



County fairs bring communities together

The Gratiot, Saginaw, Isabella, and Midland County Fairs were a huge success this summer! Many thanks to all the fair boards, volunteers, 4-H clubs, parents, farmers, local businesses, and exhibitors that made these events flourish. DTE hosted an informational booth at each fair, and we truly enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces!

Of course, it wouldn't be the county fair without livestock auctions. DTE teamed up with Coyne Oil & Propane and Boland Tire to support this cherished tradition. Congratulations to all the 4-H youth for a fantastic year of commitment and hard work!



Camp Neyati needs your help!

Camp Neyati is a summer camp facility that rents the entire camp to various non-profit organizations in the Great Lakes Bay Region, such as community centers, 4-H groups, churches and schools. The camp is located one hour from Midland in Lake, Michigan.

Camp Neyati greatly depends on volunteer help in the spring and fall seasons. In fact, the Columbus Day Volunteer Day is quickly approaching on Monday, October 10th. Most volunteers work 9 am – 3 pm on Volunteer Day and lunch is provided.

Please reach out to Drew Talbott at dt2404@aol.com to find out more information or to sign up.



Celebrating the last first day

This year's Merrill High School seniors celebrated their last first day with Senior Sunrise! Here's to another year of learning, friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Special thanks to Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Beougher, Mr. Dupuis, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Ms. Tack, Mrs. Fischer, and Mrs. Fenby for supplying the help to carry on this tradition.



Joining forces for golf outings and Flame of Hope Week



DTE proudly sponsored the Bernie Siler Memorial and Special Olympics Golf Outings. We are grateful for the Breckenridge Area Action Committee and Special Olympics Michigan for continuing to host these annual events that bring so much joy to the communities! Days like these are more than just golf and DTE is honored to have had the pleasure of supporting these events.

Special Olympics Michigan also has their Flame of Hope Week coming up September 10th through the 17th. During the week, the symbolic torch is run from Lansing to Mt. Pleasant to light the cauldron at the Special Olympics Summer Games. Carrying the torch provides hope, courage and inspiration to those with intellectual disabilities. Become a Guardian of the Flame by visiting give.classy.org/flameofhope2022 to donate or register for a walk near you today!

Merrill Farm Fest a huge success!

DTE was delighted to participate in the Merrill Farm Fest and bring back the DTE Energy Kids Zone to the community. Families enjoyed many fun activities including face painting, balloon animals, duct tape crafts, family focused informational booths and snow cones!

A special shout out goes to the Merrill Lions Club for a terrific and successful Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Thank you all who serve and support the Lions each year to help them assist those in need.

Kids also had fun climbing around in the

firetrucks from the Jonesfield-Lakefield Fire Department. The family focused informational booths were an even bigger hit than last year and both new and old relationships were established and deepened. Thanks to Michael Sage from the DTE Government Affairs team and DTE Site Manager Jason Hannath for joining in the parade!

Finally, a big thank you to the Village of Merrill and Merrill Farm Fest Committee volunteers for putting on this event and allowing DTE to be a part of it!

