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# Northwest Michigan Remembers



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**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](mailto:tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com) Please include date and time of the event, a contact number or email address. We prefer that you 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 Ministries for Christ, 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 (may not be served on certain holidays or if special luncheons are scheduled), 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, \$15 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**

**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

**Bellaire Winter Farmers’ Market**, 102 Maple St, Bellaire, inside the ASI Community Center, 231 350-8835  
**When: Fri., 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (through May ’25)**

## 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 Community 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**

**Rapid City Area Food Pantry**, 9456 Valley Rd NW, Rapid City, donations accepted, contact Christine at 231 331-6246  
**When: Fri, except holidays, 11 am to 1:30 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)**

**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 Cherese 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**

**Hand & Foot**, CETA Hall, 6615 CR612 NE, 231 587-9475  
**When: Thu, 10 am - noon**

**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**

**Video-Lead Yoga**, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, adult/senior video lead beginner friendly, low impact yoga, no registration needed, yoga mats available to borrow, contact 231 879-4101  
**When: Fri, 9:00 to 10:00 am**

**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**

## 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, 6 pm**

**Beginning Bridge:** Sign-up is now occurring for this ten-week course that is being held at Helena Township Community Center in Alden. Cost: \$10 for book and \$5 suggested donation per lesson. Come, have fun, and meet some bridge players! Lessons, taught by Judy Kuiper, an ACBL Best Practices certified bridge teacher. To sign up, contact Judy at [jkuiper@learnselfcompassion.com](mailto:jkuiper@learnselfcompassion.com) or 616-581-4668. Sponsored by Alden District Library and the Antrim County Bridge Club.

**When: Tue 10 am - noon (begins May 6)**

**Mah-Jongg,** People of all skill levels are invited to play. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 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**

**Piggit 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????**

**199er Bridge Game & Free Lessons:** Free lessons at 11:30am. Lunch (bring your own) and bridge talk at Noon. ACBL-sanctioned bridge game for \$5.00 at 12:30pm. For more details, contact Lou Slyker at 248-770-6152 or [ljslyker@gmail.com](mailto:ljslyker@gmail.com)

**When: Wed 11:30 am except 3rd Wed each month (May 7 - Oct 29)**

**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**

**Pinochle**, CETA Hall, 6615 CR612 NE, 231 587-9475

**When: Wed, 6 pm**

**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**

**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 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 Center303 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**, Creating art and contributing to the community for over 40 years. For more info, email: [taartisansguild@gmail.com](mailto:taartisansguild@gmail.com) or Facebook: [facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild](https://www.facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild). Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> Tue, 1:00 pm**

**Alden Knitters & Crocheters**, All skill levels welcome! For info, contact Sue Archer at 231-944-0013. Sponsored by Alden District Library, held at Helena Township Community Center & Library, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

**When: Tue, 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Knitting** - Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, **When: Tue 10 am**

**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: Thu, 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**

**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, 1To 4 pm**

Children’s Activities

**Tot Time**, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Ln, Fife Lake, contact 231 879-4101

**When: 1<sup>st</sup> Mon 10 am**

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu, 3:30 to 6:45 pm**

**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**

**Baby & Toddler Storytime:** Kalkaska County Library. Stories, music, movement, & crafts to promote literacy from birth to kindergarten. FREE. Includes 5toOne playgroup. Contact Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or [info@kalkaskalibrary.org](mailto:info@kalkaskalibrary.org) for info.

**When: Fri 10:30 am**

**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**

**Antrim/Kalkaska Paper Crafters**, First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids. Soup and Salad Potluck lunch. Bring any handheld craft and work on your own project. Contact Beth Shuster at [beth\\_scraps1960@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beth_scraps1960@sbcglobal.net)

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# OBITUARIES

## Steven Edward Sizemore

March 28, 1955 ~ May 18, 2025

A life lived boldly. With heavy hearts and profound respect, we honor the extraordinary life of Steven Edward Sizemore — a man whose presence filled every room, whose laughter lit up every space, and whose spirit left a mark on everyone lucky enough to know him.

Born in 1955, Steven didn't just live, roared through life with purpose, wit, and fire. A natural-born leader with a heart as big as his dreams, Steven lived by a simple code: work hard, love harder, and never, ever take a single moment for granted.

Steven was a master of many things — a devoted father, a fiercely loyal friend, a loving partner, and a mentor to many. He wasn't afraid to speak his mind or stand up for what he believed in, and he always fought for the people he loved. His words carried weight, but it was his actions that spoke the loudest. He gave without expectation, showed up when it mattered most, and made people feel seen, heard, and valued.

Whether it was fixing what was broken, offering wisdom with a sly grin, or cooking up the perfect meal for family and friends, Steven's hands were never idle and his heart never cold. His humor was sharp, his soul was generous, and his strength — both physical and emotional — was unmatched.

Steven was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Rita and Jake Sizemore, and his brothers, Ronald Sizemore, Carl Sizemore, and Dale Sizemore.

He is survived by his children: Dawn Sizemore (and Gene Anger), Amanda Johnson (and husband James Johnson), Carrie Sizemore (and Jamie Horton), Phillip Sizemore (and wife Kathy Sizemore), Nathan Sizemore.

His legacy continues through his cherished grandchildren: Paul



(Angelica) Johnson, with their children Athena and Elijah), Shaiyna Sizemore (with Tristen and Jayyden), Seth Hauser, Bethany, Cora (and Levi Jenkins), Ariell (and Kota McClellan), Aurora Sizemore (and Ravin and Quincy), Freyah Sizemore.

He also leaves behind his siblings: Bob (Sharon) Sizemore, Ethel Sizemore (Root), Grace Sizemore (Curry), and Dennis Sizemore.

Above all, Steven leaves behind his life partner of 30 years, Rick Frye—the love of his life, his rock, his forever. Their love was amazing, the kind of love that novels try to capture and songs dream of. It was a once-in-a-lifetime kind of love; the kind you wish you could have. Steven and Rick were made for each other, and their bond was unshakable—rooted in trust, laughter, strength, and unwavering devotion. Through every high and every hardship, they stood side by side, and their love lit the path forward.

He leaves behind a legacy of resilience, compassion, and grit. His love will echo in every joke told at the dinner table, in every hard-earned victory celebrated by those he inspired, and in the quiet strength he instilled in his family.

Steven Edward Sizemore's story isn't over — it lives on in every life he touched. Though we mourn his loss, we also celebrate a life lived without regret, full of thunder, fire, and love.

