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# Aarwood Bridge Walk 2025

By Tina Norris Fields

RAPID CITY, MI – We couldn’t agree on exactly how many years the Aarwood Bridge Walk had been taking place. So, this reporter went back into the archives to find out.

In May of 2012, the old, no longer safe, Aarwood Bridge was taken out so it could be replaced with a new, safer bridge. That whole summer traffic that would normally go down Aarwood Road to get to the shore of Torch Lake had to be rerouted down West Plum Valley Road. And what was normally a two-mile ride to Torch Lake for Aarwood Road and Aarwood Trail residents, living just south of Rapid River, became a five-mile annoyance – driving down Aarwood to Rapid City Road, then north to either West Plum Valley Road or Crystal Beach Road, grumbling all the way.

The work was completed in August, and our beautiful new bridge just seemed to beg for something to commemorate its rebirth, so to speak. Fortuitously, the always thwarted desire of several local residents to journey up to make the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk, revealed the perfect way for us to celebrate our new bridge. With the leadership of Nora and Joe Mariage, the annual Aarwood Bridge Walk was launched, christening our freshly rebuilt bridge with the first walk on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2012.

So, Norma, you were right, this was the fourteenth time we held our Aarwood Bridge Walk!



May 2012, the Aarwood Road Bridge was completely removed, to be replaced with a new, safe bridge that would meet code. The work went on through that summer, being completed in August, just in time to inspire a fitting way for the community to celebrate our new, modern, bridge.

The summer traffic ordeal was finally over and the new bridge was a welcome addition to the community.



Early to the bridge, Monday morning, this group who come from Bay City every year to be part of the Aarwood Bridge Walk.

They warmed up here as the official marching kazoo band with a rendition of the famous chorus from Sousa’s famous Stars and Stripes Forever.

Later, they led the parade across the bridge to the tune of the Star Spangled Banner.



September 1, 2025 - those who have been part of this bridge walk every year, as well as those who just learned about it this year, gathered for a celebratory group photo- with smiles, dogs, a bicycle, and lots of smiles. There followed a number of different holiday traditions, including breakfast pizzas and some creative Bloody Mary creations.

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



# OUT & ABOUT

**Editor’s note:** *This space is free to community organizations to promote events which are of benefit to the residents in and around Kalkaska County. Email your information to [tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com](mailto:tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com) Please include date and time of the event, a contact number or email address. We prefer that you not include prices.*

## SENIOR & COMMUNITY MEALS

**Senior Lunch** Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, no reservation required for dine-in, carry out meal (w/o salad bar), all ages welcome, contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Salad bar at 11:30 am, Meal served at 12:00 pm**

**Senior Lunch** Antrim County COA, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, dine-in or carry out, 231 533-8703  
**When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for dine-in, 11:30 to 12:00 pm for carry out (site is open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm)**

**Senior Lunch**, Mancelona Senior Ctr, 122 E State St, dine-in available, RSVP the day before to Marianne at 231 587-9131  
**When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Salad Bar 11 to 11:45 am, Lunch served 12:00 to 12:30 pm (site is open 9:00 am to 1:30 pm)**

**Senior Lunch**, Central Lake Meal Site, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, dine-in available, RSVP the day before to Lois at 231 544-6687  
**When: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 11:30 to 12:00 pm (site is open 10:00 am to 12:30 pm)**

**KAIR’s Ladles of Love**, 107 W. Third St, free community meal, everyone is welcome, contact 231 258-7836  
**When: Mon, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Senior Lunch** (Kalkaska COA), Garfield Township Hall, 0466 W. Sharon Rd, Fife Lake, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP by 9 am to Marci at 231 360-7697  
**When: Mon, 12 noon to 12:30 pm**

**Senior Meal**, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, reservations must be made at the previous meal or 24 hours in advance, contact 231-922-4911  
**When: Tue, 11:45 am**

**Community Meal**, Mancelona United Methodist Church, 117 W. Hinman, Mancelona, canceled if Mancelona schools are closed for inclement weather, 231 587- 8461  
**When: Tue, except holidays, 5 to 6 pm**

**Senior Lunch** (Kalkaska COA), Bear Lake Township Hall, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP between 8:30 and 9 am to Iola at 941 270-1549  
**When: Tue, Thu, 12 noon to 12:30 pm**

**Senior Lunch** (Kalkaska COA), South Boardman Senior Center, 5503 Boardman Rd SW, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP by 9 am to Marci at 231 360-7697  
**When: Tue, Thu, 12:30 to 1:00 pm**

**Kalkaska Baptist Community Meal**, Kalkaska Baptist Church, 1151 CR 612, open to everyone, 217 871-5700  
**When: 2nd and last Tue, 5 to 7 pm**

**Senior Meal**, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, reservations must be made at the previous meal or 24 hours in advance contact 231 922-4911  
**When: Wed, 11:30 am**

**Senior Lunch** (Kalkaska COA) Clearwater Township Hall, 5440 River St NW, Rapid City, dine-in or pick-up, RSVP by 8:30 am to Pam at 231 564-2794  
**When: Wed, 12 to 12:30 pm**

**Community Meal**, Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd, curbside pick-up or dine in, donations accepted, contact 231 258-2820  
**When: Wed, except holidays, 5 to 6 pm**

**Community Meal**, Kingsley United Methodist Church, 113 Blair St, Kingsley, contact 231 263-5278  
**When: 3rd Wed, 5 to 6:30 pm**

**Easy Meals Fundraiser for American Legion**, Dale H Wheeler American Legion Post 219, 10283 M-113, Fife Lake, dine-in or drive-thru, contact 231 879-4475  
**When: Thu, 5-6 pm**

**Veterans Dinner**, South Torch Lake Fire Department, 8765 Helena Rd, Alden, free dinner for Veterans and their families, contact 231 331-4204  
**When: 3rd Thu, 5:00 to 7:00 pm**

**Red Apron Community Dinner**, Bellaire Community United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire, everyone is welcome to this free meal, 231 533-8133  
**When: Last Thur, 5:00 to 6:00 pm**

