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# 5TH ANNUAL MEADOW BROOK / CRUISIN' PIRATES CAR SHOW

By Janet Scheiwe

Residents, families and staff of Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire enjoyed a sunny, fun-filled afternoon last Thursday (September 24, 2026) as the Cruisin' Pirates Car Club rolled in for its fifth annual car show.

Members of the Cruisin' Pirates brought 42 unique and beautifully maintained classic cars and trucks to showcase and share with their friends at Meadow Brook.

Residents gathered outside in a semicircle to enjoy a “pass-in-review” of shiny—and sometimes delightfully noisy—vehicles ranging from the 1930s through 2026. Meadow Brook staff added to the festive atmosphere by dressing in period-style poodle skirts and providing music, popcorn and checkered flags for residents to wave as the vehicles passed by.

One at a time, the cars and trucks paraded past the residents while a Cruisin' Pirates member introduced the local owners and shared highlights about their special vehicles.

Leading the parade was Bellaire resident Ron Damer in his 1961 custom Chevrolet truck. Damer is a familiar and much-loved member of the Meadow Brook community, having volunteered for many years as a barber and fundraiser.

Several current and former Meadow Brook staff members also joined the fun, showing off some pretty cool cars of their own!

Sports and muscle cars revved their engines to the delight of more than 50 residents gathered outside, while another group enjoyed the show from the upstairs windows.

Following the parade, residents had an opportunity to get a closer look at the colorful cars and trucks displayed in the parking lot. The vehicles sparked plenty of conversation and fond memories as residents recalled cars they had owned, driven or admired over the years.

The fifth annual show was made possible through the efforts of many volunteers, staff members, participants and supporters who helped make the day special for the Meadow Brook residents. More than a car show, it was an afternoon of sunshine, laughter and shared memories—and a wonderful example of community coming together.





DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)  
*Oh, say can you see: I obviously couldn't*

9 February 2004

Dear Mark,  
A few years ago, you recommended in your column that at least once we should make the pilgrimage to Nevada and watch the Super Bowl in a sportsbook. I had the pleasure of doing that this year in Reno. I never had so much fun watching the game, and I ended up a winner betting Carolina and getting the points (7). Anyhow, one thing I had no idea of was that you could make different types of bets, like, a wager who would win the coin toss. Have you ever made any of these wagers? I didn't make one; but what is the cost (casino take) of such a bet? Ty G.

Ah yes, Ty, I have been known to dabble (squander hard-earned money) on a few "proposition" bets as they're called. With so many proposition bets to choose from — I saw one website offering 618 of the little darlin's — and so little money, I decided this year to make just one wager inspired by a 1931 Act of Congress. I bet that Beyoncé Knowles would sing the National Anthem in under 1:50. And why would I do that?

Well, I found in my local library seven recordings of the National Anthem all timing out at well under 1:50. I also reckoned that they choreographed the aircraft flyover for a precise time: just as Knowles would finish "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!" "Got 'em by the short hairs," I figured, and laid down what looked like the proverbial "lock" bet.

What I did not handicap was that the retractable roof at Reliant Stadium happened to be closed for inclement weather. I also overlooked Jose Feliciano's unorthodox rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner when he strummed a slow, bluesy rendition of the national anthem before

Game 5 of the World Series between Detroit and St. Louis that rambled on for what seemed like 15 minutes. No, he didn't sing all four verses — yep, there are four — but the minor concert was so long that it threw Detroit's starting pitcher Mickey Lolicheh pregame preparations completely off. Miss Knowles, aka Speedy, brought it home in a scorching 2:08:12. Another losing ticket for my collection.

I'll bet if a honed handicapper had gone to the film library and timed preceding Super Bowl National Anthem performers like Diana Ross, Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, Whitney Houston, Harry Connick, Jr., Garth Brooks, Natalie Cole, Vanessa Williams, Luther Vandross, Jewel, Cher, Faith Hill, the Backstreet Boys, Mariah Carey and last year's group the Dixie Chicks, most, if not all of them, would be more than 1:50.

Generally, Ty, when you place a proposition wager, you lay 11 to win 10, though the stretch can be even higher. That means for you to win \$100, you have to wager \$110, no matter which side of the coin toss you are betting on. If you bet tails and it is tails, you collect \$210 — your \$110 initial wager plus your \$100 winnings. This 10% commission, also called a vigorish (aka vig), is the compensation taken by the house on every proposition bet wagered.

