion that aligns seamlessly with his love for seeing the community flourish. Rob's favorite pastime includes tending to his yard and garden, showcasing a genuine appreciation for outdoor activities and nurturing plant life.

When reflecting on the honor of receiving the Distinguished Service Award, Rob humbly compares his contributions to others. However,



with the support of his wife Karla, he embraced the recognition. Rob acknowledges the indispensable role his wife played, expressing gratitude for her unwavering support, stating that he could not have achieved what he has without her.

In summary, Rob Fleming exemplifies the spirit of community service and dedication to one's hometown, making him a deserving recipient of the Breckenridge Distinguished Service Award.



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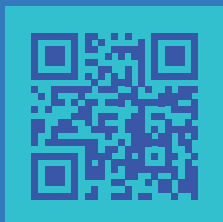


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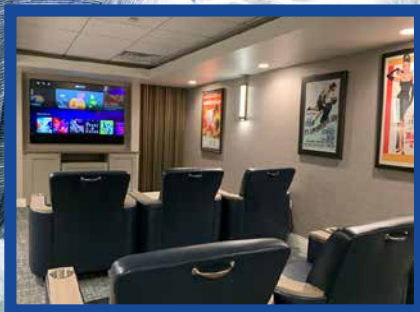
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