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Supporting regional conversations about rural readiness and resiliency

The Michigan Office of Rural Prosperity is heading to the Grand Traverse region for a special three-day event focused on rural readiness and resiliency. This gathering will bring together local stakeholders, organizations and residents to explore real-world strategies and resources that help communities prepare for — and thrive through — change.

While this event is tailored to the Grand Traverse region, we encourage leaders and partners from across Michigan to join us. The conversations and connections happening here are designed to be replicable in other regions across the state.

If you are in the Grand Traverse region, we invite you to join us!

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These free events will include sessions in Benzie and Kalkaska Counties on rural challenges, solutions and shared resources, followed by a larger convening in Traverse City featuring expert speakers, local partners and networking opportunities for rural communities. These events are open to all who care about Michigan’s rural places. Register now at [Bit.ly/4mC2S3S](https://bit.ly/4mC2S3S)

Partnership matters

This event is the result of extensive collaboration with many planning partners — each of whom will be recognized in the final event program. Our two key partners in this effort are the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation and Interlochen Public Radio, whose leadership and vision helped shape this program.

We are grateful to the many partners and sponsors who made this gathering possible.

Full acknowledgements will be included in the event program.



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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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OBITUARIES

Francis Albert Sagorski

March 1, 1946 ~ July 30, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce Francis “Frank” Albert Sagorski, age 79, of Traverse City, Michigan, passed away at Munson Hospital on July 30, 2025. Frank was born March 1, 1946, at home in Sand Lake, Michigan, to Stanley and Helen (Bober) Sagorski, the second youngest of 12 children. Frank grew up working on his family farm, which instilled in him a strong work ethic, respect for family, and a deep appreciation for the land.

Frank attended a one-room schoolhouse as a child and graduated from Cedar Springs High School in 1964. He then enlisted in the U.S. Marines. A proud veteran, he served during the Vietnam War but returned afflicted by PTSD and the effects of Agent Orange, giving him difficulties for the rest of his life and a different point of view, which also brought challenges, but he faced each one with passion and resilience. His strong inner character and basic goodness kept him going and inspired those who knew him.

After his military service, he attended Ferris State University, went into real estate, then founded Empire Environmental, a biological water treatment service, and Worms Juice, a garden composting business. Settling in Traverse City, Frank continued his innovative and creative pursuits. He had a solution to every problem and holds five patents for his inventions. He had an affinity for making life better for others and a generosity for sharing his harvest and the shirt off his back if a friend was in need.

Every year, he tilled, dug, hoed, and managed two large gardens from seed to harvest with his wife, Cathie, and garden assistant, Josh. He imparted much knowledge about growing, harvesting, processing, and canning food. His jams were annual gifts to family and friends. This year, despite



grazing deer and his failing heart, his harvest will again be bountiful. When harvest was over, he loved to go up north with his brothers and Cathie to St. Mary’s River near Sault Ste. Marie to fish for salmon and try for some luck at Bay Mills Casino in Brimley. Frank and Cathie were together for 30 years and spent winters panning for gold in Prescott Valley, Arizona, and fishing on the shores of Perdido Key, Florida, where he made lasting friendships. Cathie plans to return up north to where they had scattered Frank’s brothers’ ashes at the Mission Hill Cemetery Overlook at Whitefish Bay and scatter some of Frank’s ashes there too.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife, Catherine (Smith Cairns) Sagorski, his stepchildren, Chrissine Cairns and Tim (Polly) Cairns, grandson, Scotland Rios Cairns, brothers John (Barb), Jim, Stan (Pat), and Father Pete, sisters Mary Ann Dragoo and Marnie (Karl) Kiefer, sisters-in-law, Shirley, Barbara, and Kay Ray Sagorski, many beloved nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews who adored their Uncle Frank, and his assistant, Josh Michaels.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents and by his brothers Don, Ed, and George, and his sister JoAnn, an infant sister, and his lifelong friend since childhood, Roger Starr.

Cremation has taken place. Frank celebrated life as he lived it, so per his wishes, there will not be a formal memorial service. A fitting way to honor Frank would be to plant a tree, vegetable, or flower in his name or simply spend time with your loved ones, share a story about him, and of course, use one of his witty one-liners.

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

Diane Kahnt

May 26, 1950 ~ July 30, 2025

Diane Kahnt, 75, of Kalkaska, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2025 at Munson Hospital after an unexpected illness. She was born May 26, 1950 in Ferndale, Michigan, to the late Rosemary and James Hosteller. Diane was the oldest, followed by Karen (Gravelle), Patricia (Madurski) and Robert James (d).

She was married to Dennis Kahnt on October 19, 1968. They enjoyed 57 years together raising children and enjoying their lake time and vacationing in Florida.

Diane wore many hats – daughter, sister, cousin, friend, wife mother and Mimi. Those who knew her were welcomed with a quick smile and heartfelt laugh. Diane was a devoted friend who made an impact on many lives. She was blessed with two lifelong friends, Celeste and Pat, who will miss her greatly. Diane enjoyed her time working in the Kalkaska public schools. First in the elementary school and later in the high school. She enjoyed the students she interacted with and loved seeing them after her retirement to catch up on their lives. Diane was a devoted Christian and was a member of the Northern Decolores Ministry.

She could often be found crafting and cross-stitching. She was a frequent visitor to the library as she was an avid reader. Diane loved all things sun, sand, rocks and beach. She “survived” winters in order to enjoy her trips to Lake



Michigan and her deck overlooking the lake. Diane loved her husband Dennis with her whole heart, and their marriage was an inspiration to many. She adored her children, Michelle and Dale, and always challenged them to be the best version of themselves. Diane was a Mimi to Hannah, Emma and Ian. It was guaranteed that the grandchildren would be spoiled, even when they were in college, grown and married. Her biggest impact can be seen in her legacy of family, love and traditions.

