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~ Albert Einstein

Rapid City Heritage Festival Parade



News flash for our online friends: The Voice website is about to undergo some changes. You will notice some design changes, but we will do our best to keep the site at least as easy to navigate as it is now, and we hope to actually improve it. We are still working on developing the new look for the website. Things always take a bit longer than we expect, but the secret to success is to never, ever, give up.

OUT & ABOUT

Editor's note: This space is free to community organizations to promote events which are of benefit to the residents in and around Kalkaska County. Email your information to tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com or debbieomi@hotmail.com. Please include date and time of the event, a contact number or email address. Do not include prices.

SENIOR & COMMUNITY MEALS

Senior Lunch Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, no reservation required for dine-in, carry out meal (w/o salad bar), all ages welcome, contact 231 258-5030
When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Salad bar at 11:30 am, Meal served at 12:00 pm

Senior Lunch Antrim County COA, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, dine-in or carry out, 231 533-8703
When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for dine-in, 11:30 to 12:00 pm for carry out (site is open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

Senior Lunch, Mancelona Senior Ctr, 122 E State St, dine-in available, RSVP the day before to Marianne at 231 587-9131
When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Salad Bar 11 to 11:45 am, Lunch served 12:00 to 12:30 pm (site is open 9:00 am to 1:30 pm)

Senior Lunch, Central Lake Meal Site, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, dine-in available, RSVP the day before to Lois at 231 544-6687
When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 11:30 to 12:00 pm (site is open 10:00 am to 12:30 pm)

KAIR's Ladles of Love, 107 W. Third St, free community meal, everyone is welcome, contact 231 258-7836
When: Mon, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Senior Lunch (Kalkaska COA), Garfield Township Hall, 0466 W. Sharon Rd, Fife Lake, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP by 9 am to Marci at 231 360-7697
When: Mon, 12 noon to 12:30 pm

Senior Meal, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, reservations must be made at the previous meal or 24 hours in advance, contact 231-922-4911
When: Tue, 11:45 am

Community Meal, Mancelona United Methodist Church, 117 W. Hinman, Mancelona, canceled if Mancelona schools are closed for inclement weather, 231 587- 8461
When: Tue, except holidays, 5 to 6 pm

Senior Lunch (Kalkaska COA), Bear Lake Township Hall, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP between 8:30 and 9 am to Iola at 941 270-1549
When: Tue, Thu, 12 noon to 12:30 pm

Senior Lunch (Kalkaska COA), South Boardman Senior Center, 5503 Boardman Rd SW, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP by 9 am to Marci at 231 360-7697
When: Tue, Thu, 12:30 to 1:00 pm

Kalkaska Baptist Community Meal, Kalkaska Baptist Church, 1151 CR 612, open to everyone, 217 871-5700
When: 2nd and last Tue, 5 to 7 pm

Senior Meal, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, reservations must be made at the previous meal or 24 hours in advance contact 231 922-4911
When: Wed, 11:30 am

Senior Lunch (Kalkaska COA) Clearwater Township Hall, 5440 River St NW, Rapid City, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP by 8:30 am to Pam at 231 564-2794
When: Wed, 12 to 12:30 pm

Community Meal, Kalkaska United Methodist Church, 2525 Beebe Rd, curbside pick-up or dine in, donations accepted, contact 231 258-2820
When: Wed, except holidays, 5 to 6 pm

Community Meal, Kingsley United Methodist Church, 113 Blair St, Kingsley, contact 231 263-5278
When: 3rd Wed, 5 to 6:30 pm

Easy Meals Fundraiser for American Legion, Dale H Wheeler American Legion Post 219, 10283 M-113, Fife Lake, dine-in or drive-thru, contact 231 879-4475
When: Thu, 5-6 pm

Veterans Dinner, South Torch Lake Fire Department, 8765 Helena Rd, Alden, free dinner for Veterans and their families, contact 231 331-4204
When: 3rd Thu, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Red Apron Community Dinner, Bellaire Community United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire, everyone is welcome to this free meal, 231 533-8133
When: Last Thur, 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Senior Omelet Breakfast, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, build your own omelet, alternate available each week, no reservation required, all ages welcome, contact 231 258-5030
When: Fri, 8:00 to 9:00 am

Senior Breakfast, Antrim County COA/Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, menu changes weekly, 231 533-8703
When: Fri, 8:00 to 9:00 am

Pasties & Pot Pies for Sale, Coldsprings Excelsior Township Area (CETA) Hall, 6615 County Rd 612, (to confirm dates and availability, call 231 258-9912)
When: Fri, 1 to 3 pm

Fish Fry, Dale H. Wheeler American Legion Post 219, 10283 M-113, Fife Lake, dine-in, \$14 all-you-can-eat, age 5 and under is free, contact 231 879-4475
When: 1st Fri, 4:30 to 7:00 pm (or until sold out)

Free Breakfast, Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake Rd SE, Kalkaska, sausage, eggs, and pancakes breakfast, open to the community, contact 231-258-6107
When: 3rd Sat, 8:00 to 10:00 am

Pancake Breakfast, Bellaire Masonic Lodge, 4905 Stover Rd, Bellaire, pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, coffee, and orange juice, \$10 plate, contact 713 665-4100
When: last Sat, 7:00 to 11:00 am

VFW & Central Lake AmVets Monthly Breakfast, Central Lake AmVets, 1840 S. Main St, Central Lake, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy & biscuits, hash browns, toast, beverages, 231 544-6455
When: 1st Sun, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast, Dale H. Wheeler American Legion Post 219, 10283 M-113, Fife Lake, Single plate- \$7, all-you-can-eat- \$10, kids 5 to 10- \$5, under 5 is free, we serve you, contact 231 879-4475
When: 2nd Sun, 8 am to noon

Family Meal Distribution, The Orchard Church, 3903 Voice Rd, Kingsley, drive thru pick-up of a day's worth of meals for a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for a family of six, open to all, contact 231 263-8267
When: Last Sun, 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Swiss Steak Dinner, Bellaire Masonic Lodge, 4905 Stover Rd, Bellaire, includes dessert and beverages, proceeds to help with the Masons scholarship activities and help within the community, contact 231 377-7156
When: Last Sun, 4:30 to 7:00 pm

FARMERS' MARKET

Kingsley Farmers' Market, Brownson Memorial Park, 205 S. Brownson Ave, Kingsley
When: Wed, 3 to 7 pm (Through Oct 2)

Mancelona Farmers' Market, Railroad Park Community Pavilion near the Buck Pole on US 131, participates in the following programs: WIC Project Fresh, Senior Project Fresh, SNAP/EBT, Double Up Food Bucks, applications available now, contact Bonnie Flynn, 231 886-0416 or info@mancelonafarmersmarket.com
When: Thu, 2 to 6 pm (Through Oct 31)

Kalkaska Farmers' Market, Railroad Square, downtown Kalkaska, applications available at <https://kalkaskaconservation.org/farmers-market>, participates with Project Fresh, Senior Fresh, and SNAP, contact Renee at 231 258-3307, applications now being accepted, kalkaskaconservation.org/farmers-market
When: Tue, 2 to 6 pm (Through Dec 17)

Fife Lake Farmers' Market, Lakeside Park, E. State St, Fife Lake, contact Tim 231 313-1673
When: Thu, 4 to 7 pm (Through October 17)

Bellaire Farmers' Market/ASI Yard Sale, 102 Maple St, Bellaire, app available at areaseniorsinc.org/forms, or call Bryan at 231 350-8835
When: Fri., 8 am to 12 pm (Through October 13)

FOOD PANTRIES

Little Free Pantry, Alden United Methodist Church, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden, located in front yard of the church
When: available anytime

Fife Lake U M Church, 206 Boyd St, call 231 879-4270
When: hours by appointment only

Love Locker Project, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, seasonal clothing for the community as needed, contact 231 879-4101
When: available anytime

Share Shack Free Food Pantry, Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake Rd SE, Kalkaska, located in the parking lot, 231-258-6107
When: available anytime

KAIR Food Pantry/Thrift Store, 324 S. Cedar St, Kalkaska, available to Kalkaska and Antrim County residents, curbside pickup only, call 231 258-0060 ext 4 by 2:45 pm to make an appointment
When: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bellaire Food Pantry, 205 E. Broad St, 231-533-8600
When: Mon & Thu 10 am - 4 pm, Sat 10 am - 12 pm

ACTS (Acme Christian Thrift Store & Pantry), 8925 M-72 East, Williamsburg, serving Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, & Antrim counties, by appt, 231 267-3002
When: Tues 5 - 7 pm, Wed 1 - 4 pm, Sat 10 am - 1 pm

Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale, 201 N. Maple St, Mancelona, 231-676-1686
When: Tues, Wed, Thu, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Central Lake Community Food Pantry, 1875 Main St, Central Lake, 231-544-6878
When: Tue 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Fri 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Kingsley United Methodist Church, 113 Blair St, Kingsley, call 231 263-5278 for appt if you are unable to come during open hours
When: Wed & Fri, 9 am to 12 pm

Torch Lake Assembly of God, 9456 Valley Rd NW, Rapid City, donations accepted, contact Christine at 231 331-6246
When: Fri, except holidays, 11 am to 2 pm

Kingsley Baptist Church, 7511 Blackman Rd, Kingsley, call Jessica at 231-263-5650 for apt if you are unable to come during open hours
When: 2nd & 4th Fri, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Yoga, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, with Peggy Williams, restorative yoga, suggested donation of \$5-10 per class, contact lakesidetherapeutics@gmail.com, to register, email kspratt@tadl.org
When: Mon, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Yoga, ASI Community Center & Park, 102 Maple St, Bellaire, with Daryl Allison-Busch, licensed instructor, contact 231 564-0010
When: Mon, 12:30 pm (Gentle) and 2 pm (Hatha)

Shuffleboard, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, everyone welcome, contact 231 258-5030
When: Mon, 1:00 pm

Bootcamp Class, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Nickey Torrey, 231 258-5913
When: Mon, 7:00 to 7:45 pm

Yoga, Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, contact 231 331-4643
When: Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 to 9:30 am

Let's Get Moving, Bellaire Community United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire, 30-minute "Body Groove" video for all levels (can be done in a chair, too) lead by Cheresse Villareal, contact 580 471-7778
When: Mon, Wed, 11:00 to 11:30 am

Chair Exercise, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703
When: Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 to 10:45 am

