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GT Mental Health Crisis and Access Center now open 24/7



(from left to right): First Row: Katie Haslett; Dr. Miriam Brown, Terri Lacroix-Kelty, Munson Healthcare Executive Director of Behavioral Health; Laura Glenn, Munson Healthcare Chief Operating Officer; Linda Solem, Community Advisory Group; Martha Falk; Dylan Thayer, Megan Smith. Second Row: Matt Paulic; Dr. Christopher Archangeli; Gabe Schneider, Munson Healthcare Government Relations; Dr. Curtis Cummins, Michael Corby, GTMHCAC Behavioral Health Director; Trevor Cressman; Lori Kowalski)

Psychiatric Urgent Care is now available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

TRAVERSE CITY - July 7, 2025 – Today marks another milestone for the Grand Traverse Mental Health Crisis and Access Center as it officially moves to 24/7 operations and begins to offer Psychiatric Urgent Care services on weekdays from 8am to 5pm.

“Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can now has access care at The Center any hour of the day, every day of the year,” said Michael Corby, GTMHCAC Behavioral Health Director. “This is an exciting day and a significant step forward in the mental health resources we are able to provide our community.”

In addition to the crisis services currently provided by Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority (NLCMHA), the center will now also offer Psychiatric Urgent Care operated by Munson Healthcare on weekdays (8am-5pm). Psychiatric Urgent Care serves people with acute behavioral health needs that are serious but not immediately life-threatening, which can include:

- Imminent risk of harm to others (e.g., threats with a clear plan and intent).

- Escalating symptoms of depression, anxiety or mania without immediate danger.
 - Suicidal ideation with or without a plan and intent.
 - Behavioral changes that are concerning but do not pose an immediate safety risk.
 - Need for timely medication adjustments, crisis intervention or short-term stabilization.
- An Emergency Department may be the most appropriate setting if there is an immediate risk to life due to disorientation, psychosis, aggressive behavior, or serious medical concern like overdose, chest pain, or significant injury. An individual whose symptoms are stable, in ongoing treatment, and effectively using medication and coping strategies may be best served through outpatient services.
- “The Center adds a much-needed component to the behavioral health continuum of care that’s been missing in our community,” said Terri Lacroix-Kelty, Munson Healthcare

Executive Director of Behavioral Health. “We’ve seen a steady increase in the number of people utilizing the center during these initial six months and we’re excited about the impact these expanded hours and addition of psychiatric services will have in our community.”

As a non-profit, The Center accepts all patients and all forms of insurance. It opened in January with NLCMHA providing select services through the Welcome Center, Sunday-Thursday (8am-8pm). Expanding to 24/7 coverage and the addition of Psychiatric Urgent Care represents Phase 2 operations.

An adult crisis residential unit and pediatric crisis residential unit are set for the final two phases anticipated to come online late-2025 into 2026 based on licensing and staff.



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

Piggitt Hoggit, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, euchre taken to the next level, \$1, contact 231 922-4911

When: Wed, 9:15 am OR 12:00 pm????

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: 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: 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/EHSKa1Registration>

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@sbcglobal.net

When: 3rd Sat, 9am - 5pm

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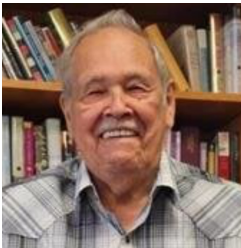
George Edward Morey

March 14, 1939 ~ June 29, 2025

George Edward Morey of Kalkaska, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 29, 2025. He was born to Arlys and Olive Morey in his own home in Kalkaska on March 14, 1939. He loved his family and took such pride spending time with them. He loved watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow. If George was not tending to his garden or woodworking in the garage, he was off trying to catch the big catch of the day. He loved to fish; his favorite was bluegill. He would be on a lake with 30 other fishermen, and he would be the only one catching any fish! George was a man of his word but led by his big heart. He was always there to lend a helping hand.

George married his beloved wife Pauline Kay Beaver in May of 1958. They proceeded to work hard through the years and raise three strong-willed children. They enjoyed their time berry-picking, fishing, and taking long drives, and George would love to pack the whole house for his wife just to go camping for the weekend. George held Pauline 's hand and stood by her side until their final goodbye on September 14, 2023.

His path led him to Annabelle Leone Haviland, they were a couple in August of 2024. The two exchanged wedding vows in April



of 2025 on Jordan Lake in Odessa, Michigan. They traveled from Grand Haven, to the U.P. and Holland. Their trips may have seemed short, but they were a lot longer when George had to stop every few miles to kiss his bride, they had a love like no other.

George will be lovingly remembered by his wife Ann; children Kerry Morey, Wesley (Carol) Morey and Duane (Kelly) Morey; stepchildren Rob (Cindy) Haviland, Teresa (Chris) Hathaway, Jody (Rick) Swanberg and Donda Schippers-Noel; grandchildren Cory, Justin (Missy), Ashley and Britney; his siblings Robert, Jerry, Leslie and Rita; great-grandchildren, many nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Pauline Morey; his father Arlys Morey; his mother Olive Beach; his siblings Shirley, Melvin, Frederick, Ronald, Mervin, Danny and Edith.

To celebrate George's life, a funeral service was held at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 11 AM with a visitation starting at 9 AM. The burial followed at Oliver Township Cemetery. A luncheon was provided from 1:00 - 4:00pm. at the Vista Green RV Park. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Audrey M. Hatfield

May 5, 1930 ~ June 24, 2025

Audrey May (LaCourse) Hatfield, age 95, of Kalkaska passed away on June 24, 2025, surrounded by family. She was born on May 5, 1930, in Toledo, Ohio, to Dora G. (LaFountain) LaCourse. Audrey cherished spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved to travel out west and enjoyed going to the casino. She truly enjoyed taking summer vacations with her family up in the Upper Peninsula, where she loved taking long walks along the shore on Lake Michigan. Audrey is survived by her children, Jeff Hatfield and Tammy (Jeff) Woollett; 16 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; 21 great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; Sisters-n-law, Judith (Kenneth) LaCourse and Janice (Raymond) LaCourse. Besides her mother, Audrey was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years,

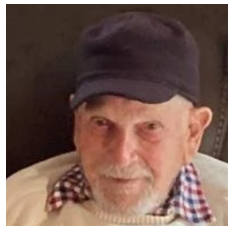


Louis William Hatfield; daughter Connie Humble; sons Daniel Hatfield; Victor Hatfield; daughter-n-law Donna Hatfield; granddaughter Tina Sowards; brothers Phillip, Charles, Stanley, Kenneth, Raymond and Leonard; sisters Doris Lue, Geraldine LaCourse, and Bonnie Hatfield. Please keep Audrey's family in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult and sad time. Per Audrey's wishes, there will not be a funeral or a memorial service. The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the wonderful staff at the Kalkaska Long Term Care Facility and Heartland Hospice for their compassion and kindness towards Audrey and her family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Jack Robert Berry Sr.