Diane is survived by her husband – Dennis, daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Scott Reynolds, grandchildren - Hannah (Clay) Rivera, Emma Reynolds and Ian Reynolds. Diane also leaves behind her sisters - Karen (Dave) Gravelle and Patricia (Bill) Madursski. Diane was preceded in death by her son Dale who we are certain was excited to see his mom.

A private service was held with a small group of family and friends at her home on the lake. All in attendance were happy to enjoy the sun, water, food and company that Diane was famous for providing at each social event. We are asking in lieu of flowers, please donate to the St. Jude’s Foundation. The link is as follows: https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=3985369&fr_id=154020&pg=personal Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Debbie Lynn Parzych

May 6, 1963 ~ August 3, 2025

Debbie Lynn Parzych, 62, passed away surrounded by family on August 3rd, 2025, in Alden, MI. Debbie was born on May 6th, 1963, in Pontiac, MI. She is the daughter of Donald and Marlene (Owen) Tarket. Debbie was a very down-to-earth lady who loved life to her fullest. Her pets were her babies, and she cherished them all. Debbie will be missed by all and remembered as a loving mother, sister, grandmother, and friend. Debbie will be lovingly remembered by her sons Justin Scarborough,



Travis Scarborough, and Robert Brown; sisters Susan Fischer, and Cindy (Rick) Riegler; brother Duane Tarket; grandchildren Damian, Lily, Makenna, Vada, Kole, Hunter, Candace, Mercedes, Hayden and Emma; her very good friend Ed Parzych; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Marlene (Owen) Tarket and Donald Tarket. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Virginia L. Six

April 5, 1936 ~ August 11, 2025

Virginia Six, 89, of Kingsley passed away peacefully on Monday, August 11, 2025, at Munson Healthcare Hospice House in Traverse City. She was born April 5, 1936, to Theodore and Inez Wells. On October 23, 1954, she married Mark L. Six. Virginia is survived by her daughter, Diane (Dan) Walton of Kingsley; a son, Mark D. (Emily) Six of Kalkaska; seven grandchildren; two step grandchildren; many great-and great-great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was proceeded in death by her husband Mark, two brothers;

one sister; two sisters-in-law; and one brother-in-law.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the Kingsley United Methodist Church. Visitation began at 11:00a.m., followed by the service at 11:30a.m., with Pastor Colleen Wierman officiating. A luncheon followed the service, and burial took place at 1:30 p.m.at Fife Lake Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rock of Kingsley Youth Center, P.O. Box 207, Kingsley MI. 49649. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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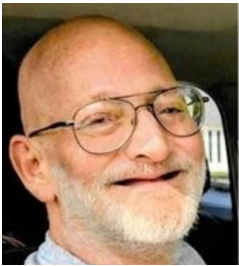
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Robert "Bobby" Dale Ball

September 6, 1967 ~ August 3, 2025

Robert "Boomer, Bobby, Bob" Dale Ball, 57, lifelong resident of Kalkaska, passed away on August 3, 2025 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on September 6, 1967 in Kalkaska to the late Roger and Bonnie "Fry" ball. Their only son, he was smack dab in the middle of four sisters.



Showdown Drag Races.

Bobby is survived by his partner Heidi (Woodcock) Helberg of 36 years; their son, Christopher Helberg; sisters, Deb Ball-Odeh, Teresa Ball both of Kalkaska, Tammy Ball and Tara Marie Ball, both of Belleville; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Kim and Don Fisher of TN; nephews, Michael Cleggett, partner Brianne and children, James, Kyler, and Rylan; James Boyce and his children, Winnie, Coleson and Elijah; Quentin, Jacob and Chene Moran; and Spencer Hamilton; his favorite niece, Victoria Wehrmeister, her husband Nick, and their children Dominic and Alyssa; and another favorite niece, Cheyenne (Kody) Beyette, their children Genevieve, Remington, Charlotte, Asher, Stevie, Claire, Dylan, Adalynn and Carson; uncles Dennis and Douglas (Sharon) Fry; and several cousins.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law Peggy and Skip Woodcock; grandparents, Grover and Gladys (Wheeler) Ball, Irving and Doris (Besaw) Fry; aunts, Barb Crider, Jeanette Cooper, Ruby Ball and Thelma Ball; uncles Bill Elking, Ralph Crider, Buck Cooper, Stanley Ball and Duane Ball.

Memorial donations may be made to the Unmet Need Fund of the Kalkaska Commission of Aging, PO Box 28, Kalkaska, MI 49646 or to the Community Meals fund at the Kalkaska Unified Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646.

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

With retirement, Bobby found volunteering for the community as a way to stay busy and it became very close to his heart especially doing anything where he could help out kiddos. He was a longtime volunteer at the Springfield Twp. Park and Recreation Area. He served on their governing body for several years. A few of the other events and groups to benefit from his help were the Kalkaska County Fair, Kalkaska Unified Ministries for Christ Community Dinner and VBS programs, Kalkaska Commission on Aging, Kalkaska 4-H, and many others. He even helped out at June's Kalkaska

Kathleen Ann Bare

June 6, 1942 ~ August 5, 2025

Kathleen Ann Bare, 83, of Kalkaska, passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. She was born on June 6, 1942, in Holly, Michigan, to the late John and Wilma (Green) Unger.

On August 12, 1961, Kathleen married the love of her life, Barry D. Bare, and together they raised two sons. She found joy in tending her garden, raising chickens, and spending time outdoors fishing and hunting.

