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LSSU’s Petoskey Regional Center Announces Spring Graduates



PETOSKEY, Mich. – Three area residents have earned bachelor’s degrees from Lake Superior State University (LSSU). Graduates achieved their degrees through LSSU’s Petoskey Regional Center, which offers baccalaureate degree programs for students on North Central Michigan’s (NCMC) campus. Graduates were invited to walk at commencement on May 3.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting are Xander Becenti of Harbor Springs and Corey Bennington of Harbor Springs.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a generalist concentration is Alyssa Hewitt of Gaylord.

Becenti graduated with Cum Laude honors, earning a 3.50-3.69 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. Hewitt graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors, earning a 3.90-4.00 cumulative GPA. Bennington graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors, earning a 3.70-3.89 cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale.

Students were taking classes at NCMC, which offers LSSU baccalaureate degree programs on NCMC’s campus in Petoskey.

Founded in 1946, Lake Superior State University is a personal, small-town university that provides a superior blend of liberal and technical studies in the natural setting of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Situated amidst

the stunning backdrop of three Great Lakes, LSSU offers an exceptional environment for research, innovation, and real-world experiences. LSSU athletics offers a dynamic mix of competitive spirit and school pride. LSSU utilizes a one-rate tuition system, regardless of the student’s place of origin.

LSSU’s Petoskey Regional Center, housed on the North Central Michigan College campus in Petoskey, offers a student-oriented approach to higher education. It features small class sizes,

experienced faculty, and the ability to pursue your educational dreams close to home. LSSU’s regional centers and locations are committed to providing Northern Michigan-area residents educational opportunities for intellectual, personal, and professional growth. For more information, visit www.lssu.edu/regional-center/ or contact Heidi Rife at 906-217-4123 or hrife@lssu.edu.



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 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 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

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: taartisanguild@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: 1st 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: 1st 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: 1st and 3rd 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 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@sbeglobal.net

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OBITUARIES

Debhra A. Stanislawski

May 9, 1956 ~ May 6, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Debhra A. Stanislawski, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who left us on May 6th, 2025, at the age of 68. Debbie, as she was affectionately known, was born on May 9th, 1956, to the late Anna Naganashe and Jim Laughlin in Pestoskey, MI. She spent her life spreading joy and kindness to all who knew her.

In her early years, Debbie lived with her father in Detroit, MI. It was during her time as a waitress that she met Douglas Robertson, a kind-hearted farmer on a motorcycle. Their love blossomed, leading to a beautiful marriage, which brought the both of them to Hillman, MI, and the birth of two wonderful children: Michael, who was known for his bright spirit and charm, and Sarra, who brought joy and laughter to their family. Debbie dedicated herself to her children, teaching Sunday School, volunteering at their school, and creating cherished memories through many activities, including playing games, going swimming, and blueberry picking, and taking her kids on many trips and outings. One of Debbie's main goals and greatest life achievements was to make sure that her kids had a better childhood than she had when she was growing up.

As her children grew into adulthood, Debbie embraced new adventures, eventually finding her way to England. There, she met Felix Stanislawski, a kindred spirit who brought laughter and love into her life. Their romance blossomed to marriage just six months later, and together they explored the beauty of the English countryside, climbing mountains, camping, and visiting historic sites like Nottingham and Sherwood Forest. Debbie's adventurous spirit and zest for life were evident in everything she did.

Debbie would come back to America to visit every summer to keep in touch with her family,

friends, and her church family. She remained very active in the lives of her children and grandchildren, along with the Victory Baptist Church, her church family, and the Missionaries that she met through her church family. Though her time with us was cut short by an unforeseen illness, Debbie's legacy of love, kindness, and adventure will forever remain in the hearts of those she touched. She is survived by her devoted husband, Felix Stanislawski; her beloved children, Michael (Samantha) Robertson and Sarra Rodgers; and her cherished grandchildren, Jaylee Rodgers, Ophelia and Evangeline Cramer, and Destany and Xavier Robertson.

Debbie was the cherished sister of Glenn (Katherine) Stead, Karen Boda, Larry (Laurie) Stead, Mary (Ken) Roberts, Frances Bush, Robert Stead, Beverly McLean, Joseph Stead, and David Stead. She shared a special bond with each of her siblings, creating a tapestry of love and support that would last a lifetime.

A service to celebrate Debbie's remarkable life was held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the Victory Baptist Church, located at 5280 US-131 South, Boardman, MI. starting at 11am. Following the service was her burial at the Garfield Cemetery located at 5540 M-66, Kalkaska, MI 49646. Those who attended, were invited back to the Victory Baptist Church for a potluck style luncheon and further celebration of life.

Debbie will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for her warmth, her laughter, and her unwavering love for her family and friends. May her spirit continue to inspire us all to embrace life with the same joy and passion she exemplified. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Paula Ellen Homan

December 12, 1963 ~ June 15, 2025

Paula Ellen Homan, loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 15, 2025, at home. She was born on December 12, 1963, to the late Kenneth Lumbert and Ellen Blanshan in Kalkaska, Michigan.

Paula married Brian A. Homan on April 23, 1983, in Mancelona, they have been married for 42 years.