Aerobic Exercise with Weights, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S. Coral St, bring small hand weights or two cans of soup, contact 231 258-5030
When: Mon, Fri, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Lyrical/Contemporary Dance for Adults, ASI Community Center, 102 S. Maple St, Bellaire, \$10 cost, contact 231 572-2518
When: 1st Tues, 5:45 to 6:45 pm

Wii Bowling, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703
When: Tue, 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Line Dance, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, all skill levels welcome, contact 231 258-5030
When: Tue, 1:00 pm

Table Tennis, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, contact 231 258-5030
When: Tue, 2:00 pm

Line Dancing, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, equipment provided, focused on seniors, contact to register 231 922-4911
When: Tue, Thu, 10:00 am

Yoga for Seniors, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, contact 231 258-5030
When: Tue, Thu, 10:00 am

Cardio Drumming, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, equipment provided, focused on seniors, contact to register 231 922-4911
When: Tue, Thu, 10:00 am

Fitness Over Fifty, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, contact to register 231 922-491
When: Tue, Thu, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Chair Yoga, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, class size is limited, advance registration is required, 231 922-4911
When: Wed, Fri, 9:15 am

Senior Exercise Class, Bear Lake Township Hall, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd NE, open for all seniors, mixing yoga, light impact aerobics, strength training, contact 989 330-7538
When: Wed, 9:00 to 10:00 am

Taekwondo, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 adults/\$5 child or senior drop-in fee, ages 6 years +, Instructor Mr. Allan, 231 258-5913
When: Wed, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Strong Nation Class, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Lanae Bump, contact 231 258-5913
When: Wed, 6:00 to 6:45 pm

Wii Bowling, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, COVID guidelines observed. contact 231 258-5030
When: Thu, 1:00 pm

Pound Class, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Nickey Torrey, contact 231 258-5913
When: Thu, 6:00 to 6:45 pm

Self-Lead Yoga, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, space is available for anyone who would like to practice self-lead yoga, no registration needed, 231 879-4101
When: Thu, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Bootcamp Class, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Nickey Torrey, contact 231 258-5913
When: Fri, 9:00 to 10:00 am

Yoga, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, with Peggy Williams, restorative yoga, suggested donation of \$5-10 per class, contact lakesidetherapeutics@gmail.com, to register, email kspratt@tadl.org
When: 1st Fri, 9:00 to 10:00 am

Family Roller Skating Night Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, \$5 Admission/\$3.00 skate rental
When: 1st Fri 7:00-8:30 pm (May through September)

BINGO, CARDS & BOARD GAMES

Antrim County Duplicate Bridge Club, ASI Community Center & Park, 102 Maple St, Bellaire, 231 590-7293
When: Mon, 12:45 pm

Penny Bingo, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, all are welcome, \$1 donation, play with pennies, win pennies, bring lots of pennies or purchase from COA, contact 231 258-5030
When: Mon, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Euchre, CETA Hall, 6615 CR612 NE, 231 587-9475
When: Mon, 7 pm

Mah-Jongg, Presented by Alden District Library, Helena Twp Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, all levels of skill welcome, contact 231 331-4318
When: Tue, 1 to 4 pm

Euchre, (Kalkaska COA) 303 S. Coral St, \$5.00 buy-in, 231 258-5030
When: Tue, 1 pm

Euchre, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, \$5.00 buy-in, contact 231 533-8703
When: Tues, 6:00 pm

Piggitt Hoggit, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, euchre taken to the next level, \$1, contact 231 922-4911
When: Wed, 9:15 am OR 12:00 pm????

Jackpot Bingo, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, fundraiser for the Senior Center, community welcome, must be 18+, contact 231 258-5030
When: Wed, seating begins 4 pm, warm ups at 5 pm, regular games at 6 pm

Bingo, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, \$1, contact 231 922-4911
When: Wed, Fri 10:15 to 11:15 am

Billiards, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, enjoy a game on a first-come, first-served basis, all equipment provided, contact 231 922-4911
When: Wed, Fri 9:15 am to 12:15 pm

199er Bridge Game & Free Lessons, Helena Twp Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, free lessons at 11:30 am, ACBL-sanctioned bridge game begins at 12:30 pm, \$5, 248-770-6152 or ljslyker@gmail.com
When: Wed (except 3rd Wed) (through Oct)

Mah-jongg, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703
When: Thu, 12:45 pm

Euchre, Rapid City Community Center (Red School House), 5407 River St, Rapid City, 231 331-6249
When: Thu, 1 pm

Po-Keeno, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, no cost, contact 231 258-5030
When: Thu, 1 pm

Bingo, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703
When: 3rd Thu, during Birthday Dinner at 11:30 am

Bingo, ASI, 102 S. Maple St, Bellaire, community welcome must be 18+, contact 231 350-8835
When: 2nd & 4th Thu, Doors open 4 pm, play at 5 pm

Euchre, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, single player with individual scoring, experience is necessary for team play, lessons available, contact 231 922-4911
When: Fri 10:15 am to 12:15 pm

Pantry Bingo, Kalkaska Sr Center 303 S. Coral St, all are welcome, play for pantry items, \$1 donation 231 258-5030
When: Fri, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Bingo, American Legion Hall, 9850 S. Front St, Mancelona community welcome, must be 18+, 231 499-2364
When: Sat, doors open at 4 pm, play begins at 6 pm

Pool, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, open to anyone who wants to play, must contact 231 258-5030 with your name and number
When: Sat, 6 pm

CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Small Crafts Groups, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, bring a personal small craft to work on while socializing, many are willing to teach basics of crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc, 231 258-5030
When: Mon, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Wood Carvers, Kalkaska Senior Center 303 S. Coral St, all levels of skill, teaching available, 231 258-5030
When: Mon, 6 pm

Torch Area Artisans Guild, Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, the mission of TAAG is to create art, contribute to the community and share knowledge of arts and crafts skills, contact taartisansguild@gmail.com
When: Tue, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Quilters Corner, Antrim County COA, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, bring your own project, 231 533-8703
When: Tue, 12:30 to 2:20 pm;

Juniper Garden Club, Clearwater Township Community Center, 5407 River St, Rapid City, contact 231 629-2498, new members welcome
When: 1st Tue, 1:00 pm

Alden Knitters & Crocheters, Helena Twp Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, all skill levels welcome contact 231 944-0013 or 231 331-4318
When: Tue, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Group Painting, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, 231 533-8703
When: Thu, 10:30 am

Fiber Arts Group, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Ln, Fife Lake, bring your own lap project and craft with others by our warm fireplace, not lessons, contact 231 879-4101
When: Thur, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Kasky Kwilters, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, come see what we are doing! 231-384-0595
When: 1st Thu, 4:00 pm

Quality Thyme Garden Club, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St., President Tricia White, contact 404 281-7384
When: 3rd Thu, 5:00 pm

Great Lakes Scale Modelers, Traverse City Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Avenue, Thirlby Room. Plastic models, any scale, trains, planes, automobiles. Whatever floats your boat. Contact Bruce, 231-620-1767 or Frank, 231-228-3474
When: 2nd Sat, 1 To 4 pm

Children's Activities

Summer Craft Camp- Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St, arts & crafts, snacks, and STEM activities, register: <https://www.centrallakelibrary.com/register-for-an-event.html>, contact 231 544-2517
When: Mon, 1 to 2 pm, (Through August 26)

Teen Animé & Manga Club - Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Ln., Fife Lake, for ages 13 to 18 years, snacks, animé themed crafts, activities, and more, contact 231 879-4101
When 3rd Mon, 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Story Time with Miss Diane- Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, open to children ages 0-5 and their caretakers, stories, crafts, snacks, 231 533-8814
When: Tue, 10:00 am

LEGO Club, Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St, Central Lake, available to children ages 5+, drop-in club but parents filling out a registration is strongly recommended, contact 231 544-2517
When: Tue OR Wed, 3:15 to 4:00 pm

Story Time, Mancelona Township Library, 202 W. State St, Mancelona, stories and crafts, 231 587-9451
When: Tue, 10:30 am

Wigglers Preschool Story Time, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson, Kingsley, children from birth to pre-kindergarten are welcome, stories, music, and movement, contact 231 263-5484
When: Tue and Wed, 10:30 am

Story Time with Miss Diana, Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St., Central Lake, with crafts, songs, stories, songs, and snacks, contact 231-544-2517
When: Wed, 10:30 am

5toOne Playgroup, Kalkaska Early Head Start Classroom, 424 S. Cedar St, activities for children, resources for parents, music & movement, registration is encouraged, <https://bit.ly/EHSKalRegistration>
When: 2nd and 4th Wed, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson Ave, Kingsley, teen-led D&D campaign, everything needed is provided, refreshments, too, free activity and open to teens ages 13-19 years, parents are welcome, contact 231 263-5484
When: 1st and 3rd Thu, 3:30 to 6:45 pm

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OBITUARIES

Gary L. Hobson

January 1, 1947 ~ August 17, 2024

Gary L. Hobson, 77, of Fife Lake passed away August 17, 2024 at his home. Gary was born on January 1, 1947 in Flint, Michigan. He was adopted by the late Leo and Lucinda Hobson of Montrose, Michigan.



Gary served in the Army and was posted in Augsburg, Germany. After the Army Gary had various jobs including truck driving and mechanic. He became a bus driver for Forest Area Community Schools in 1997, and would spend the rest of his career there. Gary was a resident of Fife Lake since 1990 and enjoyed many outdoor activities in the area such as hunting, fishing, and taking care of the property. Gary also loved spending time with his wife, Susan, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Gary is survived by his wife Susan and children Lisa Nicholas of Clermont, Florida, Timothy (Mona) Shannon of Interlochen, Christina (Jason) Hooper of Arab, Alabama, Amy (Mark) Burk of Mancelona, and Matthew Hobson of South Boardman;

grandchildren Tyler Shannon (Kendra Thompson) of Saginaw, Ashley Burk of Traverse City, Keshia Burk (Juan Orozco) of Holland, Audrey Hartzell of Mancelona, Tyler Hartzell of Mancelona,

Stephan (Katelin) Shannon of Liberty, South Carolina, Ryan (Beth) Maddox of Traverse City, Brady Burk of Mancelona, Jayme (Terry) Hosea of Vassar, Kaetlin Hooper of Arab, Alabama, Nicholas Hooper of Arab, Alabama; eleven great-grandchildren, and sister Karen Gall of Montrose. Gary is preceded in death by his parents Leo and Lucinda, and wife Martha Ann Hobson. A memorial service was held at 1:00pm on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Friends and family gathered from 12pm-1pm prior to the service. Interment took place at the Fife Lake Cemetery with a luncheon that followed at the Hobson residence. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Dale LeRoy Penny Sr.