Kathleen will be lovingly remembered by her sons Barry Bare Jr. and Eric Bare;

grandchildren: Tom (Ashley), Kathy, Jessica, Darren, Shayla, Patrick and Tricia; great-grandchildren: Mary Jo, Cheryl, Tommy Joe Jr, Lucius, Zander, Donovan, Colton and Braylon; bonus children Frank "Tiny" Smith, Tim & Linda, Keith & Laura and Kent & Pam whom she treated as her own. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

A private family memorial will be held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Allen Lester Blanshan

June 6, 1942 ~ August 5, 2025

Allen L. Blanshan, 63, lifelong resident of Kalkaska, passed away on July 23, 2025 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He is the son of Allen and Grace (Tracy) Blanshan.

Allen attended Kalkaska High School. After graduation he worked in the oil fields and later as a mechanic. His hobbies included working on cars and computers.

Allen is survived by his loving mother, Grace Ricketts; his

siblings, Robert Morrill, Rosanne Kelley, Debora Morrill, Mark Blanshan and Christine Linz all of Kalkaska.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 28th at 12:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Visitation began at 11:00 am until the time of service.

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Joseph Frederick Shaw

June 14, 1947 ~ August 4, 2025

Joseph F. Shaw, 78, of South Boardman and formerly of Detroit, passed away on August 4, 2025 surrounded by his family at home. He was born on June 14, 1947 in Mt. Clemons to the late William and Norma (Essig) Shaw.



Joseph is survived by his sons, Scott (Gabriella) Shaw of South Boardman and Bryan Shaw of Elk Rapids; grandchildren, Isla, Haven, Callum, Killian, his siblings, Christy Harlow, Danny Shaw and Ron Shaw.

Joseph served our country honorably in the USMC. After the military he joined the Detroit Police Department as a proud deputy and retired from there. His hobbies included watching sports and hanging with friends and family. Joseph was a member of Church Alive Church of God.

Joseph was preceded in death by his brother William "Billy" Shaw.

Cremation has taken place and Joseph will be buried at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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Lawrence Gene Ludeman

June 1, 1939 ~ August 6, 2025

Lawrence "Larry" G. Ludeman, 86, of Frederic, passed away on August 6, 2025 at Grayling Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born on June 1, 1939 in Napoleon, OH, to the late Theodore and Evelyn (Burke) Ludeman.



Michael Theodore (Rene) Ludeman, Karen Lee (David) Obrzut, Mitzi (Henry) Gerring, and Wil (Melissa) Duhaime, 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; sister, Ann Marie, and brother, David.

Larry was retired, after spending +30 years working in the Industrial Gas Division of Union Carbide and Praxair.

Larry is survived by his wife, Beverly Ann (Julian); his children,

Larry is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Jane Louise Richards; a brother, Kenneth, and sister, Joanne Spelic. Cremation has taken place.

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Megan Vanderkaay, PA-C, joins Munson Healthcare Great Lakes Plastic Surgery and Skin Center

Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Megan VanderKaay, PA-C, to the Great Lakes Plastic Surgery and Skin Center team.

Megan earned her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Colorado. Before joining Munson, she spent two years as a hospitalist PA on the surgical co-management team at Children’s Hospital Colorado, where she provided comprehensive perioperative care for medically complex pediatric patients.

Motivated by a strong interest in both cosmetic and reconstructive procedures, Megan recently joined the Munson Great Lakes Plastic Surgery team. She is dedicated to a patient-centered approach, emphasizing individualized care and clear communication to help patients achieve their desired outcomes.

“I strive to understand each patient’s unique goals and work collaboratively to help them look and feel their best,” she says.

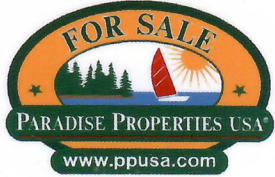
Outside of work, Megan enjoys spending time with her husband Dane, and their Australian Shepherd/Greyhound mix, Bowie. Her interests include skiing, hiking, Pilates, cooking, reading, and volunteering in her community.

To schedule an appointment with Munson Healthcare Great Lakes Plastic Surgery and Skin Center, please call 231-935-0180. The clinic is located at 5085 Ann Drive, Suite A, in Traverse City.

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AUGUST 2025

August 1 - 29, Great Lakes Maritime History & Memorabilia Display. The display can be viewed in Alden District Library during normal library hours. Mon, Wed, Th, F 9:30a-5p, Tu 9:30a-6p, Sat 9:30a-2p. 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318. Free Event. At a later date, a video of the display can be viewed on the library's website, aldenlib.info and look for "On Display" link at left. Sponsored by Alden District Library.

August 1st-30th. 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. The storybook is “The Hike” by Alison Farrell, and covers about a 1/2-mile portion of the trail. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and Friends, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

August 26, 5:30 om, Native Bird Create & Learn Workshop. The Antrim Photography Workshop group invites you to join them in creating your own decorative birdhouse. You’ll also receive new educational handouts and enjoy some food and refreshments. Craft is \$25.00. Seasonal membership is \$50.00 or non-members \$10 per workshop. Must RSVP by August 12th with Lisa at 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com. Event is held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden. Sponsored by Alden District Library, 231-331-4318.

August 30, 9 am - 2 pm, Book Sale. Friends of Alden District Library are having a book sale. Available items: books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs & puzzles. Proceeds will benefit Enrichment Programs for Adults and Children. Sale is held at Helena Twp. Community Center 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318

SEPTEMBER 2025

September 1-29, StoryWalk®. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, to enjoy a romp in the woods and reading a good book along the way. The storybook is “Tidy” by Emily Gravett, and covers about a 1/2-mile portion of the trail. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and Friends, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

September 3-29, Carved Elephant Display. Come visit Alden District Library and see Cassie Axtell’s collection of carved elephants. The display can be viewed during normal library hours. Mon, Wed, Th, F 9:30a-5p, Tu 9:30a-6p, Sat 9:30a-2p. The library is located at 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318. Free Event. At a later date, a video of the display can be viewed on the library's website, aldenlib.info and look for "On Display" link at left. Sponsored by Alden District Library, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden.