She ran a daycare out of her home when her children were young for many years. Paula was very active in the community from helping volunteer at the Trout Festival to being the "adopted mom" at the Kalkaska Memorial Hospital. She would make countless care packages for everyone and pass out "Kindness Coins" at the hospital to anyone she would meet. Paula truly lived her life for others, would go out of her way to help anyone.

Paula is survived by her loving husband Brian Homan, children



Amber Homan, and Brandon Homan; granddaughter Aurora; siblings William Blanshan, Michael Parker, and Larry Parker.

She was preceded in passing by siblings Sandy Parker, Tom Blanshan, and Lindy Parker.

The family received friends on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

A potluck dinner was held at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Mill Pond Event Center 406 Hyde Street, Kalkaska, on Friday, June 20, 2025. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children Research Hospital. Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Darcy Jo Ann Fosmore

September 4, 1977 ~ June 17, 2025

Darcy JoAnn Fosmore, 47, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on September 4, 1977, to Randy Fosmore and Marilyn Havey in Great Falls, Montana.

Darcy loved bird watching, nature and being outdoors, her true love was being with her children. She enjoyed music and attending Maddy and Kevin's band events.

She is survived by her children Kevin and Madison Cahill of Kalkaska; her mother Marilyn Hearn; stepmother Linda Fosmore; her grandparents Allen (Esther) Havey of Spring TX.; siblings: Mark (Trisha) Merrill of Melbourne FL, Carrie (Eric) Wagner of McPherson KS, Alexandra (Ryan) Record of Clarksville, TN, Aaron Hearn of



Norfolk VA, Evan Hearn of McPherson KS, Susan (Darek) Brock of Mancelona, Sara Brooks of Gaylord MI, Michael (Donna) Brooks of Nashville TN, Samantha Haley of Sands Springs Ok, and Amanda (Randy)

Kleinhenn of Albion, MI; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in passing by her father Randall Fosmore.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to benefit Darcy's children, c/o Brenda Havey 106 S. Cherry Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646. There will be a graveside memorial service on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Helena Township Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

David Michael Green

March 21, 1956 ~ June 8, 2025

David (Mike) Green 69, of Rapid City, Michigan passed away on Sunday, June 08, 2025. He was born on March 21, 1956, in Washtenaw County, Michigan, to the late Earl R and Shirley (Grannis) Green.

Mike was a man of strong character -- stubborn and strong-willed and was proud to serve his country for 6 years in the United States Army. He loved cooking, nature and enjoyed traveling and spending time telling stories around the campfire. He had a big heart for his fur babies and loved listening to blues music and attending the annual Marquette Area Blues Festival.

He is survived by his wife Patty and children: David (Debra),



Kristie; and five grandchildren. He also leaves behind his siblings: Steven (Billie) Green, Shelley (William) Hardy, and Matthew (Holly) Green, in-laws: Gloria Baggs, Linda (Lynn) Forward, Jackie Hoadley, Carl Smith and

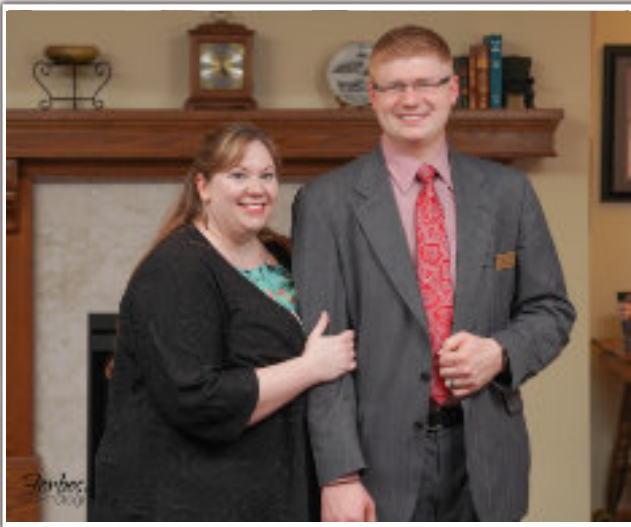
many nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, and grandparents.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Clearwater Township Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

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Lillian E. Birgy

March 16, 1938 ~ June 18, 2025

Lillian Elaine Birgy, 87, of Fife Lake, passed away on June 18, 2025. She was born on March 16, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan, to Thomas and Agnes (Couture) Tomes.



Lillian was feisty, fierce, and hardworking. She was known for her generous spirit and love for her family, never missing an event and always showing up with support. She and her husband Gerald traveled together to 48 of the 50 states, creating countless memories. Lillian enjoyed her coffee, and her home was the heart of many Sunday family dinners, always filled with the comforting smells of her delicious home-cooked meals—especially her favorite, chop suey.

Lillian will be lovingly remembered by her children Tom (Elaine) Birgy, Vicky (Karl)

Prough-Wittbold, David (Candy) Birgy, Gerald (Tammy) Birgy Jr., Lori (Scott) Gruse-Lowes; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and g r e a t - g r e a t grandchildren; and 2 brothers-in-law Michael (Marge) Birgy, Al (Kay) Birgy. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald Lee Birgy Sr; her parents; and her siblings Edna and Jack.

The family would like to thank the Eden Center, Heartland Hospice, and all of the nurses and doctors for their compassionate care.