December 30, 1028 ~ July 2, 2025

Jack Robert Berry Sr., 96, of Rapid City, passed away peacefully at home on July 2, 2025. He was born on December 30, 1928, in Sand Lake, Michigan, to the late James and Mary (Hawkins) Berry. Jack proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Birdell Johnson on December 12, 1951. Together they built a life filled with love, generosity, and strong family values. Known for his caring nature, Jack was always ready to lend a hand. He served as a mentor to many and made it a priority to help others whenever he could. He had a lifelong passion for woodworking—an art he pursued with great pride until his final days. Jack crafted many beautiful pieces for friends and family, finding joy in giving his creations away. Above all, Jack cherished his family, especially his grandchildren, who brought him



endless joy. He is survived by his beloved wife, Birdell; children Jack Jr. (Carolyn) of Rockford, Jill (Dan) Packer of Rapid City, and Nancy (David) Firlik of Grand Rapids; sister Arlene Post; brother Donald (Eunice) Berry; five grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Jay Alan Berry; sisters Dorothy Batchelor and Virginia Rogers; and brother-in-law Dale Post. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025, at Kalkaska Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Clearwater Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Jack's honor may be made to the Grass River Natural Area in Bellaire or Mt. Holiday Ski Area in Traverse City. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

James Lewis Sentman Jr.

April 22, 1940- ~ June 27, 2025

James Lewis Sentman Jr., 85, passed away surrounded by family on June 27th, 2025, in Kalkaska, MI. James was born on April 22nd, 1940, in Port Deposit, MD. He is the son of James and Maude (Price) Sentman. James graduated from college with a bachelor's and master's degree in communications and finance. He served his country for 6 years in the United States Air Force. On November 7th, 1982, he married Sharon Sentman. In his spare time, he loved golfing and bowling and played until he couldn't . James worked many years for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. as a lineman, he finally retired from there after many years of



dedication. He lived a full life. James will be missed by all and remembered as a loving father, brother, grandfather, and friend. James will be lovingly remembered by his daughters Linda (Bill) Lee, Debra Allen, and Ann Sentman; sister Connie Marshall; 5 stepdaughters; and many grandchildren; great grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon Sentman; brother Rodney Sentman; and parents James L. Sentman Sr. and Maude Sentman. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

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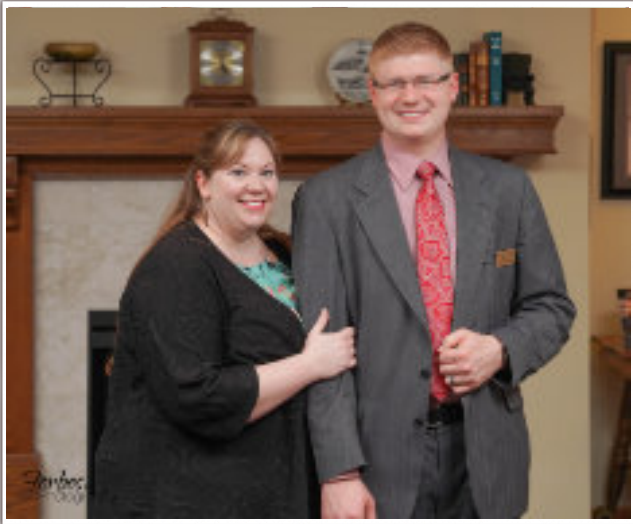
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Katherine "Katie" Renee Konsella

November 27, 1966 ~July 1, 2025

Katherine “Katie” Renee Konsella, 58, of Traverse City, passed away on July 1, 2025. Katie was born on November 27, 1966, in Traverse City, Michigan, to the late Carl and Doris (Keene) Martin. She graduated from Traverse City Central High School in 1984 and went on to attend Michigan State University to further her education. Later, she worked to teach the community about health and nutrition, something she felt passionate about. Katie had a deep love for music—especially rock ‘n’ roll—and during her teens and twenties, she sang in several local bands. She had an incredible voice and a gift for writing heartfelt, beautiful songs. One of her favorite hobbies was singing and playing guitar, bringing loved ones together, and filling gatherings with music and warmth. She loved sharing about different musical artists and their bands, often lighting up as she talked about their performances and the unique stories behind their songs. Katie delighted in learning and telling others about the history of musicians she admired, sharing details about their lives, the bands they were in, and the stories behind the music that meant so much to her.

During high school, Katie met the love of her life, Steve Martin Konsella. The two were married in 1986 and together raised five beloved children: Steven, Brittany, Kassandra, Nickolas, and Christian. Katie was a devoted and loving mother to her children who meant everything to her. She was also passionate about all airshows and fighter planes, particularly the Blue Angels, and enjoyed sharing her enthusiasm for fighter planes with anyone who would listen. Katie loved attending the harness races at the fairgrounds, watching the Kentucky Derby and other horse races, a hobby she shared with her father. She also loved listening to Ernie Harwell call the Detroit



Tigers game’s over the radio on sunny summer afternoons with her dad, a memory she cherished. Her deep affection for animals was evident in everything she did. Katie was an animal advocate who found joy in raising her horses and caring for her dogs, especially her beloved labs and husky. Even feeding the birds and squirrels meant so much to her, reflecting her heart of gold and the love she had for all animals.

