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To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. ~ Audrey Hepburn

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Rapid City Heritage Festival 2025

The Rapid City Heritage Festival, revived a few years ago through the inspiration and efforts of a small group of citizens, spearheaded by Andrew Hulburt, held its fourth celebration, July 16-19, 2025. With live music performances, a car show, a petting zoo, bounce houses, various crafter and information booths, butterfly releases on Friday, and a Saturday parade and chicken dinner, the four-day festival was a grand community party. We may be a small town, but we a re mighty in spirit.

With the township supervisor, Jim Leffew, leading the Saturday parade as the flag-bearer, a visit from the 2025 National Cherry Queen, Ainslee Hewitt, and young country music star Tyler Gitchel, to kick-off the festival, this year’s celebration had entertainment for all.



2025 National Cherry Queen Ainslee Hewitt and Clearwater Township Supervisor Jim Leffew.



The Leap of Faith Gymnastics team is ready for the parade.



Judy Seaver chauffeurs the Grand Marshalls, Tina & Larry Fields, in her bright red Mustang convertible..



The Ice Cream Man was in demand every day. This is summer after all.

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

OUT & ABOUT

Editor’s note: *This space is free to community organizations to promote events which are of benefit to the residents in and around Kalkaska County. Email your information to tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com 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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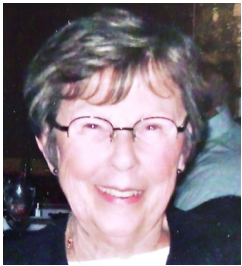
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OBITUARIES

Susan H Schuler

March 30, 1937 ~ July 2, 2025

Susan Hattendorf Schuler – the beloved wife and life partner of 50 years to Dave Schuler; extraordinary mother to Sue Schuler, Barbara (Ethan) Canin, Kurt (Diane) Schuler, and Sarah (Daniel) McNamara, and a dear, adoring grandmother “Gonny” to Hayden & Jack McNamara, Isabel & Liam Schuler, Amiela, Ayla, & Misha Canin, and Tori (Charles) Bloomer & Katie (Alex) Rushlow – passed away on Wednesday, July 2, at the age of 88, encircled by her family and the love of her friends.



Education Center.

As one of the Torch Lake “Woodswomen” with her dear friends and fellow nature-lovers, she delighted in exploring every habitat in northern Michigan and beyond – the dunes, the wetlands, the forests, the meadows, and all of the plants and creatures who live there. Her dedication to environmental stewardship and advocacy led her to open The Nature Connection, a shop in Alden, where she sold books and gifts that allowed her to reach larger audiences and to teach others – especially children – about the importance of the natural world.

During various seasons in her life, Sue was an enthusiastic tennis player, an expert bridge player, a committed piano student, an avid reader and lover of literature, and a deeply thoughtful seeker on the path of the spirit. This seeker’s soulfulness informed so much of her life and her way of being in the world.

Always ready to offer a warm smile and a kind word, she exemplified compassion, acceptance, grace, and generosity of spirit. Sue’s magic was in the quiet care she showed to the people and the world around her. Everything she touched, she made better.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Nancy Wingard, her daughter Sue, and her husband Dave. She is survived by her children Barbara, Kurt, and Sarah and their spouses, her nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering in celebration of Sue’s life will be held on August 31, 2025 from 2-5pm, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, at her cottage on Torch Lake. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the new Childrens’ Nature Playground being built at the Grass River Natural Area.

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

Dale Lee Nolff

October 20, 1954 ~ July 11, 2025

Dale Lee Nolff, 70, of South Boardman, passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025. He was born on October 20, 1954, in Grand Rapids, to the late Harry and Elizabeth (Chambers) Nolff.



Dale was known for his generous spirit—always willing to help anyone with anything. He valued his independence and lived life on his own terms. He had a passion for racing and loved visiting the Bristol Speedway and spending time in Tennessee with family. A motorcycle enthusiast, Dale also had a deep love for animals and was devoted to his family. He remained close with his parents, lovingly cared for his mother, and was a loyal friend and uncle.

He will be deeply missed by his siblings Geri Daddles, Beverly Maloney, and Bart Nolff; his special nieces Kathy (Phil) Campbell and Colleen Dalman; great-niece Dee Shepardson; several other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; his special friend Kathy Kruse; his good friend Brett Williams; and his beloved dog and buddy, Ben, in Tennessee.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; his twin sister, Gail Mousseau; and his brothers, Richard Nolff and Ted Nolff.