**Senior Omelet Breakfast**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, build your own omelet, alternate available each week, no reservation required, all ages welcome (may not be served on certain holidays or if special luncheons are scheduled), contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Fri, 8:00 to 9:00 am**

**Senior Breakfast**, Antrim County COA/Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, menu changes weekly, 231 533-8703  
**When: Fri, 8:00 to 9:00 am**

**Pasties & Pot Pies for Sale**, Coldsprings Excelsior Township Area (CETA) Hall, 6615 County Rd 612, (to confirm dates and availability, call 231 258-9912)  
**When: Fri, 1 to 3 pm**

**Fish Fry**, Dale H. Wheeler American Legion Post 219, 10283 M-113, Fife Lake, dine-in, \$15 all-you-can-eat, age 5 and under is free, contact 231 879-4475  
**When: 1st Fri, 4:30 to 7:00 pm (or until sold out)**

**Free Breakfast**, Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake Rd SE, Kalkaska, sausage, eggs, and pancakes breakfast, open to the community, contact 231-258-6107  
**When: 3rd Sat, 8:00 to 10:00 am**

**Pancake Breakfast**, Bellaire Masonic Lodge, 4905 Stover Rd, Bellaire, pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, coffee, and orange juice, \$10 plate, contact 713 665-4100  
**When: last Sat, 7:00 to 11:00 am**

**VFW & Central Lake AmVets Monthly Breakfast**, Central Lake AmVets, 1840 S. Main St, Central Lake, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy & biscuits, hash browns, toast, beverages, 231 544-6455  
**When: 1st Sun, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Family Meal Distribution**, The Orchard Church, 3903 Voice Rd, Kingsley, drive thru pick-up of a day’s worth of meals for a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for a family of six, open to all, contact 231 263-8267  
**When: Last Sun, 4:30 to 6:00 pm**

**Swiss Steak Dinner**, Bellaire Masonic Lodge, 4905 Stover Rd, Bellaire, includes dessert and beverages, proceeds to help with the Masons scholarship activities and help within the community, contact 231 377-7156  
**When: Last Sun, 4:30 to 7:00 pm**

## FARMERS’ MARKET

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

## FOOD PANTRIES

**Little Free Pantry**, Alden United Methodist Church, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden, located in front yard of the church  
**When: available anytime**

**Fife Lake Community Church**, 206 Boyd St, call 231 879-4270  
**When: hours by appointment only**

**Love Locker Project**, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, seasonal clothing for the community as needed, contact 231 879-4101  
**When: available anytime**

**Share Shack Free Food Pantry**, Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake Rd SE, Kalkaska, located in the parking lot, 231-258-6107  
**When: available anytime**

**KAIR Food Pantry/Thrift Store**, 324 S. Cedar St, Kalkaska, available to Kalkaska and Antrim County residents, curbside pickup only, call 231 258-0060 ext 4 by 2:45 pm to make an appointment  
**When: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Bellaire Food Pantry**, 205 E. Broad St, 231-533-8600  
**When: Mon & Thu 10 am - 4 pm, Sat 10 am - 12 pm**

**ACTS (Acme Christian Thrift Store & Pantry)**, 8925 M-72 East, Williamsburg, serving Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, & Antrim counties, by appt, 231 267-3002  
**When: Tues 5 - 7 pm, Wed 1 - 4 pm, Sat 10 am - 1 pm**

**Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale**, 201 N. Maple St, Mancelona, 231-676-1686  
**When: Tues, Wed, Thu, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Central Lake Community Food Pantry**, 1875 Main St, Central Lake, 231-544-6878  
**When: Tue 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Fri 3:00 to 5:00 pm**

**Kingsley United Methodist Church**, 113 Blair St, Kingsley, call 231 263-5278 for appt if you are unable to come during open hours  
**When: Wed & Fri, 9 am to 12 pm**

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

**Kingsley Baptist Church**, 7511 Blackman Rd, Kingsley, call Jessica at 231-263-5650 for apt if you are unable to come during open hours  
**When: 2nd & 4th Fri, 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

## HEALTH AND FITNESS

**Yoga**, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, with Peggy Williams, restorative yoga, suggested donation of \$5-10 per class, contact lakesidetherapeutics@gmail.com, to register, email kspratt@tadl.org  
**When: Mon, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Yoga**, ASI Community Center & Park, 102 Maple St, Bellaire, with Daryl Allison-Busch, licensed instructor, contact 231 564-0010  
**When: Mon, 12:30 pm (Gentle) and 2 pm (Hatha)**

**Bootcamp Class**, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Nickey Torrey, 231 258-5913  
**When: Mon, 7:00 to 7:45 pm**

**Yoga**, Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, contact 231 331-4643  
**When: Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 to 9:30 am**

**Let’s Get Moving**, Bellaire Community United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire, 30-minute “Body Groove” video for all levels (can be done in a chair, too) lead by Cherese Villareal, contact 580 471-7778  
**When: Mon, Wed, 11:00 to 11:30 am**

**Chair Exercise**, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703  
**When: Mon, Wed, Thu. 10 to 10:45 am**

**Aerobic Exercise with Weights**, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S. Coral St, bring small hand weights or two cans of soup, contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Mon, Fri, 10:30 to 11:30 am**

**Lyrical/Contemporary Dance for Adults**, ASI Community Center, 102 S. Maple St, Bellaire, \$10 cost, contact 231 572-2518  
**When: 1st Tues, 5:45 to 6:45 pm**

**Wii Bowling**, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703  
**When: Tue, 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**Line Dance**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, all skill levels welcome, contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Tue, 1:00 pm**

**Table Tennis**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Tue, 2:00 pm**

**Line Dancing**, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, equipment provided, focused on seniors, contact to register 231 922-4911  
**When: Tue, Thu, 10:00 am**

**Yoga for Seniors**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Tue, Thu, 10:00 am**

**Cardio Drumming**, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, equipment provided, focused on seniors, contact to register 231 922-4911  
**When: Tue, Thu, 10:00 am**

**Fitness Over Fifty**, Fife Lake Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, contact to register 231 922-491  
**When: Tue, Thu, 10:30 to 11:30 am**