September 14, 1939 ~ August 28, 2024

Dale LeRoy Penny Sr., 84, of South Boardman, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at his home. Dale was born on September 14, 1939, in Detroit, MI, to the late Frederick and Grace (Lytle) Penny. Dale



was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, and served as a Eucharistic minister for St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Kalkaska. In his free time, Dale loved spending time outdoors, whether it was hunting, fishing, or golfing with his sons and friends. He found joy in coaching his boys' little league baseball teams and cherished the memories made during family vacations. Dale was a wonderful father, a loving husband, and a mentor to many. His great sense of humor will always be

remembered, as well as his willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Dale is survived by his wife of 64 years, Antoinette "Toni" Penny; children Joan (Steven) Kinsey, Dale (Cindy) Penny Jr., Chris

Penny, and Larry Penny; grandchildren Jessica Penny, Dale Penny III, Christopher Penny, and Dominic Penny; and four great-grandchildren. A funeral mass was held at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. A rosary preceded the service at 9:30 a.m., with visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. A graveside service followed at St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Richard Myron Stone

April 6, 1923 ~ August 23, 2024

Richard "Dick" Myron Stone, aged 101, of Fife Lake, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 23, 2024. Born on April 6, 1923, in Oak Park, Illinois, Dick entered the world as a twin, welcomed by his late parents, Othelo R. Stone and Florence Stone.



Alabama, always surrounded by his family and close friends. Above all, Dick will be remembered for his warmth, his wit, and the deep love he had for those around him.

Dick leaves behind a legacy of service, love, and a life well-lived. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Dick spent his formative years in the suburbs of Chicago before his family relocated to Michigan during his high school years. His academic pursuits led him to the General Motors Institute and subsequently the University of Michigan, from where he graduated with a BBA in 1948.

In 1943, Dick answered the call to serve his country by joining the U.S. Navy. As an officer on LST 582, he played a vital role in the South Pacific, aiding in the recapture of islands from Japanese control. It was during a leave from his wartime duties that Dick married his college sweetheart, Joyce Nottingham, in 1946. They shared 42 loving years together until her passing.

Dick's professional life was marked by a dedicated 34-year career with Michigan Bell in Ann Arbor, where he made lasting contributions. After his retirement in 1982, he continued to share his expertise as a consultant.

Blessed with a second chance at love, Dick married Rose Marie Sattler, with whom he enjoyed 35 wonderful years of marriage. A man of varied interests, Dick found joy in playing tennis, working in his yard and making his holiday peanut crisp for family and friends. He cherished the summers spent in Fife Lake and the winters spent in Florida and

Richard is survived by his wife Rose Stone; daughters Cathy (Tim) McIntosh and Carol (Howard) May; stepdaughter Cathy (Dennis) Flamme; daughter-in-law Stacie Stone; grandchildren Mark (Erin) McIntosh, Scott (Nicole) McIntosh, Jane (Adam) Dawson, Andrew (Jodi) Stone, Rachel (Andrew) Keur, Charlies Stone, Annie (Sam) Meacham, Sarah (Arthur) Ebert, Adam (Stacy) May, Jared May, Matthew, Mark and Madison Flamme; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce J. Nottingham Stone; twin brother Robert Stone; son Richard M. Stone Jr.; sister Alice Boley; and stepdaughter Cassandra Crawford.

A Funeral Service took place on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 11:00 am at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. The family received friends beginning at 10:00 am until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider donating to the Fife Lake Food Pantry, PO Box 69, Fife Lake, MI 49633 or Parkinson's Network North, PO Box 5734, Traverse City, MI 49696.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Betty Rose Robbins

June 3, 1968 ~ August 16, 2024

Our beloved mother, Betty Rose Robbins, of Kalkaska, MI, passed away on August 16th. She was born June 3rd, 1968, to John Ross Brammer and Susan Jean (Miles) Brammer in California. Betty traveled around as



a child and settled in Mancelona and the East Jordan Area for most of her life. Betty was the heart of her family and was known for her smile and laugh. Her love extended to her three daughters who remember her as a nurturing soul, always ready with a comforting word or an engaging story. Betty dedicated her life to raising her daughters who blessed her with her grandchildren who were the light of her life. Her favorite child was her beloved four-legged boy Scooby, her partner in everything she did. Scooby was inseparable from her from the moment she got him. She spent many years with the love of her life, Barney Douglas. Together they built a life on his family farm where she enjoyed spending time raising animals, vegetables and flowers. Betty enjoyed a simple

life with gardening, sewing, cooking and canning. She was happiest at home spending time with her family. Betty was preceded in death by both her parents, and many aunts and uncles.

Betty is survived by her significant other Barney Douglas of Kalkaska; her three daughters Gwen (James) Matelski of Boyne City, Tiffanie Brammer of Frankfort, Kentucky, and Tasha (Dean) Hart of Mancelona. Her sister Gayle (Steve) Huffman, Brothers Ron and John Brammer. Her grandchildren whom she adored and loved so much - Madison, Trevor, Cadence, Lauryn, Nevaeh, Quinton, Jeffrey, Jordan, Hunter and Sophia, one great-grandson Grayson and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service took place on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Lighthouse Church, 2102 Torch Lake Drive, Central Lake, MI. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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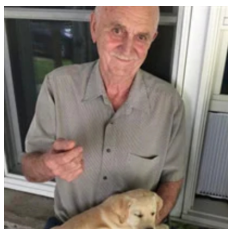
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John Phil Norment

February 13, 1944 ~ August 1, 2024

John Phil Norment, known to most as Phil, passed away on August 1, 2024, at the age of 79 in Kalkaska. He was born on February 13, 1944, in Cairo, Illinois, to the late John W. and Nanny Mae (Freeman) Norment. He was married in 1963 to the love of his life Diana L. Norment.



trades. Phil will be fondly remembered for his mellow and easygoing attitude.

He is survived by his daughter Markita McLeod; his son John "Jay" Norment; and his granddaughter Sarah (Brandon) Clifton. Phil was preceded in death by his beloved wife, his parents, and his siblings Carolyn and Rocky.

Phil was a kind and gentle soul who spent over 20 years working at Clark Equipment. He later became co-owner of Christian Brother Sanitation.

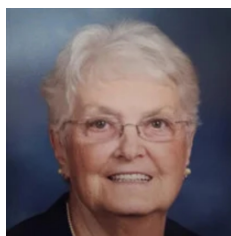
An avid musician, Phil enjoyed playing the bass guitar. His versatility and skill set earned him the reputation of being a jack of all

At this time, no services are scheduled. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Valery Ann Weigand

July 27, 1936 ~ August 17, 2024

Valery Ann Weigand, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and faithful servant of God, entered into eternal rest on August 17, 2024, at the age of 88. Born in Detroit, Michigan to Vallen and Bernice Birch, Valery dedicated her life to her faith, family, and friends.



Jeffrey (Ellyn), John (Ann), and Larry (Sue); seven cherished grandchildren and eight wonderful great grandchildren. Valery is also preceded in death by her sister, Geraldine, and her parents.

A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary of the Woods of Kalkaska. 438 County Road 612 NE. A rosary preceded the service at 9:30 AM. Visitation from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.

"Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy."

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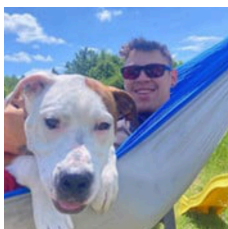
Valery was an active member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, where she served as an extraordinary minister. Her faith was evident in all aspects of her life, and she was known for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering belief in the power of prayer.

She was preceded in death 3 1/2 years ago, by her beloved husband of 64 years, Robert; survived by their four children, Susan (John),

Jamal Ahmed-Hassan Bernard

May 18, 2004 ~ August 28, 2024

Jamal Ahmed-Hassan Bernard, 20, of Rapid City, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly and released from his worldly bondage on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. As many family and friends knew and loved him, they also knew that he had a life of physical and emotional struggles. Jamal was born on May 18, 2004, in Traverse City, Michigan, to Erica Leigh-Ivany Larson and Hassan Bernard. Jamal graduated from Kalkaska High School in 2023 and completed the TBA Early Childhood Education Program during his time in high school. He worked for the SEEDS program at Rapid City Elementary School and looked forward to being a good role model and mentor. Jamal had a deep love for the outdoors and his family and friends, often spending his time swimming in Torch Lake and biking the trails around town. He was also a passionate animal lover, especially devoted to his beloved dogs Archie and Elliott. Jamal will be greatly missed by family, friends and his community. Jamal will be



lovingly remembered by his mother; 10 half-siblings on his father's side in the U.K and overseas; his half-siblings on his mother's side Aliyah, and Noah Biek, his stepbrother and stepsister

Cheyenne and John Biek; grandmothers Margo Lasiter and Kathi and Jef Mort of Traverse City; his Aunt Erin (Matthew) Rockwell as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins around the globe. He was preceded in death by his father, Hassan Bernard and grandfather Eric Larson. In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider donating to Antrim County Animal Control, North Country Community Mental Health, or the SEEDS program at Rapid City Elementary School. A graveside service was held at Clearwater Township Cemetery on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, at 2:00 PM. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a future date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

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Grace Carrie McCauley

February 5, 1937 ~ August 24, 2024

Grace Carrie McCauley, a lifelong resident of Kalkaska, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the age of 87. She was born on February 5, 1937, to the late Isah J. and Ellen Elizabeth (Robinson) Long, in Kalkaska. Grace was a woman of independence and integrity who always spoke her mind. She had a deep love for dogs, whether they were her own or others', and found joy in their companionship. Camping was one of her favorite pastimes. A dedicated and hardworking woman, Grace was a single mother for many years. She enjoyed her daily walks to work, which gave her time to appreciate the small town she loved so much. Grace had a passion for lighthouses. She was also a collector of spoons, each one telling a story of places visited or memories made. In her leisure time, she enjoyed watching Hallmark movies, solving word searches, and embracing the quiet



moments of life. Grace will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Lisa Marie Long; stepsons Randy (Carla) McCauley and Jim McCauley; siblings Mary Robbins, Alice Dorman, John (Jean) Long, Pete Long, Sid (Terrie) Long; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Darlene (Devere) Bourne, Danny McCauley, Dick McCauley and Linda Parker; three step-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Kenneth "Pat" McCauley; sister Kay Wooden; brother Sam Long and brother-in-law Dave Robbins. A funeral service took place Friday, August 30, 2024, at 2:00 pm at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The family received friends beginning at 1:00 pm until the time of service. Burial followed at Clark Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

John 14:2 - In my Father's house, there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

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Munson Healthcare earns innovator award for bringing emerging cancer therapy to Northern Michigan

Cowell Family Cancer Center recognized for a visionary bispecific therapy program that serves as a model for rural communities nationwide.

