



Talk of The Times

Changes for summer taxes this year

Armada Township Treasurer Peg Smith is gearing up to collect summer taxes this year for the first time. The Macomb Intermediate School District has collected taxes in the past. By bringing this responsibility to the township, taxpayers will be able to pay all their taxes locally, as well as get all their

tax information with one phone call. Smith is currently looking at ways to make credit card payments possible. Look for more information in the near future.

Township installing another emergency siren

Armada Township Trustee Dennis Lemieux is working with the county to install another new emergency siren on Romeo Plank Road north of Armada Center Road. The siren will be on the west side of Romeo Plank Road. The permits have been approved, and the project is moving forward.

Free summer math program for students

Armada Area Schools Curriculum Director Blake Prewitt informed parents about a free program offered by TenMarks Education that provides their children with access to a personalized summer math program designed to help them reverse summer learning loss. To enroll, go to summer.tenmarks.com. Use summer access code S14AHS9571. Details will be sent via email after sign-up. The three-month program starts the first week of June.

Learn life-saving emergency procedures

The Armada Township Fire Department is offering CPR, AED, and first-aid courses in Northern Macomb County. The courses can be scheduled at your convenience. The initial CPR course is \$58 for Armada residents. The refresher course is \$38 for Armada residents. Contact the department at (586) 784-9464 to sign up.

Do your part to maintain the village park

Volunteers are needed to help with maintenance and to help refurbish the picnic benches in the village park. Interested residents are encouraged to call (586) 784-9151 or email parks.commissioner@villageofarmada.org.

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ARMADA HIGH SCHOOL

U.S. Marine surprises brother at graduation

Siblings reunite after one year

By Kate Opalewski
For The Times

Armada High School senior Jacob Engle wasn't planning on his sister being there to witness a significant milestone in his life. But she was, and he had no idea.

Cpl. Logan Engle, 22, requested leave from Camp Pendleton, Calif. three months ago to make sure she would be there for her brother's commencement ceremony on May 21. She flew into town on May 19 and stayed at a local hotel. She plans to be home for a week.

It was the first outdoor graduation in the school's history. All 163 members of the student body decided they wanted to celebrate



PHOTO BY DAVE ANGELL

GRADUATION » PAGE A5 Jacob Engle is emotional after his sister, Cpl. Logan Engle, surprises him at graduation.

NORTHERN MACOMB

Armada teacher investigated for 'inappropriate' conduct

Science teacher has resigned since allegations were made

By Norb Franz
For The Times

An Armada Middle School teacher who abruptly resigned recently is under police investigation for "inappropriate relations" with a female student, Superintendent Michael Musary confirmed earlier this month.

Musary declined to divulge specifics of the allegation and who made it, but said the assertion occurred May 13 - the same day the teacher last worked in the classroom. The teacher submitted a letter of resignation directly to Musary - who also serves as the district's human resources director - two days later.

"There's been an allegation against the teacher, but



PHOTO BY KATE OPALEWSKI

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ARMADA

Armada Township joins Trail Commission

By Kate Opalewski
Staff Writer

Trustee Al Goetzinger announced during the May 14 Armada Township Board Meeting that he has become a member of the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission.

Goetzinger previously said the board should "do its part" when he proposed the idea at an April 9 meeting and received unanimous approval to move forward. He said he has attended meetings as a supporter of the trail for a long time. He is also president of the Friends of Macomb Orchard Trail Group.



FILE PHOTO

Armada Township recently joined the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission.

a cost of \$25,000 with an additional annual fee of \$5,000 to cover year-round maintenance of the 24-mile, non-motorized hike and

bike path, which starts at 24 Mile Road and Dequindre in Shelby Township and travels northeast to the city of Richmond. The property,

formerly owned by the Canadian National Railroad, was purchased by Macomb County in 2001 for \$3.5 million.

Goetzinger will be one of four representatives of the eight municipalities through which the trail runs.

MOTC also includes a county commissioner and a member of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. MOTC meetings are open to the public.

They are typically on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:45 a.m. in the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Office at 52700 Van Dyke Ave. in Shelby Township.

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