My biggest score, i.e. greenbacks moving my way, was when a 300-pound lineman (small by today's standards) named Refrigerator Perry scored a touchdown for the Chicago Bears in Superbowl XX. Yay! though my lifetime record for proposition betting is as follows: I win some, lose more.

**Gambling quote of the week :**  
*"When you're in a hole, stop digging."* —Anonymous



Sudoku Puzzle  
October 2, 2026

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Patricia "Patty" Moore

March 30, 1954 ~ September 20, 2026

Patricia Lynn "Patty" Moore, 72, of Mancelona, Michigan, passed away on September 20, 2026. She was born on March 30, 1954, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, the daughter of William and Margery (Schoonmaker) Moore.



and cared for her deeply. Above all, Patty loved her family. She was a devoted mother and grandmother; and she will be deeply missed by her family, her many friends, and the people whose lives she touched throughout the years.

Patty was strong-willed, free-spirited, and adventurous, with a lifelong love of the water. She loved Lake Michigan, the Caribbean, and the ocean, and throughout her life found joy and freedom in windsurfing, scuba diving, and simply being near the water. She was an accomplished windsurfer, and her independent and adventurous spirit remained an important part of who she was throughout her life. She also had a deep appreciation for art, music, dance, and film, and found beauty and meaning in creative expression.

Patty was also a gifted massage therapist and healer who cared deeply for the people she worked with. She touched the lives of many through her work, and although they may have first come to her as clients, many became cherished friends. She had a special ability to connect with people, and she was surrounded by friends and clients who loved

She is lovingly survived by her mother, Margery Shelp; her son, North (Hannah) Moore of Tumwater, Washington; her two grandsons, Whitman and Leland Moore; two brothers, William Moore Jr. of Lady Lake, Florida, and Brian Moore of Bellevue; and four sisters, Laura (Tobin) Sprout of Leland, Linda Bracken of Plymouth, Barbara "Barbie" (Patrick) Marihugh of Westland, and Kelly (Michael) Seehausen of Boston.

Patty was preceded in death by her father, William Moore, and her sister, Peggy Astill.

Her strong spirit, compassion for others, love of the water, and the many friendships she formed throughout her life will be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements are in the care of the Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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= MENTAL HEALTH CORNER =

Not Everything Needs Fixing

In this edition, I'll be speaking directly to the men. As men, we're often valued for our ability to solve problems. Something breaks, we fix it. Something isn't working, we figure out why. This can be useful, but it can also be a double-edged sword when it's applied where it doesn't fit. Often this is when it's a person and not a furnace or the brakes on our car.

Men, sometimes the person sitting across from us doesn't need a solution.

Our modern life, as I've written before, increasingly teaches us that discomfort is a bad thing and needs to be fixed. And when someone we care about is hurting, their discomfort can make us uncomfortable too. As men, our tendency is to fix whatever the problem is so that the discomfort goes away, not only for them, but for us as well.

We'll typically offer advice, solutions, and action plans, but sometimes grief, disappointment, fear, anger, sadness, all these perfectly normal emotions, sometimes they just need room to exist. And this can be difficult if you, like me, are a natural-born fixer.

Men, if your wife tells you that she's had a difficult day, your tendency would be immediately tell her what she could do tomorrow to fix that, and if our child is disappointed, as a dad, we might start explaining why that isn't so bad. As we get older and our friends come to us grieving, as fixers, our tendency is to try to find something encouraging to say.

The important thing to understand here is that while as men we can sometimes come across as less emotional or less feeling than women, we shouldn't mistake that for indifference. The truth is quite the opposite. We want to help. It's in our blood.

Men, sometimes the other person just needs to know that they don't have to go through it alone.

Instead of immediately asking, "How can I fix this?" try any of the following questions:

- 1. Does this actually need fixing?
- 2. Does this person want advice, or do they just want me to be there with them?

3. Can I tolerate their discomfort without trying to remove it?

Men, it is important to understand that listening without fixing isn't passive. It requires active patience, restraint, and grounded emotional strength.

Sometimes loving someone means having enough strength to sit with them while they carry it. This is yet another way that we all win at life.

-Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECF

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Adam DeVaney is a clinical social worker and therapist with over a decade of experience working with clients with a diversity of challenges from addiction and anxiety to overcoming trauma and helping people to learn what it takes to live their best lives. Along with his wife, Mandi, he founded Life's Work Clinic in Kalkaska, Michigan, and Life's Work Coaching with a local and global footprint. Adam has dedicated his life to serving others and walking with them on their healing journeys.



Squish Those Feelings

There is a trend that just keeps growing. It seems that every kid has some kind of squishy toy. They play with them, squish them and pound on them. They are stretched and pulled in every way they can be. Some of the designs are really cute and fun. They can be a very helpful therapy tool if used properly.

When using squishes or any other type of fidget kids need to understand they are a tool. They are to help them when needed. They are not to replace talking about emotions. They are not to be used to squish all of your feelings into and then to not talk about them. That is just another way to bottle up big feelings.

When using these tools or toys in therapy I encourage kids to talk about their feelings. If I feel the fidgets are creating a distraction, I will have my client kiddo put them up so we can actually talk about their feelings.

Sometimes, these toys are so distracting that kids don't actually talk. They just want to play. It is their way of avoiding talking about their feelings or thoughts. We want kids to learn about their feelings and how those emotions feel in their bodies.

Sometimes this is really hard for kids because their feelings are so intense and big that they don't want to feel them. Kids have a hard enough time expressing emotions sometimes, we need to encourage them to talk about how they feel.

These fidgets and other therapy toys have their time and place of when they can be helpful to kids. If they are replacing kids actually talking about how they feel, this is a problem.

Using these toys in moderation is helpful for kids. Using them while they are talking to someone about emotions is what can be helpful. Kids need to learn how to communicate their emotions, not squish them into a toy, never to be talked about again.

These toys are wonderful and fun, but they also need to be used for what they were meant for, which is as a tool to express emotions, not bury them. I have a basket of very carefully selected fidgets and squishes for my kiddos to use while we are talking.

Some kids need to be able to do something with their hands while we talk. I offer them other things like blocks, Magnatiles, or Legos they can use while we talk. This is just as helpful as fidgets to keep kids hands busy while we talk.

You can create some kind of calming corner in your classroom or home for your child to go to when they are struggling. At home that could be their room. At school, many teachers have very nice calming corners set up for kids to use when they need it. All of these things are wonderful tools if used properly.

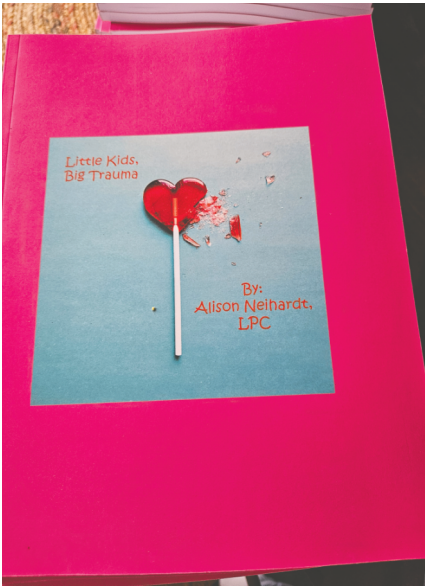
They are not to be used to replace a good old-fashioned conversation to talk about what

emotions a child is feeling and how to fix the problem.

Alison Neihardt, LPC, NCC

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# "Let's Talk Grief" new book to be released October 12

Rylee Webb of Rapid City is one of 28 people whose grief essays appear in the revolutionary book Let's Talk Grief: Breaking the Silence and Healing with Grace, Peace and Harmony. The scheduled release date is October 12th.

Why the title Let's Talk Grief? Because people struggle to talk about it, and it's time to break the silence! Thanks to brave people like Rylee, this book helps and encourages people who have lost a loved one to talk openly and honestly about grief anytime, anywhere, with anyone.

Rylee lost her dad, Jeffrey Alan Webb, on December 18, 2021. He was 50 years old. Rylee's essay is titled A Daughter's Journey Through Grief and Light. In her essay, Rylee describes the grief that followed and how she managed her grief in a healthy way that helped her move forward with life after her dad's death.