**Chair Yoga**, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, class size is limited, advance registration is required, 231 922-4911  
**When: Wed, Fri, 9:15 am**

**Senior Exercise Class**, Bear Lake Township Hall, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd NE, open for all seniors, mixing yoga, light impact aerobics, strength training, contact 989 330-7538  
**When: Wed, 9:00 to 10:00 am**

**Taekwondo**, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 adults/\$5 child or senior drop-in fee, ages 6 years +, Instructor Mr. Allan, 231 258-5913  
**When: Wed, 4:30 to 5:30 pm**

**Strong Nation Class**, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Lanae Bump, contact 231 258-5913  
**When: Wed, 6:00 to 6:45 pm**

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

**Wii Bowling**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, COVID guidelines observed. contact 231 258-5030  
**When: Thu, 1:00 pm**

**Pound Class**, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Nickey Torrey, contact 231 258-5913  
**When: Thu, 6:00 to 6:45 pm**

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

**Bootcamp Class**, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, included in Kaliseum membership or \$10 drop-in fee, Instructor Nickey Torrey, contact 231 258-5913  
**When: Fri, 9:00 to 10:00 am**

## BINGO, CARDS & BOARD GAMES

**Antrim County Duplicate Bridge Club**, ASI Community Center & Park, 102 Maple St, Bellaire, 231 590-7293  
**When: Mon, 12:45 pm**



**Penny Bingo**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, all are welcome, \$1 donation, play with pennies, win pennies, bring lots of pennies or purchase from COA, contact 231 258-5030

**When: Mon, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

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

**When: Mon, 6 pm**

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

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

**Mah-Jongg,** People of all skill levels are invited to play. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

**When: Tue, 1 to 4 pm**

**Euchre**, (Kalkaska COA) 303 S. Coral St, \$5.00 buy-in, 231 258-5030

**When: Tue, 1 pm**

**Euchre**, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, \$5.00 buy-in, contact 231 533-8703

**When: Tues, 6:00 pm**

**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](mailto:ljslyker@gmail.com)

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

**Jackpot Bingo**, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, fundraiser for the Senior Center, community welcome, must be 18+, contact 231 258-5030

**When: Wed, seating begins 4 pm, warm ups at 5 pm, regular games at 6 pm**

**Bingo**, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, \$1, contact 231 922-4911

**When: Wed, Fri 10:15 to 11:15 am**

**Billiards**, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, enjoy a game on a first-come, first-served basis, all equipment provided, contact 231 922-4911

**When: Wed, Fri 9:15 am to 12:15 pm**

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

**When: Wed, 6 pm**

**Mah-jongg**, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703

**When: Thu, 12:45 pm**

**Euchre**, Rapid City Community Center (Red School House), 5407 River St, Rapid City, 231 331-6249

**When: Thu, 1 pm**

**Bingo**, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8703

**When: 3rd Thu, during Birthday Dinner at 11:30 am**

**Bingo**, ASI, 102 S. Maple St, Bellaire, community welcome must be 18+, contact 231 350-8835

**When: 2nd & 4th Thu, Doors open 4 pm, play 5 pm**

**Euchre**, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, single player with individual scoring, experience is necessary for team play, lessons available, contact 231 922-4911

**When: Fri 10:15 am to 12:15 pm**

**Pantry Bingo**, Kalkaska Sr Center303 S. Coral St, all are welcome, play for pantry items, \$1 donation 231 258-5030

**When: Fri, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

**Bingo**, American Legion Hall, 9850 S. Front St, Mancelona community welcome, must be 18+, 231 499-2364

**When: Sat, doors open at 4 pm, play begins at 6 pm**

**Pool**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, open to anyone who wants to play, must contact 231 258-5030 with your name and number

**When: Sat, 6 pm**

Crafts & Hobbies

**Small Crafts Groups**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, bring a personal small craft to work on while socializing, many are willing to teach basics of crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc, 231 258-5030

**When: Mon, 9:00 to 11:00 am**

**Wood Carvers**, Kalkaska Senior Center 303 S. Coral St, all levels of skill, teaching available, 231 258-5030

**When: Mon, 6 pm**

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

**When: Tue, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Quilters Corner**, Antrim County COA, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, bring your own project, 231 533-8703

**When: Tue, 12:30 to 2:20 pm;**

**Juniper Garden Club**, Clearwater Township Community Center, 5407 River St, Rapid City, contact 231 629-2498, new members welcome

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

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

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

**Knitting** - Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St,

**When: Tue 10 am**

**Group Painting**, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, 231 533-8703

**When: Thu, 10:30 am**

**Fiber Arts Group**, Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Ln, Fife Lake, bring your own lap project and craft with others by our warm fireplace, not lessons, contact 231 879-4101

**When: Thu, 3:00 to 4:30 pm**

**Kasky Kwilters**, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, come see what we are doing! 231-384-0595

**When: 1st Thu, 4:00 pm**

**Great Lakes Scale Modelers**, Traverse City Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Avenue, Thirlby Room. Plastic models, any scale, trains, planes, automobiles. Whatever floats your boat. Contact Bruce, 231-620-1767 or Frank, 231-228-3474

**When: 2nd Sat, 1To 4 pm**

Children’s Activities

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

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

**Story Time with Miss Diane-** Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, open to children ages 0-5 and their caretakers, stories, crafts, snacks, 231 533-8814

**When: Tue, 10:00 am**

**LEGO Club**, Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St, Central Lake, available to children ages 5+, drop-in club but parents filling out a registration is strongly recommended, contact 231 544-2517

**When: Tue OR Wed, 3:15 to 4:00 pm**

**Story Time**, Mancelona Township Library, 202 W. State St, Mancelona, stories and crafts, 231 587-9451

**When: Tue, 10:30 am**

**Wigglers Preschool Story Time**, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson, Kingsley, children from birth to pre-kindergarten are welcome, stories, music, and movement, contact 231 263-5484

**When: Tue and Wed, 10:30 am**

**Story Time with Miss Diana**, Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St., Central Lake, with crafts, songs, stories, songs, and snacks, contact 231-544-2517