A memorial service will be held in September. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Rex C. Allen

September 18, 1948 ~ July 13, 2025

Rex C. Allen, 76, of Dawson Springs, KY, passed away unexpectedly at his summer home in Kalkaska, MI, on July 13th, 2025. Rex was born in 1948 in Jackson, MI. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and also served in the Vietnam War. He is survived by his spouse Theresa of 47 years; daughter Liana; son Troy; granddaughter Shylah; and siblings Michael (Patty) Allen and Juanita (Gary) Pampuch. Rex was a proud Marine “Semper Fi”. He will be remembered for his love of hunting and fishing, his sense of



humor, his infectious laugh, and his dedication to his family. A graveside service will be held at Aldrich Cemetery, Somerset Center, MI on September 17th at 11AM. A luncheon will follow at American Legion Post 324 in Michigan Center. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Bay Cliff Health Camp, donations may be sent to Bay Cliff Health Camp, PO Box 310, Big Bay, Michigan 49808 or by going to their website <https://baycliff.org/support/>. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Robert Lee Garrow Jr.

June 13, 1970 ~ June 24, 2025

Born to his father, Robert Lee Garrow Sr., and mother, Sharon Lee Garrow, Robert Lee Garrow Jr. passed away on June 24, 2025, at the age of 55.



Rob was an avid hunter, triathlete, skier, and entrepreneur. He is survived by his parents, Sharon and Robert Sr., and his two siblings, Mishelle Vos and James Garrow. His

brother, Brian Lee Garrow, predeceased him. He leaves behind five beloved children: Victoria, Isabella, Alexandra, Jacob, and Ranger.

Private services were held.

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Donna May Summers

January 14, 1937 ~ July 8, 2025

Donna May Summers, age 88, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. She was born to the late Cecil and Martha (Barker) Walling in Lansing, Michigan on January 14, 1937.

She married Stanley K. Summers, he preceded her in passing on July 14, 2018.

Donna loved to play cards, crochet, and go camping with her family.

She is survived by her daughter Leslie Summers; several nieces,

nephews, great nieces and nephews; sister Florence (Conley) Addington.

Donna was preceded in passing by siblings Bonnie, Thelma, Marie, and James.

A private graveside service will be held in Rose Hill Cemetery where she will be laid to rest by many other dear family members.

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Billy Edward Little

October 5, 1980 ~ July 11, 2025

Billy Edward Little, age 44, of Flint, Michigan, passed away on July 11, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unforgettable memories.



Born on October 5, 1980, in Flint, Michigan, Billy was the cherished son of Janet Little and the late Billy Little. Affectionately known by many as “Bo,” he was a man whose presence could fill a room with warmth, laughter, and unforgettable stories.

He is survived by his daughter, Keira Little. Though their time together was limited, Keira remained an important part of Billy’s heart throughout his life.

Billy shared a close and loving bond with his sisters, Tina Mosher (Bryan) and Lisa Compson (Bodie), and was a beloved uncle to his nieces and nephews: Brandon Washburn (Maria), Blake Washburn, Brianna Washburn, Bryan Washburn, and Macy Compson. He was also a proud great-uncle to Vivian Washburn, Maelyn Washburn, and Scotlynn Washburn.

He also leaves behind his loving girlfriend, Brooke Handy, who stood faithfully by his side and filled his days with care and companionship. Billy formed a special bond with Brooke’s children, Mahryea and Aiden, whom he cared for deeply and loved as his own. He also held great affection and respect for Brooke’s parents, who welcomed him into their lives with kindness and warmth.

Billy was a proud and hardworking member of both Iron Workers Local 25 and Sheet Metal Workers Local 7. He took great pride in his craft and built

his career with strength, skill, and determination.

Outside of work, Bo was just as strong in spirit and even more unforgettable. He was known for turning even the most awkward or difficult moments into something funny. He had a natural gift for lightening heavy situations, often using humor to ease tension and bring comfort to those around him. His quick wit and ability to laugh — even in hard times — made him someone people naturally turned to.

He fought fiercely for the people he loved and never hesitated to stand up for what he believed in. Billy was always up for an adventure — whether it was trying out a wild idea, riding his motorcycle down open roads, or embracing the unexpected with curiosity and courage.

He was also a passionate sports fan who proudly rooted for the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions — no matter the score. Game days were important to him, and cheering on his teams was just another way he shared excitement and connection with the people around him.