The 28 essays in this book highlight how grief touches everyone differently, whether the loss was sudden or expected, violent or peaceful. The essay contributors range in age from 10 to 65 and have diverse ethnicities, backgrounds,

socioeconomic statuses, and experiences with loss. This book gives them a bigger platform and louder voice to share their grief stories.

This book is the first of the Let's Talk Grief Trilogy Series. It is unique because it shows people how to view grief through a different lens, offers a healthier approach to managing it, and provides a clear, concise roadmap for moving forward with life, based on a methodology the author, Hogan Hilling, created. He uses 8 stones as a symbolic way to help people build a path to healing, marked by grace, peace, and harmony.

Here is a list of the 8 Stones: 1) Talk About Grief Any Time, Any Place, 2) Embrace Grief As An Ally, 3) Replace Anger With Grace, 4) Exchange Selfishness with Selflessness, 5) Regenerate Happiness and Diminish Sadness, 6) Build Reassurance and Conquer Fear, 7) Restore Peace in Place of Suffering, and 8) Help Other People Heal.

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**About the Author: Hogan Hilling**

Hogan Hilling is a passionate, optimistic man of action and the author of 14 books, spanning fatherhood, motherhood, divorce, cold cases, and grief. His first book about grief, Preston's Charm: A Charm-ing, Healthy and Empathetic Approach to Grief, debuted in June 2024. He is also the Founder of Let's Talk Grief™, a Certified Grief Life Coach, and is certified to talk about suicide prevention through the American Legion's Be the One Initiative. He has 30 years of experience facilitating fatherhood support groups. Hilling has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and ABC's The Story of Fathers and Sons Documentary. He is currently traveling across America in his Mercedes Sprinter Caravan promoting the Let's Talk Grief™ Project to encourage people to Break the Silence and Talk About Grief Any Time, Any Place. Hilling's son, Wesley Jordan Hilling, was 32 years old when he passed away on December 18, 2022. To contact Hilling, visit the Let's Talk Grief™ website at [www.letstalkgrief.org](http://www.letstalkgrief.org)



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When: Sat, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Bellaire United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire  
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**Antrim County and Elk Lake Community Choirs**

**December Concert Rehearsals**

The Antrim County and Elk Lake Community Choirs will hold rehearsals for their December 6 and 13 concerts as follows: Saturdays at the First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids from 10:00-noon beginning October 3 and Mondays starting October 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Bellaire. All singers are welcome; the ability to read music, perfect attendance or perfect pitch (although helpful) are not required. Newcomers are welcome to the first rehearsals to see if it is a good fit. Music and folders are provided.

For further information contact directors Dorothy Clore at 231. 676-9277 or Cheryl Knight at 231. 409.3316. Free will offerings from the December concerts benefit local non-profits and the Antrim singers' music scholarship program.



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**Bear Lake Township,**  
Bear Lake Twp Hall, 198 E Bear Lake Rd NE, Kalkaska, 231-258-4871  
**When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm**

**Blue Lake Township,**  
Blue Lake Twp Hall, 10599 Twin Lake Rd, Mancelona, 231-587-8354  
**When: 1st Wed, 7 pm**

**Boardman Township,**  
Boardman Twp Hall/Fire Dept, 4855 Pine St, South Boardman, 231-369-3336  
**When: 3rd Wed, 7 pm**

**Clearwater Township,**  
Clearwater Twp Community Center, 5407 River St, Rapid City, 231-331-6249  
**When: 3rd Thu, 7 pm**

**Coldsprings Township,**  
Coldsprings Twp Hall, 6515 County Road 571 NE, Mancelona, 231-587-8633  
**When: 2nd Mon, 5 pm**

**Excelsior Township,**  
Excelsior Twp Hall, 987 County Road 571 NE, Kalkaska, 231-258-6108  
**When: 1st Mon, 5 pm (on major holiday the Tue after)**

**Garfield Township,**  
Garfield Twp Hall, 0466 W Sharon Rd, Fife Lake, 231-369-2483  
**When: 2nd Thur, 7 pm**

**Kalkaska Township ,**  
Kalkaska Twp Hall / Fire Department, 209 Laurel St, 231-258-9305  
**When: 1st Wed, 5 pm**

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**When: 2nd Tue, 6 pm**

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**When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm**