Rest easy, Steven. You did more than live — you loved, you inspired, and you left the world brighter than you found it.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Kalkaska Commission on Aging on Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

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## Doris Anne Mixer

April 26, 1924 ~ April 2, 2025

Doris Lundberg Mixer passed away on Tuesday April 2, 2025 just weeks before her 101st birthday in Traverse City, Michigan, where she spent her last years living near her daughter, Marsha.



Marsha Mixer of Traverse City. She enjoyed being in the lives of her four children, eight grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her love of family, sharing her home with many friends and loved ones and the enjoyment she had traveling with her husband, Jack, during their many years together.

A celebration of life will be held in Muskegon at a later date in August. Many thanks to the loving and caring staff at Bay Ridge Assisted Living and to Hospice of Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Dr Jack and Doris Mixer Fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County or Hospice of Michigan.

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She was born on April 26, 1924 in Muskegon MI to Olga and John Lundberg. Muskegon is also where she met her husband, Dr John (Jack) Mixer and they married on March 30, 1946. Jack preceded her in death in 2013 after 67 years of marriage. She also sadly lost her son, Scott and granddaughter, Sally in 1988.

Doris spent many years as a buyer and volunteer for the Hackley Hospital gift shop. She enjoyed a long association with the First Congregational Church UCC, the Muskegon Dental Society Auxiliary and the PEO Chapter BT of Muskegon.

She is survived by her son, Dr John Mixer (Carolyn) of Colorado and daughters, Anne Mixer (Jez Harrington) of Vermont and

## Shirley Elaine Brannan

February 6, 1930 ~ May 8, 2025

Our loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Shirley Elaine (Harmon) Brannan passed away at the age of 95 on May 8th, 2025 in Gainesville, Florida. She battled dementia for the last several years of her life. While the terrible disease took her memories, it was never able to diminish her positive outlook on life or her love for family and friends.



Greenhouse Church in Gainesville, Florida, since 1978. She enjoyed hosting life groups in her home where friends could share meals and support each other. This was her community.

Both Shirley and Bob worked at Bear Archery. When the company moved to Gainesville, Florida, in 1978, they moved too. Shirley worked in the accounts receivable office. Her cheerful voice would often greet people when they called.

Shirley loved all people, but especially children. After Bob passed away, she worked part-time caring for the children of families at her church. They helped fill the void of loss by nurturing new life. The tea parties, stories, and time spent with them grew relationships. Those children and their parents were not a job in her mind; they were an adopted family.

Later in life, she enjoyed sitting on her porch and watching the birds and butterflies. That was her happy place. Just being outside and seeing the wonders of nature filled her days. It also never hurt if there was a cookie, ice cream, pie, or cake to be eaten while watching her animal friends.

While Shirley had many interests, there was no doubt that her faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was always paramount. Her strong faith was a source of comfort and peace throughout her life. Her well-worn Bibles with all her notes are a testament to that. Her family is comforted knowing she is finally home in the presence of her Lord, her family, and her friends whom she has longed to see.

Shirley was born to Arthur and Bertha Harmon on February 6th, 1930. She had two sisters and often talked about the good times they had growing up. She graduated from high school in Flint, Michigan. At the age of 20, Shirley married Robert (Bob) Brannan, with whom she shared 52 years of marriage, and together they raised their five children (Daniel, Bethany, David, Darrell, and Susan).

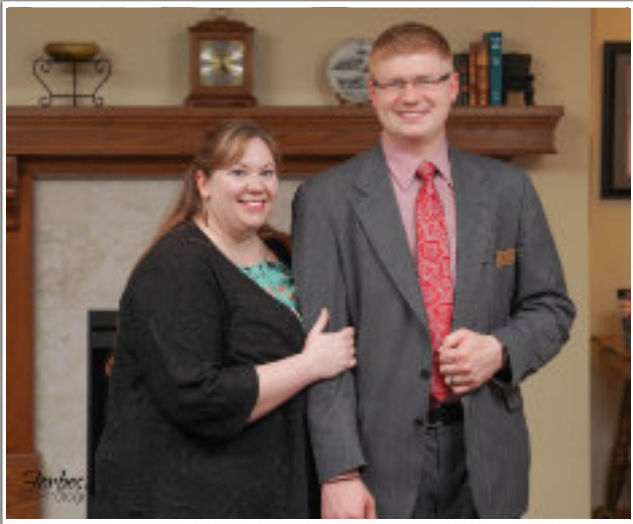
Many fond memories were made living on the farm in Kalkaska. There was always abundant work on the farm, like the year Bob decided to plant 3,000 tomatoes, 15 acres of sweet corn, and a couple of acres of potatoes for the roadside vegetable stand. However, with all the hard work, there was still time to go to East Lake and swim in the summer.

Shirley and Bob loved to make candy for friends and family at Christmas. They would often start making candy before Thanksgiving, and when they were finished, they would give out over 100 trays of candies as Christmas presents. They wanted to ensure that everyone was included.

Shirley has been a member of the First Assembly of God/

John 14:2 - In my Father's house, there are many mansions.  
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Lee Denton Sandy

March 5, 1945 ~ May 17, 2025

Lee Denton Sandy passed away peacefully at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, with family by his side, on May 17, 2025. He was 80 years old.



Those who knew Lee might say, "Well, he finally retired." He was school superintendent for more than a dozen Michigan school districts, working actively until recently. Most notably, he filled the role at Forest Area Community Schools, Pine River, Alpena, and Kalkaska Public Schools.

Lee was known for being direct, dedicated, and knowledgeable. He was quick to laugh, frugal with his own money and any school district's, and genuine. He didn't know a stranger, and he didn't ask anyone to do a job he wouldn't do himself. In his early days as superintendent, he was known to man a school bus if there weren't enough drivers. He would rise early on wintry mornings to check roads himself, with assistance from fellow school staff. If he couldn't tolerate anything, it was whining. He truly liked most people, and they knew it.

On March 5, 1945, Lee was born in Mt. Pleasant to Lottie and Kenneth Sandy. His mother was a homemaker and his father was a roughneck on a pipeline. Lee was never one to shy away from hard work, putting himself through college. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University, and completed coursework for his PhD. at the Teacher's College at Columbia University.

On September 3, 1965, he married the love of his life, Sue, and they had five children. Two of them are Forest Area alums and the younger three are Pine River graduates.