He had a spontaneous spirit and a loyal heart, and he lived his life with boldness, humor, and deep affection for those close to him.

At this time, there is no service scheduled, but the family plans to celebrate and honor Billy’s life at a later date.

In remembrance of Billy, the family kindly invites you to plant a tree or flower as a living tribute to his memory.

Though gone too soon, Billy will be remembered always for the love he gave and the light he shared.

William D. Gurley

December 12, 1954 ~ July 8, 2025

William Donald Gurley, 70, of South Boardman, passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. He was born on December 12, 1954, in Seminole, Oklahoma, to the late Roy and Margaret (Langston) Gurley. On



July 16, 1994, Bill married Darla Angell Gurley. He embraced his role as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather with open arms and a full heart. To Bill, there were no "stepchildren" — only family. Bill was a hardworking and caring man, known for his generous spirit and the deep love he had for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had a passion for sunshine and a zest for life that was evident in all he did. A natural storyteller, Bill loved to make people laugh and found joy in dancing, riding Harleys with friends and family, playing dominoes, and taking road trips. He was proudly known as “Wild Bill Gurley” by everyone in the patch. A true family man, Bill stood firmly for what he believed in and never hesitated to defend those he loved. He often spoke

fondly of his Oklahoma roots and would return often. His beloved dogs, Annie and Shadow, were his loyal companions and held a special place in his heart. Bill will be lovingly remembered by his wife Darla; children: William

Jr. (Misty) Gurley, Angel Tracey and Tanya (Robert) Nichols; grandchildren: Kirey (Savannah) Marsh, Mekhi Marsh, Alex Chambers, Destiny Chambers, Angeline Chambers and James Gurley; great-grandchildren: Waylon Marsh, Kolten Marsh, Willow Chambers, Khai Gurley and Malcolm Gurley; brothers David Gurley and Mike (Paula) Gurley; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Mark Gurley, grandson William Cross Gurley and several Dowell comrades. A Celebration of Life will take place at the Kalkaska Moose Lodge on Sunday, July 27, 2025 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Richard Lester Dean

August 31, 1943 ~ July 13, 2025

In Loving Memory of Richard Lester Dean ("Dick")



Dick Dean, aged 81, graduated to Heaven on July 13, 2025, joyfully reunited with his beloved wife, Diane E. Dean. Born in Jeddo, he journeyed through life in Grand Blanc and Kalkaska, Michigan, leaving behind an enduring legacy of love, kindness, and joy.

A dedicated family man, Dick lived for the cherished moments with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. An avid outdoorsman, he found peace in nature, whether it was hunting, fishing, camping, or simply strolling through the woods. His love for life extended to bowling and lively card games, where the thrill was not just in winning but in sharing laughter with those, he held dear.

Dick shared a beautiful life with his best friend and soulmate, Diane Fulcher, whom he married on July 5, 1963, in Jeddo, Michigan. Together, they built a loving home and family. He is survived by his son Richard J. Dean, wife Margo (Slusher) Dean, and daughter, April L. Dean. April blessed him with adored grandchildren: Shandel (Steven) Sorenson, William L. Wells Jr., Jessica R. Wells, and great-

grandchildren: Brysen, Owen, Ezra, Carson, Sophia, Roman, and Lukas.

Preceded in death by his cherished wife Diane in 2008, Dick is now reunited with his parents, Lester and Ethlyn (Decker) Dean, and his siblings Jack, Dave, Merrit, Robert, Burt, Rosemary, Dorothy, and Wanita, as well as many dear friends.

His welcoming spirit and generous nature touched all who knew him. He will be deeply missed by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as his treasured nephews and nieces. Heartfelt memories remain with lifelong friend Jim Cooper, honorary sister Merrie Stalker, hunting buddy and bantering partner Tim Campough, and special friend Kathy Alexander.

Richard Lester Dean’s life was a testament to love, friendship, and giving selflessly to others. May he rest in peace, forever embraced by those who loved him and cherished the memories he leaves behind. His spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew him.

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Munson Healthcare Strengthens Commitment to Economic Security, Contributes \$150,000 to Goodwill Northern Michigan

Traverse City, Mich. - Munson Healthcare (MHC) announced today that it has made a commitment to donate \$150,000 to Goodwill Northern Michigan (GWNMI), as part of a broad effort to support the needs of those in the community who struggle with food access and chronic homelessness.