Katie loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor. She rarely missed watching Saturday Night Live and enjoyed sharing a good laugh with those around her. Katie will be missed by all those who knew and loved her. Katie is survived by her loving children, Steven (Rachel) Konsella, Kassanda “Kassie” (boyfriend Steven Lyons) Konsella, Nickolas (Tamara) Konsella, Christian (Amber) Konsella, grandchildren, Reagan, Collyns, Alexandria, Syllis, Serenity, and Samson, her siblings, Cheryl Burnett, William (Susan) Dewar, Candace (Paul) Demianenko, her boyfriend Wayne (Pico) Mitchell Cockrum, Jr. of many years, and many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant daughter, Brittany, her husband Steve in 2014, her brothers Karl and Tom, and her brother-in-law Charlie Burnett.

A visitation will take place on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, beginning at 12:30 PM, followed by a funeral service at 1:30 PM. Katie will be laid to rest at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens, immediately following the service, with her husband Steve. Memorial contributions may be directed to her family. Please connect with @Steven-Konsella if you wish to help. Please share your thoughts and memories with her loved ones at reynolds-jonkhoff.com

Sharyl Lee Deveneau

September 2, 1973 ~ June 21, 2025

Sharyl Lee Deveneau, 51, of Alden, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on Saturday, June 21, 2025. She was born on September 2, 1973, in Grayling, Michigan, the daughter of Richard and Sylvia (Hittle) Miller. Sharyl’s greatest pride and joy were her children, who in her eyes were the best kids in the world. She had a knack for luck at the casino and enjoyed the hunt for treasures at garage sales. Sharyl loved both working and traveling. She was unapologetically honest, generous, and a bit sarcastic. She was actively involved in her community, including helping organize the annual Christmas in Kalkaska event as well as the Trout Festival Parade. She adored her dog, Daisy, who was always by her side. Sharyl will be lovingly remembered by her mother Sylvia



Miller, her children Nate (Lindsey Weber) Deveneau and Natalie Deveneau; siblings Brian (Karen) Miller, James Miller, Phillip (Tiffany) Miller, Jennifer (Scott) Miller, Chastity West, Derek (Christina) Miller; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Richard Miller and sister Rosemary Stover.

Visitation took place at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Friday evening, June 27, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The funeral service was held at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 11:00 am with a final visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial took place privately at Westwood Cemetery in Kalkaska. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Merlin Henry Shawnoskey Sr.

May 4, 1948 ~ June 24, 2025

Merlin Henry Shawnoskey Sr., 77, passed away at Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City, MI, on June 24th, 2025. Merlin was born on May 4th, 1948, in Northport, MI. He is the son of Frank and Nancy (Wonegeshik) Shawnoskey. He spent much of his childhood with his siblings Paul, Delilah, and Beverly. Merlin married the love of his life, Betty (Green) at the Methodist Church in Traverse City, MI, in May of 1972. Merlin and Betty resided around Traverse City for most of their lives. Merlin was the Greens Keeper at Elmbrook Golf course for over 30 years and finally retired from The Crown Golf Course after many years of service. Merlin was also a counselor at the Northport Church for many years. In his limited free time, he was an avid fisherman, who loved his time



spent on the water. He and Betty also loved resale shopping in their time spent together. A special thanks to all the nurses and staff that helped take care of Dad throughout the years. Merlin will be missed by all and remembered as a loving father, brother, grandfather, and friend. Merlin will be lovingly remembered by his children Melissa Green, Merlin (Tracie) Shawnoskey Jr., and Casey Shawnoskey; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty (Green) Shawnoskey in September of 2017; grandchildren Cherokee and Stephen Shawnoskey; and siblings Paul, Delilah, and Beverly. A private family ceremony will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Michael Francis "Mick" Houghton

September 12, 1947 ~ June 19, 2025

Mick passed in his sleep at home in Kingsley, Michigan. He was born in in Traverse City, Michigan to Francis “Frank” and Dorothy (Harrigan) Houghton. The youngest of seven, and the only son. He grew up and graduated from Kingsley Area School in 1965.

He proudly served in the US Air Force at the Clinton Sherman Air Force Base, Burns Flat, OK. He married Mary Ann Hudson of Kingsley, and together they had two children.

He loved to be outdoors. He shot sporting clays and hunted, which sometimes involved more naps than hunting. Farming and fishing were other favorites. More than anything he enjoyed his family and friends. Visiting and cookouts at the garage were always the best of times for Mick.

He had a big heart and would do anything for anyone. Good jokes and laughter abounded in his presence. He loved to poke fun and tease.

He met and married Alfreda “Freda” Russell and they were happily married for many years.



He retired as Postmaster of Buckley, Michigan enjoying his retirement fully.

Mick was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Dorothy, sisters, Joann (Ray) Bembeneck, Nancy (Charlie) Frye, Ruth (Charlie) Stevens, Margaret “Peg” (Bob) Knight, and Susan “Susie” Morgan and wife Freda. He is survived by his son, Chad Houghton and daughter Michelle “Shelli” Houghton. Grandchildren, Michael (Lorie) Houghton, Mykayla Houghton, Frank (Jaimie) Houghton, Lucas Ruszel, Sasha Ruszel, David (Amanda) Russell, Amanda (Steve) Storms, Matt Isaacson, and Ryan (Jen) Russell, and his dog Muffin. He had many great and great-great grandchildren.

A celebration of life with Military Honors will be held at the American Legion in Fife Lake, Michigan on Saturday July 26, 2025. A light lunch will be served from 11-2 pm. Please help us celebrate a life well lived. Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Daniel Ladd, PA-C, Joins Munson Healthcare Rheumatology