Lee was a school administrator who honestly cared for his students and staff. He attended countless athletic events, ceremonies and board meetings. One of Lee's frequent statements to his central office personnel was, "Don't make it hard," meaning he only wanted them to buckle down and get the job done. He freely offered guidance and praise, with criticism only when

necessary. Everyone knew what Lee stood for: responsibility, ethics, compassion, and plain old grit.

He was a longtime member of the Church of Christ, and his faith provided him comfort throughout his life. When his wife Sue passed away in 2006, he was devastated, but he knew her earthly journey was a good one and he would see her again. He lived his life to honor what was most important to him. Faith, family and friends topped the list. He enjoyed Walt Disney World, the Detroit Tigers, and the occasional casino visit, but family members were always in his company.

He was honored to be a National Trout Festival King during his time in Kalkaska. He was a founding member of the Forest Area Federal Credit Union, and was chairman of that board for many years. In 2014, he was named Superintendent of the Year for the educational region he served.

In his long career with public school administration, Lee became a trusted and experienced resource for peers and those entering the field.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Surviving are his brother Joe (Pat), and five children: Erik (Kelly), Jamie, Niki, Kelly, and Wendi (Shawn) Archer; grandchildren Lee (Dana) Archer, Alexis Archer, Logan Sandy, Chloe Sandy, Mary (Chad) Brass, and Daniel (Jennifer) Harrington.

The family received friends for Lee on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home.

On Friday, May 23, 2025, visitation took place beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Kalkaska High School gymnasium, with funeral services at 5:30 p.m. officiated by Pastor Andy Bratton, with dinner following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Alpena Community College, designated for the Lee and Sue Sandy Scholarship.

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Madelon June Lang

May 31, 1928 ~ May 20, 2025

Madelon June Lang, age 96 of Kalkaska, passed peacefully on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. She was born on May 31, 1928, in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Irving and Florence (North) Quackenbush.



Thomas Blackmoore, Kassi (Steve) Boatright and Michelle (Shawn) Day; fifteen great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren; her brother Gene (Rosie) Quackenbush, and a sister Nancy Lee Leach.

She moved back to Michigan after taking care of her elderly parents in Florida in 1993. Madelon was involved in the Commission on Aging at Bear Lake Township as their accountant. She was a people person, loved to have company over, play on the computer, and play bingo.

She was preceded in passing by a daughter Sylvia Nyberg, a granddaughter Shawnee James, and one brother Steve Quackenbush.

Madelon is survived by her loving family, a son Jon (Connie) Turnbull; seven grandchildren Michael (Lois) Turnbull, Brett Turnbull, Eagle (Ronda) James, Morningstar (Jeramy) Willison,

A celebration of life will be held at Evergreen Bible Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025. A luncheon to follow at church.

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Rex "Dale" Lantzer

January 4, 1933 ~ May 13, 2025

Rex "Dale" Lantzer, 92, of Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on May 14th, 2025. Dale was born on January 4th, 1933, in Kalkaska County. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and a variety of sports, and especially family BBQs. He was a devoted family man, and a lifelong member of the Kalkaska Church of Christ. He will be greatly missed by many. Dale is survived by two sons; Jon and Dave; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters;



Melba (Golden) and Norma (North). Dale was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne, daughter Linda (Harden) and a brother Bruce. A memorial service took place Friday, May 23, 2025, at 11:00 AM at

Kalkaska Church of Christ. The family received friends beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of service. Donations may be made out to Kalkaska Church of Christ. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Herbert Anthony Maison II

September 11, 1945 ~ May 17, 2025

Herbert Anthony Maison II, 79, of Kalkaska, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025. He was born on September 11, 1945, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, to the late Herbert and Sally (Knight) Maison.



(Pete) Salome, Herbert III (Dana) Maison, Donald (Kila) Maison, and Martha (Darryl) Cambrell; grandchildren: Sabrina, Holly, Peter, Neil, Ryan, Nicholas, Katherine, and Wyatt; and great-grandchildren:

Herbert was a man of strong character -- stubborn and strong-willed. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing, and walking in the woods. He had a big heart for animals, loved listening to blues music, and was a fan of bowling. He is survived by his children: Marsha

Mark, Ace, Alexander, William, Benjamin, Eleanor, and Madeline. He also leaves behind his siblings: Robin, Sally, and Bill. Herbert was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Michael and James. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Emily Griffith, NP, Joins Munson  
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Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome  
Emily Griffith, NP, to the General Surgery team at  
Munson Medical Center.

Emily has worked in many different areas of medicine and has always gravitated back to the hospital as she enjoys taking care of surgical patients.

“My favorite part of practicing medicine is the opportunity to help someone in need. Being able to give back and improve another person’s life is fulfilling,” she says.

Emily’s previous experience includes working in the surgical ICU and orthopedic spine surgery settings. She earned her graduate degree from Carlow University.

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Laryn Kenwabikise, PA-C, Joins  
Munson Healthcare Neurosurgery

Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Laryn  
Kenwabikise, PA-C, to the clinical team at Munson  
Healthcare Neurosurgery.

Laryn was drawn to neurosurgery because of the complexity. The specialty allows her to be at the forefront of life-saving interventions, while supporting patients and families through recovery. She knows how scary medical challenges to be and wants patients to know she’s always in their corner.

“Medicine isn’t just about diagnosing and treating—it’s about building trust, offering reassurance, and making a real difference in someone’s life. Whether it’s guiding a patient through a tough diagnosis, celebrating their recovery, or simply being a source of support, I find so much fulfillment in knowing that my work has a positive impact,” she says.

Laryn earned her graduate education from Grand Valley State University and is board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Associates.

In her free time, Laryn enjoys staying active and exploring the outdoors during all seasons—camping and hiking with her husband and dog, rock climbing, paddle boarding, and skiing. She also enjoys winding down with a good book or playing video games.

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June 1-29 - StoryWalk®. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, to enjoy a romp in the woods and reading a good book along the way. A new story will be placed each month and covers about a 1/2-mile portion of the trail. The storybook for the month of June is “The Tale of Peter Rabbit” by Beatrix Potter.