September 11, 3:30 pm - Books ‘n Brie Book Club. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while making the reading selections for the next 11 months. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

September 13, 10 am - Story Time with Miss Bri. Miss Bri will be reading stories with an Autumn theme and doing a simple craft with the kids. This program will be held in the library located at 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

Job Winslow Chapter
NSDAR



Upcoming events of the
Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR

September 20, 2025 - Women in the Military -
Presentation by Christie Hawn.

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

November 15, 2025 - Linda M. Woods
Presentation: American Indian Walking Stick

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

Williamsburg United Methodist Church
5750 Williamsburg Rd, Williamsburg
Sunday morning:
9:00 am - Worship Service

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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
Wild wins and weird losses

14 July 2003
Dear Mark,

I know you always say to set your win and loss limits, and that makes perfect sense. But, how about when you get on a great winning streak at blackjack and it seems that you can do no wrong... do you still walk? I play \$100 hand blackjack and increase like a crazy man when I'm winning, sometimes even table max (2K) when it's "one of those nights" I just never know when to leave when I'm doing so good. Mike B.

The two hardest times to leave a casino are when you are ahead or when you are behind. That, Mike, is why I recommend that all gamblers set loss limits and win goals. As for when to bid your farewells, setting a specific win goal (such as doubling your money), then sticking to it, is the correct money management strategy when it comes to saying "cheerio" to the dealer.

The biggest (and usually only) advantage you have over the casino is the ability to quit while ahead. So, if you want to show a profit, Mike, you've got to get up and leave the blackjack table while you've still got it.

That said, I am not saying you need quit a hand when you are on a winning streak. Why tempt fate? Magical gambling moments do happen. Your hand-to-hand encounter with Kismet could be today. Fifteen, 18, even 20 winning hands in a row is possible. When your date with the Goddess ends, however, signalled by possibly one, two, no more than three losing hands, you flaunt your famous mad dash to the cashier's cage.

As Amarillo Slim was quoted in last week's column, "... be able to quit a loser, but for goodness' sake, keep playing when you're winning."

And there is this wise old Jewish Proverb: When Fortune calls, quick! — offer her a chair.

I just don't want readers to catch a mild-to-moderate case of the greed virus, where their fevered fantasy looks far beyond a possible 100% profit, escalates it to 1,000%, and wakes up with a real-life hangover at minus 300.

The Wow-Gee-whiz-Yippee cancellation of probability just ain't going to happen in most cases.

Dear Mark,
I don't understand some of these bets. You wrote: "In great detail, Slim and Dinkin chronicle Amarillo's winning ways and his larger-than-life-wagers like these classics. He won \$300,000 from Willie Nelson in a televised match of dominoes, or remember when he beat Bobby Riggs out of \$10,000 in a game of Ping-Pong played with frying pans as paddles? He also trounced a world champion ping-pong player with a Coca-Cola bottle, and even whooped Minnesota Fats in a game of pool using a broomstick as a cue." The last two don't at all make sense. Was Fats using a real cue? Was the World Champion Ping-Pong player using a real paddle? If he were, I'd bet against Amarillo knowing the outcome. No way, it could have happened. Ken M.

Naturally, Ken, it is all a matter of how Amarillo Slim set his pigeons up. Making them play in an environment they were not used to, and couldn't have anticipated, is the pivotal pry-bar. For instance, Amarillo once outran a horse in a 100-yard race.

No one had said anything about the race being on a straightaway.

Would you, Ken, take a \$100 bet that I could hit a golf ball 800 yards with a seven iron? It's easy to do in the empty parking lot of a shopping mall. A concrete surface can really add to the length of your drive. Then there's the guy who rakes in the shekels by knocking the ball a mile on the smooth winter ice of a frozen lake.

Rule #1 when it comes to making proposition wagers: In every bet there is a fool and a thief.

Rule # 2. If you are ever making such a wager and you don't know who the sucker is, it's probably you.

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Gambling quote of the week: "A sucker has to die every minute to make room for the one that is born."-Herbert Asbury, Sucker's Progress (1938)



Sudoku Puzzle
August 22, 2025

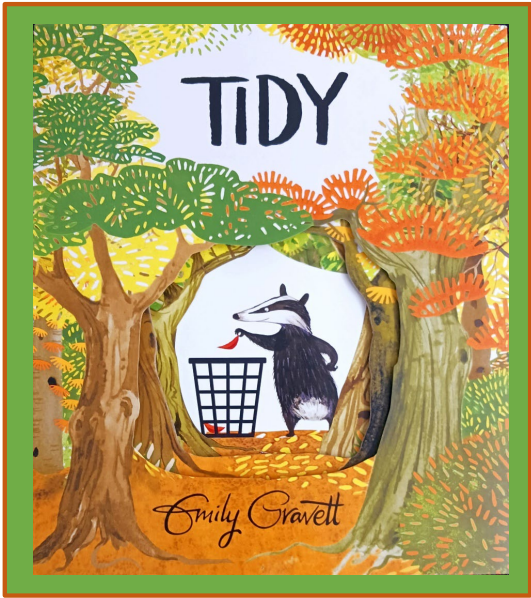
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QUILTS NEEDED

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.

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Saying “Thank You” Can Re-Wire Our Brains

Our brains are absolutely amazing! They are constantly adapting, changing and growing. This is true even into our later years. Have you ever met someone in their 80’s or 90’s who just seemed to be blessed with a good mood? Have you ever noticed how these elders tend to also be the ones who are first to say “thank you”? Gratitude is more than just good manners. It’s a practice that actually changes the brain’s structures.

Our brains are really skilled at rewiring themselves. Psychologists call this process “neuroplasticity,” and research on brains has shown that the simple act of saying “thank you” and being genuinely full of gratitude activates the prefrontal cortex and releases dopamine and serotonin. These are the “feel good” neurotransmitters.