A private graveside service will be held at Clark Cemetery in Fife Lake. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

James "Jim" Edward Gillespie

April 26, 1971 ~ June 16, 2025

James Edward Gillespie, 54 of Kalkaska, formerly of Mackinac Island, passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday, June 16, 2025. He was born to the late Deane and Dorothy (Perault) Gillespie, Sr., on April 26, 1971, in Petoskey, Michigan.



Gillespie, Ayla (Dillon) Pinney, and Gunnar (Taletha) Gustafson; grandchildren Bodi, Wyatt, Krystal, Peyton; siblings Florence Gillespie-Cardinal, and Laurel Gough; a brother-in-law Jack Dehring, Jr.

He was preceded in passing by an infant daughter, Emma, a sister Dorothy Ann Dehring, a brother Deane Gillespie Jr., and brother-in-law Reginald Gough.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 3:00 p.m. with a visitation beginning 2:00 p.m. at church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church pavilion fund. Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and bird hunter. Jim loved to spend time with his family and friends at Mackinac Island, he worked on Mackinac for many years driving horses. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kalkaska.

Jim is survived by his loving fiancé Cheryl Gustafson; children Kathryn (Ben) Rankin-Delaney, Amanda Gillespie, Christopher

Donald C. Hogerheide

August 10, 1941 ~ June 10, 2025

Donald Carl Hogerheide, 83, of South Boardman, passed peacefully at home on June 10, 2025 with his girlfriend of many years, Norene Jackson and his daughter, Donna Kuntz by his side.

Don was preceded in death by his brother Steven Hogerheide and his sister Patricia Kniss. He is survived by his sisters Linda Belcher and Karia Hadley. Donald was the father to Donna Kuntz and Dennis Davis and devoted stepfather to Bruce, Beth Jeffery, Sharon, Steve and Tom. Among the many people in Donald's life, he was so grateful to have his two nephews Jeff and Mike Hogerheide. Don spoke often and fondly of the memories he had with "the boys" throughout their years together, and he relied a great deal on "the boys" later in his life.

Donald graduated from Kalkaska High School in 1959 and lived in South Boardman, MI much of his life. He was a dedicated member of

the Masonic Lodge and Shriners Club for many years. When Donald was not at work, you could typically find him at the golf course; he was an avid golfer and long-term member of the Grandview Golf Club.

A memorial luncheon will be held in Don's honor at the South Boardman Legion Hall on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 1:00 PM. The family would also like to thank everyone for their love and support and are requesting no flowers or arrangements to be sent.

In closing the family would like to send a sincere thank you for all the support and guidance received during Don's final months from Heartland Hospice and specifically to Don's nurse, Laura.

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Lorraine Kathleen Fix

June 3, 1944 ~ June 8, 2025

Lorraine Kathleen Balazovic Fix (Kathy) passed away June 8, 2025 in Kalkaska, Michigan at the age of 81. Born June 3, 1944 in Quantico, Virginia, a to Katherine Lorraine and Julius Joseph Balazovic, Kathy grew up in Wyandotte, Michigan, with her younger brother Albert. She attended Marygrove College for her bachelor's degree and Oakland University where she earned her master's degree in special education. She married Leo Fix on July 9, 1966 in Rochester, Michigan. Kathy and Leo first lived in Troy, Michigan, then moved to Herndon, Virginia, returning to Michigan when Leo retired. Kathy spent more than 30 years teaching special education in the public schools of Loudoun County, Virginia and Kalkaska County, Michigan while raising her three children, Julie, Becky, and David. Upon retirement from teaching, she spent several years selling real estate in the Traverse City region through Coldwell Banker.



choirs, including the community choir in Elk Rapids and the church choirs of Christ the King and St. Mary of the Woods.

Kathy was an avid reader and tried to complete the New York Times Wordle

game in two tries or fewer. She loved the outdoors and cared deeply about the waters and ecology of northern Michigan. She was intelligent and organized, an amazing wife and mother, and a wonderful friend. She will be missed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, by the members of her choir and church community, and by her friends at the Cardiac Rehab Workout at Kalkaska Hospital she attended with her husband.

Kathy was preceded in death by her daughter Becky Fix and leaves behind a devoted and loving family: her remaining children Julie Fix Udani and David Fix, her son-in-law Sanjay Udani, her husband of almost 59 years Leo Fix, her brother Albert Balazovic, and her two grandchildren Tara and Kiran Udani. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Kathy's name to the Father Fred Foundation. A funeral mass was held on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, Kalkaska at 12:30 p.m. visitation beginning at 11:30 a.m. at church. Inurnment was held in Evergreen Cemetery.

A valued member of her community, Kathy volunteered her time as a Girl Scout leader, in her children's schools, and more recently on the Board of Kalkaska Library and with the Coast Guard Auxiliary where she was active both on the water and as an instructor in the classroom.

She had a beautiful tenor voice and was a member of several local

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Ryan Urbonas, DO, Joins
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Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Ryan Urbonas, DO, to the Neurosurgery team.

Dr. Urbonas was born in Flint, Michigan, and raised in Flushing, Michigan, where his passion for practicing neurosurgery began at a young age. During his middle school years, Dr. Urbonas’ mother, an oncology nurse, introduced him to a general surgeon, whom he shadowed for over a decade.