“As a community-owned nonprofit, we rely heavily on the generosity of our donors and the support from our thrift stores. Contributions like this one from Munson are vital to advancing our mission and making a meaningful impact,” said Dan Buron, CEO and Executive Director, Goodwill Northern Michigan. “We are grateful for Munson Healthcare’s commitment and partnership in our efforts in bringing food to neighbors and helping people find homes.”

Earlier this month, Munson Healthcare announced new Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) priorities, one of which is economic security – highlighting a renewed focus on addressing basic needs such as food access and housing. This donation to Goodwill Northern Michigan is a direct investment in those priorities, underscoring Munson’s commitment to tackling the root causes of poor health and advancing community wellbeing across the region.

Goodwill Northern Michigan shares this vision, working to improve health outcomes by ensuring reliable access to nutritious food for the region’s most vulnerable residents and playing a leading role in the Homeless Coalition’s transformational Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness in the region by 2028.

Munson’s donation will specifically support expansion of food rescue operations, including fuel, staffing, vehicle maintenance, and growth of housing with supports programs.

Food Rescue:

- Food Rescue glean, repack, and distributes over 2 million pounds of food annually to 78 pantries and meal sites across northwest Michigan.

- This food serves over 16,000 people annually; a third of which are children, a third are seniors, and many have disabilities.
 - The environmental impact of this work is also profound, diverting 2M+ pounds of food from the landfill annually, reducing methane emissions while serving the community’s needs.
- Housing:
- Goodwill Northern Michigan is also playing a leading role in the Homeless Coalition’s transformational Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness in the Greater Grand Traverse Area by 2028.
 - In the last year, their existing Housing and Homeless Services programs provided critical support, helping 1,566 people access shelter and housing, and connecting them with vital resources, case management, and pathways to housing.
 - GWNMI helped 486 families, seniors, individuals, and Veterans exit homelessness into housing in 2024.
 - The Goodwill Inn in Traverse City and Patriot Place in Gaylord provided 39,759 nights of emergency shelter, offering families, individuals, and Veterans a safe haven as they work toward stability and permanent housing.
 - The shelters operate 24/7, 365 days a year, with trauma-informed staff and wraparound support services.

“Organizations like Goodwill Northern Michigan play a vital role in bringing food to those in need and addressing our complex housing challenges,” said Ed Ness, President and CEO, Munson Healthcare. “This new donation, along with our recent investment into The Street Medicine Program, reflects Munson’s commitment to building a healthier region by addressing the full spectrum of factors that impact overall health. We are proud to stand alongside Goodwill and a growing coalition of community leaders working toward these shared goals.”



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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 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.

AUGUST 2025

August 14, 6-7 pm: Author Event - Bryan Gruley, author of the Starvation Lake Trilogy, hosted by Bellaire Public Library at the Forest Home Twp Hall 321 North Bridge Street, Bellaire, MI 49615. 231-533-8814 bellairelibrary@gmail.com

Job Winslow Chapter
NSDAR



Upcoming events of the
Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR

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

Alden

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

Boardman Township

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

Central Lake

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

East Jordan

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

Fife Lake

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

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

Kalkaska

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

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

Church Alive Church of God
2305 US 131 North, Kalkaska
Sunday morning
10:30 am - Worship Service
Wednesday night
5:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm - Bible Study

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mancelona

Antrim Church of Christ
10228 South US 131, Mancelona
Sunday morning worship
11:00 am - Sept - May
10:00 am - Jun - Aug

Mancelona Baptist Church
609 N Jefferson ST, Mancelona
Sunday
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - worship service
6:00 pm - Bible Preaching
Wednesday
7:00 pm - Bible Preaching & Teen Group

Rapid City

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

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

Williamsburg

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

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5750 Williamsburg Rd,
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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
I'll bet dollars to donuts it will never hit

30 June 2003
Dear Mark,

A casino in Reno has a cash-your-paycheck video poker machine with a big payout of \$1,000,000 for a sequential royal flush. The machine has been there for about four years with no winner. What are the odds of ever hitting the big one, and can the machine be set to miss it? Joe Q.

Question your way, Joe. Which do you think is easier? Hitting a sequential royal flush, or hitting 6 solid of 51 numbers in your typical state lottery? You would be wrong, Partner, if you think hitting a sequential royal flush is easier.

Let's crunch the numbers: The chances of hitting a 6/51 lottery are 18,009,460 to one. For an ascending royal flush in any suit, they are 77,968,800.

If it is suit specific, for instance, it must be in spades, then the chances are one in 311,875,200.