One study showed that when healthcare professionals, including nurses, wrote gratitude letters or listed three positive things from their day at the end of a shift experienced significantly reduced emotional exhaustion and

burnout — even days to weeks later. This shows the power of gratitude on our lives and in the literal structures of our brain.

The mental health benefits of gratitude are numerous. We see this in improved mood and reduced symptoms of depression and anxiety, improved resilience during difficult times and increased social bonding and better overall quality of life and relationships.

There’s no end to the gratitude practices we can use. Here are a few:

- Keep a daily gratitude journal (take time to write 3 things each night).
- Express thanks directly to others. You can do it in letters, texts, or face-to-face.
- Practice “gratitude moments” during stressful times by pausing and naming one thing you appreciate.

These are just intended to get us thinking about this as a practice in our lives. Your own gratitude practices are going to be as unique as you are.

One of my favorite podcasters sends three gratitude texts to people in his life and business every morning as part of his daily routine.

Our brains are always changing in some way or another. Why not change it with gratitude? What type of gratitude practices have you done? If you do not already have at least one, I encourage you to start with just one. I promise it will become contagious.

-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.

Bellaire Public Library receives Pilcrow Foundation grant

Bellaire Public Library has received an \$800 grant to purchase new books for its children’s nonfiction section. The grant was awarded by the Pilcrow Foundation of Cottage Grove, Oregon. According to Bellaire Library director Tom Shilts, “the Pilcrow Foundation does a fantastic job supporting rural public libraries nationwide, so we were very grateful to be one of the libraries chosen for this grant.”

The new books cover a wide range of subjects, with special emphasis on the sciences. Astronomy, gardening, health, paleontology, animal science, and meteorology are just a few of the topics covered. Although the Pilcrow Foundation donated ⅔ of the funding for the new books, ⅓ of the project’s cost, or \$400, was raised by local donations. “We have wonderful support from our local community,” noted Shilts, who indicated that local fundraising efforts actually exceeded the \$400 goal. What’s more, two generous Pilcrow Foundation donors provided the funds for 32 bonus books above and beyond the ones ordered by the library.

“We’re pretty excited about the new collection,” said Shilts, “and we’re looking forward to having our young patrons come check it out.” The books should be hitting the library shelves by late August.



ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

Additional Obituaries on pages 4, & 5

Pauline Alice Garner

January 26, 1944 ~ August 8, 2025

Pauline Alice Garner, 81, passed away peacefully in her sleep at the family farm on Friday, August 8, 2025. She was born on January 26, 1944, in Hazel Park, Michigan, to the late Paul and Henrietta Krosing.



Pauline grew up in Fife Lake and graduated from Kalkaska High School. In 1962, she married her high school sweetheart, Murray Lee Garner, Sr., and together they made their home at the family farm gifted to them by Murray's parents. They spent 59 loving years there, raising their two children, Murray Lee Garner, Jr., and Catrina Johnston (Michael), both of whom continue to live on the Garner homestead.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Murray, as well as her siblings Paul, Margaret, Beverly, Jack, Jim, Larry, Edna, Patricia, and Alice. She is survived by her two sisters, Betty Findley and Mickey Ubl (Mike), as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

Pauline's greatest joy in life was being "Nana" to her two grandchildren, Sydney Roberts (Nic) and Camryn Roberts, who live at the farm. She spoiled them endlessly—letting them play in the mud, eat ice cream for breakfast, make crafts, and filling their lives with love, laughter, and far too many photographs. She never missed an event and celebrated every moment with them.

While raising her children, Pauline loved camping, traveling, attending sporting events, and opening her home to their friends—some of whom stayed

for months or even years. She never knew how many people she'd be cooking for until they wandered downstairs, but she always had room at her table and love in her heart.

Pauline and Murray shared countless adventures—camping, fishing, and hunting in Canada, the Upper Peninsula, and out West. Pauline loved snowmobiling and NYE bonfires with the Johnston family and fall camping trips with Tony and Linda Johnston during her younger years. When not traveling with her husband, and/or family, she could often be found in Fife Lake with family, mushroom hunting, baking, painting, crafting, playing bingo with friends, enjoying campfires, or challenging someone to a game of "Sorry" or Yahtzee.

She retired from the U.S. Post Office in 2009, where she was known for her friendly smile and long chats with customers. Pauline was a social butterfly who could turn a quick trip to the grocery store into a full afternoon, simply because she knew—and spoke with—everyone.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Garner Family Farm on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Flowers, plants, or cards may be sent to 3367 Road SE, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Pauline's love was unconditional, her kindness limitless, and her presence unforgettable. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, generosity, and joy that will live on in the hearts of her family and friends forever

Linda Lou Daugherty

October 2, 1943 ~ August 13, 2025

Linda Lou Daugherty, 81, from Kalkaska, passed away on August 13, 2025 at her home with her family by her side. She was born on October 2, 1943 in Gibson County, Indiana to the late William and Goldie (Williams) Vaupel.



Daugherty of Fenton; 7 great-grandchildren; and her brother Terry Vaupel of Mt. Vernon, IN.

Preceding Linda in death is her husband, Doc; her brothers Glenard Vaupel and Donald Vaupel.

Linda graduated from Owensville High School. She married Duane "Doc" Daugherty on 3/30/1963 in Owensville, IN. They moved to Kalkaska in 1972 from Albion. She worked in the Hospitality Field as the House Manager.