Traverse City, Mich. – The Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC) is recognizing Munson Healthcare, Cowell Family Cancer Center (CFCC) with the Innovator Award for pioneering achievements in improving access, quality, and value in cancer care delivery.

Cowell Family Cancer Center will accept the award during the 2024 ACCC National Oncology Conference in October, where they will be honored for implementation of a Bispecific T-Cell Engager Therapy Program.

Bispecific therapy activates the immune system to recognize, target, and attack cancer cells, reducing harm to surrounding tissue compared to traditional chemotherapy. This is currently FDA-approved for multiple myeloma, several types of non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, and select solid tumors with more currently in clinical trials.

“My goal as a medical provider is to ensure our communities have access to the care they need,” said Dr. Zachary Hector-Word, Clinical Oncologist, Cowell Family Cancer Center. “There has been a greater demand for this therapy over the past several years, and by offering this care close to home, patients are less likely to defer treatment.”

Patients undergoing bispecific therapy experience fewer side effects than other non-targeted therapies, but the cost and travel time (five hours or more) served as a barrier for many patients across the region due to the need for weekly or biweekly treatment. This new care model designed by CFCC’s pharmacy staff, medical oncologists, and oncology nurses not only helps remove this barrier for patients in Northern Michigan but serves as a care model that can be applied by other rural communities across the nation.

Among six cancer care centers nationwide to receive the 2024 Innovator Award, CFCC’s comprehensive bispecific antibody program has built a road map for communities of similar size across the country and includes:

- Policy development and toxicity management
- Creation of patient and staff education documents
- Creation of clinical tools and an electronic order set to organize different treatment options for physicians
- Implementing monitoring system to safely transition patients from inpatient to outpatient care

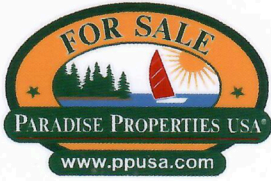

“The process for a patient beginning bispecific therapy requires a lot of care coordination and it took significant communication and collaboration to make this program a reality for our patients,” said Courtney Van Houzen, Clinical Pharmacist, Cowell Family Cancer Center Infusion Pharmacy. “We are so excited about the impact this will have on our patients in Northern Michigan but its potential to work in other smaller communities as well.”

Development and implementation of the bispecific therapy program is one of many efforts being made as part of Munson Healthcare’s Regional Care Transformation Plan announced last September. Moving forward, CFCC is leveraging fixed PET scanner technology and pursuing new forms of robotic surgery to bring additional therapies to the region.

“This work and these investments truly align with our objective to elevate the level of specialty care available to our entire region,” said Kathy LaRaia, Munson Healthcare Vice President of Oncology and Support Services. “We are proud to be recognized by the ACCC as an innovation leader and our team’s commitment to our patients every day.”



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September 2-30 StoryWalk®. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, 9011 Valley St. in Alden, where you will enjoy romping in the woods and reading a good book along the way. The storybook for the month of September is "Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn" by Kenard Pak.

September 3-30. Come see Gloria Frank's collection of Chinese Yixing Tea Pots on display at Alden District Library, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318. Free Event. At a later date, a video of the display can be viewed on the library's website, aldenlib.info and look for "On Display" link at left.

September 9 - 2 pm Computer Scams and What Not to Click On: Mike Wilson from Back On Course Computer Training, will be presenting this program via Zoom Workplace at the Helena Twp. Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, or you can join in from home by using the Zoom Meeting ID number: 81916449299. Note: this course is Not for Apple/Mac users, or tablets. Sponsored by Alden District Library, 231-331-4318.

September 10 - 6pm - Antrim Photography Workshop-Star Trails. This is an on-line workshop via Google Meet and is presented by Vincent Ledvina, a.k.a. "The Aurora Guy". Cost: \$10 per workshop or seasonal membership is \$50.00. For details, call or text Lisa 231-313-8820 or email, LL.pics44@gmail.com. Sponsored by Alden District Library, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318

September 12-13- Native Plant Sale, Kalkaska County Road Commission, 1049 Island Lake Rd, Thursday- 2:00 to 7:00 pm, Friday- 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A wide variety of native plants perfect for fall planting will be offered, see available species and more info at kalkaskaconservation.org/plantsale, contact 231 258-3307

September 14- Rummage Give Away, Calvary Baptist Church, 815 W. Dresden St, Kalkaska, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, it's a FREE rummage sale, seeking donations of gently loved clothing, shoes, jewelry, household items, furniture, electrics, books, and other useful items (no mattresses, please), new hygiene items and unexpired food is also appreciated, bring items to the church gym on Friday, 9 am to 12 pm, with set up happening until 5 pm, help is needed, contact 231 258-9391

September 14- September Dance with Straight Forward Bluegrass Band, Kalkaska Co COA/Senior Center, 303 S. Coral St, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, doors open at 5:30, everyone is welcome, \$5 suggested donation for the band, bring a snack to share if you like, contact 231 258-5030

September 21- The Talents of Recovery Up North, Railroad Square, 107 Elm St, Kalkaska, 12:00 to 7:00 pm, showcasing the gifts, talents, and initiatives of people in recovery including arts, crafts, small business, foods, and more, if you are in recovery and would like to participate, contact sprentice.lwksfc@gmail.com

September 22 2pm.- Meet the Author: Local author, Debra Payne, will be discussing her debut novel: The Burden of Sparrows. Copies of her book will be available for purchase: \$17.95. Free Event. Sponsored by Friends of the Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

September 28- Golf Scramble & Silent Auction, Grandview Golf, 3003 Hagni Rd, NE, Kalkaska, 10:00 am check-in, 11:00 am shotgun start, to benefit the Kalkaska Baby Pantry and Kalkaska Animal Shelter, \$60 per player includes cart, food & drinks available, to sponsor a hole or donate for the silent auction, please call 231 499-5951 or 231 564-2987

Alden

Alden United Methodist Church
9015 Helena Rd, Alden
Sunday morning:
9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - ACE (Adult Christian Education)
Thursday morning:
10:00 am - Prayer Group

Boardman Township

East Boardman Community Bible Church
2080 Boardman Rd, S Boardman
Sunday morning:
9:15 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am Junior Church

Central Lake

Central Lake United Methodist Church
8117 W Old State Rd,
Central Lake
Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service

East Jordan

Grace Bible Church
999 W Old State Rd,
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Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service

Fife Lake

Fife Lake Community Church
206 Boyd St, Fife Lake
Sunday morning:
10:00 am - Worship Service

Kalkaska

Calvary Baptist Church
815 W Dresden St, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
9:45 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:45 am - Worship Service

Kalkaska Church of Christ
1725 W Kalkaska Rd, Kalkaska
Sunday morning
9:00 & 10:30 am
- Worship Service
9:00 & 10:30 am
- Kids' programs, birth - 5th grade
10:30 am - Faith Training
- Middle & High School

Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene
1367 W Kalkaska Rd, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
9:45 am - Sunday School all ages
10:45 am - Worship Service

Kalkaska Peoples Church Bible Based
216 S Cherry St, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service

Kalkaska United Methodist Church
2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
10:00 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School

Many Rivers Church
2305 N 131, Kalkaska
Saturday evening:
6:00 pm - Worship Service
Tuesday evening:
6:00 pm - Worship Service

St Mary of the Woods Roman Catholic Church
438 Co Rd 612, Kalkaska
Saturday afternoon:
4:00 pm - Mass
Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service

St Paul Lutheran Church
2470 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service

Seventh-day Adventist Church
2004 Birch N Birch St, Kalkaska
Saturday morning
9:30 am - Bible Study Time: Children & Adults
11:00 am - Worship Service
Tuesday evening
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1128 N Cedar St, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
10:00 am - Sacrament meeting

Church Alive Church of God
2305 US 131 North, Kalkaska
Sunday morning
10:30 am - Worship Service
Wednesday night
5:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
6:45 pm - Bible Study

Church of Christ at Spencer
4761 Western Ave SE, Kalkaska
Sunday
9:30 am - Sunday School, all ages
10:30 am - Assembly Hour
6:00 pm - Evening Assembly
Wednesday
7:00 pm - Bible study - all ages

Mancelona

Antrim Church of Christ
10228 South US 131, Mancelona
Sunday morning
11:00 am - worship service

Mancelona Baptist Church
609 N Jefferson ST, Mancelona
Sunday
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11:00 am - worship service
6:00 pm - Bible Preaching
Wednesday
7:00 pm - Bible Preaching & Teen Group

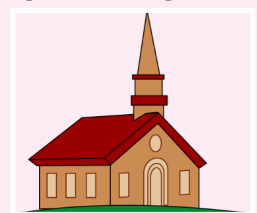
Rapid City

Rapid City Church of Christ
7964 Rapid City Rd, Rapid City
Sunday morning:
10:30 am - Worship Service

Torch Lake Assembly of God
9456 Valley Rd, Rapid City
Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service

Williamsburg

True North Vineyard Church
6517 Bates Rd, Williamsburg
Sunday evening:
5:00 pm - Worship Service



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It could happen to you — and then again, probably not

14 January 2003

Dear Mark,

You always recommend making wagers that have less than a 2% house advantage. Okay, sound logic, but why is it that a gambler can still win, even on games like keno or those big slot jackpots when the Law of Averages says they won't? William R.

Because, William, the Law of Averages does not have time to work during most brief casino visits. That said, you should never put your faith in the heady belief that happy aberrations in gambling odds will happen in games that carry a huge house advantage. The keen player never ignores the mathematical odds that are working for or against him. But every gambler's timeline (tabletime) is still relatively short, be it three hours or three days, so anything can happen- even for the 8-spot keno winner, or the serendipitous winner of the super slot-pot. Those fortuitous winners don't go home because the Law of Averages worked in their favor, most likely it was because the Law of Averages didn't.

Dear Mark,

I am new to the game of mini-baccarat. My boyfriend says all I should do is just keep betting the player hand. Besides avoiding the 5% commission when making the bank hand bet, it has the easiest rules to remember on when your hand has to be hit. Not that I am challenging my boyfriend's wisdom, but what are your thoughts on just sticking with the player (one) wager? Molly P.

Your Mr. Smart (clearly a loyal column reader) is correct, Molly, as the bank hand has no bearing on whether or not the player hand draws a card.