**When: Wed, 10:30 am**

**5toOne Playgroup**, Kalkaska Early Head Start Classroom, 424 S. Cedar St, activities for children, resources for parents, music & movement, registration is encouraged, <https://bit.ly/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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu, 3:30 to 6:45 pm**

**5toOne Playgroup**, Rapid City Elementary, 5258 River St, Rapid City, child-led playtime, healthy snack, and story, registration is encouraged, <https://bit.ly/PlayinRapidCity>

**When: 2nd Thur, 8:45 to 10:00 am**

**Teen Challenge Board Games**, Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St, board games galore for teens age 12 and older, free with snacks provided, 231 54343-2517

**When: 4th Thur, 3:15 to 4:00 pm (**

**Central Lake Community Playgroup**, First Congregation Church, 8066 W. State St, fun activities and lunch provided, meet in lower level. 231 347-0067

**When: Fri, 10:00 to 11:30 pm**

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

**When: Fri 10:30 am**

**Story Time**, Mancelona Township Library, 202 W. State St, Mancelona, contact 231 587-9451

**When: Fri, 3:30 pm**

**5toOne Playgroup**, Mancelona School’s Early Childhood Space, 203 Grove St, child-led playtime, healthy snack, and story, registration is encouraged, <https://bit.ly/PlayMancelona>

**When: 3rd Fri, 12:00 to 1:30 pm**

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

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

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# OBITUARIES

## Michael Earl Holeman

August 17, 1950 ~ August 22, 2025

On Friday, August 22, Michael Earl Holeman passed peacefully at home, with his loved ones at his side. Mike fought cancer bravely for seven years; his strength and grace will be long remembered by those close to him. Special gratitude is extended to Tracey and Samantha, who provided caregiving in his last days. Mike was born in Olney, Illinois on August 17, 1970 to Glenda (Cluck) and Donald Holeman. The family moved to Kalkaska, MI in 1979 and Mike spent the majority of his life in Kalkaska, where he enjoyed lasting friendships, built Total Communication Services into a successful business and raised his daughter. He attended NMC and studied auto mechanics after high school. Mike was the family go-to on anything mechanical. He shared his gifts generously and could always be counted on to help build and repair whatever needed fixing.

Everyone that knows Mike knows that he lived large and he loved even larger. He could often be found on the golf course, riding his Harley Davidson, snowmobile or "buggy," or spending time with good friends and family. Raising his daughter, Samantha Marie Holeman, was his greatest joy, and he was her biggest supporter. He cheered mightily from the sidelines of thousands of soccer games and was cheering from home when she recently graduated from Ferris State

University. He also shared a love for the Minnesota Vikings with his big brother, and made many friendly bets with his friends who were Lions fans.

Although Mike was no angel on Earth, with plenty of colorful stories to share, he could always be counted on to do the right thing when it came to helping people and his community. He especially had a soft spot for charitable events benefiting children and animals. He used his business and his time to support local charitable events and shared his home with many rescued shelter pets over the years. Mike's friends in Kalkaska and beyond are too numerous to count; he was a loyal and true friend, always ready for an adventure!

Mike is survived by the love of his life, Tracey Conrady and her extended family, including the grandbabies who knew him as "Papa Mike"; his beloved daughter Samantha Holeman; his parents Donald and Glenda Holeman of Kalkaska; his siblings Dale Holeman (Lisa Monnier) of Mancelona and Kelly Holeman (Dennis Rosinski) of Rapid City; his nephew Maxwell Holeman-Perrin of Traverse City, and his devoted canine companions Cash and Jazzy. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles Alan and



Barbara Holeman and Donald and Judy Mitchell, along with cousins Leslie (Krystal) Donelson, Dallas (Terese) Donelson, Christine (George) Weikamp, and David (Kim) Holeman. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Earl and Mildred Holeman, Dallas (Corinna) Cluck, Ersel Cluck, and his cousin Tara (Holeman) Morgan. Mike will also be remembered by Samantha's brothers Kyle and Travis Adams, along with Amie Christensen, mother of Samantha, and his best friend Ken Spencer. The family would like to thank David Gruse, who was a loyal and supportive friend, visiting and maintaining Mike's property during his illness.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, August 28 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Visitation took place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a funeral service beginning at 1:00 p.m. Following the funeral, the family held a private graveside service.

A celebration of life event was planned for Saturday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Mike's Riley Rd. residence. Everyone that knew and loved Mike was welcome to come celebrate Mike's life and legacy. Donations of pet supplies, food, toys, and cash were collected at the event and donated to the

Kalkaska County Animal shelter. Attendees were welcome to wear sports jerseys from their favorite teams, even if it's not the Minnesota Vikings. Memorial donations to Munson Hospice House, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, or the Kalkaska County Animal Shelter in Mike's name are greatly appreciated and will benefit the causes that Mike held dear. The family would like to thank Hospice of Northern Michigan, especially Teika, for their compassionate care.

Envelopes were available at the funeral home; addresses for those that wish to donate directly to the aforementioned charitable organizations are as follows:

Colorectal Cancer Alliance, 1025 Vermont Ave NW Suite 1066, Washington, DC 20005

Kalkaska County Animal Shelter, 605 N. Birch St., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Munson Hospice House, % Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684

Arrangements are in the care of Kalkaska Funeral Home, with a special thanks to Gil and April Smith, for their support and participation in Mike's memorial service.

## Charles James Altsman Jr.

March 17, 1945 ~ August 14, 2025

Charles James Altsman, Jr., 80, of Lake City, passed away on August 14, 2025 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on March 17, 1945 in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, to the late Charles and Velma (McConahy) Altsman, Sr.

No services are planned at this time.

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## Lauren Dale Rice [no photo - 55 words]

November 1, 1946 ~ August 18, 2025

Lauren D. Rice, 78, of Kalkaska, passed away on August 18, 2025 at his home. He was born on November 1, 1946 in Muskegon to the late Harold and Doris (Hatch) Rice.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

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## Irvin E. Yoder

August 9, 1954 ~ July 25, 2025

Irvin E. Yoder, 70, son of Lewis & Myrtle(Sutton) Yoder passed away on July 25, 2025 in Dallas, Oregon from a lengthy illness. He was born on August 9, 1954 and grew up in Rapid City.