**Springfield Township,**  
Springfield Twp Hall, 5253 Ingersoll Rd SW, Fife Lake, 231-879-4541  
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**When: 2nd Wed, 7:00 pm**

**Central Lake Township,** Central Lake Governmental Building, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, 231 544-6687  
**When: 3rd Wed, 7:00 pm**

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**Village Council-**  
**When: 1st Wed, 7:00 pm**  
**DDA- When: last Wed, 8:00 am**

**Village of Mancelona:**  
Village Offices, 120 W. State, Mancelona, 231 587-8331  
**When: 2nd Tue, 6:00 pm**  
**Mancelona DDA,** Antrim County Title, 504 S. Williams, Mancelona, 231 58-833  
**When: 2nd Mon, 5:30 pm**

**Mancelona Township:**  
Township Offices, 9610 S. M-88, Mancelona, 231 587-8651  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6:00 pm**

**Village of Fife Lake:**  
Village Hall, 616 Bates St, Fife Lake, 231 879-4291  
**Village Council-**  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6:30 pm**  
**DDA-When: 3rd Tues, quarterly Jan, April, July, October, 6:00 pm**

**Fife Lake Township:**  
Township Meeting Room, 134 Morgan St, 231 879-3963  
**When: 4th Thur, Jan-Oct, 6:00 pm**

**Village of Kingsley:**  
Village Offices, 207 S. Brownson, 231 263-7778  
**Village Council- When: 2nd Mon, 6:00 pm**  
**DDA- When: 3rd Tue, 6:00 pm**

**Paradise Township:**  
Township Hall, 2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, 231 263-5251  
**When: 2nd Wed, 6:00 pm**

**Helena Township:**  
Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231 331-4643  
**When: 2nd Thu, 7:00 pm**

**Village of Kalkaska:**  
Village Offices, 200 Hyde St, Kalkaska, 231-258-9191  
**Village Council-**  
**When: 2nd Mon, 6 pm**  
**DDA-**  
**When: 1st Tue, 5:00 pm**

**Kalkaska County:**  
Kalkaska County BOC Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch St, 231-258-3349  
**Board of Commissioners-**  
**When: 3nd Wed, 5 pm**

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**Health & Welfare- 10 am**  
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**Kalkaska Public Schools,**  
Board of Education room, 315 S Coral St Kalkaska , 231-258-9100  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6 pm**  
**Forest Area Community Schools**  
Band Room, Forest Area High School, 7661 Shippy Rd SW, Fife Lake 231-369-4191  
**When: 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm**  
**Crawford School, Excelsior District #1**  
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**When: 2nd Tue, 4:30 pm**  
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8190 W. State St, Central Lake, 231 544-3341  
**When: 2nd Mon, 6:30 pm**  
**Bellaire Public Schools,**  
204 W. Forest Home Ave, Bellaire, 231-533-8015  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6:30 pm**  
**Kingsley Area Schools,**  
High School Library, 7475 Kingsley Rd, Kingsley  
**When: 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm**

Sudoku Puzzle Solution  
October 2, 2026

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Honoring the Memories of 9/11

By Tina Norris Fields

DAR member, PJ Steeby, brought her own personal story of September 11, 2001 to share with the Job Winslow Chapter, NSDAR, at the September 19, 2026 meeting in Traverse City. Her planned itinerary that day included flights from Detroit to Washington, D.C., and on to New York.

That isn't how it worked out. American Airlines Flight 11 and United Flight 175 had struck both towers of the World Trade Center in New York while her flight was still en route to Washington, D.C. American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon within moments of all the passengers from her flight being escorted by armed guards out of the airport building. Standing on the sidewalk, she heard the explosion and felt particles of debris in the air and on her skin.

The brave passengers of United Flight 93, took that plane down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, very near PJ's childhood home.

PJ shared many items from her large personal collection of memorabilia, as she honored the people who died on those planes and in the attacked buildings, as well as the heroes who risked their own lives racing to save others, and the many whose lives have been cut short over the years due to toxic exposure at ground zero.

As painful as the memories are for all of us who lived through that day and its aftermath, we honor the fallen as we resolve anew that we will never forget - not in 25 years, not in 50 years, not in 100 years - not ever.

Bittersweet though it is, thank you, PJ for being our bright spot.



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