The lone variable, which determines whether the player

hand should get that third card, is the total of the first two cards the player hand receives. If that total is 0 through 5, then the player hand receives a third card. If the player hand totals 6, 7, 8, or 9, then the hand cannot draw an additional card. For example, 6 + K = 6 (stands); 8 + 7 = 5 (draws); J + Q = 0 (draws); 8 + 8 = 6 (stands). (Reference: 10, J, Q, K are always zero)

Though most players vary their betting between the bank hand and player hand, I see no problem with sticking to just one wager. KISS, Keep It Simple Stupid, is just fine and dandy, especially if you are one of those players who don't believe in streaks, that each dealt hand is an independent event, separate from each preceding hand.

But just so you know, Molly, by learning the more complex rules on when you have to take a hit on the bank hand does reduce the house edge down to 1.17%, slipping neatly under the already picayune 1.36% edge the casino has over the player hand.

Either way, both the bank and player bets are smart wagers because they have a relatively low casino advantage, making them both some of the best bets in the casino.

Dear Mark,

In video poker, is it better to keep a small pair against a single face card? Leslie B.

A small pair, Leslie, (2s-10s) is always a keeper over a single face card.

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Gambling quote of the week: "Anyone who tells you that they're a professional craps shooter, professional baccarat player or professional slot junkie is either a liar or a cheat that the casino hasn't caught yet." —Lou Krieger & Arthur Reber



Sudoku Puzzle September 6, 2024

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	5		2			1		8

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American Legion Post 480 - Veterans Coffee Hour - Improving Your Quality of Life

The Kalkaska County American Legion Post 480 hosts Coffee & Donuts on the second Wednesday of each month at the Kalkaska County Senior Center from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024 join us as we learn about the various aspects of nutrition, diabetes, and staying active. Katie and Ashley, members of the health care management team at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, will present information and will be available to answer all your questions.

Not signed up for VA Healthcare Benefits? The Kalkaska County Veterans Affairs Director will be on-site to answer questions and assist with VA healthcare enrollment.

Please join us September 11th at 303 S. Coral Street !



The Talents of Recovery Up North

Kalkaska - In observance of National Recovery Month, the Live Well Kalkaska Substance Free Coalition is planning its first Recovery event, "The Talents of Recovery Up North". The Kalkaska Coalition is welcoming Individuals in recovery from all over Northern Michigan to showcase their gifts, talents, and initiatives. Whether artistic, crafts, musical, craft food, or small businesses, Northern Michigan residents in recovery can set up a vendor booth, in a flea market style setting, at no cost to them. Programs which support those in or towards recovery are also welcome to participate. The event will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Railroad Square, located in Downtown Kalkaska. There is still vendor space available both inside and outside the pavilion. Anyone interested in a space can register at the QR Code or link. Registration will end on September 16, 2024, at 8:00 PM.

The purpose of this event is to celebrate with those in recovery for National Recovery Month, and to educate the community on the assets people in recovery provide to our local communities. The public is invited to browse, shop, and enjoy any performances throughout the day.

Vendor Registration:

Link: <https://forms.gle/1dbxWYTf8UK9bSDp6>

Or see QR Code.



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Perry "Timothy" Duel Wells

July 21, 1951 ~ August 21, 2024

Perry "Timothy" Duel Wells passed away at his home on August 21, 2024. Tim was born July 21, 1951 in Lansing to Floyd Duel "Dee" and Frankie Lucille (Mathis) Wells.



Tim grew up in the Park Lake area of Clinton County learning abundant skills hanging out with his Dad. He went to Haslett Schools where he made many lifelong friends. Tim married Nadine Norton O'Brian on May 5, 1979 in Lansing. He worked in several different professions, mostly driving trucks and wrenching on anything that burned gas. He put many miles on his Harleys, kept his family in fresh fish and put a couple of venison in the freezer every year. You could often hear some Pink Floyd in the background of his life.

Tim is survived by his wife, Nadine; his children, Anna (William Comai) Wells, Nick Wells, Justin (Rebecca) Huntley and Shannon O'Brian; grandchildren, Kane Windish, Cala Windish, Dominick Wells, Timothy Holden Wells, Aksel Tripp, Jaden Huntley, Brenden Huntley, Rylan Huntley, Kaitlyn Huntley, Aiden King and Jemma

King; 3 great-granddaughters, Juniper Chisholm, Merra Fillion and Naomi Chisholm; sisters, Francis Van Ostran and Joan (Richard) Wells. Many of his kids friends came to call him "pops" and became his bonus kids; John and Kristen Cox were as good as family to him.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Larry J. Wells, Bonnie Lee and Altamae Wells, and his grandson Johnny Lars Chisholm.

A special "thank you" goes out to Big Chris Williams who became an excellent spiritual guide for Tim. What you did for him was amazing and we greatly appreciate it.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for September 7th at 3:00 pm at the Oliver Twp. Hall at 5472 Kniss Road, Kalkaska. We will remember Tim and enjoy some stories and memorabilia. Dinner will be served at the hall. A bonfire at our home will follow for those who want to hang out later. Tent space is available for those still young enough to sleep on the ground.

William "Bill" McCrary Holdsworth

January 3, 1940 ~ August 23, 2024

William "Bill" McCrary Holdsworth Jr, aged 84, of Elk Rapids, MI, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2024, in Bellaire. Born on January 3, 1940, in Northville, MI, Bill was the beloved son of William Sr. and Marion (Litsenberger) Holdsworth.



Bill grew up in Royal Oak, MI, surrounded by his loving siblings, Jacqueline "Jackie," Robert "Bob," and Joanne "Jo." His childhood was filled with stories and adventures, shaping the man who would become known for his humor and kind heart. Bill met the love of his life, Eleanor "Ellie" Helmbold, while attending Adrian College. They married in Royal Oak after a serendipitous introduction where Ellie was initially trying to set Bill up with one of her friends. Bill, however, had his eyes set on Ellie, and the rest is history. Together, they shared 64 wonderful years of marriage.

Bill had a successful career, beginning with D.A. Stuart Oil Company and later moving on to work at BASF Chemical Corporation, where he dedicated

over 20 years. After retiring, Bill and Ellie moved to Elk Rapids, where they embraced a slower pace of life, enjoying the natural beauty of the area.

An avid golfer, Bill spent countless hours on his favorite courses, perfecting his swing and enjoying the camaraderie of friends. He also had a passion for genealogy, delving deep into the history of his family, uncovering stories from generations past. For the past eight years, Bill and Ellie spent their winters in Arizona, basking in the warmth and building new friendships.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Eleanor "Ellie" Holdsworth, and their three children: Art (Kris) Holdsworth, Dawn (Ray) Housel, and Rob (Lynn) Holdsworth, and his eight amazing grandchildren. He is also remembered fondly by his surviving siblings, Jackie, Bob, and Jo. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William Sr. and Marion, and his son, Clark Holdsworth.

Linda Lee Magee

April 14, 1948 ~ August 20, 2024

Linda L. Magee passed away peacefully Aug. 20, 2024 at Autumnwood of McBain. She was born on April 14, 1948 in Ann Arbor the daughter of Paul and Arlene (Lear) McMichael.



Linda enjoyed drawing, she was a talented artist, really liked listening to music, dancing, knitting, collected rocks, and enjoyed the outdoors and nature. She loved her family dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Paul R. McMichael. She is survived by her daughters Patricia Davidow of Farwell and Sabrina Magee (David

Christian) of Houghton Lake. Grandchildren: Lilith Magee of Merritt, William Robinson II of Traverse City, Dawson Freeman, Alanna Christian, and Brendan Christian of Houghton Lake. Christina

Mendoza of Tacoma, Washington Sisters: Donna Dehart of Florida and Wendy Wagenschutz of Mancelona.

The Family would like to extend a thank you to all of Linda's caregivers over the years.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

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QUILTS NEEDED

A special request for quilts has been made by the Chemewa Indian Boarding School in Oregon. This school is supported by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and the Job Winslow chapter of Traverse City. The quilt size needs to be 66" x 86" (to fit a Twin XL size bed). And must be quilted using all cotton quilt pieces and cotton batting.

Quilts need to be completed and turned into the Job Winslow chapter no later than October 15 so they can be shipped to Oregon in a timely manner.

Please contact Kathy Wilson, Job Winslow NSDAR chapter at kathyqx@sbcglobal.net if you are making a quilt of the above size to donate.

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COMMUNITY

Our own bridge walks

By Tina Norris Fields

RAPID CITY, MI — We live a little too far away from the Mighty Mac to easily go for that famous bridge walk. But, we have reasons galore to celebrate our own local bridges and to honor them annually with our feet. In 2012 the Aarwood Road bridge across Rapid River was finally up for repair. It actually had to be completely torn down and rebuilt.



In May, the old bridge was removed. Construction of the new bridge took most of the summer, but we had our new bridge in place before Labor Day. Norma Jean Mariage, who like many of us wished she could go for the Labor Day Mighty Mac bridge walk, came up with the idea of celebrating our new bridge with our own Labor Day walk, and a new tradition was born in Rapid City.



This year marks the thirteenth annual Labor Day Aarwood Road bridge walk. Two groups gather, one at the north end of the bridge and one at the south end. - reminding us of the summer that we were separated by the river without a bridge. Each group walks across the bridge, then turns around and walks back across again to where it began.

After both groups have completed their walks, they gather on the bridge for a huge group photo. Then, the party begins!



By Tina Norris Fields

RAPID CITY, MI — In 1978, the Freedom Park opened. Born of the inspiration, vision, and determination of Bud Deater and his friends Carol and Earl Norris, with the support of the Juniper Garden Club, the Clearwater Township Board, and several of Michigan's state officials, this delightful little park lies on both sides of the highway connecting Rapid City and Alden, and it also straddles Rapid River a mile or two upstream of the Aarwood Road bridge. In this lovely setting, there is a very pretty little bridge.

A new tradition was recently born to add a walk across the Freedom Park bridge to our annual Labor Day rituals of celebration. The purpose here is to bring attention to the gracious beauty of our township's parks, and raise awareness of the need to faithfully maintain the facilities we have. In addition, it offers the opportunity to consider future amenities that could be added, such as handicap-accessibility to a peaceful observation spot, for watching the river and enjoying the greenery.

This year, we were five who came to cross the bridge and talk about the future. Four are pictured on the bridge. The fifth one is behind the camera.