After graduating from Michigan State University with his bachelor's degree, Dr. Urbonas went on to medical school at Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he confirmed his childhood ambition of becoming a neurosurgeon. Dr. Urbonas completed his neurosurgery residency at Saint Barnabas Medical Center (now Cooperman Barnabas) in Livingston, New Jersey as well as a Complex Spine fellowship at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute in Seattle, Washington.

Patients come to see a neurosurgeon for a potential surgical solution to their problems. While surgery often is necessary, under most circumstances Dr. Urbonas does not jump to surgery as a first solution. His ultimate goal for patients is that they get better, whatever that means to them. If they can get better without surgery, he considers that in their best interest.

“I encourage open and honest communication with my patients, asking them to share what they’re experiencing, what they want to work on, and how I can be helpful in this process,” he says.

Understanding the serious and often-times uncomfortable nature of a typical doctor-patient interaction, Dr. Urbonas prefers a more-casual experience, often engaging with patients on a first-name basis or whatever makes them feel most comfortable.

Outside of work, Dr. Urbonas enjoys creating art – engaging in drawing, painting, and sculpting. Growing up in mid-Michigan with family in the automotive industry, he also has a passion for vintage and classic automobiles. He enjoys spending time in the outdoors – especially hiking, hunting, and fishing. A lifelong animal lover, he and his wife have both dogs and cats. He also enjoys traveling with his wife and taking in the local foods and customs.



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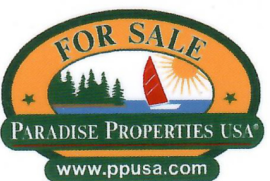
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- June 1-29 - StoryWalk®. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, to enjoy a romp in the woods and reading a good book along the way. A new story will be placed each month and covers about a 1/2-mile portion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

June 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 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

JULY 2025

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July 10, 10am – Story Time - Caterpillar Theme (baby-age 5) and Kids’ Crafts: Foil Embossing (ages 6-12). Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

July 10, 3:30pm – Books ‘n Brie Book Club. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing “James” by Percival Everett. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

July 10, 5:30pm – Ranked Choice Voting Informational Meeting. Do you want more voting power? Ranked choice voting means the candidate with the most votes wins – it’s that simple! Want to learn more? Join us for an informational meeting, followed by Q&A, Located at the Kalkaska Commission on Aging, 303 S. Coral St, Kalkaska, MI. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

July 12, 10am – StoryWalk® with Miss CC. Families will enjoy this interactive StoryWalk®, led by Miss CC, in the woods along a 1/2 mile portion of the trail at Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden. In the event of rain, this program will be held in the gym at Helena Twp. Community Center.

July 15, 11am – Summer Reading Field Day. Come and play outside this Summer! Participate in a series of fun outdoor fun and games, with a special appearance by the Kalkaska Fire Department! There will be water, so dress to get wet! Free event, all families are welcome to attend. 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.

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- July 1 - 30 – Historical Photo Display. Come to Alden District Library to see a photo display of late 19th century Resorts and Inns from the Alden and South Torch Lake area. The display is presented by Helena Township Historical Society, www.aldendepot.com and runs during the month of July. 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.Sponsored by Alden District Library, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318

July 3, 10am – Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire. Music & Movement. Join us at the Library for a special yoga story time filled with music, movement, and mindfulness. Led by Gabrielle Coppersmith, this fun and gentle session is perfect for all of our summer readers - no yoga experience needed!

July 5 – 9am - 2pm Book Sale. Available items: books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs & puzzles. Sponsored by Friends of the Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

July 7, 2:30 pm – Bellaire Public Library. 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire. Cotton Candy Colors with Dynamic School Assemblies, Get ready for a sweet swirl of science and color! In this fun, interactive show at the Library, we’ll explore all the colors of the rainbow — from cherry red to sour apple green, banana yellow, and even chocolate! Learn the science behind cotton candy and how it’s as delicious as it is educational!

July 8, 11am – Juggling Performance by Will Juggle. Join us for this entertaining juggling show by Will Juggle! The interactive performance will keep you on the edge of your seat as Will juggles balls, pins, cones, and more! 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.

July 8, 5:30pm – Antrim Photography Workshop. Dinner & Macro photography at Pine Hill Nursery, 886 US-31 N, Kewadin. Cost is \$20. Contact Lisa for details and to RSVP, 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com Sponsored by Alden District

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

Cornerstone Community Bible Church
6821 Co Rd 612 NE, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
10:00 am - Worship Service

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

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

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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 Ministries for Christ
2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
10:00 am - Worship Service

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

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:
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Williamsburg United Methodist Church
5750 Williamsburg Rd, Williamsburg
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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
Code red on these two blood-donor bets

16 June 2003

Dear Mark,

On a craps table, there are spaces with a "C" or "E" in a circle. I know that the "C" is for craps and the "E" is for eleven. Does betting on these circles differ from the regular "any craps" bet? Jim E.

Somewhat, Jim, tag along.

With any craps (2, 3 or 12), you are betting that the next roll will be a 2, 3, or 12. Payout for a win is 7:1; but house edge floats up there at 11.1%. Players making this wager believe that their loss on the pass line bet (because of a craps: 2, 3, or 12) is nullified by the win on this bet. Yet, these canny players may not realize that offsetting a loss with a win doesn't change the steep house edge on an Any Craps bet.