Irvin enjoyed muscle cars, working with wood, building and flying remote control airplanes, riding motorcycles, racing dwarf cars, fishing, panning for gold, repairing boat motors, Nascar racing and spending time with his beloved dog B.J. He was a very smart and hardworking man, skilled in many trades. He owned/operated several businesses including the Pelican gift shop in Depoe Bay, Oregon and Yoder's Chimney Sweeping, he also worked several years as a heavy equipment mechanic in Reno, Nevada, a boat mechanic at Staff Jennings in Salem, Oregon, and his final career as a truck driver/truck pusher for Trey Trucking in Rankin, Texas.

Irvin was a kind and gentle soul who loved to spend time with his

family. Being a Papa was his most cherished role.

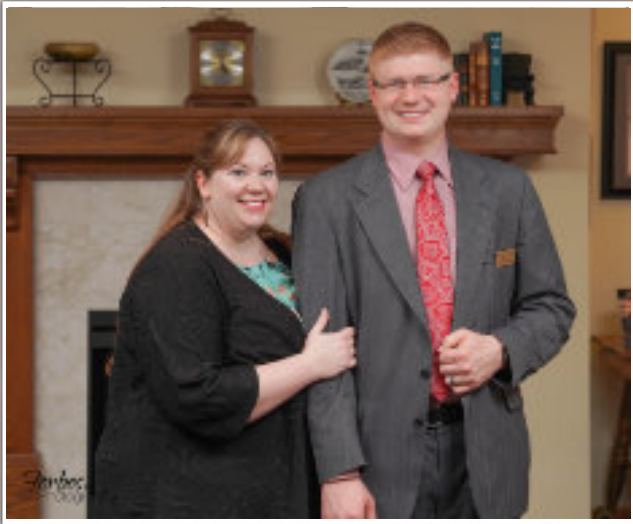
He leaves behind a daughter Stacy(Jon)Wilkerson, grandson Blake, son Jason Riker and family of Spring, Texas, brother, Robert Yoder, of Gaylord, sister Doris(Bill)Brown of Grand Rapids, Mary(Howard)Richards of Mancelona, Lori(Larry)Czubak of Traverse City, many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his stepchildren Roger Haire of Rankin, Texas, Jimmy Haire of Rankin, Texas, Maranda Disney of Rankin, Texas, Keri (Blake) of Springtown, Texas, 12 step grandchildren, and 2 step great grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his parents, sisters, Jeannette Milligan, Marlene Zeman, brother Louis D. Yoder, and son Hutcherson Yoder.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

January 16, 1957 ~ August 25, 2025

Brenda Lee (Minthorn) Snyder, born January 16th 1957 in Lockwood Hospital in Petoskey MI, passed away on August 25th, 2025, at the age of 68, surrounded by her loving family. After a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, Brenda entered into eternal rest. Her life was a testament to resilience, service, and love, guided by her love of family and deep faith as a practicing United Methodist member.



Brenda’s love of music was another strong current in her life. She played piano and guitar, filled her home with song and laughter, and never passed up an opportunity to dance. These passions, coupled with her faith, shaped the joy she shared with those around her.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer Minthorn and Marjorie (Allen) Minthorn. She is survived by her devoted husband, Thomas Snyder; her brother, Don Minthorn; her sister, Cheryl Minthorn; her children and their spouses: Jesse Snyder, Trisha Smrecak, Benjamin Snyder, Jill (Bogart) Snyder, Katherine (Snyder) Firman, Scott Firman, Nathan Snyder, and Carl Snyder; and her six beloved grandchildren, who were the light of her later years, Cavin Snyder, Keenan Snyder, Riley Firman, Lillian Firman, Roan Snyder, Nell Snyder.

A funeral service will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, MI 49646, on Saturday September 6th, visitation is at 9:00 am and the service starts at 11:00 am. Following the service, friends and family are invited to gather downstairs at the funeral home for a meal and fellowship in honor of Brenda’s memory.

Brenda faithfully supported the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation; those who feel moved to do so may donate in her name at <https://give.myotonic.org/campaign/622795/donate>. You can also donate by sending a check made out to “Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation” and mailing it to the address listed below. Additionally, if you would like to donate flowers, donations may be made by going to the Kalkaska Funeral Homes web page or contacting a local florist. Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation, 663 Thirteenth Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

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James William Woodruff

January 19, 1927 ~ August 27, 2025

James (Jim) William Woodruff, age 98, of Rapid City, Michigan, peacefully passed away Friday, August 27, 2025 at the Meadowbrook Medical Facility in Bellaire, Michigan.



retiring from G. M., Jim and Ann moved permanently to Rapid City. Jim and Ann were active in the local U.A.W., Advocacy for Senior Citizens, and many other activities. Jim and Ann loved playing games, traveling, and going to the casino. He lost his dear Ann in December of 2018.

Jim was born to Colden and Sylvia (Schlechtly) Woodruff on January 19, 1927 in Rapid City, Michigan. Jim grew up in Rapid City and Flint Michigan. In 1945 he enlisted into the U.S. Army and married Beatrice E. Larabee. The Army sent Jim to Germany to be part of the major clean-up near Berlin, Germany just as the war in Europe was ending. After proudly serving his country, Jim moved his family to Flint, Michigan, where he was employed with General Motors, Buick Division for the next 30 years. While employed at G.M., Jim was an active member of the U.A.W. and served as Committee Man for many years. Jim loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. On September 15, 1973, Jim married Annabelle J. Morrison. After

Jim is survived by his daughters, Connie Velez and Billie Jo Ashworth; son, Thomas (Linda) Woodruff; Sister, Marjorie Chapman; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; many, many nephews, nieces, cousins, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ann; Sisters Donna (Clark) Champney, Marian (John) Brinegar, Louise (Chuck) Dillenbeck; Son, Terry (Lynn) Woodruff, and Daughter, Penny (David) Clark.

A memorial and graveside service will be held, date and times will be posted when available.