June 2 - 28 - Vintage Lighter Display. Come see Dave Varga’s collection of vintage lighters on display at Alden District Library during the month of June. Free Event. At a later date, a video of the display can be viewed on the library's website. Look for "On Display". Sponsored by Alden District Library, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318

June 6, 10:30 am - Baby Donkey Storytime at the Kalkaska County Library, say goodbye to storytime for the Summer and get to meet an adorable baby donkey! Plus stories, music, movement, & crafts to promote literacy from birth to kindergarten. FREE. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231)

258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

June 12 - 3:30 pm -Books ‘n Brie Book Club. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.June 12 -

June 16 - July 31 - MiLibraryQuest. Teens in Michigan are invited to participate in MiLibraryQuest this summer. Alden District Library is involved, and you can be, too! Paintings have been stolen from museums across Michigan! The subjects of the paintings have come to life and left clues to where they’ve been taken and who might have done it. Can you catch the thief? Solve the puzzles and follow the clues to find the paintings and the thief by July 31, 2025 for your chance to win a prize from your library. Start your Quest here: https://milibraryquest.wixsite.com/quest1

June 19 - 9:30 am social time & 10am meeting - Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting & Spring Luncheon. Meeting is being held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751. 12p luncheon held at the Dockside, 6340 Old Torch Lake Dr, Bellaire. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome. Contact the library at 231-331-4318 to RSVP by June 17th.

June 19 – August 4. Color Our World! Summer Reading Program. Kids and teens can sign up & pick up their program packets starting June 19th. Sign-up ends June 30th. Program ends on August 4th, when reading logs can be turned in to collect prizes.

June 19, 3:30 pm - Teen Book Club at the Kalkaska County Library. Join us for the inaugural meeting of our teen book club! Teens ages 14-18 are welcome to attend to discuss books with their friends. Snacks will be provided! The teen book club will meet on the Third Thursday of every month at 3:30pm. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

June 23, 11 am - Summer Reading Kickoff with Classic K9’s. Are you ready to start Summer Reading? Come get your backpack and badge,then watch some trained and talented pups perform all kinds of awesome tricks and stunts. All families are welcome. Located on the Kalkaska Senior Center Lawn, 303 S. Coral St, Kalkaska, MI. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

June 24, 4 pm - Friends of the Kalkaska County Library Meeting. Public is welcome. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

June 26, 10 am - K9 Team Demonstration. Come meet Antrim County K9 Lieutenant Bricko and his handler Sgt. Skyler Skrobecki. This team will be demonstrating Bricko’s obedience, agility, detection and article searching skills. This is an outdoor event, bring a chair, and will held on the lawn of the South Torch Lake Fire Station, 8765 Helena Rd, Alden. In the event of rain, this program will be held in the gym at Helena Twp. Community Center, next door to the Fire Station. This is a family friendly program. NO PETS.

June 26, 5 pm \_ Author Talk: Tim Mulherin’s This Magnetic North. Join us for a discussion by Northern Michigan author Tim Mulherin about his new book: This Magnetic North, a close look at some of the human trends that affect our own beautiful Great Lakes. Q&A session and book signing included. Located at the Coldsprings Branch Library 6515 County Rd 571, Mancelona, MI. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

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. These quilts welcome the new students into their housing as school starts. It wraps them in warmth and love as they start the new school year. The quilt size needs to be 66" x 86" (to fit a Twin XL size bed). And must be made using all cotton quilt pieces and cotton batting.

We are also collecting Baby blankets for young active military families. These may be knit or crochet - minimum size 36”X 36” Please contact Kathy Wilson, Job Winslow NSDAR chapter at kathyqx@sbcglobal.net if you are making a cotton quilt or baby quilt to donate.

**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, East Jordan  
**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

St. Aloysius of Fife Lake  
403 East Merritt St  
**Sunday morning:**  
9:00 am - Mass

**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 of Kalkaska  
438 Co Rd 612, Kalkaska  
**Saturday afternoon:**  
4:00 pm - Mass  
**Sunday morning:**  
11:00 am - Mass

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  
6:00 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 worship**  
11:00 am - Sept - May  
10:00 am - Jun - Aug

Mancelona Baptist Church  
609 N Jefferson ST, Mancelona  
**Sunday**  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
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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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)  
*Eyes OK; just a camouflaged rule*

3 June 2003  
Dear Mark,

The answer to this question is probably right in front of my eyes, but I cannot see it. I was watching a poker tournament on the Travel channel when player A, after seeing his first two cards, bets \$10,000. Player B, still in the game but with far fewer chips, pushes all his chips to the center and states "all-in." My question is, why can player B, with far fewer chips and unable to sustain the future raises of player A, still be able to challenge Player A? Ralph I.

Key to this mystery is the "all-in." Poker in most casinos is played as "table stakes," meaning that only the chips in play at the beginning of each hand can be used throughout that hand. The table stakes rule has a handmaiden rule, called the "all-in": a player cannot be forced to forfeit a hand simply because he/she lacks sufficient chips to call the bet.

A player who does not have enough chips to call a bet is declared all-in. That player, if a winner, qualifies for only that portion of the pot as it stood at the time of his final wager, not the whole pot. All further action among the other players, following a bettor's "all-in" declaration, takes place in a "side pot," which is inaccessible to the all-in player.

Dear Mark,

On Deuces Wild in video poker, what are the chances of getting four deuces? I actually hit one the other night and was wondering how difficult a feat it was. This leads me to my second question. I have never gotten a royal flush on a Deuces Wild machine. Is it harder in Deuces Wild than other versions of video poker? Henry C.

Though hitting four deuces is not the *grande victoire* of Deuces Wild video poker, it is still a neat *tour de*

*force*. On average, you will see four deuces once in every 4,900 hands. As to the second part of your question, yes, Henry, it is much harder to get a royal flush at Deuces Wild than it is on your standard Jacks or Better machine, and here's why.

A royal flush, on average, will appear once every in 40,000 hands of Jacks-or-better. The royal is more scarce playing Deuces Wild, because we hold every deuce we get, causing the royal flush to occur at a lower average frequency in that game than in other versions of video poker. Holding all those deuces statistically changes the royal flush's appearance to every 46,000 hands instead of every 40,000.

By the way, though you didn't ask, accept a freebie: deuces royal happens once in every 650 hands.

Dear Mark,

I'm not familiar with the word "street" used in the connection you used for last week's column on Hold'em poker. Hordes of readers probably are, but there may be some dummies like me, who would benefit from a touch of jargon-clarification. J. N.

There are four rounds of betting in Hold'em. The fourth street is the fourth card on the board, and the third round of betting. It is also called "the turn." The fifth and final community card, dealt in flop games, is called fifth street in Hold'em and Omaha. It is also termed "the river" and begins the final round of betting. See how easy that is? Now I suppose you'll want me to define "the turn" and "the river" and "community card" and "flop games," right?