As to the latter part of your question, there wouldn't be a need to program a machine to never deal a royal when the chances of its occurrence are infinitesimal. Either way, not only has no one hit a sequential in four years, I am willing to make an eat-your-hat wager no one ever will. Sombreros preferred, hold the Tabasco; takers get back to me pronto.

This "gimmick" bonus is nothing more than a marketing scheme to induce cashing your paycheck at their joint, and then, while you're so close, registering for one-armed-banditry 101. And while we're in an academic mood, how tall would a stack of 311,875,200 dollar bills be, and what would it weigh? Prizes for the worst answers.

Dear Mark,

You possibly answered this following question incorrectly: True or false: The joker is always wild in Pai Gow Poker? Jason C.

Your answer was; "The correct answer, Jason, is false. In Pai Gow Poker, the joker acts as a special card, yet not as a wild card in every scenario. The

joker's only uses are as an ace, or as a wild card to complete a straight, a flush, a straight flush, or a royal flush."

I agree with your answer, Mark, however, kindly be advised the joker is always wild in the underground houses in New York's Chinatown (since banned) and the casinos in California. Wilson M.

Of course, Wilson, you do understand that because this column runs nationwide, at times I will need to generalize and omit or suppress blind pig action played in the fetid grottoes of the earth. I do appreciate, though, the heads-up on Pai Gow Poker action in California.

Dear Mark,

Often, I notice you recommend making a pass line wager. Seldom do you recommend making the don't pass bet. Isn't the don't pass a better wager than the pass line? Danny S.

Yes, Danny, the don't pass bet (seven rolling before the point) is a "marginally" better bet — a 1.4% casino advantage versus the Pass line's 1.41 percent. But, I have always enjoyed the kibbutz esprit of a live craps game, you know — all us sweating infidels against the establishment, together, trying to beat the oh-so-cool house.

By betting the don't, you become one of them, a renegade sneering at the majority, hoping the seven wields its ugly face, wiping the rest of us out. Boo hoo to you!

While I'm at it, Danny, if you become a don't pass bettor, never scream out, "Come on, seven!" Betting against most players is bad enough, but rooting against them and gloating after a win is terrible table etiquette that will not get you to paradise.

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Gambling quote of the week: "A slot machine never talks back to you (although some of the newer ones do talk to you), never criticizes your play, and never cusses you out. Sounds like the kind of friend we'd all like to have." -The book, Gambling For Dummies



Sudoku Puzzle
July 25, 2025

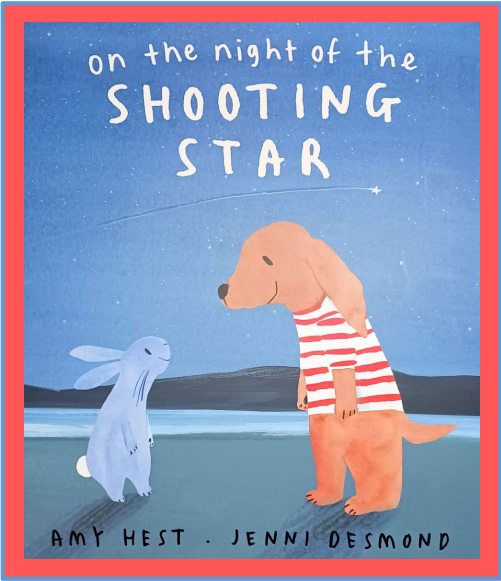
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QUILTS NEEDED

A special request for quilts has been made by the Chemewa Indian Boarding School in Oregon. This school is supported by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and the Job Winslow chapter of Traverse City. 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 =

The Power of Grounding Techniques

Have you ever felt like your mind was racing so fast that your body couldn't keep up? We usually call this feeling "anxiety." We feel disconnected and untethered. The good news is that we can use simple grounding techniques to return us to our present moment.

"Grounding" is a set of tools we use to bring our awareness back to the here and now, and they are especially helpful in those moments of anxiety, worry or even emotional overwhelm. It is similar to other techniques such as mindfulness, cognitive restructuring and somatic awareness.

When we are feeling stress in one form or another, we activate our sympathetic nervous system. Most of use know this as our "fight or flight" mode. Grounding helps us activate our parasympathetic nervous system. This is our "calm down" mode. This state helps us regulate our emotions, reduce our tendency to ruminate and restore a sense of control. This is especially

helpful for people who have suffered trauma as grounding can help people anchor themselves safely in the present moment.