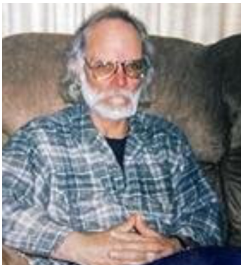
Linda is survived by her sons, Dean (Michelle) Daugherty and Todd Daugherty, both of Kalkaska; grandchildren, Chelsea M. Monhead of Kalkaska, Jacklyn Hildebrand of Mancelona, Joel Daugherty of Kalkaska, Lily

Visitation was held on Friday, August 15th at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services were on Saturday at 1:00 PM at the funeral home with visitation one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Linda's name to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

James Allen McDaniel

August 25, 1954 ~ August 9, 2025

James Allen McDaniel was born on August 25, 1954, in Cadillac, MI, to the late Thurman Dale and Etta Marie (Riplow) McDaniel of Manton, MI. He entered into glory on August 9, 2025, peacefully at home surrounded by family at the age of 70. James was the strong, steady, and loving husband of 45 years to Frieda Dianne (Ingersoll) McDaniel of Fife Lake until her passing on May 28, 2020. Jim's main loves in life were his family, his garden, tending to his bird feeders, and spending countless hours listening to Rush Limbaugh. His only hobby was his livelihood, the Michigan oil field, where he spent 45 amazing years. His path in the very beginning was quite different. He was an amazing athlete and scholar earning 11 varsity letters and being awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. He went to college for conservation with the hope of working with the State of Michigan until he met the love of his life Frieda Dianne Ingersoll, from there her brother got him a job in the oilfield working for Duel Drilling through much of the mid 70s, until 1980 when he went to work at Pool Well service where he stayed until 1984, then went to work at Well Tech Inc., where he was able to advance and become a rig operator, and one of the few people who was able to go to Koglym, Siberia, Russia where he became a tool pusher. The last stop Jim would make in his Oilfield career would be at Team Services where he was one of the first employees at the company and where he would stay until his



retirement in 2020. At the end of the day, he lived an honest and humble life, always putting his family ahead of himself every time. He never spoke down to any man or said a bad word about anyone. His word was his bond, and you could take that to the bank. With his passing we are seeing the end of an era in the Michigan Oilfield. The father to Matthew James and Kynsi (Thornburg) McDaniel of Kalkaska, Grandfather to James Matthew, Claire Elizabeth, Kristin Lynn, and Eric Robert, and cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. He is survived by his sister Mary E. McDaniel of Cadillac, brother David B. McDaniel of Manton, sister-in-law Ethel Mae McDaniel of Kalkaska, sister-in-law Tina (Ralph) Groleau of Kalkaska, brother-in-law Timmy Ingersoll of Fife Lake and brother-in-law Jack Helsel of Kalkaska. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 45 years Frieda Dianne McDaniel, siblings Roger McDaniel, Jack McDaniel, Ronald McDaniel, Larry McDaniel, Marcia Hoppe, Debrah Faye McDaniel, and his parents Thurman Dale and Etta McDaniel. A visitation was held at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Friday, August 15th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A final visitation took place on Saturday, August 16th from 10:00 -11:00 am followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am. Burial was held after the service at Ingersoll Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Michael Steven Magee

February 19, 1961 ~ August 9, 2025

Michael Steven Magee, 64, of South Boardman, passed away on Saturday August 9th, 2025. He was born on February 19, 1961, in Detroit, Michigan, to Robert and Jeanette (Pariseau) Magee.



Michael deeply loved his family and cherished his late wife, Beth, whom he believed was his true soulmate. A devoted father, he shared a special bond with his children and never lost his own playful, childlike spirit. He was hardworking and full of life. Michael had a special love for animals and enjoyed being outdoors. His hobbies included hunting in the fall, canning in the summer and fall, and music in every season. Blessed with an incredible memory, Michael could recall details others had long forgotten. He also had a gift for

being wonderfully goofy, bringing smiles and laughter to those around him. He had a generous heart—donating his hair regularly, to help those in need. Michael is survived by his children: Melissa Akers, Robert Magee and Michael Magee II; 12 grandchildren; parents Robert Magee and Jeanette Thomas; siblings Sheryl (Mike) Geisler, Dorothy (Paul) Canary and Ron (Carrie) Magee; sisters-in-law Lisa Hesse and Roberta (Nick) Nuccio, a close relative Jeannie McCoy; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Beth Magee; grandparents Nana and Papa Pariseau; mother-in-law Gloria Claborn. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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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

Security Assurance?

August 22, 2025

Like most of the people I know, I am eager for the war in Ukraine to end. Before you ask, of course I definitely want all of the wars going on in the world to end. But, for clarity, it's important to deal with one war at a time, and this war is one where the United States is party to the negotiations.

I hear that Ukraine is going to need security assurances in order to come to any agreement. That makes a lot of sense, but I have this haunting question: If the assurances given by the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Russian Federation in the Budapest Memorandum of December 5, 1994 have not been kept, why would Ukraine rely on new assurances from some of the same parties?

To refresh our memories about the Budapest Memorandum, I will offer a recap of information I published in the June 13, 2025 issue of the Voice.

At the time of Ukraine's independence from the Soviet Union, Ukraine held the third largest nuclear weapons arsenal in the world: approximately 5,000 nuclear warheads, including intercontinental ballistic missiles that carry thermonuclear weapons. Work on the Non-Proliferation Treaty was disrupted as long as Ukraine held onto its nuclear weapons. Over several years, the big nuclear powers, the U.S., the U.K., and Russia, encouraged Ukraine to give up its nuclear weapons in exchange for protection by those same countries, and to become a non-nuclear party to the treaty. After

many attempts, finally, on December 5, 1994, the Budapest Memorandum was signed by Russian President Boris Yeltsin, American President Bill Clinton, Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma, and British Prime Minister John Major (United Nations Collection of Treaties, Volume 203007, page 167, Treaty Number 52241 – URL: <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/UNTS/Volume%203007/v3007.pdf>.)