Paul Daniel Peterson

September 26, 1950 ~ August 14, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Paul Daniel Peterson of Kalkaska, Michigan, who passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the age of 74.



Paul was born on September 26, 1950, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Peter Peterson and Lorraine (Peterson) VanStrien. He was recognized for his innovative electronics abilities, carpentry skills, and known by all for his incredible ingenuity, willingness to help others in need, and his deep love for the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cheri Peterson; his children, Chris (Angie) Peterson and Carrie (Samuel) Long; his grandchildren, Justin (Laura) Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Elijah

Long, Sophia Long, and Isaac Peterson; and his great-granddaughter, Eleanor. He is also survived by three siblings, Bob, Carol and Joe, and many nieces and nephews. Paul is preceded in death by his parents and one younger brother, Rick.

Paul loved God above all else, and he took great pride in his family. He touched many lives with his dedication to helping others in need. He truly lived up to his nickname “MacGyver” in Kalkaska with ingenious ideas and ways to fix the unfixable.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 11:00 am at Elk Rapids Bible Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

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Brandon Ahlgren, MD, Joins Munson Healthcare Rheumatology

Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Brandon Ahlgren, MD, to the Rheumatology team.

Dr. Ahlgren comes from a family of physicians. He is the oldest of five siblings, two of whom are also doctors. He became interested in joint and bone pathology from his father, an orthopedic spine surgeon. This interest led him to pursue a specialty in rheumatology.

Dr. Ahlgren attended medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine, where he also completed a fellowship in Rheumatology. He completed residency at Loyola University Medical Center. Dr. Ahlgren is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

“My favorite part of practicing medicine is meeting new people, taking the time to listen to them and form a relationship, and working hard to give them the care they deserve,” he says.

Dr. Ahlgren and his wife Elizabeth share three cats and a ball python. Outside of work, he enjoys exercising, boating, playing video games, and watching motorsports.

Munson Healthcare Rheumatology is located at 3537 West Front St., Suite A in Traverse City.

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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 9, 5:30 pm - Antrim Photography Workshop-Sunset Photography with David Behrens. This is a virtual workshop on meet.google.com. RSVP with Lisa at 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com and a Link will be provided. Seasonal membership \$50.00 or non-members \$10 per workshop. Sponsored by Alden District Library 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

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.

September 16, 3:30pm - 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! The teen book club will meet on the Third Tuesday of every month at 3:30pm. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

September 18 - Friends of Alden District Library Monthly Meeting, 9:30am social time with regular meeting beginning at 10:00am. Topics of discussion will be plans for upcoming programs and activities, as well as volunteer opportunities. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome. Held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden. 231-331-4318.

September 18, 12:00pm. TT Nooners Book Club and discussion group meets on the Third Thursday of every month at 12:00 noon at the Kalkaska Library. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

September 21, 2 pm - Aurora Borealis: What is it? Presented by award winning photographer, speaker and member of Michigan Aurora Chasers, Patricia McCleery. Patricia will be discussing the science behind the Aurora Borealis, the best time of year to see it in Northern Michigan and how to photograph it with your cell phone. This is a Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and Friends, 231-331-4318. Held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden.

September 23rd, 4:00pm - Friends of the Kalkaska County Library Meeting. Public is welcome. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

September 27th, 6:30pm - Music Trivia Bingo, hosted by the Friends of the Kalkaska Library.. Located at CERTA Hall, Manistee Lake, 6615 County Rd 612 NE. Tickets are \$20, and are available for purchase at the Kalkaska Library. All proceeds will go toward the Kalkaska County Library New Building Fund. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.a

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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

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

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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)  
*OOPS! Boss, I gotta go*

21 July 2003  
Dear Mark,

In my short years playing blackjack, I have never seen a pit boss come over and deal a hand until last year. I was playing with my family on a low-risk table (\$5 minimum), when after about 40 minutes, the female dealer at our table motioned to the pit boss, talked to him for a second, then finished her hand. She spread out the cards, thanked us, and left urgently. The pit boss she talked to stepped up and started to deal. Another pit boss watched his shuffling from the pit area.

You have to believe me that we were a little nervous and wondering what was going on. The pit boss was extremely friendly while he dealt the cards, joking with us, etc. After several sets of cards, a different female dealer came back.

My question to you is, what would cause a pit boss to come over and do such a thing? We are all amateurs when it comes to playing 21, and we were not cheating. Aaron S.

And neither was the pit boss, Aaron. There was absolutely, positively no cheatin' going on. No need to be so suspicious.

When a dealer comes off the game and is replaced by a pit boss, it is most likely Mother Nature's cell phone just rang; or, possibly, the dealer had called in sick on a busy weekend and needed a tongue lashing; or maybe there was an emergency at the dealer's home [they all have homes, these days] or; the sexist jokes she's hearing on the game are so God-awful that she needs to upchuck the batch.

Besides, once you become a floor supervisor, you lose your dexterity for dealing seconds or off the bottom of the deck.

Ya know I'm jiving you Aaron, right?

Dear Mark,

Should you always hit your 15s and 16s against a 17? Also, should you always stand on a soft 18? Caroline S.

The dealer's chances of having a 17 or more when he shows a 7, 8, 9, 10 or ace are between 74% and 83%. For that reason, correct basic strategy dictates that you always hit your 15 or 16.

Bringing us to that soft-18 query: For every one million hands of 18 you receive, you will lose 280 more hands than you would win. That tells you, Caroline, that 18 is a losing hand over the long haul.

This is why basic strategy cards advise hitting a soft 18 against the dealer's 9, face (10) card and an ace, but doubling when the dealer shows a 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Dear Mark,

Can you tell me how multi-deck blackjack alters the odds, compared with single deck blackjack? Tom P.

Compared to a single deck game, the two-decker handicaps your play by 0.35%, (with four decks 0.48%, six decks 0.54%, and eight decks 0.58%). So, given the choice, I recommend playing on a game with the smallest number of decks.

Dear Mark,

Do you get more blackjacks on a single or multiple deck game? Jay H.