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5toOne Playgroup, Rapid City Elementary, 5258 River St, Rapid City, child-led playtime, healthy snack, and story, registration is encouraged, <https://bit.ly/PlayinRapidCity>
When: 2nd Thur, 8:45 to 10:00 am

Teen Challenge Board Games, Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St, board games galore for teens age 12 and older, free with snacks provided, 231 54343-2517
When: 4th Thur, 3:15 to 4:00 pm (

Central Lake Community Playgroup, First Congregation Church, 8066 W. State St, fun activities and lunch provided, meet in lower level. 231 347-0067
When: Fri, 10:00 to 11:30 pm

Tot Time, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Ln, Fife Lake, contact 231 879-4101
When: Fri, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Story Time, Mancelona Township Library, 202 W. State St, Mancelona, contact 231 587-9451
When: Fri, 3:30 pm

5toOne Playgroup, Mancelona School's Early Childhood Space, 203 Grove St, child-led playtime, healthy snack, and story, registration is encouraged, <https://bit.ly/PlayMancelona>
When: 3rd Fri, 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Kids' Coding Club, Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge, Bellaire, an opportunity for kids to explore the world of computer coding at their level, ages 8-13 welcome, registration required, call 231 533-8814
When: 3rd Sat, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Meet and Eat, Youth Event, Mancelona United Methodist Church, 117 W. Hinman, Mancelona, planned by youth for youth including a meal, music, pastor's message, games & fun, grades 7-12, 231 587-8461
When: 4th Sunday (3rd if 4th is a holiday weekend) 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Miscellaneous

MWR Morale, Welfare, & Recreation M88 Monthly Muster, M-88 Morning Grind, 614 Cayuga St, Bellaire, coffee talk for Antrim County Veterans and their families to connect and share in much needed military camaraderie, contact 231 632-9155
When: 1st Sunday, 12:00 pm)

Belay My Last Barracks, 5210 E. Boardman Rd, South Boardman, veterans are welcome to hang out and enjoy a meal, use the rec room, gym, or theater, peer support specialist is also available, contact 231 631-5372
When: Mon, 6:30 pm

Antrim County Veteran Coffee Talks, The Dam Shop, 118 Bridge St, Elk Rapids, contact 231 533-8499
When: 3rd Mon, 9 am

Stroke Recovery Group, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga, Bellaire, must register prior to each session, please call 231 533-8703
When: 3rd Mon, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Tech Tuesdays with Gabe, Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St, contact 231 533-8814
When: Tue, 11 am to 2 pm

Kalkaska County Breastfeeding Support Group, Blue Fish Early Learning Center, 405 E. Dresden St, contact District Health Department 10 at 231 258-8669
When: 1st & 3rd Tue, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Kalkaska Baby Pantry, Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W Kalkaska Rd, Clothing, diapers, wipes available (donations of such are accepted), serving children to size 4T, contact 231 258-9441
When: 2nd & 4th Tue, 9:30 am to 1 pm.

Tech Tuesdays with Gabe! Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St, 231 533-8814
When: Wed, 11 am to 3 pm

Spanish Speaking Cohort, Bellaire Public Library, 111 s. Bridge St, 231-533-8814
When: Wed, 4 pm

Vets Coffee Time, Kalkaska COA/Senior Center, 303 S. Coral St, free coffee and donuts, hosted by American Legion Post #480, contact Darel at 231 258-9445
When: 2nd Wed, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Coffee Talk for Veterans, M88 Morning Grind, presented by Antrim Co Veterans Affairs, 231 533-8499
When: 3rd Wed, 8:30 am

Tech Help Thursdays at the Library, Kalkaska County Library, 247 S. Cedar St, bring your cell phone, tablet, laptop, or e-reader, your tech questions answered including using social media & setting up your device, 231 258-9411
When: Thu, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Potluck & Off the Wall Movie Night, Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, dinner at 6 pm, movie at 7 pm, free of charge, contact the library at 231 331-4318 for movie details and potluck sign-up
When: 1st Thu, 6:00 pm

Antrim County Baby Pantry, St. Anthony's Church, 209 Jefferson Ave, Mancelona, providing food, clothing, diapers, and other items for children from birth until their 6th birthday (donations accepted), masks optional, one shopper per family and children are welcome but must remain with their parent, new families, please arrive by 2 pm for paperwork and bring valid ID, 231 492-7426
When: 2nd & 4th Thu, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Dance, Mancelona Senior Center, 122 E. State St, Mancelona, \$7 admission, bring a dish to pass, contact Cheryl at 231 587-9131
When: 1st and 3rd Fri, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Fruit of the Womb Baby Pantry, Kalkaska Baptist Church, 1651 County Rd 612, contact 231 258-5409
When: Sat, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Rock n' Jam, The Rock of Kingsley, local musicians are welcome to come jam and the public is welcome to come listen, tap their toes, dance, contact 231 263-7000
When: 2nd Sat, (through Oct) 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Simply Delicious with Chef Tom, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson Ave, a quick and inspiring cooking class, learning tips and techniques while exploring global cuisine and spices, contact 231 263-5484
When: Last Saturday of the month, 10 - 11 am

BOOK CLUBS

The Bookies Book Club, at host's home, contact 231 879-4101 or flpl@tadl.org for location and details
When: 3rd Tue, 7:00 pm

The Last Tuesday Book Group- Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8814
When: last Tue, 1:00 pm

The Page Turners Book Club- Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, registration appreciated, contact 231 533-8814
When: 2nd Wed, 7:00 pm

Nature Book Club, Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, led by members of the Antrim Conservation District, contact 231 533-8814
When: 1st Thu, 9:30 am

Kingsley Afternoon Book Club- Kingsley Branch Library, 213 Brownson Ave, Kingsley, does not meet in Dec, June, July, or Aug, contact 231 263-5484
When: 4th Wed, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Fife Lake Library Book Club-Take 2, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, 231 879-4101
When: 4th Wed, 2:30 pm

Mindfulness Book Club- Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8814
When: last Wed, 4:00 pm

Books 'n Brie Book Club, Presented by Alden District Library, Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, enjoy snacks and beverages while discussing the month's book, free of charge, sponsored by the Alden District Library, contact 231 331-4318
When: 2nd Thu, 3:30 pm

T.T. Nooners Book Club, Kalkaska County Library, 247 S. Cedar St, 231 258-9411
When: 3rd Thu, 12 to 1 pm, except December

The Rory Gilmore Book Club, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, contact 231 879-4101
When: Last Sat, 4:00 pm

Museums

Fife Lake Historical Museum, Schoolhouse, and Fire Barn, 136 W. State St, contact 989 781-0512
When: Sat & Sun, 1:00 to 4:00pm (though August 31, may be open by appointment)

Organization Meetings

Kalkaska Democrats, BC Pizza, 104 N. Cedar St, contact Danielle 231 384-0946
When: 1st Mon, 6:00 pm

Kalkaska VFW Land-O-Lakes Post 8684, VFW Post 408 Hyde St, QM: Joe Graff, CMDR: Luke TenHopen
When: 1st Wed, 6 pm

Kingsley Friends of the Library, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson, Kingsley, open for ages 0-5 years, contact 231 263-5484
When: 3rd Mon, 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Kalkaska Conservation District Board of Directors, District Office, 406 S. Cedar St, Suite A, Kalkaska, contact Mark, 231 258-3307
When: 3rd Mon, 5:00 pm

National Trout Festival, Trout Town Tavern & Eatery, 306 Elm St, 231 384-1509
When: 4th Mon, 5:30 pm

Kalkaska Republicans, Kalkaska COA/Senior Center, 303 S. Coral St
When: Last Mon., 7:00 pm

Kalkaska Kiwanis Meeting, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St

When: 2nd and 4th Tue, 12:00 pm

Friends of the Central Lake District Library, Central Lake District Library, Conference Room, 7900 Maple St, contact 231 544-1144
When: 3rd Tue, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Friends of the Kalkaska County Library, Kalkaska County Library 247 S. Cedar St, downstairs
When: 4th Tues., 4:00 pm

Friends of the Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, contact Denise, 734 444-2484
When: 2nd Wed., 11:00 am

Chain of Lakes Genealogy Club, Central Lake Library, 7900 Maple St, 231 544-2517
When: 3rd Wed, 6:00 pm

BIGG (Genealogy Group), Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8814
When: 1st Thu., 10:30 am

South Boardman American Legion #463 and Auxiliary Meeting, South Boardman Legion Hall, 5487 Boardman Rd (at the tank), South Boardman, contact 231 369-2944
When: 1st Thur., 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus, St Joseph the Worker Council #7419, St Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, 438 Co Rd 612 NE, Kalkaska, contact Dave at 231 587-4328
When: 1st Thu, 7 pm

Friends of the Alden District Library, Helena Township Community Center, 8752 Helena Rd, Alden, 231 331-4318
When: 3rd Thu, 9:30 am social time, 10:00 am meeting

Kalkaska American Legion Robert E Beebe Post 480, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St. Commander: James Brown 231-384-0762
When: 3rd Thu, 1 pm

Alden Men's Club, Alden United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden. Come see what we are all about, "Helping others in need," contact 603 540-3581 or visit www.aldenmensclub.org
When: last Saturday of the month , 8:00 am (except July and November), no meeting in December.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Alden United Methodist Church, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden
When: Sun, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Central Lake VFW Hall, 1805 S. Main St, Central Lake
When: Sun, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Sportsmens Club, 6095 Garfield Rd, Kingsley
When: Sun, Tue, 8:00 pm (Sun only May-Sept Mayfield Pond Park)

Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Living in Harmony, United Methodist Church, 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska
When: Mon, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake Methodist Church, 206 Boyd St,
When: Mon, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Hope Lutheran Church, 2680 S. M-88, Bellaire
When: Mon, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), St Anthony Catholic Church, 209 Jefferson Ave, Mancelona
When: Mon, Wed, Fri 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Forrest Home Township Hall, 351 Bridge St, Bellaire
When: Mon, Wed, 12:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Forrest Home Township Hall, 351 Bridge St, Bellaire
When: Mon, Thu, 12:00 pm

TOPS #1304 Meeting, Kalkaska United Methodist Church, 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska, contact 231 384-2154
When: Tue, 9:00 am weigh ins, 10:00 am meeting

Al-Anon Family Group, Stepping Toward Serenity, on ZOOM: login information on meeting list at Alanon-d39.org
When: Tues, at noon.