In the memorandum, there are six specific promises made, which I will summarize here: 1) to respect the sovereignty of Ukraine and its existing borders; 2) to refrain from the use of force against Ukraine and not to use their own weapons against them; 3) not to take advantage of any kind by exerting economic coercion against Ukraine; 4) to seek immediate United Nations Security Council action if Ukraine is threatened; 5) to not use nuclear weapons against a non-nuclear-weapon-state; 6) to consult together if questions arise about these commitments.

By means of this momentous memorandum, Ukraine became a non-nuclear-weapon-state party to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, with the assurance of protection provided by the three nuclear-weapon-states: the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and the Russian Federation. By signing this memorandum, all four parties made binding promises.

The signers of that treaty memorandum committed to respect Ukraine's sovereignty and borders and not initiate acts of aggression.

By seizing Crimea in 2014 and invading Ukraine in 2022, Russia has violated that treaty.

What is the obligation of the U.S. and the U.K. in the face of Russia's aggression against Ukraine? Per that memorandum, it is to seek immediate United Nations Security Council action to come to Ukraine's assistance if it is ever a victim of aggression. Yet, the United States refused to vote for a UN Security Council measure to censure Russia for invading Ukraine, and the United States is wavering in its commitment to protect Ukraine from the Russian invasion.

So, if our word in December of 1994 to protect Ukraine from aggression has turned out to be worthless, why is anybody seeking security assurances from us, today? I can't help being haunted by this question.

I am haunted and humiliated by my country's failure to keep its word, by its open breach of a treaty, which I consider a sacred trust. What can the rest of the world think of us? How can any other nation rely on the word of the United States ever again?

I don't know and I am heartbroken.

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields
Editor

Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue's questions

- 1) Where in the Constitution do we find what offenses are impeachable?
A. Article II, Section 4.
- 2) Is impeachment limited to the President and Vice President?
A. No. All civil officers of the United States are subject to impeachment.
- 3) What are the offenses for which a President, Vice President, or other civil officer of the United States can be impeached?
A. They are treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors.
- 4) Per the Constitution, what is meant by "treason"?
A. Per Article III, Section 3: Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort.

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) In the original Constitution, how were Senators elected?
- 2) When was that changed?
- 3) What was the change?
- 4) What are the qualifications for holding the office of Senator?



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Letter to the Editor

Decline to Sign

Dear Editor:

As reported in The Gander, online newsletter:

Two groups, Americans for Citizens Voting and Committee to Protect Voter Rights, will be circulating petitions soon which aim to change the Michigan Constitution before the 2026 election.

These petitions seek to require proof of citizenship for voter registration, documented proof of citizenship and photo ID to vote. They call for the elimination of the affidavit option currently used.

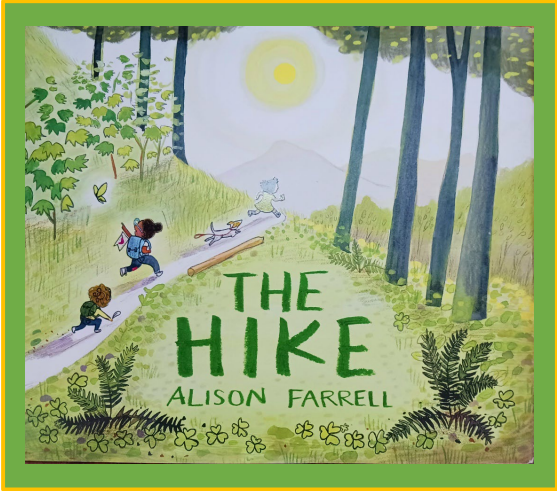
“Decline to Sign” is the message from Common Cause who states that many eligible citizens would be blocked from voting, especially seniors, low income voters, women, and rural residents. Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, warns that such changes could block thousands of legal voters. She notes that similar restrictions in other states have been overturned in courts due to thousands of legal voters being denied their right to vote or creating unequal voting systems. Voter fraud is rare, particularly in comparison to the number of legal voters who could lose their right to vote as outlined in these petitions. Residents are advised to “decline to sign.”

Thank you,
Liz Myers.

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AUGUST 1st-30th



Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Location: Coy Mountain, 9011 Valley St, Alden

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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

Hot August Nights and the Traveling Salvation Show

By Dominic Fortuna

In the sweltering heat of Hot August nights, a long, long time ago, a most peculiar and joyous event unfolded in the northern reaches of Michigan. It was an era of dusty roads, revival tents, and the unmistakable sounds of gospel music wafting through the pine-scented air. Amidst this backdrop of rustic charm and spiritual fervor, Preacher Ezekiel "Zeke" Thompson arrived like a whirlwind in northern Michigan with Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show, a spectacle inspired by the soulful notes of Neil Diamond's hit song.

Neil Diamond's "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show" tells the tale of a roving preacher with a message of hope and redemption, bringing his unique brand of spiritual revival to towns and hamlets across the land. In the spirit of Brother Love and on those Hot August nights, Preacher Zeke Thompson stormed into the small towns of northern Michigan – places like Gaylord, Petoskey, and Traverse City – with a fervor that rivaled the heat of the summer sun. His Traveling Salvation Show was a mix of foot-stomping music, fire-and-brimstone sermons, and a whole lot of love for the Lord.

As the sun beat down on the outskirts of Gaylord one Hot August night, Preacher Zeke's big tent began to fill with folks from all around. There were farmers in overalls, families with picnic baskets, and children with wide eyes eager for the spectacle. The air buzzed with anticipation as Preacher Zeke, a man with a wild look in his eye and a booming voice like thunder, took the stage beneath twinkling lights strung like stars across the canvas roof of the tent. "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show is in town!" the posters had proclaimed, and now the people had come to hear the good word spread far and wide across northern Michigan.