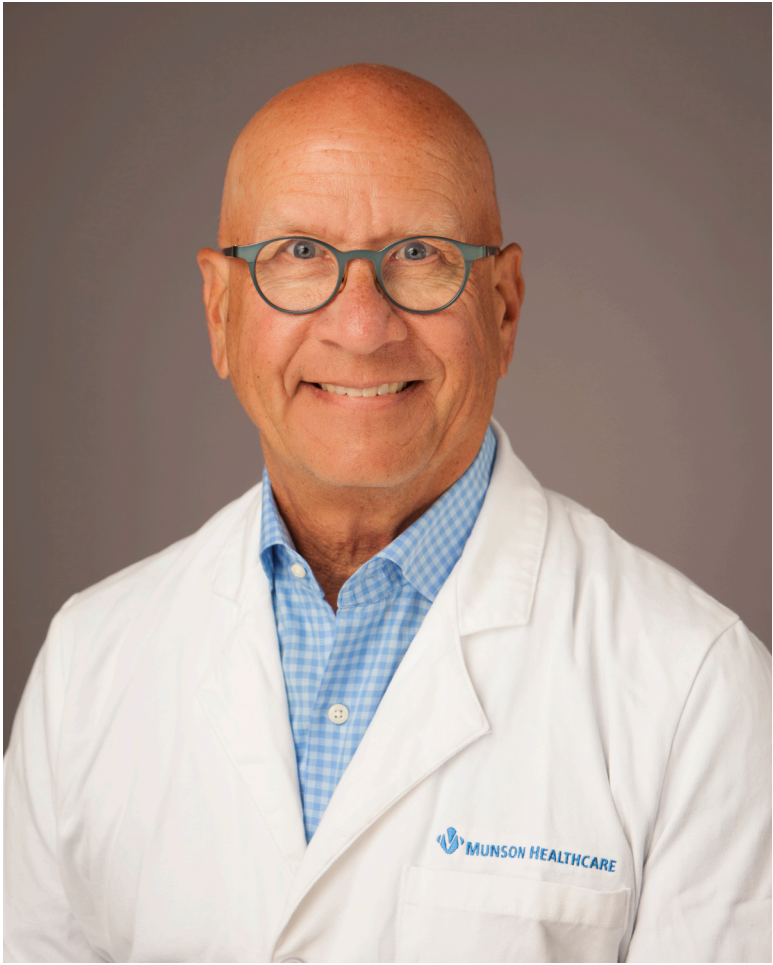
Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Daniel F. Ladd, PA-C, DFAAPA, to the clinical team at Munson Healthcare Rheumatology.

Dan appreciates the privilege of participating in patients’ lives and providing guidance, effective treatment, and a plan helping to improve their quality of life. He chose to pursue rheumatology because of the need for specialized care in the community.

“I am a friendly, kind, and compassionate provider who feels listening to patients’ concerns is paramount to the development of a strong and effective provider/patient relationship,” he says.

Dan earned his graduate education from Mercy College of Detroit and is board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Associates.

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July 1-30 – 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 July is “On the Night of the Shooting Star” by Amy Hest and Jenni Desmond.

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 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.

Through 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>

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 17, 10am. Story Time - Penguin Theme (baby-age 5) and Kids’ Crafts: Balancing Buddies (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 17, Friends of Alden District Library Monthly Meeting: 9:30am social time. Regular meeting begins at 10:00 am during which we will discuss plans for upcoming programs and activities, as well as, volunteer opportunities. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome. Held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden. 231-331-4318

July 17, 10:00AM – Color Our World: Botanical Prints with Jessi Reed. Celebrate the beauty of nature and creativity at the Bellaire Public Library with our own Jessi Reed in this special Summer Reading event for all ages! BPL, 11 S Bridge St, Bellaire.

July 18, 10:00AM @ BPL - #2 OF 2 BOOK DISCUSSIONS0. A Splash Of Color Book Club (Ages 16+). Join us, as part of our Color Our World theme, for a lively, book-loving experience where each participant will choose and read a book with a color in the title—think The Color Purple, White Oleander, or Anne of Green Gables. Pick your favorite genre—romance, mystery, memoir, sci-fi, etc., and let’s chat about the stories that speak to us. BPL, 11 S Bridge St, Bellaire.

July 21, 5-7PM @ BPL Color our World: Crochet & Create TWEEN & TEEN NIGHT AGES 10-17. Join us for a night of creativity, color, and connection! We’re hosting a crochet class just for tweens and teens. Whether you're brand new to crochet or already have some skills, this event is the perfect place to learn, hang out, and make something awesome. Please register. BPL, 11 S Bridge St, Bellaire

July 22, 3pm – Summer Reading Community Art Afternoon. Join the Kalkaska Library and several local organizations to participate in a series of art stations for all ages, including painting, pressing, chalk art, and more! Free event, all families are welcome to attend. Located on the Kalkaska Senior Center Lawn, 303 S. Coral St, Kalkaska. More info:(231) 258-9411 or info@kalkaskalibrary.org

July 22, 4pm – 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.

July 24, 10:00AM @ BPL Color Our World: Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party! Let’s end our Summer Reading adventure with a splash of color and a whole lot of fun! Join us for our Wrap-Up Celebration filled with games, crafts, and messy art stations where creativity can run wild. We’ll draw for prizes, honor our top readers, and enjoy a delicious lunch together. Then, we’ll wrap it all up with a Color Run, organized by Arleen Hocking and the Bellaire Cross Country Team — so wear white and get ready to get bright! Please register. BPL, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire.

July 24, 10am. Story Time - Under the Sea Theme (baby-age 5) and Kids’ Crafts: Salt Painting (ages 6-12) Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

July 25 & 26, 10am-4pm –Torch Area Artisans Guild: Quilt & Artisans Show and Boutique Sale. Many quilts and artisan items on display and for sale in the Boutique. All items were crafted by talented guild members. Free Admission. Held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden. Sponsored by Alden District Library, 231-331-4318.

July 26, 8:30am-2pm - Alden Men’s Club Annual Rummage Sale. Held at the Alden Community United Methodist Church, in the parking lot, in the garage, and on the lawn.

July 26, 2pm – Alden Days Parade. Help is needed from kids and adults to walk with the Library and Friends entry, “Turner” the Bookworm, in the Alden Days Parade. 1pm, meet at Helena Twp. Community Center to line up. For more details and to sign-up, call the library at 231-331-4318.

July 31, 10am. Story Time – Ice Cream Cone Theme (baby-age 5) and Kids’ Crafts: Recycled Rubber Band Car (ages 6-12). Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

Alden

Alden United Methodist Church
9015 Helena Rd, Alden
Sunday morning:
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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
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10:30 am - Worship Service
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Church of Christ at Spencer
4761 Western Ave SE, Kalkaska
Sunday
9:30 am - Sunday School, all ages
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6:00 pm - Evening Assembly
Wednesday
7:00 pm - Bible study - all ages

Kalkaska Church of Christ
1725 W Kalkaska Rd, Kalkaska
Sunday morning:
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9:00 &10:30 am
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10:30 am - Faith Training
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Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene
1367 W Kalkaska Rd, Kalkaska
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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

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10228 South US 131, Mancelona
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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
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Williamsburg United Methodist Church
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By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
A \$64 question

23 June 2003
Dear Mark,

A few questions if I may regarding progressive, networked slot machines. If player A is playing in one location, and player B in another, are the odds of hitting a jackpot the same? Does one machine know what the other machine is paying?
Now the \$64 (obviously much more on a progressive machine) question: What would happen if two players hit a progressive, network slot machine before it was reset? Amber D.