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**Gambling quote of the week:** "The serious gambler is a man who is at war with chance and all her bitchy whimsy." William Pearson, *The Muses of Ruin*



Sudoku Puzzle  
May 30, 2025

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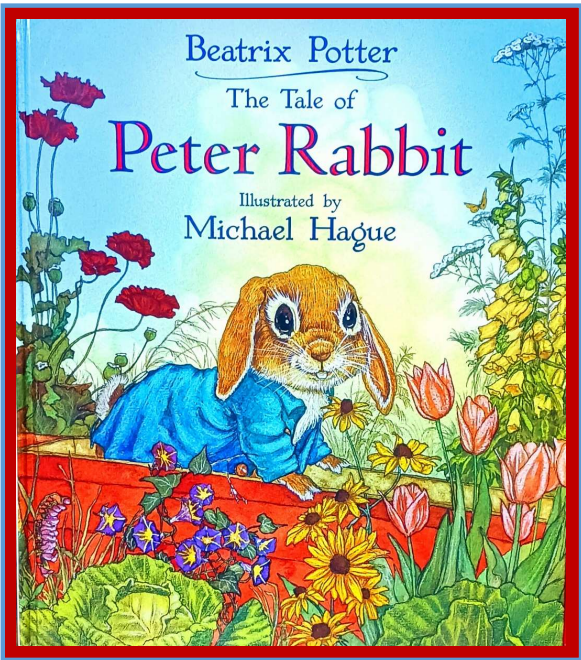
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## Ask a Veteran

Recently, Americans across the country took the time to honor our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Memorial Day has become an iconic part of our culture, and for good reason. It's not enough to form a Constitutional Republic. We have to be willing and able to defend it from those who would see harm come to it, and, for me personally, this is why I celebrate the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces.

So, like a good American, I invited a veteran friend over to join us for burgers and other holiday fare. As a person who did not serve in any Armed Forces, while we were sitting around chatting, it dawned on me that there was something larger going on here.

My friend is actually part of a small but vital part of our country. He is one of those who willingly sacrifices his time and effort to public service still to this day in our local community and politics. In short, I began to realize how

important these types of servants are in our country and that often the need to be of service to their community extends well beyond our service men and women's time in our Armed Services. These citizens are just cut out of a different cloth, and it is super inspiring.

Now, I know, this is a mental health column, so you started reading this to get, perhaps, some tips on veteran mental health. I just want to take a bit of a different approach this time around.

I would first like to honor that everyone seems to have a different experience in the Armed Forces, and I have seen people with no visible scars and seemingly no emotional scars who speak fondly of their time in the military. There are also those whose experience led to a lot of trauma both physical and emotional. How can we tell the difference?

LIFE'S WORK CLINIC

That brings me to my final point of the column.

There's only one person who truly knows what wounds, if any, exist in veterans who served our country: The veteran. Ask them. Not all wounds are on the surface, but we don't know about them if we never ask. It's another way that we have to say thank you to our vets for their service that goes beyond barbecues and national holidays.

**-Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECF**

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

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Josiah Grant Woodhams

January 5, 1992 ~ May 17, 2025

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our son Josiah Grant Woodhams, 33, of South Boardman on May 17, 2025. Josiah was born on January 5, 1992 in Traverse City, the son of V. James (Jamie) Jr. and Carolyne (Uitvlugt) Woodhams. Josiah's passion was farming and family. He had a full life full of determination and grit. You would often find him in a field or working outside at all times of the day and night. He spent many years working with farms in the area and helping anyone in need. Josiah gave in quiet ways, never seeking attention or recognition. He will be most remembered for his work ethic, character, and commitment to his family. Oh, and his red hair temper and always being late. More than anything, Josiah was a proud Father. His children and Nikki were the most important things in his life besides farming. Josiah is survived by the love of his life Nikki Eldridge and children Colt Maxwell, Lennon Memphis and Bodie Grant (Due October 2025) Woodhams and Rowynn Lucille Eldridge. Siblings, Victor III (Charlotte) Woodhams and Eliza



(Ray) Cummer. Grandparents, Tim Neill, Jake (Barb) Uitvlugt, Diana Uitvlugt (Leon Murphy), and Grandma Gene. Nephews, Victor IV and CJ Woodhams, and Ray Cummer III. In-Laws, Mike and Stephanie Koby. Special Aunt, Donna (Eric) Send, Uncle Jacob (Laura) Uitvlugt and countless extended family and friends. Josiah was preceded in death by Grandpa Victor Woodhams Sr. and many more loved ones. Family received friends and family on Friday May 23, 2025 from 4 to 8 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Family received friends on Saturday May 24, 2025 from 10 to 11 with funeral service being at 11 at Kalkaska Funeral Home with interment at Lodi Cemetery and lunch following at the Fife Lake American Legion Post 219. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Josiah may be directed to his parents V. James Jr. and Carolyne Woodhams to benefit Josiah's children or will also be received at Yankee Boy Restaurant in South Boardman. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Joyce Ann Olds

April 20, 1950 ~ May 23, 2025

Joyce Ann Olds, 75, of Kingsley, MI, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 23, 2025, with loved ones by her side. She was born on April 20, 1950, to Lafayette and Virginia Olds.



Joyce also leaves behind many stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews — including her stepdaughter Leslie Irish, and grandchildren, Morgan and Austin Bannister, who were especially dear to her.

Family meant everything to Joyce. She was a devoted mother, a beloved sister, and a cherished friend. Her kindness, loyalty, and warm heart touched everyone who knew her. Her passing leaves a profound void in both her family and the Kingsley community.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Lafayette and Virginia Olds her brother Tom and his wife Cheryl Olds.

She is survived by her daughter, Laurie Irish; her brothers Richard (Althea) Olds, James (Angie Smith) Olds, and Tim (Ronda) Olds; and her sisters Vicki (Dean) Edgecomb, Ann (Kim) Morin, Janet (Allen) Sieffert, Carol (Steve) Stocking, and Karen (Dean) Domnoske.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's of Hannah Catholic Church in Kingsley, with Father Joseph Muszkiewicz officiating. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the church.