As for a C & E (Craps-Eleven, which means 2, 3, 11 or 12), the letters C and E represent two different bets. The C component places a wager on the "any craps" betting area. The E segment places a wager on the Any 11 bet. The C payout for a 2, 3 or 12 is 3:1. The E payout for an 11 is 7:1.

While observing a crap game last week, I overheard the dealer recommend NOT making a C & E wager to a player. He mouthed, "Fuhgeddaboutit, it's a slow bleed."

The "slow bleed" in gambling, Jim, is losing your bankroll in a slow and consistent manner. No matter how you bet, you cannot win enough back to come out even. Aye, Jimbo, you might hit an occasional C & E or any craps, but you will lose over the long haul.

The dealer was correct in informing the player that the C & E is a bloodshed bet, but his warning was too modest. Betting either any craps or a C & E, both with a house edge in double digits, is more like hemorrhaging.

Dear Mark,

When I play Deuces Wild on my computer, if I draw two pairs (for example 9s and 4s) the tutorial on the CD tells me to discard one of the pairs and draw three. This does not seem to be a good idea. Could I have your opinion on this please? Jack C.

Add Yours Truly to the vast coalition of gaming experts (and I've read 'em all) who will firmly tell you that holding two pairs is a misguided move which deviates from perfect basic strategy. WHY?

The essential thing to remember when playing Deuces Wild video poker is that the four twos (deuces) in the deck are not just wild; they're savage! and can be substituted for any other card, for any rank, in any suit. So, you never, ever discard a deuce. Because you have a fair chance at these four savages to help make up winning combinations, the lowest payout in Deuces Wild is for three-of-a-kind. Unlike a Jacks or Better machine, two pairs in Deuces Wild gets you squat.

One of the more notable player errors in Deuces Wild is the sticky unwillingness to throw away one of the two pairs. This is an important strategy, in that you want to make room for those additional cards which could include a deuce or two.

So Jack, never keep two pairs in Deuces Wild video. Select one or the other (rank doesn't matter). Keeping that single pair gives you a better expected outcome, and three-of-a-kind, the minimum scheduled payout, ain't all that bad.

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Gambling quote of the week:
"Gambling has held human beings in thrall for millennia. It has been engaged in everywhere, from the dregs of society to the most respectable circles." Peter L Bernstein, Against the Gods



Sudoku Puzzle
June 27, 2025

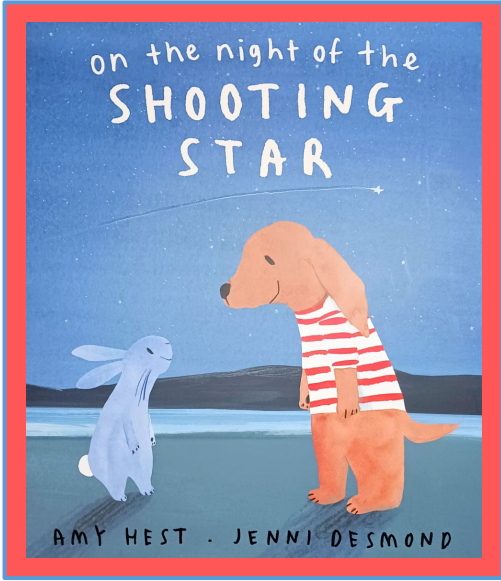
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StoryWalk®

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JULY 1st-30th



Location:

Coy Mountain, 9011 Valley St, Alden

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.

= MENTAL HEALTH CORNER =

Maintaining Good Boundaries in the Workplace

Have you ever felt like there are times when work can blur the line between what's "part of the job" and what feels just plain overwhelming? Maybe you've said "yes" to a task you actually knew you didn't have time for or responded to emails late into the evening — even when you were already drained. If so, you are definitely not alone. One of the most important skills for maintaining our mental health at work is learning how to set and maintain healthy boundaries.

Contrary to what we have heard, boundaries aren't about being rigid, cold or (gasp!) mean—they're about maintaining your self-respect. When we set boundaries, we communicate what we need in order to do our best work without the risk of burning out. And when we don't set and maintain them, resentment, anxiety, and exhaustion often creep in. I speak from experience having suffered from burnout in a previous career. Let me tell you, it was a big ball of no fun at all!

From a mental health perspective, poor boundaries keep us stuck in stress mode. When we say "yes" when we mean "no," our fight, flight

or freeze response is activated, and our focus and creativity suffer. Clear boundaries, on the other hand, activate feelings of safety. They help us feel more in control and less reactive, creating space for healthier interactions, clearer thinking and, believe it or not, even better levels of productivity.

Here are a few steps to start strengthening your workplace boundaries:

- **Pause and Ask:** "Is this really my responsibility?" or "Do I honestly have the time/energy for this?"
- **Communicate Early:** Don't wait until you're already frustrated to say what's not working.
- **Use "Kind Clarity":** It's okay to say, "I'd love to help, but I don't have the capacity right now."
- **Honor Your Limits:** Clock out when the day is done, and leave your work at your workplace. Your rest is not optional — it's essential.