Well, Amber, so long as Players A and B are playing for the same single jackpot, both machines must have the same chance of coughing up that jackpot. This applies to machines linked to other machines on the same bank, inside the same casino, over a network of machines in different casinos, and even to machines in different cities-a clear benefit for closet-gamblers.
All small jackpots are paid directly at and by the casino or by the machine itself, while the progressive jackpot is paid from a "progressive pot" which is generally set at 5-10 percent of the value of all coins inserted.
That amount rises until some serendipitous soul hits the big enchilada. Each machine is controlled internally by its own EPROM, the programmed drill sergeant, and is unaware of what is happening on other machines. Coded into the machine's internal software (technically, its "gizzards") are instructions to send a certain percentage (5-10%) of the total input value into the jackpot.
As to your \$64 question, yes, the extraterrestrial possibility exists that when Player A hits the jackpot, Player B could hit the same jackpot milliseconds later, before the jackpot is reset to its starting amount.
These mega-jackpots can go months, if not years before being hit, so the possibilities of this happening are I'll-eat-my-hat unfathomable, about the same as

for a needle falling onto a bottle with a ship model inside and balancing on its point for seven years.
But, if the astronomically improbable did happen, the first winner would win the jackpot and the second, or P-O'd winner, would get the starting amount of the new reset jackpot.
Incidentally, Amber, did you know the "sixty-four dollar" question has gambling roots? It originated from a popular radio quiz show in the U.S. in the 1940s that offered \$64 as the top prize. The first question carried a prize of \$1, and the prize amount doubled with each successive question: \$2, 4, 8, 16, and 32, culminating in the \$64 question. Later, corporate suits thought that too measly a win and upped it to the "sixty-four thousand dollar" question you are probably familiar with.
Dear Mark,
From your column and my last few casino visits, I have just discovered, and now enjoy playing, Three-card Poker. Just how long has three-card poker been around? Mike B.

In 1994, Derek Webb developed Three Card Poker, initially for British casinos. But it soon emigrated across the Pond and can now be found everywhere in the States. Its ancient lineage traces to a popular British game called Brag, one of the many proud ancestors of poker. Edmond Hoyle had written about Brag as early as 1751.
In 1999, ShuffleMaster acquired Three Card Poker. Many like yourself enjoy the fast pace, favorable odds, and high frequency of winning hands in Three Card Poker. According to ShuffleMaster, Three Card Poker is now the country's fastest-growing specialty table game, both in units played and in revenue generated.

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Gambling quote of the week:
"Taunting the odds is a little sexy, a little dangerous, and straddles the line between unimagined success and nauseating failure." Chad Millman, The Odds



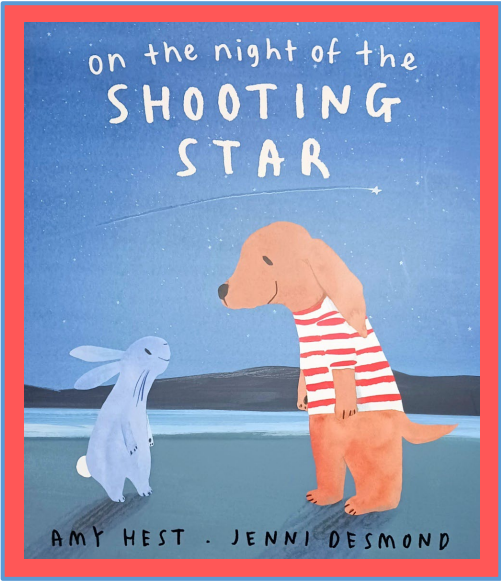
Sudoku Puzzle
July 11, 2025

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Solution on page 15

StoryWalk®

presented by Alden District Library
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 =

Is it Depression and Anxiety or Something Else?

In my work as a therapist, people will often call me looking for help with anxiety and depression. When we dig a bit deeper, they will sometimes tell me that they went to their doctor about this, and they were put on anti-anxiety and anti-depression drugs. This is, after all, the standard of care. The new client will sometimes tell me that they do feel less depressed and less anxious, but now they just sit around on the couch, unable to move with nothing but their thoughts to keep them company...and often they don't make for great company!

When I hear this, my experience has taught me to look a little deeper. Immobility is not the outcome that we should be looking for from any psychiatric drug therapy. What we want is better functioning not less. Could the two drugs be just medicating symptoms and not the actual cause? Well, of course, this is a possibility, so what we need is to get to the root of the issue.

In many of these clients, after some further assessment, it's discovered that they have undiagnosed or untreated ADHD or ADD. How does this present in a person's life?

Common Signs of Undiagnosed Adult ADHD

- Chronic procrastination or disorganization
- Difficulty sustaining attention (even on things you enjoy)
- Frequently feeling mentally "scattered" or overwhelmed
- Poor time management
- Restlessness or emotional impulsivity

At its core, people with ADHD or ADD have a problem starting, doing or finishing things, and it is easy to see how this could lead to frustration, anxiety and even depression. Treating the symptoms does not get to the core reasons that a client feels these ways, but luckily there are other strategies available.

If you or someone you love has been diagnosed with ADHD or ADD, here are some suggestions:

Daily Functioning Tips

- **Use external structure:** calendars, visual timers, and alarms
- **Break tasks into micro-steps:** tackle "start the laundry" instead of "clean the house"

- **Body-doubling:** Work alongside a friend or coworker (even virtually) to increase focus
- **Seek professional assessment** if symptoms impact your relationships, job, or well-being
- **Drug Therapies:** These are a last resort, but many patients see great results from stimulant medications.

ADHD isn't a character flaw—it's simply a different way of processing the world. With the right tools, support, and self-compassion, adult ADHD or ADD can become something you manage, not something that defines you.

-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.