Grounding as a technique shows up in CBT, DBT and trauma-informed care. It can also be a great tool in treating unbalanced anger.

Here are three simple grounding techniques:

1. 5-4-3-2-1 Technique: Take a moment to identify 5 things you see, 4 you can touch, 3 you can hear, 2 you can smell and 1 you can taste.
2. Body Awareness: Pause to feel your feet on the floor or your back against the chair.
3. Breath Technique: Take a deep breath. Feel the tension in your body and relax those areas as you exhale. This can usually be done in 2-3 intentional breaths.

Like all of the life-hacks we come across in our world, grounding takes time to master. The great news about grounding is that it is a simple technique that is free and always accessible to

you. With enough practice, grounding can become a powerful part of your mental health toolkit.

Here's my challenge to you: Try one of these grounding techniques today. Pause to notice what shifts for you as you practice this. What have you got to lose?

-Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECF

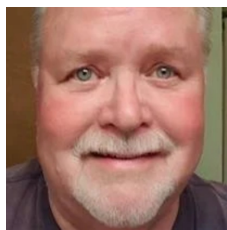
Adam DeVaney is a clinical social worker and therapist with over a decade of experience working with clients with a diversity of challenges from addiction and anxiety to overcoming trauma and helping people to learn what it takes to live their best lives. Along with his wife, Mandi, he founded Life's 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

Tyrone Charles Shauan Sr.

November 28, 1946 ~ July 16, 2025

Tyrone "Ty" Shauan, Sr. age 78 of Kalkaska, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at home. He was born to the late Fredrick and Rhoda (Justice) Shauan on November 28, 1946, in Columbus, Ohio.



Tyrone C. Shauan, Jr. and Darlene Shauan; step-children Casey Goeckerman, Heidi (William Fairbotham) Gossard, Grethen (Jason) Ritter-Lopatowski; many grandchildren including Kelsey, Maggie, Benjamin, Abby, Austin, David, Carol; his siblings Fred Shauan, Patricia (Jerry) Opsahl, Jean Bender, Jane Workman, Belinda Tuttle; his fur babies Max and Ginger.

He was preceded in passing by a faithful dog, Morgan.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Kalkaska.

Interment will be held in Excelsior Township Cemetery.

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

Ty married Catherine L. Barnum on December 24, 2017, in Kalkaska after he moved from Massachusetts to the quiet solitude of northern Michigan. He loved to collect knives, cameras, and photography. He was a painter, and he enjoyed BBQ's and music. Ty was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was a proud Veteran, serving in the United States Navy on the USS Neptune during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in November of 1967.

He is survived by his loving wife Catherine L. Barnum; his children

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Regent Jan Scheiwe (left) and Director Mary Ellen Byrne (right) flank Cadets David Oja, Joey Garofalo, James Carroll, Hunter Fisher, and their commander.

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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

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

Everyone Has a Story, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson Ave, join with the library and the Kingsley Folk School for a storytelling community circle, you are welcome to share your personal stories with others to create connections in our community, 231 263-5484
When: 2nd Thur, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Antrim County Baby Pantry, St. Anthony’s Church, 209 Jefferson Ave, Mancelona, providing food, clothing, diapers, and other items for children from birth until their 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

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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

W W J D

July 25, 2025

Think back a few years. Maybe, like me, you are old enough to remember the little bracelets we made with the letters W-W-J-D on them. If you’re too young to actually remember those days, maybe you have heard the letters spoken as a phrase. Then again, some among us may truly never have seen or heard WWJD.

So, I’ll explain. The letters stand for the question “What Would Jesus Do?” and the phrase is meant to help us decide how to behave in challenging situations.

Of course that only works if we have a pretty good idea of what Jesus would do in any given situation. Those who have read the gospel stories will have a leg up on knowing how Jesus behaved when confronted with life’s many difficult moments.

I used to have one of those bracelets. I wouldn’t be surprised to find it stuck in one of the drawers of my dresser, or even in one of the boxes I still haven’t unpacked since coming back home here nearly thirty-five years ago. (Well, I really don’t have a Jesus lesson for that one, but I know I do feel guilty about those boxes.) I used to wear the bracelet to help me work my way through the tough choices. I wasn’t always able to follow the path I thought Jesus would choose, but I did at least think about it.