A luncheon will follow the Mass in the school. Interment will take place at St. Mary's of Hannah Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kingsley Stags Booster Club.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Mary Katherine Rockwell

September 21, 1941 ~ May 22, 2025

Mary Katherine Rockwell (Kathie), a beacon of warmth and friendliness, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2025, at her residence in Kalkaska, Michigan. Born on September 21, 1941, in Jackson, Michigan, to the late Robert and Mildred Fisher, Kathie lived a life characterized by faith, friendship, and an unwavering commitment to her community.



community was a testament to her faith-filled life. She poured her heart into various church activities, sharing her light and joy with everyone she met. Her steadfast presence was a comfort to many, and her contributions to the church's mission left an indelible mark that will be cherished for generations to come.

Kathie's early years were filled with the love and guidance of her parents. Her journey led her to her love with Delvyn "Dale" Rockwell, with whom she shared a marriage until his passing in February 2014. Together, they created a beautiful family, including their caring daughter, Cherrie (Scott) Morgan, and their devoted son, Dale Rockwell.

Kathie's heart was large enough to encompass not only her immediate family but also her cherished granddaughter, Shela (Jarrod) Jones, and her adored grandson, Shawn (Tayler) Morgan. Her joy multiplied with the arrival of her great-grandchildren, Connor, Linsey, and Ember, who brought her immeasurable happiness.

Kathie was the epitome of dedication and service. She dedicated the early chapters of her life to her family, embodying the role of a stay-at-home mom with grace and devotion. As her children grew, she was active on the City Council in Wayne, Michigan, contributing her voice and effort to the causes she believed in. Her colleagues and the many community members she interacted with benefited from her professionalism and friendly nature. Kathie's commitment to her community was evident in the meticulous care she gave to every task and the positive atmosphere she fostered within the civic sphere.

Kathie's faith was the cornerstone of her existence, and her involvement with her church

Those who knew Kathie will fondly remember her love for cooking and baking, a passion that was an expression of her desire to nurture and care for others. She never missed an opportunity to feed her loved ones or any new friends she encountered. Kathie's social personality was infectious, and her ability to make friends everywhere she went was a testament to her friendly and approachable nature.

In later years, Kathie found solace and joy at her cottage in Central Lake, Michigan. There, she spent cherished moments fishing and relaxing, embracing the tranquility of nature. This retreat provided her with a sanctuary where she could reflect on her life's blessings and create lasting memories with her adored grandchildren.

Mary Katherine Rockwell will be remembered as a faith-filled and friendly soul who touched the lives of many. Her legacy is one of love, kindness, and community service. She was a woman whose spirit could not be confined to mere words, as her impact was felt through her actions and the lives she enriched.

As we bid farewell to Kathie, we celebrate a life well-lived, a journey marked by devotion to family, faith, and friendship. Her memory will continue to inspire and guide those who were fortunate enough to have known her. Kathie's presence will be dearly missed, yet her spirit will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all those she embraced with her kindness.

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Kalkaska American Legion Post 480  
Veterans Appreciation Dinner

The Kalkaska American Legion Post 480 will be hosting a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Friday, June 13, 2025. The dinner is open to Veterans plus one guest. The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Kalkaska Senior Center located at 303 S. Coral Street in Kalkaska.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Join us for great food, fun and camaraderie.

Seating is limited. You must RSVP to Commander Jim Brown at 231-384-0762.



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**When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 9am - 5pm**

**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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Monday Tech Help 1-on-1** Kalkaska County Library, 247 S. Cedar St, If you need some help setting up your new phone or laptop, troubleshooting tech problems, or just want to learn more about using the internet safely, then contact us to get 30 minutes of personalized support from our tech services librarian! Contact (231) 258-9411 or info@kalkaskalibrary.org to sign up!  
**When: by appointment Mon 10am-4pm & Thu 1-5pm**

**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 3 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.**

**Girlfriends Social Hour**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, grab a friend and enjoy a coffee or juice, and time with other ladies, senior and nearly senior women are welcome, contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Wed 10 am**

**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**

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**When: Thu, 1:00 to 5:00 pm**

**Everyone Has a Story**, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson Ave, join with the library and the Kingsley Folk School for a storytelling community circle, you are welcome to share your personal stories with others to create connections in our community, 231 263-5484  
**When: 2nd Thur, 5:30 to 7:00 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Veterans/Active Duty

**MWR (Morale, Welfare, & Recreation)**, 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: Mondays, 6:30 pm**

**Kalkaska VFW Land-O-Lakes Post 8684, VFW Post 408** Hyde St, Quartermaster: Joe Graff, Commander: Luke TenHopen  
**When: 1st Mon, 6:00 pm**

**Mancelona American Legion Post #0264**, 9850 S. Front St, Commander: Benjamin Zerod, Adjutant: Tamara Hunt  
**When: 1st Mon, 6:00 pm**

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

**Vets Coffee Time**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 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**

**American Legion Post 219**, 10283 M-186, Fife Lake, Commander: Cameron Wojoie, Adjutant: Craig Heckert, contact 231 879-4475  
**When: 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm**

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

**South Boardman American Legion #463 and Auxiliary Meeting, South Boardman Legion Hall**, 5479 Boardman Rd (at the tank), South Boardman, Commander: Lindarae Radtke, Adjutant: Elwin Hall, contact 231 369-2944  
**When: 1st Thu, 7:00 pm**

**Kalkaska American Legion Post 0480**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S Coral St. Commander: Jim Brown, Adjutant: Stephen Bloomfield, contact 231 384-0762  
**When: 3rd Thu, 1:00 pm**

**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**

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**

**Monthly Book Club**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, new book each month to be announced at previous meeting or contact 231 258-5030 for info  
**When: 2nd Wed, 1:00 [m**

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Organization Meetings

**Kalkaska Democrats**, contact Gary at 231 590-3397 for current meeting location  
**When: 1st Mon, 6:00 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**

**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 Ministries for Christ, 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.**

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## Thank you!

May 30, 2025

This has been a week of remembrance and something else that is difficult to put into words. It’s deep and aching sense of gratitude too big to fit into two words. We do need to say “Thank you” to those who laid their own lives on the line for the sake of our nation. Of course, we do. But, somehow that doesn’t seem like enough.

My everyday life is filled with many moments of simple enjoyment that I can take for granted. Yes, granted to me by the bravery and stalwart sacrifice of many heroes who valued liberty and honor more than life itself. In many other countries, the daily freedoms I enjoy are not available to the people who live there.

Consider, if you will, just the five freedoms contained in the First Amendment to the Constitution:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, nor prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

These rights are mine and yours because courageous people who lived long ago stood up against a tyrant and won our independence from the British King George III; and because

for the last couple of centuries more courageous people have continued that determined fight.