Remember, maintaining good boundaries doesn't make you a bad teammate. It makes you a sustainable one! When you maintain boundaries, you are reminding yourself and those you work with that you actually care about your energy, your focus, and your peace. In this way, you get to show up as your best self, both for others and for you, and you will have energy left over to give to your loved ones.

-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.

LIFE'S WORK CLINIC

Additional Obituaries on pages 4, & 5

Anthony "Tony" Bruce Lacy

May 12, 1978 ~ April 13, 2025

Anthony Bruce Lacy of Lake Township, Kalkaska passed away unexpectedly at home, on Sunday, April 13, 2025. Tony would have turned 47 years old in May.



great work ethic and huge heart. He never married and leaves no children. He was predeceased by his mother and grandparents.

Tony leaves a large loving extended family of both blood and heart who are missing him terribly.

He was born in Traverse City, Michigan on May 12, 1978, to Allen and Patricia (Davenport) Lacy. He grew up and attended school in Bellaire, Michigan. He discovered his love and talent for cooking at a young age. His abilities quickly advanced him to be a chef. Some of the restaurants Tony cooked for include the Bellaire Bar, Latitudes in Bay Harbor, Michigan, and a ski resort in Breckenridge, Colorado. More recently Tony tried his hand as a machinist with his father, Allen Lacy and worked for Flannery Machine and Tool in Mancelona for a time. He became an entrepreneur making and selling his own design of unique products.

All who knew Tony loved him. He was known for his generosity,

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 East Bear Lake RD NE, Kalkaska, MI 49646, at 12:00 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon to follow.

Memorials may be made to Kalkaska County Animal Shelter, Bear Lake Christian Church "Share Shack" food pantry or to the donor's choice of charities.

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August 16, 2025 - constitution Week Pep Talk -
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September 20, 2025 - America 250!
Themed program.

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If you have questions about the meetings or about the DAR, please contact Patricia Braun Media Chair at pbraun503@yahoo.com

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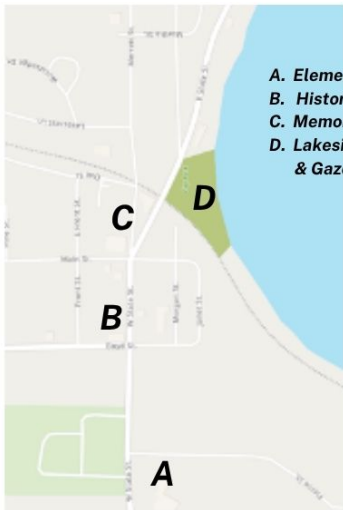
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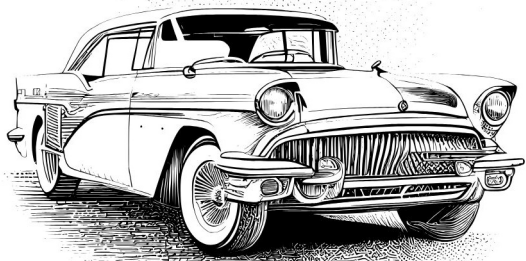
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JULY

9AM-2PM

Anyway

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and
self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish,
ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful
friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy
overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be
jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them, anyway.

-this version is attributed to Mother Teresa

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When: 3rd 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: 3rd Sat, 10:00 to 11:00 am

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

Miscellaneous

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

Thursday 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: 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 6th birthday (donations accepted), masks optional, one shopper per family and children are welcome but must remain with their parent, new families, please arrive by 2 pm for paperwork and bring valid ID, 231 492-7426
When: 2nd & 4th Thu, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

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

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

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

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: 1st Thu, 9:30 am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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REFLECTION

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Happy Birthday, America!

June 27, 2025

She said to me, in her gentle and wise way, “Always remember: your birthday is the celebration of your existence.” With those words, and with the loving smile of a grandmother, my Grandma Carol taught me to love my birthday. That wisdom came at just the moment I really needed it. I was a bit past twenty-five when I began to feel old and to doubt that there was any point to my life. I didn’t think I wanted to even take note of my birthday. I was already suffering from the syndrome of “Too Many Birthdays,” or so I thought. Until my wise Grandma spoke those kindly chiding words, she of many more years than I, reminding me that my own existence was something to celebrate.

I have shared those words of wisdom as often as the opportunity has presented itself in the more than fifty years since she gave them to me.

And so, I approach my nations’ upcoming birthday with that same sense of reverence. July 4, America’s birthday, is the celebration of its very existence. She has been through a great deal in her 249 years. Next year, just because 250 is such an impressive number and we tend to mark the 10s, the 50s, and the 100s as significant mileposts – we will have a huge national party to celebrate two-and-a-half centuries of the great American experiment.

But, I intend to celebrate each of her birthdays, so this one gets my respectful attention this year. I’m remembering that the whole idea of humans governing themselves, rather than being governed by kings, emperors, or pharaohs, was a daring concept. The very thought of separating from English King George III was terrifying for some loyal English colonists. That’s right, not everyone was in favor of becoming a nation independent of England. It may be hard for us to imagine it, today, but back then many of our early ancestors were very proud to be Englishmen, braving a new world in the colonies of North America.