Al-Anon, Al-Teen Meeting, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, contact Linda 231 384-3227
When: Tue, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Kalkaska Senior Center, 303 S Coral St
When: Tue, 8:00 pm

Secular Sobriety Group, AA of Traverse City, meets on ZOOM, ID#447 584 8945 PW 628608, more info at secularAAinMichigan.org
When: Tues, Thu, 7 pm, Sun, 12 pm (also in person)

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REFLECTION

Editor's note: Op-Ed pieces and Letters to the Editor are welcome. Discussion of ideas and issues is one of our fundamental rights and duties, as well as being essential to the advancement of all people. The main requirement for acceptance is that they maintain civil discourse. Articles or letters that engage in ranting or ad hominem attacks will not be published. An extra long article or letter may be edited for the sake of space. Email your article or letter to tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com, or send it via the USPS to Editor, Northwest Michigan Voice, PO Box 28, Rapid City, MI 49676

I was just thinking - September special days

There are some really special days in September. Aside from the celebration of birthdays for family members and friends, I'm also thinking of two special days for America.

The first Monday of September, is Labor Day, when we celebrate and honor all forms of human work. Whether our work is physical, intellectual, artistic, scientific, or spiritual, this nation takes a moment, a break in its busy schedule, to stop and reflect on the value of all human labor.

Later in the month, on September 17, we commemorate the written document that contains the supreme law of our land, our Constitution. And it is worth remembering how much effort went into the making of that sacred document.

The Federal Convention began on May 14, 1787, but delegates from only two states had arrived by then, so the convention was adjourned daily until a quorum of delegates from seven states was finally obtained on May 25. Each state could send a delegation of from 2 to 7 members, and they would vote as a single bloc. There were 73 delegates appointed; 18 of them declined the appointment; so the total number of delegates sent was 55. Only 38 of the 55 actually signed the document on September 17, 1787. Rhode Island did not send any delegates to the convention, apparently fearing the creation of a more powerful central government.

The convention was called for review and improvement of the then existing Articles of Confederation, which were proving to be

insufficient to the needs of the new nation. By mid-June, it was clear that just amending the Articles was not going to work and an entirely new frame of government was needed. Differences of opinion have always been part of the political conversation, and it should come as no surprise that the drafting, debating, and redrafting took nearly three more months to complete the document that was then sent out to the thirteen states for further argument and ratification. For those who would like to read about the Constitution's journey to ratification through the individual states, I commend to you the book "Ratification" by Pauline Maier. It traces the process through the several states as it was journaled and documented.

What was, at the time, a radically ambitious and courageous experiment in human self-governance, written out on four large sheets of parchment, has become the oldest written constitution in the world (237 years). We have shown that self-governance is possible if we have the patience and the will to deal with its messiness and to maintain civil discourse as we work our way endlessly toward forming that more perfect union declared in the preamble to be a primary goal for ordaining and establishing a constitution in the first place.

Some work is eternal and unending, and I maintain that the work of citizenship is that kind of work. It is, indeed, up to you and me to know what our form of government is, to have an understanding of what our Constitution says, to do our own due diligence in learning about those candidates who seek our votes for office in public service.

I earnestly believe that because an educated and well-informed electorate is essential to the functioning of a participative government, such as ours, we must do a better job than we are doing now to educate our children throughout their elementary and secondary school years to become competent citizens. By the time of graduation from high school, every citizen should certainly know the fundamental structure of our federal government, what function each branch serves, what checks and balances exist – and how they are designed to work. I also believe we should teach about other forms of government, so that our young adults will have a solid understanding of the incredible gift that our freedom to govern ourselves represents.

Well, that's what I've been thinking about.

Tina Norris Fields
Editor

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Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue's questions

- 1) Where in the Constitution is the specific right of an accused person to a trial discussed?
A. Amendment VI.
- 2) What is the primary right with regard to a trial?
A. To have a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed.
- 3) What information must be provided to the accused?
A. The nature and cause of the accusation.
- 4) What capabilities must the accused be accorded?
A. To be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Citizenship Corner

This week's questions.

- These questions may require some research on your part. Thank you for making that effort. The answers will appear in the next edition of the Voice.
- 1) For which of the thirteen original states did no delegate sign the Constitution on September 17, 1787?
 - 2) Why?
 - 3) For which of the original thirteen states did only one delegate sign the Constitution on September 17, 1787?
 - 4) Who was that delegate?



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CITIZEN JIM
All Things Clearwater
 by Jim Leffew

With Labor Day now behind us, and most students headed back to class, both locally, and to campuses around the state and country, life that we as year 'round residents of this beautiful space call normal starts to reveal itself once again. A new season will attract a different version of sightseer, fisherman, or winter sports enthusiast with their own destinations and traditions. Life goes on in Northern Michigan.

With that, I would like to extend my gratitude to the residents of Clearwater Township who took the time to cast their votes in this past August's primary election for me, allowing me the privilege of being placed on the November ballot. May I just say that whoever wins the supervisor's position this Fall, will need support from the community to be successful, and if I am fortunate enough to be elected, I

hope that good people will come forward to share ideas and skills to make and keep the Clearwater Township area a safe, clean, and prosperous region for us, and for generations to come.

Recognizing that my role could change, and it may not be appropriate for me to report on the operations of the township as an observer and a participant, I feel that my reporting could be a conflict of interest should I be elected. So if that happens, Citizen Jim may morph in to something different, but for now I am grateful for the opportunity to share critical information within our community, and I will continue to do so. Thank You Clearwater.

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Upcoming events of the Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR



September 21, 2024 - Erica Walsh, Principal: Greenspire Schools-Education designed for real-life application

October 19, 2024 - Chris Triela presentation on Fiber Arts

November 16, 2024 - New program to be announced -

If you have questions about the meetings or about the DAR, please contact Karen Rowley, Media Chair at kmsmel@yahoo.com

Chain of Lakes Crop Walk

The annual Chain of Lakes Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, September 22. The walk will begin at 2 p.m. from the Forest Home Township Hall at 321 North Bridge in Bellaire. Crop Walk, sponsored by Church World Service, is a community led interfaith event that raises money to end hunger locally AND around the world. Globally, funds help provide water wells, cans to carry water, tools, seeds, assistance to refugees, and aid in times of emergencies. Locally, 25% stays in our communities and benefits food pantries in Rapid City, Bellaire, and Mancelona. We walk to show solidarity with the millions who walk every day in search of food and water and to support individuals impacted by poverty and disaster. And we walk to partner with and support local food banks. If you wish to support this cause but cannot join us, donations can be mailed to Church in the Hills, PO Box 319, Bellaire, MI 49615. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP.



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Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings (AA), Kalkaska United Methodist Church, 2525 Beebe Rd
When: Tue, Thu, Sat 12:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake Village Office, 616 Bates Rd
When: Wed, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Central Lake VFW Hall, 1805 S. Main St,
When: Wed, 8:00 pm

Grief Support Group, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, all ages welcome, contact 231 258-5030
When: 2nd and 4th Wed, 10:30 am

Antrim Co Parkinson Support Group, Bellaire Family Health Center, 4955 S M-88, Bellaire, 231 633-1237
When: 3rd Wed, 2 pm

Grief Support, Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W. Kalkaska Rd, faith-based grief support, contact 231 258-9441
When: Thu, 6:00 pm

S-Anon Support Group - Calvary Lutheran Church, 10180 Elk Lake Rd, Elk Rapids. For family and friends affected by someone else's sex addiction. Contact: miplaceofpeace@gmail.com, 231-714-4099
When: Thu, 7:00 pm

All Recovery Meeting, Ursela House, 8099 West Old State Rd, Central Lake, peer led support group for people in recovery and/or their family members, 231 266-4412
When: Thu, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), St Paul's Lutheran Church, 2470 Beebe Rd, Open Meeting
When: Thu, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), The Rock Youth Center, 115 E Blair, Kingsley
When: Thu, 7:00 pm

Weight Management Support Group, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Ashley Snyder, 231 258-3613
When: 2nd Thu, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Diabetes Support Group, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Katie Daman, 231 258-3091
When: 4th Thu, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Deliverance, Kalkaska Baptist Church, 1651 Co Rd 612, Kalkaska, faith-based support for all addictions, contact Heath 231 564-3715
When: Fri, 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Surrender Today Coldsprings Fellowship Church, 532 S. Cedar St, Kalkaska
When: Fri, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake Village Office, 616 Bates Rd,
When: Fri, 8:00 pm

Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Mill Pond Pavilion, Hyde St, Kalkaska
When: Sat, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Bellaire United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire
When: Sat, 8:00 pm



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WALK SLOWLY WITH PURPOSE

By Dominic Fortuna

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- My dear readers and followers, you are about to meet a true entertainer from head to toe and inside out. Someone who was meant to be on stage, and when this man is on stage you know you are witnessing the essence of the human spirit celebrating life.

His persona and soft spoken nature should never fool you, when he lets go, half the valley shakes!

Meet this week's Entertainment with Purpose Star: Jeffrey Polk!

D: Jeffrey, tell us, why did you choose to become an entertainer? Was it a calling or a choice?

J: I always say that the entertainment business chose me. Growing up I just wanted to play an orchestra pit, playing the clarinet. And being in every orchestra I could, especially in musical theater. The next thing I knew in junior high, the choir teacher asked me to sing. And so I did. My first show was Oklahoma, and I played Judd.

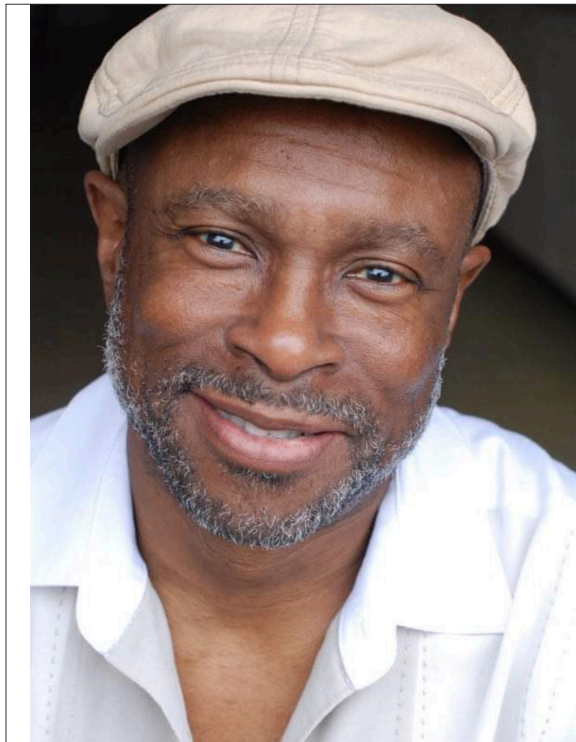
From then on, I took singing lessons, dancing lessons, and acting lessons, and I thank God every day for what he gave me. And pointed me in the direction of the entertainment business. Now I'm directing and choreographing more in large theaters around the country.