Additional Obituaries on pages 4, & 5

Frederic Martin Martinson

August 17, 1969 ~ June 30, 2025

Frederic M. Martinson, 55, of South Boardman, passed away on Friday, June 30, 2025. He was born on August 17, 1969, in Traverse City, Michigan, to the late Harold and Dorothy (Warren) Martinson.



both of South Boardman; niece Sarah (Robert) Captain of Traverse City with great-nieces Skyler (Alex) Madden of Hinesville, GA, Haiden Barfield of Traverse City; and Niece Ashley (Jacob) Cummer of South Boardman with great-nieces Lexi and Laci and great-nephew Sawyer Cummer.

Fred graduated from Forest Area High School in 1987. During his school years, he was active in sports, played in the band, and participated in the Boy Scouts. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Though his military career was brief, it made him an avid patriot. Following his service, he entered the construction industry where he spent his working career. Fred served as a volunteer with the Kalkaska Fire Department where he received several certificates. In 1993, he married Pam Smith (Helsel). Although their marriage did not last, they had renewed their friendship in recent years. Together, they had one son, Alex, who enjoyed playing soccer during his school years.

He will be lovingly remembered by his son Alex Martinson of Traverse City; sisters Teresa (Ray) Captain and Angie Martinson,

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the Kalkaska Dialysis Center for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, Fred requested that memorial contributions be made to the American Legion Post #463, PO Box 1, South Boardman, MI 49680.

A memorial service will take place at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 12:00 pm with a visitation from 10:00 am until the time of service. A committal service will follow at Boardman Township Cemetery followed by a luncheon at the American Legion Post #463 in South Boardman.

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

Lynda M. Callesen

January 3, 1960 ~ June 30, 2025

Lynda Marie Callesen, 65, of Mancelona, passed away on Monday, June 30, 2025. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm at Kalkaska Funeral Home, with

visitation beginning at 11:00 am until the time of service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR



Upcoming events of the Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR

July 19, 2025 - 111th Chapter Anniversary.
North Flight Aero Med.

August 16, 2025 - constitution Week Pep Talk -
Beth Pack & Tina Fields

September 20, 2025 - America 250!
Themed program.

October 18, 2025 - Pumpkin decorating
(pumpkins go to veterans homes)

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

To place a classified ad, or a display ad,

Email: tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com

or call: 231-322-2787 or 231-645-0244

Federal grant funding withheld from summer camp and after school programs

Northern Michigan youth could lose up to \$5.665 million



TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. - July 8, 2025 - The federal government is currently withholding states' Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV, Part B) (21CCLC) funding for local after school and summer programs for the 2025-2026 school year "under review."

SEEDS Ecology and Education Centers uses 21CCLC grants to provide free after school programming to 12 rural Northern Michigan schools. Each 21CCLC grant runs on a five year cycle. This pause in funding threatens summer camps currently operating and could force some programs to close before the school year begins. In addition to other youth programming, SEEDS serves over 500 students each year using 21CCLC funding.

"We are in the middle of our summer camp sessions right now," explained EcoSchool Program Director, Sandy Ehlers. "Field trips and activities have been scheduled for months. Parents have planned on this program and students have been looking forward to it. It is unacceptable to withhold the funds that were already approved."

21CCLC funding for the 2025-2026 school year for 10,000 programs across the country was scheduled to be released to the states on July 1. On June 30, the federal administration sent a memo to states in reference to 21CCLC, and four other formula grants, asserting that the Department of Education will not be issuing the funds for these programs prior to completing a review of the programs.

These funds were appropriated by Congress in the FY25 funding bill signed into law by the President on March 15, 2025. The delay caused by this review could immediately impact the 40,000 students in Michigan served by 21CCLC grants and nearly 1.4 million students across the country.

In addition to the withholding of funds for this school year, it appears that the remaining years of the five-year grant period will not be fulfilled. The Fiscal Year 2025 reconciliation bill that just passed through Congress effectively zeroes out 21CCLC funding for after school programs.

SEEDS Executive Director, Sarna Salzman, states: "This is a devastating loss for our rural students and their families. This funding was awarded to provide support for students' academic success, attendance, mental health, and career readiness. Now, our youth are being denied up to \$5,665,000 intended to serve K12 students in Benzie, Kaleva, Mesick, Fife Lake, Kalkaska, and Marion between now and summer 2029."

According to the Afterschool Alliance, unmet demand for after school programs in Michigan has reached an all-time high, with more than 751,000 children who would be enrolled in a program if one were available to them. Demand for after school in Michigan surges as parents see key benefits from after school, including keeping kids safe, helping them learn and grow, and providing peace of mind for working families. As families face barriers to participation, such as cost and accessibility, there is strong support behind public funding for after school programs.

ABOUT SEEDS ECOLOGY & EDUCATION CENTERS:

SEEDS Ecology & Education Centers is a 501c3 nonprofit organization formed in 1999 to implement local solutions to today's global challenges at the intersection of ecology, education and community design. SEEDS exists to foster healthy, vibrant communities filled with clean food, great kids, and helpful neighbors. Find us at www.ecoseeds.org or @SEEDSTC on Facebook and Instagram.

Article submitted by: Sarna Salzman
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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

Teen Book Club - at the Kalkaska County Library. Teens ages 14-18 are welcome to join us to read and discuss books with friends. Snacks will be provided! Contact (231) 258-9411 or info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more info.
When: 3rd Thu, 3:30pm

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

REFLECTION

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

The strongest force

July 11, 2025

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John 13:34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

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This simple command takes a lot more strength than many people realize. It’s easy to love sometimes and at other times it is a daunting task. To love is to accept vulnerability. For it is only one you love who can truly hurt you.

Although some may consider vulnerability a sign of weakness, I maintain that it takes strength and self confidence to accept the risk of being open enough to another that the other could hurt you. Yet without that strength, without that risk, you would completely miss out on the joy of loving and being loved.

Isn’t that the essence of what each of us truly wants in life – to love and be loved?

I am grateful for the courage of my pastors who consistently preach the concept of overwhelming one’s enemies with love. Even though it may not feel to me as though the love I show to someone who does not love me, or

maybe even despises me, I keep at it. For those pastors keep pointing me to the words of Jesus about love and kindness heaping burning coals upon the heads of enemies. That’s a confusing concept to me, but I have read a possible explanation. Apparently, there was in ancient Egypt a custom of carrying a pan of burning coals on one’s head as a sign of repentance. So, the idea is that by being consistently kind to those who abuse us, we will make them ashamed of themselves and they will repent – with or without burning coals.