Thanks to the genealogical work done by my grandmother, I can trace my family’s lineage back to William Bradford, the second governor of the Plymouth Plantation Colony. I have been to the Plymouth Rock, reputed to be where those brave souls first set foot into what is now Massachusetts. (I have no idea whether that story is really true, or if that rock is really the one they stepped on, but myth or reality I do like it.) I can’t help wondering what Governor Bradford would think of the bustling, modern, independent country we have become. Would he be comfortable with the idea of ordinary human beings governing themselves? Or, would he cling to the belief in the divine right of kings – the idea that certain individuals are selected by God to rule over others?

I, on the other hand, was born into a nation of self-governing people. My mother was born early in the year that the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified, so I am the first female in my direct family line born into a nation where the right of women to vote is guaranteed by its Constitution. The Constitution does not grant me the right to vote, it recognizes and protects that existing right – a subtle but significant distinction. As a

matter of principle, the Declaration of Independence states that we are endowed with our rights by the Creator.

Although I am fully aware that the men who signed the Declaration of Independence did not fully live up to its principles, I believe those principles are so strong that over time they have been penetrating the conscience of the nation. Slowly, the recognition has developed that women, men without property, and people of different colored skin are all just as human as white propertied men. The “self-evident truths” have been unrolling themselves like a scroll for these last couple of centuries, and although we have not yet truly completely adopted them, we continue with many fits, falters, starts and stops, to move toward them.

The men who crafted our Constitution, though flawed, were brilliant. The government they framed for us has its own built-in method for correction and improvement. To protect the individual rights of citizens, the first ten amendments were added to it as our Bill of Rights. Since then only another seventeen amendments have been ratified into law. That there are so few is quite a testament to the quality of the original text.

So, America, I say to you, in spite of all the places you may fall short from time to time, all the missteps and mistakes of your political history, and how long it takes for your social justice to mature – in spite of all that you may look upon as failure, you have never given up and you keep trying. May I be brave enough to follow your example and never give up trying to better my own self.

You are my home sweet home, the precious nation I honor, and I love you. Happy Birthday, America!


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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields
Editor



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is important
to somebody***



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Citizenship Corner

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) When was the Constitution signed and sent out to the states for ratification?
- 2) What do we generally call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
- 3) Why do we celebrate July 4 as the birthday of America?
- 4) Who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?

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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
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: 2nd and 4th Wed, 10:30 am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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When: Sat, 8:00 pm

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Echoes of Summer: A Bittersweet Ode to Northern Michigan's Golden Years

By Dominic Fortuna

TORCH LAKE -- The summers of my youth in Northern Michigan were a symphony of sounds, a canvas of memories painted with the vibrant hues of long, lazy days and warm, star-filled nights. The screeching owls would serenade us under the cover of darkness, their haunting calls echoing through the woods like nature's own lullaby. My friends and I would venture into the peat moss, our eyes scanning the damp earth for the elusive red salamanders, their tiny hearts beating in rhythm with our own sense of wonder.

But times have changed. The owls' melancholy calls are now a rare occurrence, and the red salamanders have vanished, lost to the sands of time. The woods that once whispered secrets to us now stand silent, their ancient magic fading like the memories of a bygone era. The children who visit Northern Michigan today are missing out on a more peaceful, more woodsy experience – one that was once the hallmark of our summers.

As I drive through the familiar roads of Torch Lake and its surrounding waters, I'm struck by the sheer number of new houses that have sprouted up, like mushrooms after a spring rain. The landscape is dotted with the gleaming spires of vacation homes, each one a testament to the passage of time and the changing face of our beloved region. The restaurants that once stayed open late, catering to the summer employees who worked tirelessly to keep the wheels of tourism turning, are now few and far between. The traffic, once a mere trickle except during the Cherry Festival and July 4th celebrations, now crawls along like a lazy snake, a constant reminder that the peace and tranquility of our summers are slowly being eroded.

But it's not just the physical landscape that's

changed – it's the very fabric of our summers. The July 4th celebrations, once the highlight of our summer, still burst with color and sound, but the sense of community that once defined them has begun to fray. The fishing trips with dad or friends, those halcyon days of casting lines and reeling in the big ones, are now a rare treat, the fishing itself not what it used to be. The walleye that once swam in abundance now seem like a mythical creature, a relic of a bygone era.

And yet, despite all these changes, despite the passing of time and the erosion of our summers, there's still a magic to Northern Michigan that defies explanation. The night crawlers still emerge under the cover of darkness, their squirmy bodies a delight to behold. The stars still twinkle like diamonds in the night sky, and the sunsets still paint the horizon with hues of gold and crimson.