By nature, I’m a rule follower. I don’t cheat at games and I don’t respect people who do. I

don’t believe that a win obtained through cheating is a real win. I believe one has to follow the rules and win fair and square for it to be a real win. My many years of life have shown me that my perspective is not universally accepted on this point. I remember how angry I got when people broke the rules. And when I was young I had a bit of a flash temper. That got in the way of finding resolution to conflicts or even differences of opinion.

Also, in our nuclear family, being right was very important. So, I would have a very strong motive for defending my point of view and proving myself to be right. That didn’t always work when the contest of wills was with my parents. They generally won – even when I was sure I was right.

As a young mother, I remember praying for patience. What I expected was that God would simply work patience into my personality. But, that isn’t the way God worked with me. No, instead He kept giving me situations to overcome, lessons that I would survive if I learned patience. It worked, even though I resented the process. And today I can rely on myself to practice patience when I need to.

In today’s contentious and fractious political climate, I find some friends and family members who demand that I be respectful or their opinion while they ridicule mine. The rule follower in me wants to bring this clear failure of fair play to their attention. But, someone who is already yelling at me that I’m brainwashed and stupid is not likely to be open

to my logic. That is often where patience comes to my rescue. When their yelling slows down, I can speak gently and maybe, just maybe, I can say something that they do take to heart. When I’m doing a really good job of following WWJD, I actually feel compassion for whoever it is who had been moments earlier demeaning me. It must feel just awful when that person stops to look in the mirror and sees an angry, mean face looking back.

What would Jesus do when someone He loves is mean to Him or betrays Him? Oh, we already know the answer. Peter let Him down many times, even denying their relationship three times on the night in which Jesus was arrested. Yet Jesus gave Simon the name Peter and declared him to be the rock on which the church would be built. Thomas said he would not believe in the return of Christ until he could physically touch the wounds. Jesus gave him the opportunity to touch and believe. So, yes, I know Jesus would not just yell back at the tormentor, or even try to prove the other guy wrong. No, Jesus would be patient and compassionate.

I try. I really do try. Maybe, if I live long enough.

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields
Editor

Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue’s questions

- 1) Let’s look at flag etiquette. Where will you find the rules of respect for the flag?
A. 4 US Code §8 – Respect for the Flag.
- 2) To whom or what can the flag be dipped to show respect?
A. To no person or thing, as stated in the opening sentence of the code.
- 3) Why are we careful not to let the flag touch the ground?
A. Because the code states: “The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.”
- 4) Can we use the flag the same way we use decorative bunting?
A. No, the code specifically says: “The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.”

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) Where in the Constitution are the powers of Congress enumerated?
- 2) What is the very first listed power of Congress?
- 3) Where in the Constitution are the powers of the President enumerated?
- 4) Where in the Constitution does it say that citizens of every state are equally protected by the Constitution?

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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

Editor’s note: The life of a performer is often unpredictable. Dominic has done seven concerts in thee last couple of weeks. So, we are reaching back into the archives to pull out an earlier essay to share. Here is one from 2023.

Serenity

By Dominic Fortuna

RAPID CITY – “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Just for today...

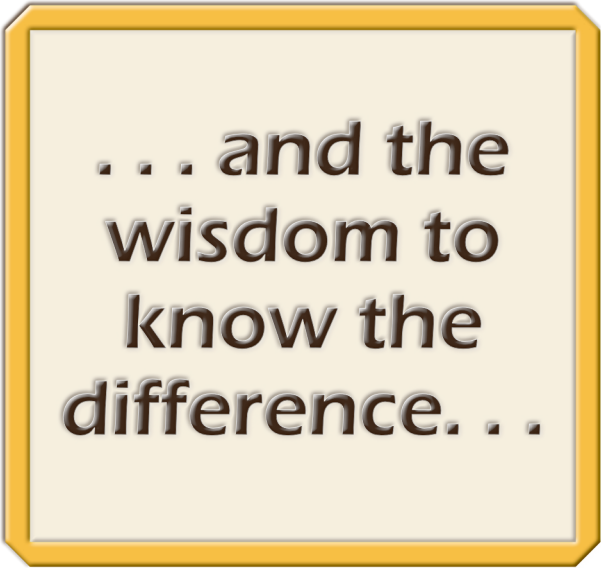
Yes , that my friends, is called the serenity prayer, written around 1926 and published in 1951 by an American theologian named Reinhold Niebuhr. The prayer was written for a sermon and comes in a poetic long form too. But I’m here to explain what it means to me and many others.