It’s important to remember that would-be tyrants are always seeking to wrest control of our nation and deprive us of our freedoms, and that only because we still have courageous people of honor willing to carry the fight forward do we remain free.

So, it’s not enough to just say “Thank you” to those who, in the past, went to battle for us; we also have to declare our own willingness to stay the course, to remain eternally vigilant and stand ready to take up the battle again if need be.

I’m keenly aware of some of the price paid by the brave warriors of the last four generations of men in my immediate family. My grandfather, my father, my husband, my son-in-law, all veterans of combat. All, thank goodness, came home from battle. Some with physical wounds, and although they don’t speak easily of such things, I suspect all came home with wounds that cannot be seen.

I would like to see a future without war. I would like to see a country where all people are respected for their humanity. I would like to see a time when differences of opinion are managed with grace and compassion, and violence is simply not accepted or attempted.

Whatever I can do to plant seeds that will someday be part of that harvest, I must do.

There are those who take kindness for weakness. I know that is so for I have met such people. Having born four babies myself and having spent much time with little children, I am convinced that humans are not born hating other humans, and that something must have really hurt those who do turn to hatred. I grieve for whatever wounded them so badly that they choose anger over love.

It eventually comes down to this, I think: in order to really show my gratitude for the sacrifices made by those who came before me, I have to live honorably myself. I have to be a person worthy of the wounds of battle willingly faced by those courageous soldiers of the past, and especially the ones of my own family. “Thank you” in words isn’t enough; it has to be visible in the way I live and care for the freedoms others died for.

One final thought: as a nation, we have to keep the promise we made to our soldiers, that if they would carry the battle we would take care of them. We have to keep that promise!

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields  
Editor

### Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue’s questions

- 1) How many amendments have there been to the Constitution in the 237 years since its ratification?  
*A. There have been twenty-seven.*
- 2) Amendments take a while to be enacted and ratified. Which amendment was the quickest to be ratified?  
*A. Amendment XXVI was the quickest to be ratified in just about three months..*
- 3) Which amendment took the longest to be ratified?  
*A. Amendment XXVII took over two hundred years to be ratified.*
- 4) How many amendments have been repealed by another amendment?  
*A. One. Amendment XVIII was enacted and ratified and then repealed by Amendment XXI.*

### 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) Which branch of our federal government is established in Article I of the Constitution?
  - 2) Which branch of our federal government is established in Article II of the Constitution?
  - 3) Which branch of our federal government is established in Article III of the Constitution??
  - 4) What portion of Article IV was modified by Amendment XII?

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is important  
to somebody





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- 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](http://secularAAinMichigan.org)  
**When: Tues, Thu, 7 pm, Sun, 12 pm (also in person)**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings (AA)**, Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 10:30 am**

**Antrim Co Parkinson Support Group**, Bellaire Family Health Center, 4955 S M-88, Bellaire, 231 633-1237  
**When: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## The Essence of Love, A Journey to the Soul

By Dominic Fortuna

RAPID CITY - In a world that often defines love by its boundaries and conditions, it's easy to forget the true essence of this profound emotion. Love is not merely a feeling reserved for romantic relationships or familial bonds; it's a universal force that can be felt in every aspect of life. From the gentle rustle of leaves on a tree to the sweet song of a bird in the spring, love is present in all.

When we experience love, we're not just limited to our personal relationships. We can feel love for the beauty of nature, the kindness of strangers, or the simple joys of life. This love is not something we do; it's something we become. It's a state of being that radiates from within, touching every aspect of life.

### Let's call it COMPASSIONATE

Compassion is the manifestation of love in its purest form. It's the ability to empathize with others, to understand their struggles, and to offer kindness and support. It is very powerful for the recipient and the giver. Compassion is not just a feeling; it's a choice – a choice to be present, to listen, and to care. When we cultivate compassion, we become more aware of the interconnectedness of all things, and our love expands to encompass the world around us.

A suggestion is to try to love without conditions. When we love unconditionally, we're not bound by expectations or limitations. We're free to experience life in all its beauty and complexity. Unconditional love allows us to see the world through the eyes of wonder, to appreciate the small things, and to find joy in the everyday moments.

### A Life Soaked in Sweetness

I know you've seen me write "The Sweet Spot," many times in print over the years.

Imagine living a life where love is not just a feeling but a constant presence. A life where every moment is an opportunity to experience joy,

kindness, and compassion. This is the life of someone who has become love. They're not just doing love; they're being love. They're radiating love, and it's touching every aspect of their life.

### The World May Not Always Understand

There will be times when the world won't understand or appreciate our expression of love. There will be times when we're met with criticism, judgment, or even rejection. But love is not about external validation; it's about being true to ourselves. When we choose to love unconditionally, we're not doing it for others; we're doing it for ourselves. We're doing it because it's who we are.

So, how do we become love? Love is not just loving another person, that's called a relationship. It's not about trying to love more or being more loving; it's about allowing ourselves to be present in the moment. It's about being aware of our thoughts, emotions, and actions. When we're present, we can see the beauty in the world around us. We can feel the love that's always present, waiting to be acknowledged.

As we navigate the complexities of life, let's remember that love is not something we do, it's something we become. Let's strive to cultivate compassion, kindness, and empathy. Let's choose to see the beauty in every moment and to radiate love in all that we do. When we do, we'll become beacons of hope, shining brightly in a world that often needs it.

### The Power of Love

Love has the power to transform us, to heal us, and to connect us. When we choose to love unconditionally, we're not just changing ourselves; we're changing the world around us. We're creating a ripple effect of kindness, compassion, and understanding that can touch the lives of everyone we meet.

As we reflect on the essence of love, let's remember that it's a journey, not a destination. It's a path that requires patience, kindness, and

compassion. When we choose to walk this path, we'll discover that love is not just a feeling; it's a way of being. It's a way of living that can bring joy, peace, and fulfillment to our lives. So, let's choose to become love. Let's choose to radiate love. And let's see the beauty and wonder that it brings to our lives and the world around us.