Blackjacks, which pay 3 for 2, occur more frequently on a single deck versus multi-deck games. Allow me, Jay, to illustrate. Let's say your first card is an ace. On a single deck game, 16 of the remaining 51 cards, or 31.37%, are the face or 10-value cards that would complete your blackjack.

On a six-deck game, 96 of the remaining 311 cards, or 30.87%, would give you your blackjack.

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**Gambling quote of the week:**  
"Wander through a modern casino and gaze upon the squadrons of machines, sitting like idols to some neon God." — The book, *Gambling For Dummies*



Sudoku Puzzle  
September 5, 2025

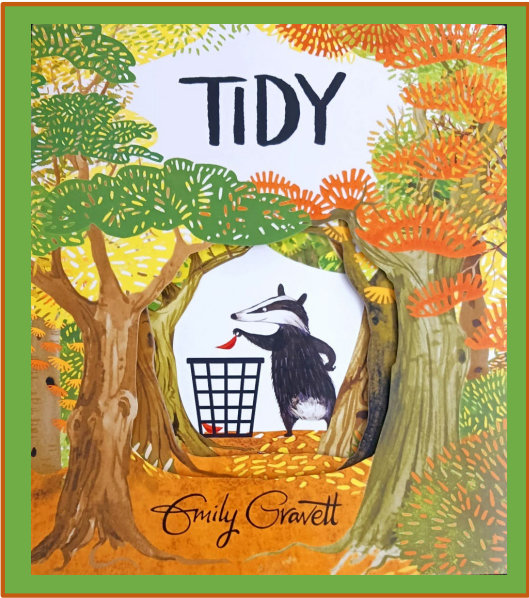
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QUILTS NEEDED

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](mailto:kathyqx@sbcglobal.net) if you are making a cotton quilt or baby quilt to donate.



# = MENTAL HEALTH CORNER =

## *Staying Sane in Today's World*

Many of us have been there at one time or another. We've been watching the news, reading articles and doom scrolling on social media, and we find ourselves overwhelmed. There is a term for this: Permacrisis -- A state of individual, societal or global instability and overlapping stressors.

Permacrises come in many forms. Everyone reading this lived through the pandemic. Those were some crazy times! There are also constant wars, climate/weather crises and economic uncertainty. Then, of course, depending on who you listen to, this president is worse than the last president and so on. This endless barrage of negativity can leave us feeling powerless, anxious or even paralyzed.

When we are exposed to constant stressors, our delicate nervous systems can get worn down. This, in turn, fuels anxiety, depression and burnout. We are not designed to live in a constant state of "fight, flight or freeze." Too much time in this state can affect our sleep patterns, can make us prone to irritability and physical health issues.

There is also the isolation that comes from what we now call "doom scrolling". This happens

when we interact with social media that has what we call an "endless stream" where you can simply continue to scroll for hours uninterrupted.

It's normal to feel overwhelmed by the constant barrage of negativity coming through our devices. I would even suggest that some of it is designed to produce this exact response in us. It may not be right, but it is our world today.

### **Coping and Grounding Strategies:**

1. **Limit Your Exposure:** Set boundaries with news and social media
2. **Create Stability and Predictability:** Anchor yourself and your life with daily routines and small, manageable goals.
3. **Community Matters:** Talk with supportive people. This helps create and maintain shared resilience and reduces isolation.
4. **Seek Support:** There is no doubt that getting a good therapist can help you to process fears, grief and any uncertainty that creeps into your life.

There are a lot of things in this world that are out of our control, but we can choose to act on the things that are in our circle of influence. Making safe choices in how we consume media, practicing grounding habits and seeking support when we need it all allow us to find hope and balance — even in an age that seems like it is always in a permacrisis.

**-Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECF**

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LIFE'S WORK CLINIC

# The Talents of Recovery Up North Returns to Kalkaska

*Event Celebrates National Recovery Month with Art, Talent, and Community*

KALKASKA, MI — The 2nd Annual Talents of Recovery Up North will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Railroad Square Pavilion in Kalkaska. This free, public event celebrates National Recovery Month by highlighting the talents, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of individuals in recovery across Northern and Upper Michigan.

Hosted in a supportive and inclusive environment, the event invites people in recovery to share their stories through art, performance, and small business. Community members are encouraged to attend, engage, and show their support.

"This event is about more than just talent," said Suzanne Prentice, event organizer and Coalition Coordinator. "It's about building hope and celebrating the resilience and strength of the recovery community. We want to highlight the many ways people in recovery contribute to our communities and give hope to individuals and families currently navigating substance use disorders."

Vendor registration remains open, and all booth spaces are free. Opportunities are available for artists, performers, food vendors, small business owners, and recovery-support organizations. Pavilion space is limited. Weighted canopies are welcome.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, September 6, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Railroad Square Pavilion, Kalkaska, MI

**Vendor Registration:** <https://forms.gle/RgBDiximZmTsT1Lz9>

The Talents of Recovery Up North is sponsored by the Live Well Kalkaska Substance Free Coalition and the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office.

For more information, contact Suzanne Prentice at [talentsupnorth@gmail.com](mailto:talentsupnorth@gmail.com) or 231-714-7332.



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Dear NortheastImpact100 Traverse City Announces  
2025 Grant Finalists

TRAVERSE CITY – The women of Impact100 Traverse City, during a membership event Wednesday evening, named the local nonprofit finalists that will compete for three \$116,000 grants this September.

After an application and review process, the finalists selected by the Impact100 TC Focus Committees (Arts & Culture; Education; Environment, Preservation & Recreation; Family; and Health & Wellness) are: Bay Community Theatre; Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities; Paddle Antrim; Women’s Resource Center; and Goodwill Northern Michigan Food Center.

The three nonprofits receiving the most member votes at the Impact100 TC annual meeting on September 23 will equally share the \$348,000 raised this year.

Impact100 TC President Lindsay Raymond said the organization’s grant process has continued to attract a variety of strong candidates with impactful proposals.

“It is a true accomplishment to be named as an Impact100 Traverse City Finalist!” Raymond said. “These organizations are chosen after a detailed assessment of their initiatives’ transformational impact, sustainability, and financial viability. This year our finalists were selected from our largest pool of grant applicants ever! The honor is not only impressive, but also serves as an announcement to our community that these organizations are doing great things and worthy of funding!”