As entertainers, we all have a certain motivation to be our best and deliver the moment with Crystal clear intentions to tell the story, with song, dance or script.

D: What motivates you to perform?

J: The audience!!! I love the rehearsals, and challenging myself to make others happy.

D: Good answer! If you have ever seen this man on stage, he is attached to the audience by a spiritual cord, from the stage to the hearts of



EVERY single person in the audience.

So, I understand that as entertainers, we also have to make a living at what we do. It's the beauty of working, making some bank and loving your Job.

But I know you, Jeffrey, and it's not about the cash, it's about people. The humans we perform with and the ones we perform for. You seem to hit that sweet spot well.

Tell us, then, What are/is your major goal as an entertainer?

J: I've hit a lot of my major goals already. Broadway, National Tours, a sit-down show in LA where I live, (The Lion King) aka Bonsai for 3 years. I'd love to perform and or direct in a different country. I'm getting back to TV and Film now that I am older.

D: An accomplished entertainer, and one of the best. Yours truly was once this man's understudy back in the day, in Seal Beach California. He's basically done it ALL and some..

Where are you playing and who with this coming season?

J: I will be a Guest Director with Heart Global Music Reachout Tours this fall. I'll be traveling to

Japan in October and Europe in November. When I get back, I'll be choreographing a wonderful show I was part of last year, called *Oy' To The World*. Christmas with a twist.

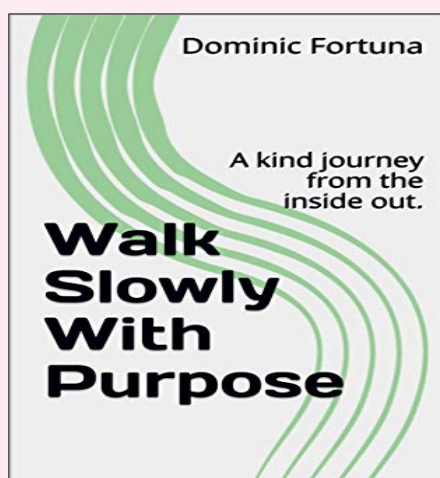
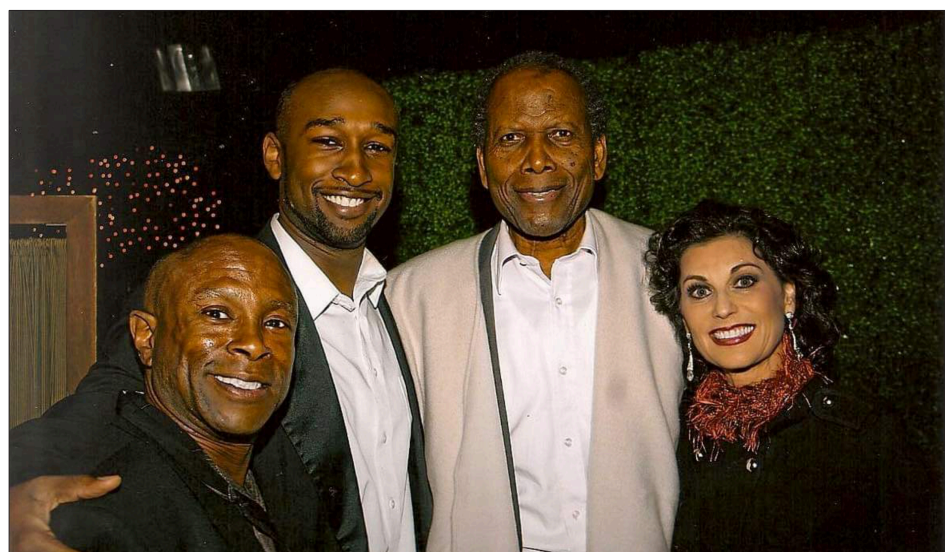
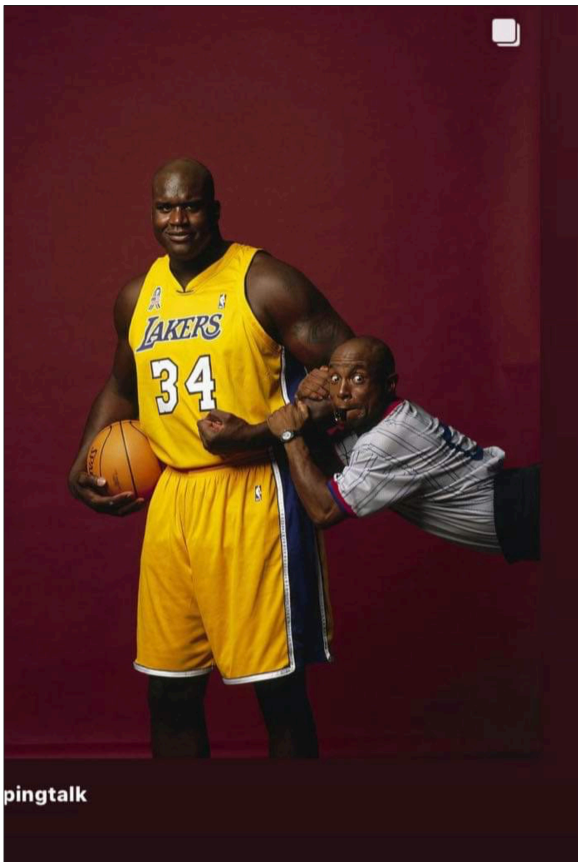
It has all the composers and songwriters who are Jewish celebrating the Holiday Songs. It's set in the Poconos. It will be at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. We open on December 12th.

D: I'm crying... This man is the true spirit of ENTERTAINMENT! He's humble and very conscious of his place in Life! Here is just a bit of his recent resumé.

- The Lion King LA 2000
- Photo with Shaq for Sports Illustrated, 2002
- Smokey Joe's Cafe in Las Vegas with Gladys Knight.
- My Broadway debut with Five Guys Named Moe in 1993
- A Salute to Richard Rogers you're with The Young Americans. 1978
- The National Tour of Five Guys Named Moe, and in the photo is Gary Davison with the Mayor of LA at the time, Tom Bradley.
- I received the Best Director Award for directing Smokey Joe's Cafe at Pasadena Playhouse 2013.
- I directed, choreographed, and wrote a show for Hillcrest Country Club celebrating their 90th anniversary. 2010.
- A concert version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Disney musical. I played Doc 2008.
- I was with the Americans in 1976 celebrating the bicentennial in Washington DC.
- A Chorus Line in (Richie) Santa Barbara 1999
- I was the associate director for Dreamgirls and the choreographer at T.U.T.S in Houston TX. I'm here with my assistant, Natalie Clater. 2015.

D: If you can, see this Man on stage, he has healed and inspired many hearts and minds and is inspiration to the world, God made this guy so that the human condition could be spelled out on stage, from his soul to the heavens, wrapped up by the Angels and tossed back to the theater and into the hearts of souls of the audience.

You know you have just witnessed an ENTERTAINER WITH A PURPOSE!



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Government Meetings

Kalkaska County Townships:

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 Tue, 7 pm

Oliver Township,
Oliver Twp Hall, 5472 Kniss Rd SE, 262-339-2239
When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm

Orange Township,
Orange Twp Hall, 28 Boardman Rd SE, South Boardman, 231-369-3457
When: 2nd Mon, 7 pm

Rapid River Township,
Rapid River Twp Hall, 101 Phelps Rd, Kalkaska, 231-258-2943
When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm

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

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Village of Central Lake, Central Lake Governmental Building, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, 231 544-6483
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

Village of Bellaire:
Village Offices, 202 N. Bridge St, Bellaire, 231 533-8213
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: 3rd Wed, 6 pm

Standing Committees- When: 2nd Wed, times below
Judiciary & Public Health- 9 am
Health & Welfare- 10 am
Public Works- 11 am
Personnel/Interview- 1 pm
Budget & Finance- 2 pm (also meets the Tue before, 5 pm)
County Affairs/ IT & Computer- 3 pm

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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
Crawford School 5621 M-72 NE, Kalkaska 231-258-2934
When: 3rd Wed, 4:00 pm



Mancelona Public Schools
Media Center, Mancelona Middle School, 1122 St Johns Ave, Mancelona 231-587-9764
When: 2nd Tue, 4:30 pm

Central Lake Public Schools,
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 September 6, 2024

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COMMUNITY

Impact100 Traverse City Announces 2024 Grant Finalists

TRAVERSE CITY – The women of Impact100 Traverse City, during a membership event Wednesday evening, named the local nonprofit finalists that will compete for three \$116,000 grants this September.

After an application and review process, the finalists selected by the Impact100 TC Focus Committees (Arts & Culture; Education; Environment, Preservation & Recreation; Family; and Health & Wellness) are: Bay Community Theatre; Northwestern Michigan College Foundation; Thompsonville Area Revitalization Project; and Friendship Community Center.

The three nonprofits receiving the most member votes at the Impact100 TC annual meeting on September 25 will equally share the \$348,000 raised this year.

Impact100 TC President Lindsay Raymond said the organization's grant process has continued to attract a variety of strong candidates with impactful proposals.

"It is a true accomplishment to be named as an Impact100 Traverse City Finalist!" Raymond said. "These organizations are chosen after a detailed assessment of their initiatives' transformational impact, sustainability, and financial viability. They are selected from a field of quality applicants, and this honor tells our community that they are doing great things and are worthy of funding!"

"We are so proud of them!" she said.

Impact100 TC generally strives to select five finalists annually, one for each focus area. This year, our rigorous review process yielded four exceptional finalists, demonstrating our commitment to funding

organizations that meet our eligibility criteria and requirements for impact, capacity, and sustainability, ensuring that our members' investment will make a lasting difference.

Impact100 TC is an all-women, all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit serving Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties that has granted over 2.1 million since its inception in 2017. After the Annual Meeting this year, that total will reach over 2.4 million. Each member provides an annual \$1,000 donation that is collectively granted in \$100,000 increments to support regional nonprofits with transformational funding. Impact100 has over 60 chapters across the United States and beyond that have awarded more than \$123 million to nonprofits in their communities since 2002.

Impact100 TC invites new and returning members to support the nonprofit community by committing to 2025 membership by year-end. To join Impact100 TC or for more information, go to www.impactTC.org, email info@impactTC.org or call Susan at 231-499-5672.



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