### Poetry

#### Love's Universal Call

*In every heart, a spark does glow  
A flame of love that starts to show  
It's not just romance, not just a friend  
Love's a force that never ends*

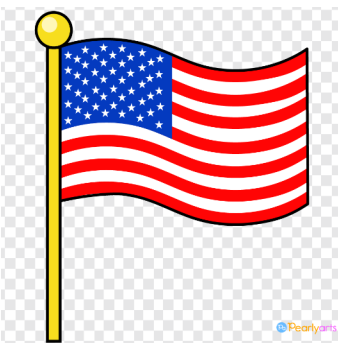
*With compassion's lens, we see the light  
A world connected, day and night  
We radiate kindness, empathy too  
Love's the answer, pure and true*

*So let's become the love we seek  
And let our hearts speak, let love speak  
In every moment, we'll find a way  
To love unconditionally, every single day*

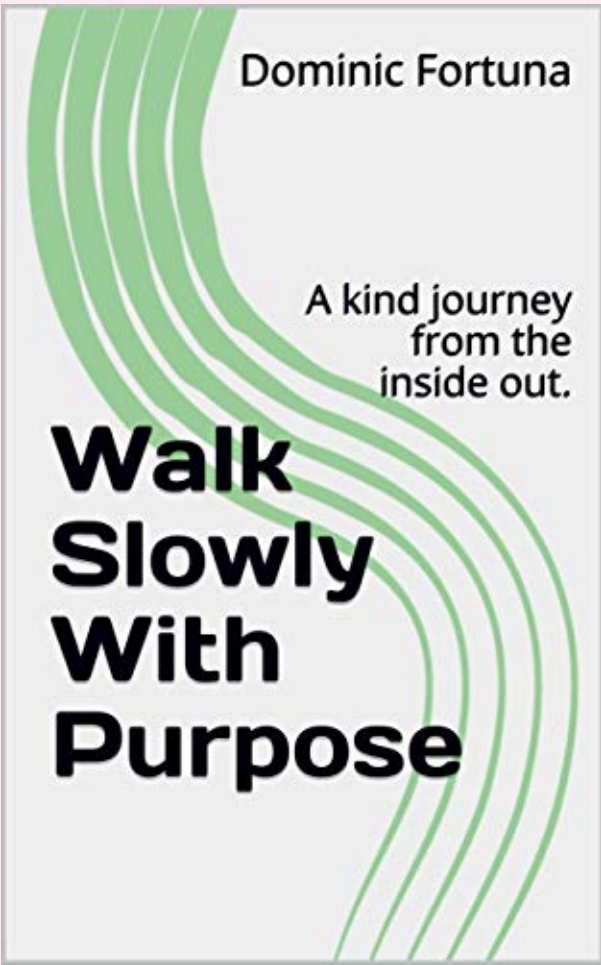
*With love's pure power, we'll shine so bright  
A beacon in the dark of night  
We'll be the change we want to see  
And love will set us free.*

As I write this article, it is Memorial Day here in Rapid City, Michigan. To give one's life for the love of others is the ultimate in sacrifice and of love.

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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: 3nd 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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**Kalkaska Public Schools,**  
Board of Education room, 315 S Coral St Kalkaska , 231-258-9100  
**When: 3rd Mon, 6 pm**

**Forest Area Community Schools**  
Band Room, Forest Area High School, 7661 Shippy Rd SW, Fife Lake 231-369-4191  
**When: 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm**

**Crawford School, Excelsior District #1**  
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

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**Kingsley Area Schools,**  
High School Library, 7475 Kingsley Rd, Kingsley  
**When: 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm**

Sudoku Puzzle Solution May 30, 2025

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# COMMUNITY

## **ROADS - CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP** *Long needed roadwork to be completed this summer*

RAPID CITY - On Wednesday, April 9, 2025, Supervisor Jim Leffew signed contract the with Road Commission Manager John Rogers for the paving of 1.1 miles of Zimmerman Road. Work is scheduled to begin May 27, 2025.

Another road that has needed to be done for decades, Hoiles Drive off Baggs Road, will also be done this summer.

Thanks in large part to the diligent work done by the volunteer Clearwater Township Road Committee, under the chairmanship of Jim Leffew, last year, as well as the financial support of the 2 mils voted in by Clearwater Township taxpayers.

Elmer's is going to be very busy in our township this summer as Crystal Beach Road, Ladd Drive, and Rapid City Road will all be receiving a face-lift.

Through downtown Rapid City, the road will be changed from the current four traffic lanes to two traffic lanes with a center turn lane.

Underhill Road timber bridges are also almost finished.

Article submitted by Joanne Deater Childs



**Kalkaska County Road Commission Manage John Rogers and Clearwater Township Supervisor Jim Leffew sign the contract for Zimmerman Road.**

## **Antrim Conservation District to Host Soil Health and Science Learning Opportunities in Antrim County**

BELLAIRE — Growers of all kinds will benefit from engaging and interesting soil science events at the Antrim Conservation District on June 6th and 7th. These opportunities to learn are for anyone who loves gardening or farming on a small or large scale. There is no charge for attending and take-home countertop kitchen scrap collectors and compost bins will be available for purchase. Join the ACD team on Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7, at 4820 Stover Road in Bellaire to learn and have fun at these important presentations:

The Exciting World of Biochar, with Koffi Kpachavi and Tim Overdier, will be held on Friday, June 6, from 12 to 2 pm. This demonstration will show how biochar is made and why it's such a fantastic and important soil amendment for everything from a potted plant to a field of corn.

Composting at Home, a workshop presented by ACD education coordinator, Robyn Gransow, will teach people how to begin composting at home with ease. It will run from 2 to 3pm, a demonstration of composting containers is included.

Soil Health and MAEAP, with Lauren Shaffner, will run from 3 to 4pm. Learn about this important program for farmers as Lauren shares information about the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program.

Microbiome Science and our Soil Systems, with soil expert Dane Terrill will run on Saturday, June 7, from 9am to 3pm. Throughout the day, Dane will lay the foundation for soil health (minerals, microbes, cover crops & carbon), plant health (fertility and monitoring), and the value of integrating regenerative practices into all crop production.

ACD Kids Tomato Club: Grab Your Plant and Buckets! We'll take a lunch break at 12:00pm. on June 7 and give a tomato plant and bucket to K-5th grade kids. For all the kids who already have their plant and bucket, be sure to come to the event and get your funky fun animal gardening gloves while supplies last.

Please RSVP as early as possible at [www.AntrimCD.com](http://www.AntrimCD.com) or by contacting the Antrim Conservation District at (231) 533-8363 or email [antrimcd@macd.org](mailto:antrimcd@macd.org).

Article contributed by Robyn Gransow  
Education, Outreach & Giving Coordinator  
Antrim Conservation District



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