With a strum of his guitar and a nod to the gospel choir standing ready behind him, Preacher Zeke launched into a night of song and sermon that would be talked about for years in those parts. "He's come to save the people!" the choir sang out to the rhythms reminiscent of Neil Diamond's catchy tune about Brother Love. The crowd clapped, swayed, and some even shouted hallelujahs as Preacher Zeke spoke of redemption and salvation under those Hot August nights skies. The heat outside seemed to matter little as the spirit moved through the tent like a cooling breeze on a sweltering day.

In Petoskey, the next stop for the Traveling Salvation Show, the townsfolk gathered by the bay where the big tent billowed in the lake winds. Preacher Zeke preached of love and forgiveness

to the gathered crowd, many of whom had traveled from nearby villages to hear the message of Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show. "Like a river of joy and a wave of peace," the music flowed as Neil Diamond's song had described, and so it was in northern Michigan those Hot August nights as Preacher Zeke brought his show to town after town.

Traverse City welcomed the show with open arms and full hearts. At the edge of the city where the cherry orchards met the twilight, Preacher Zeke ended his northern Michigan tour with a grand finale. The night air was filled with music and prayer as the people thanked Preacher Zeke and Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show for bringing the good word in such a spirited way. As the lights dimmed and the tent was packed away on that last Hot August night, Preacher Zeke knew he had left a mark on northern Michigan. The people would remember the Traveling Salvation Show for years to come.

And so departed Preacher Ezekiel "Zeke" Thompson with his version of Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show from the towns of northern Michigan, leaving behind a trail of smiles, uplifted hearts, and the lingering sounds of gospel music on those Hot August nights. In the tradition of Neil Diamond's memorable song, Preacher Zeke had brought a message of salvation on the road, under the stars, to all who would listen in the heat of summer nights long past.

The people of Gaylord, Petoskey, Traverse City, and beyond still speak of those Hot August nights when Preacher Zeke came through with the Traveling Salvation Show. In local diners over coffee, at church gatherings, and in stories told to grandchildren, the legend of Preacher Zeke's show lives on – a testament to the power of music, faith, and a traveling preacher with a heart full of love like Brother Love in Neil Diamond's unforgettable song.



[Verse 1]
Hot August night
And the leaves hanging down
And the grass on the ground smellin' sweet
Move up the road to the outside of town
And the sound of that good gospel beat
Sits a ragged tent
Where there ain't no trees
And that gospel group tellin' you and me
[Chorus]
It's Love, Brother Love, say
Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show

Pack up the babies and grab the old ladies
And ev'ryone goes, 'cause everyone knows
Brother Love's show

[Verse 2]
Room gets suddenly still
And when you'd almost bet
You could hear yourself sweat, he walks in
Eyes black as coal
And when he lifts his face
Ev'ry ear in the place is on him
Starting soft and slow
Like a small earthquake
And when he lets go
Half the valley shakes

[Chorus]
It's Love, Brother Love, say
Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show
Pack up the babies and grab the old ladies
And ev'ryone goes, 'cause everyone knows
'Bout Brother Love's show

[Spoken Sermon]
Brothers
I said, brothers
Now you got yourself two good hands
And when your brother is troubled, you gotta reach out your one hand for him
'Cause that's what it's there for
And when your heart is troubled, you gotta reach out your other hand
Reach it out to the man up there
'Cause that's what He is there for

[Bridge]
Take my hand in yours
Walk with me this day
In my heart I know I will never stray
Halle, halle, halle, halle
Halle, halle, halle, halle

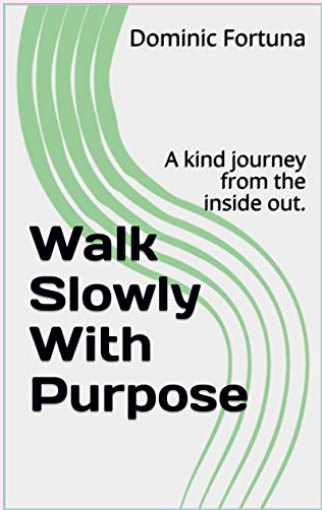
[Chorus]
It's Love, Brother Love, say
Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show
Pack up the babies
And grab the old ladies and ev'ryone goes
I say, Love, Brother Love, say
Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show
Pack up the babies
And grab the old ladies and ev'ryone goes...

[Outro]
Love, Brother Love, say
Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show
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Here is a You Tube of Neil Diamond singing
“Brother Love’s traveling Salvation Show.”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnCXhuVoxE4>

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

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

Crawford School, Excelsior District #1
Crawford School 5621 M-72 NE, Kalkaska 231-258-2934
When: 3rd Wed, 4:00 pm



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

Central Lake Public Schools,
8190 W. State St, Central Lake, 231 544-3341
When: 2nd Mon, 6:30 pm

Bellaire Public Schools,
204 W. Forest Home Ave, Bellaire, 231-533-8015
When: 3rd Mon, 6:30 pm

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

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Job Winslow Chapter, NSDAR welcomes new members



L-R: Jeanne Cotanch, Membership Chair;; Cinda Simmons, Angela Simmons, Tina Norris Fields, Registrar; Janet Emerson; Jan Scheiwe, Regent.



L-R: Jan Scheiwe, Regent; Kathy Wilson, Librarian; Joy Garwold, Chaplain; Tina Norris Fields, Registrar.



L-R: Kathy Wilson, Immediate Past Regent; Phyllis Moravec, Treasurer, presented Kathy with her Past Regent pin.

At its August 16, 2025 meeting, the Job Winslow Chapter, NSDAR celebrated the installation of three new members: Cinda Simmons, Angela Simmons, and Janet Emerson. It also installed two newly-elected Executive Board members: Kathy Wilson as Librarian and Joy Garwold as Chaplain. One final note of celebration was awarding Immediate Past Regent Kathy Wilson the Past Regent pin which was presented to her by her very dear friend Phyllis Moravec, the chapter Treasurer.



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