“God give me some peace with myself, you see God, I have a situation and I need to know if I should take some action on it or just leave it be.” Now, the easy part is to know that there is a long list of things in my life that I absolutely cannot change, and even if I did try and change them, they just would not change, move on, or go away.

Here is where we find peace, knowing the situation is exactly how God has intended it to be. My Father would always say, “If you are late for work and you suddenly get stuck at a red light, trust that moment, you are exactly where you should be, no matter how uncomfortable.” I believe that absolutely nothing happens in God’s world by mistake. Once I banish the thought from my mind that I can change something that can’t be changed, I’m well on my way to a serene day.

Let’s move from there to the things we can change.

This is the fun part, this is where we apply ourselves in many different facets of life. Once we discover that we can change something in our lives , we realize we are not stuck in that mundane



job , or we can leave the relationship and change everything. All of this is part of the serenity prayer.

So by completing the first part of the prayer in our lives, we release all of the people, places and things in our circle that are never changing. Or shall we say, we are accepting the things we cannot change? Yes we are !

By understanding and applying the first part of the serenity prayer to my life, I have made myself available to change the things I can, otherwise if I do not let go of things I cannot change, my capacity to be productive in the things I can change falters immensely.

So as you are driving along M72 and suddenly find yourself behind a beautiful elderly couple making their way to the doctor’s office, slow down, give them some space. Accept that some people drive slowly. Ya can’t change it! Say the quick short version of the serenity prayer, and feel yourself released from the bondage of human

self-centeredness.

Then take the time to list all the things in your life that you CAN. Change, and go to work..

Find a higher power, a Good in your life, a divine inspiration is always the catalyst for a successful day.

So I will leave you with this, my beautiful friends. Here is the long version of the Serenity prayer. Walk Slowly With Purpose and remember, one day at a time, in prayer with our God, we shall be granted serenity and we will know peace. Here is the poem and longer original version of the serenity prayer.

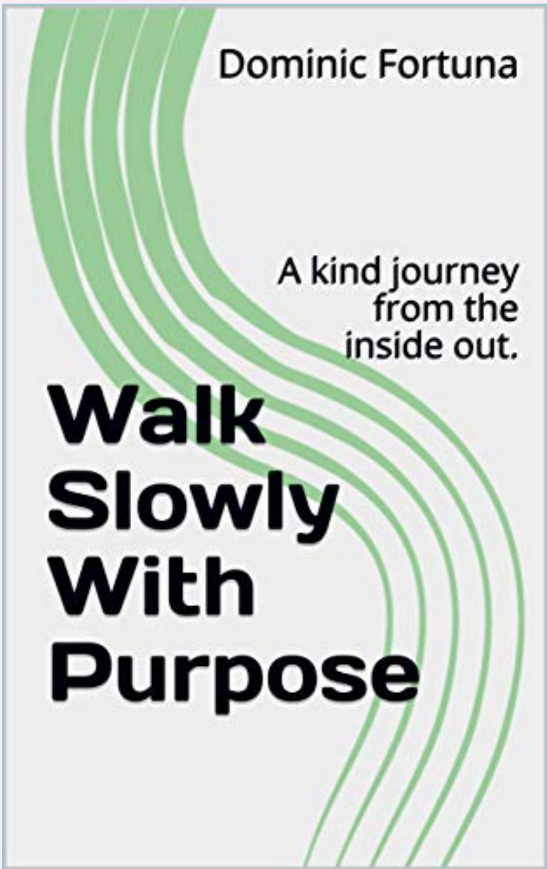


God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking as He did, this sinful world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Amen

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Kalkaska County Townships:

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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, 5 pm

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

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Central Lake District Library
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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
July 25, 2025

8	7	5	1	2	9	3	6	4
4	1	2	6	5	3	7	9	8
6	9	3	7	8	4	5	2	1
2	5	8	9	4	6	1	3	7
3	4	7	2	1	8	6	5	9
9	6	1	5	3	7	8	4	2
1	2	4	3	7	5	9	8	6
5	8	6	4	9	1	2	7	3
7	3	9	8	6	2	4	1	5

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Rapid City Heritage Festival - more photos



Cindy Roach came from the GT Butterfly House & Bug Museum to support the drive to make Rapid City a Monarch Butterfly City and to share butterfly releases with festival visitors. Left - Tony Hogue waits for the butterfly in his hand to warm up in the sun and fly away. Center - Cindy Roach explains the Monarch Butterfly annual cycle. Right - even grown-ups had fun watching the butterflies get ready to fly away.



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