Usually, I get along with most of the people I meet. But, I do have in my world two people I know of who despise me. They both have said it is because I am “too nice.” I don’t know how it is possible for someone to be too nice. I get how a person can be not nice enough. But, too nice? What does that even mean? I’ve been practicing showing them both kindness and love. I don’t know if I’m softening them up at all, but I do know that I like me better as a nice person than I would like me as a mean person. And, ultimately, isn’t that what it comes down to?

Thais past week, with all the holiday celebration, and the gathering of neighbors, friends, and several generations of family,

provided ample opportunity for sharing love. I, for one, absolutely luxuriated in the snuggles, hugs, and kisses of a bunch of grandkids. They are, one by one, finding their life partners, too, and I got to enjoy welcoming them into the family.

By the time we gather again next year, there will be a couple more weddings, and maybe even a baby or two. Who knows? Circumstances change, but the one thing that does not change is the deep love I have for each of them. Family, by birth or by choice, is still family.

I’m not saying that everything went off smoothly just as planned. Of course not. There were missteps and hassles, but they don’t change the love. Love is way stronger than the difficulties and challenges life puts in our way. And that’s the whole point – it is the strongest force after all.

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields
Editor

Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue’s questions

- 1) When was the Constitution signed and sent out to the states for ratification?
A. September 17, 1787.
- 2) What do we generally call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
A. The Bill of Rights.
- 3) Why do we celebrate July 4 as the birthday of America?
A. Because the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776.
- 4) Who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?
A. Thomas Jefferson.

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) Let’s look at flag etiquette. Where will you find the rules of respect for the flag?
- 2) To whom or what can the flag be dipped to show respect?
- 3) Why are we careful not to let the flag touch the ground?
- 4) Can we use the flag the same way we use decorative bunting?



Everything in this paper
is important
to somebody



County of Kalkaska
Department of Veterans Affairs
In the Kalkaska County Senior Center
303 S Coral St, P.O. Box 1204, Kalkaska, MI 49646
veterans@kalkaskacounty.org
phone: 231-258-3370

Our office is available to assist Veterans, their spouses and dependents in obtaining any and all Federal, State and County benefits they may be eligible to receive.
Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This project funded by the
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency



COFFEE TIME for VETERANS

Free coffee & donuts
Second Wednesday Each Month
9 to 11 am

Kalkaska Senior Center
303 S. Coral St

Hosted by American Legion Post 480
Contact-Darel at 258-9445

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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- 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.
- 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
- 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 Power of Friendship in Northern Michigan: A Lifelong Bond

By Dominic Fortuna

In the picturesque landscapes of Northern Michigan, where the sun dips into the horizon and paints the sky with hues of crimson and gold, something truly special happens. It's not just the breathtaking beauty of the region that draws people in, but the warmth and camaraderie of its people. Here, friendships are forged that last a lifetime, and the bonds between individuals become as strong as family ties.

For those who have had the privilege of living and working in Northern Michigan, the friendships formed in this enchanting region are a treasured part of their lives. Whether it's the kitchen staff at a resort, the bartenders who greet familiar faces with a warm smile, or the summer lovers who find each other in the clubs and on the beaches, the connections made here are deep and meaningful.

In the bustling kitchens of Northern Michigan's resorts and restaurants, friendships are born out of the chaos and camaraderie of a fast-paced work environment. The kitchen staff, often working long hours under pressure, form strong bonds as they rely on each other to deliver exceptional service. These friendships are not limited to the workplace; they often extend far beyond, with colleagues becoming lifelong friends.

Bartenders, too, play a significant role in forming connections that transcend the typical customer-server relationship. As they greet patrons from all over the world, they anticipate the return of vacationers every season, sealing a bond of friendship across oceans and throughout the country. The stories they share, the laughter they exchange, and the memories they create become an integral part of the fabric of Northern Michigan's hospitality industry.

The summer months in Northern Michigan are a time of romance and adventure. The clubs and beaches come alive with music, laughter, and the sound of waves crashing against the shore. It's here that summer loves are found, and the bonds formed during these carefree days can last a lifetime. The freedom and joy of summer in Northern Michigan create an atmosphere where people come together, and connections are made that defy the boundaries of time and distance.

The Magic of Northern Michigan

There's something undeniably magical about Northern Michigan. The region's natural beauty, combined with the warmth of its people, creates an atmosphere where friendships flourish. Whether you're a local or a visitor, the region's charm is undeniable. For those who call Northern Michigan home, the friendships formed here are a precious part of their lives, and the memories

created will be cherished forever.

The bond of the local community in Northern Michigan is strong, and it's not uncommon for friendships formed in high school to last a lifetime. The region's tight-knit communities foster an environment where people look out for one another, and the connections made here are genuine and lasting. Whether you're a resorter, a local, or a visitor, the friendships formed in Northern Michigan will stay with you forever.

A Summer to Remember

As we enjoy the magic of summer in Northern Michigan, we're reminded of the power of friendships and the bonds that last a lifetime. Whether you're a local or a visitor, the region's charm is undeniable, and the connections made here will stay with you forever. So let's cherish the friendships, the romance, and the memories created during this special time of year. Let's appreciate the beauty of Northern Michigan and the people who make it so special.

In the end, it's the friendships we form, the love we share, and the memories we create that make life truly special. Northern Michigan, with its breathtaking landscapes and warm-hearted people, is a place where these bonds are forged, and the magic of friendship comes alive. As we look out at the rolling hills, the sparkling lakes, and the sun-kissed beaches, we're reminded of the power of friendship and the memories that will last a lifetime.

Kind of reminds me of a beautiful romantic summer song I once played a role in...

Summer nights - Grease the musical!



Summer loving had me a blast
Summer loving happened so fast
I met a girl crazy for me
Met a boy cute as can be

Summer days drifting away
To-ah! Oh, the summer nights
Well-a, well-a, well-a, huh

Tell me more, tell me more
Did you get very far?
Tell me more, tell me more
Like does he have a car?