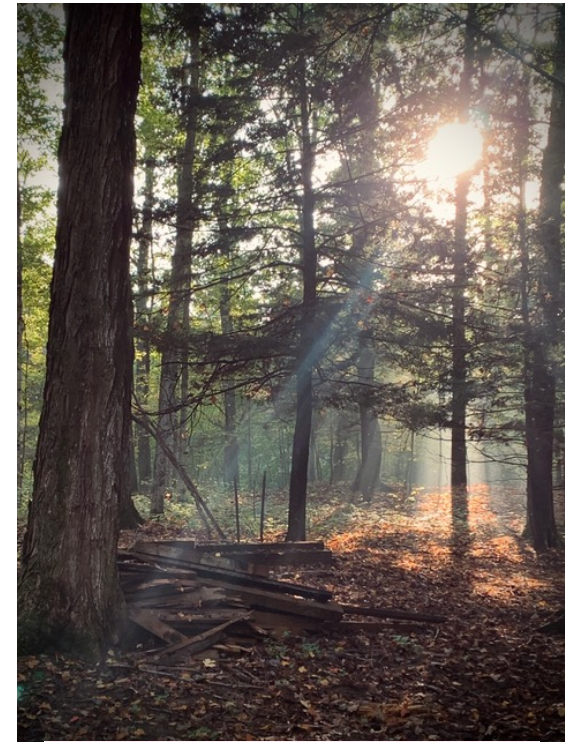
As I sit on the shore of a lake, watching the sun dip below the horizon, I'm transported back to a time when life was simpler, when the rhythms of nature dictated our days, and the beauty of the world around us was a constant source of wonder. I remember the laughter of my friends, the thrill of catching a big fish, and the sense of peace that came with being surrounded by the majesty of Northern Michigan.

It's not just a place – it's a state of mind. A feeling that comes from being immersed in nature, from feeling the warmth of the sun on your skin, and the coolness of the water on a hot summer day. It's a sense of freedom, of release, of being untethered from the worries of the world.

As the stars begin to twinkle in the night sky, I'm filled with a sense of gratitude for the summers of my youth, for the memories that I've made, and for the beauty of Northern Michigan that still

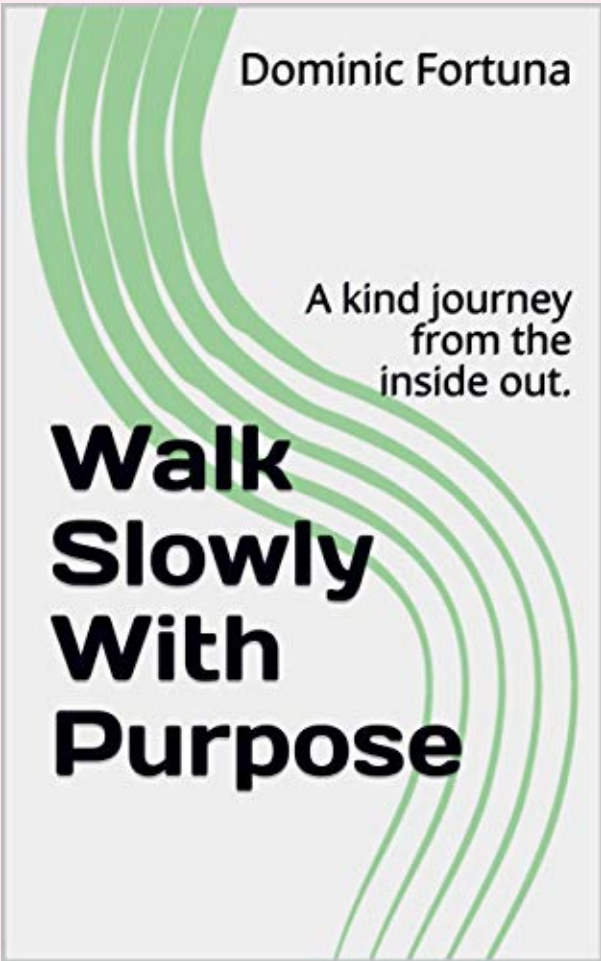
remains. It's a bittersweet feeling, one that's tinged with sadness and loss, but also with a deep appreciation for the gift of life, and the magic of our summers.

So, I'll hold on to these memories, and cherish the moments that I've experienced in this special place. For in the end, it's not just about the summers of our youth – it's about the memories we make, the love we share, and the beauty that surrounds us. Northern Michigan, with all its changes and challenges, remains a place of wonder, a place of magic, and a place that will forever be etched in my heart.



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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
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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
When: 3rd Mon, 6:30 pm

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

Sudoku Puzzle Solution June 27, 2025

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COMMUNITY

JOB WINSLOW CHAPTER NSDAR INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS & NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Tina Norris Fields (#876862)
Registrar, Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR

Two more new members were installed in the Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR at its May 17, 2025 meeting. This brings the number of new members installed in 2025 to seven. There two more known to be verified at the DAR national headquarters, awaiting their national numbers that will be assigned in early July.

The chapter has been surprised and delighted to have over twenty prospective members seeking assistance in establishing their lineage back to a patriotic ancestor who participated in the American Revolution.

At this meeting, the newly elected Executive Board was also installed. Outgoing Regent Kathy Wilson jubilantly passed the gavel to incoming Regent Janet Scheiwe

The July meeting of the Job Winslow Chapter is on Saturday, July 19. For more information on the DAR, please contact Regent Jan Scheiwe at jscheiwe@jps-group.com.



L-R: Jeanne Cotanch (Membership Chair), Pamela Latham (Chaplain), Betty Swisher (New Member), Kathy Wilson (Regent), Cinda Simmons (New Member).



L-R: Janet Scheiwe, new Regent, receives the Gavel from Kathy Wilson, the immediate past Regent.

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