Uh huh (doo doo)
Uh huh (doo doo)
Uh huh (doo doo doo doo doo)

She swam by me, she got a cramp
He ran by me, got my suit damp

I saved her life, she nearly drowned
He showed off, splashing around
Summer sun, something's begun
But ah! Oh, the summer nights
Well-a, well-a, well-a, huh

Tell me more, tell me more
Was it love at first sight?
Tell me more, tell me more
Did she put a fight?

Dow, doobie do, doobie do
Doobie, doobie, doobie
Dow, doobie do, doobie do
Doobie, doobie, doobie, dow

Took her bowling in the Arcade
We went strolling, drank lemonade
We made out under the dock
We stayed up 'til ten o'clock
Summer fling, don't mean a thing
But ah! Oh, the summer nights
Whoa, whoa, whoa

Tell me more, tell me more
But you don't gotta brag
Tell me more, tell me more
'Cause he sounds like a drag

Shoo bop bop, shoo bop bop
Shoo bop bop, shoo bop bop
Shoo bop bop, shoo bop bop
Shoo bop bop, yeah!

He got friendly, holding my hand
Well, she got friendly down in the sand
He was sweet, just turned eighteen
Well, she was good, you know what I mean

Summer heat, boy and girl meet
But ah! Oh, the summer nights
Whoa, whoa, whoa

Tell me more, tell me more
How much dough did he spend?
Tell me more, tell me more
Could she get me a friend?

It turned colder, that's where it ends
So I told her we'd still be friends
Then we made our true love vow
Wonder what she's doing now

Summer dreams ripped at the seams
But, oh
Those summer
Nights!

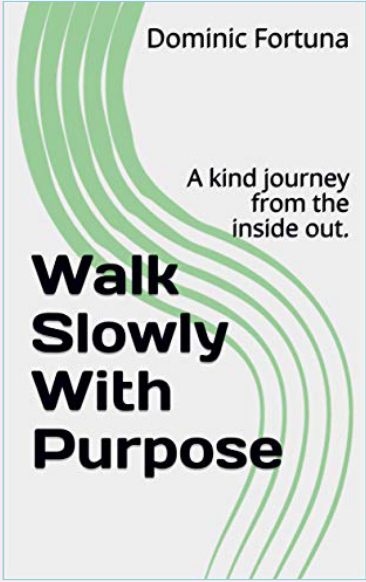
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Kalkaska County Townships:

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
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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
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5	1	8	2	7	6	9	3	4
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Washington Center for Economic Growth Report

LANSING, Mich. – Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer highlighted three reports from the Washington Center for Economic Growth, the Commonwealth Fund, and Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) finding that cuts to Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the Congressional Republicans’ budget bill will hurt local economies across the country. Specifically, cutting Medicaid and SNAP by \$1.2 trillion over ten years could cost American cities up to \$120 billion per year in lost local income and 1.6 million local jobs.

“Republican cuts to Medicaid and SNAP will rip healthcare away from our most vulnerable friends and family and create a ripple effect that cuts jobs and drives up costs for middle class Americans,” said Governor Whitmer. “With fewer people able to afford groceries or pay their hospital bill, local communities will lose spending, business, and jobs. Raising costs for working families to pay for a tax cut for the rich is unacceptable. I’ll keep working with anyone to lower costs, create jobs, and protect access to affordable, quality health care.”

Republican tax and budget plans will cut Medicaid and SNAP, making it harder to get by,” said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. “These cuts aren’t abstract. They will show up in skipped prescriptions, empty grocery carts, and kids going to school hungry. While the rich get more tax breaks, working Michiganders will be left behind. Let’s keep Standing Tall to protect access to the resources and programs Michigan families need to succeed.”

“The cuts to Medicaid included in this bill will

result in the loss of healthcare access throughout all of Michigan,” said Brian Peters, CEO of Michigan Health & Hospital Association. “Healthcare providers will be forced to reduce services, impacting all Michiganders and harming the health and wellness of our communities.”

Impact of Medicaid Cuts on Michigan’s Economy

The Washington Center for Economic Growth’s report found Medicaid makes up an average of 11.2% of the economic base of regions nationwide. In Michigan, Medicaid contributes roughly as much to metropolitan Detroit as the auto industry. As such, Republican cuts to Medicaid would be devastating for local economies.

According to a report by Commonwealth Fund, by 2029, Michigan’s gross domestic product would drop by \$3.57 billion. Coupled with the loss of \$2.95 billion in federal funding, individuals employed by the hospital will be negatively impacted. Hospital workers, doctors, and mental health care providers who utilize Medicaid dollars will lose out on financial support and potentially lose their jobs altogether, hurting their ability to participate in their local economy. With fewer people purchasing groceries, local economies will begin to decline.

In Michigan, the healthcare industry is the largest private-sector employer, making a more than \$100 billion impact to our economy. A report from the MHA found that the hospital industry creates more than one million jobs, directly and indirectly, contributing \$79 billion

a year in wages, salaries and benefits and an additional \$23.6 billion a year in tax revenue. Hospitals alone create more than 222,000 jobs and \$10.7 billion a year in tax revenue. Republican cuts could lead to the loss of 17,300 jobs in health care and another 16,100 in other jobs indirectly tied to those in the industry. In total, these cuts will result in more than 33,000 Michiganders’ ability to participate in their local economy and slashing open good-paying, local jobs across the state.

Impact of SNAP Cuts on Local Economies

The Washington Center for Economic Growth’s report also detailed impacts of the Republican budget bill’s cuts to SNAP on local economies across the country. Many SNAP recipients will no longer be able to afford their groceries, meaning grocery stores will lose out on key revenue. This will impact their ability to pay their employees, buy food from suppliers, and afford other business expenditures, threatening their operations entirely. Shuttering grocery stores will also have a wider ripple effect, hurting farmers and manufacturers who rely on these stores for income.

Combined with Republican cuts to Medicaid, Michigan faces a total GDP loss of \$4.53 billion and a loss of 41,500 total jobs. All together, these job losses will force Michigan to lose out on \$319 million in state and local tax revenue.

The report can be found here: <https://equitablegrowth.org/medicaid-and-snap-cuts-in-congressional-republicans-budget-bill-will-negatively-impact-local-economies/>

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