“We are so proud of them!” she said.

Impact100 TC selects five finalists each year, one from each focus area. This year’s rigorous review process identified exceptional nonprofits that embody our commitment to funding organizations with strong impact, capacity, and sustainability, ensuring our members’ investment creates lasting change.

Impact100 Traverse City is an all-women, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties that has granted over \$2.4 million since its inception in 2017. Each member provides an annual \$1,000 donation that is collectively granted in \$100,000 increments to support regional nonprofits with transformational funding. Impact100 has over 70 chapters across the United States and beyond that have awarded more than \$160 million to nonprofits in their communities since 2002.

Impact100 TC invites new and returning members to support the nonprofit community by committing to 2026 membership by year-end. To join Impact100 TC or for more information, go to [www.impactTC.org](http://www.impactTC.org), email [info@impactTC.org](mailto:info@impactTC.org).

Impact100 Traverse City 2025 Finalists/Initiatives by Focus Area

**ARTS & CULTURE**

Organization: BAY COMMUNITY THEATRE  
Initiative: Staying Alive! At The Bay.

Description in Organization’s Words: For more than 75 years, The Bay Community Theatre in

Suttons Bay has been a gathering place where audiences connect and culture thrives. Serving the community as the only movie venue on the Leelanau Peninsula, the Bay is advancing a bold transformational initiative: to equip for full, live event capabilities in order to expand its reach to new audiences. This will deepen its impact and ensure this treasured venue’s long-term sustainability.

Like many theaters, The Bay faces challenges. But recent forays into live programming show that music concerts, comedy shows, and even lectures can fill seats, strengthen downtown vitality, and even bring joy.

This initiative will provide professional lighting, sound, and streaming tools to enable The Bay to host more frequent, higher quality events. The aim is to expand live programming by 50% annually, offering diverse cultural experiences, while also being mindful of audiences unable to access the theatre. Live events at The Bay are more than entertainment – they foster shared experiences, build bonds, and amplify new voices.

**EDUCATION**

Organization: Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities

Initiative: Connecting Farms, Food & Heath in a Teaching Kitchen

Description in Organization’s Words: Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities is advancing Phase II

of the Esperance Community Teaching Kitchen with a transformative initiative: expanding access to food-as-medicine education across Northwest Lower Michigan. With support from Impact100 Traverse City, the Esperance Community Teaching Kitchen will livestream, record, and distribute high-quality culinary medicine and nutrition training to underserved communities in the five-county region.

The initiative will establish the Esperance Community Teaching Kitchen as a regional broadcast hub and technical assistance center. It will deliver live and recorded classes, create an on-demand resource library, and provide continuing medical education for healthcare professionals. Partnerships with media outlets will further broaden access, reaching schools, food pantries, and households across the region.

**ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION & PRESERVATION**

Organization: Paddle Antrim

Initiative: Igniting Community, Nature & Play in Central Lake

Description in Organization’s Words: Paddle Antrim, in partnership with the Village of Central Lake, is leading a transformative initiative to expand accessibility, connectivity, and stewardship at Thurston Park along Michigan’s Chain of Lakes Water Trail. With support from Impact100 Traverse City, this initiative will create inclusive recreation opportunities, strengthen community connections, and safeguard natural assets for the future.

The centerpiece is a universally accessible

kayak and canoe launch, enabling safe, independent water access for individuals of all abilities. Additional features—paddlecraft storage and invasive species removal tools—will enhance safety and environmental stewardship while easing congestion at the motorized launch and swimming beach. Broader park improvements include extending sidewalks to connect downtown Central Lake with both sides of the waterfront, building continuous accessible pathways, upgrading restrooms to ADA standards, adding inclusive picnic seating and benches, and designating accessible parking. Together, these enhancements will make Thurston Park a welcoming, fully inclusive community space.

**FAMILY**

Organization: Women’s Resource Center

Initiative: Safe Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Description in Organization’s Words: The Women’s Resource Center mission is to protect, shelter and empower people impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Since 1999, we have operated our transitional house, offering stability for survivors rebuilding their lives. With support from Impact100 Traverse City, we will advance a transformational initiative: creating a survivor-centered studio apartment within the Women’s Resource Center’s transitional home. Residing in an apartment where the environmental stressors of communal living have been removed gives survivors the foundation to build emotional and financial security free from the fears of homelessness or returning to a violent home.

This initiative is designed to meet survivors’ immediate housing needs while supporting long-term healing and independence. Residents have access to the Women’s Resource Center services including one-on-one advocacy and emotional support, court advocacy, safety planning and access to community resources that reduce barriers to recovery and foster resilience.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Organization: Goodwill Northern Michigan Food Rescue

Initiative: Healthy Produce Cooler: 100% Access

Description in Organization’s Words: Goodwill Northern Michigan’s Food Rescue program is transforming food access across the region. Since 2008, the program has recovered and redistributed 2.2 million pounds of food annually—enough for 6,500 meals each day—to 78 pantries, meal sites, and baby pantries across five counties. In 2014, only 13% of partners could reliably offer fresh produce. Today, 80% can. With Impact100 Traverse City’s support, we can achieve 100% by 2027.

The barrier is cold storage. Throughout the year, and in particular during harvest season, thousands of pounds of produce are lost due to limited capacity, restricting access for the 20% of pantries that cannot consistently provide fresh food. A new walk-in cooler at our Traverse City warehouse will more than double storage, extend shelf life, reduce waste, and ensure healthy food reaches families.



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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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 10:00 to 11:00 am**

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

Miscellaneous

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

**Stroke Recovery Group**, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga, Bellaire, must register prior to each session, please call 231 533-8703  
**When: 3rd Mon, 3:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Tech Tuesdays with Gabe**, Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St, contact 231 533-8814  
**When: Tue, 11 am to 3 pm**

**Kalkaska County Breastfeeding Support Group**, Blue Fish Early Learning Center, 405 E. Dresden St, contact District Health Department 10 at 231 258-8669  
**When: 1st & 3rd Tue, 10:00 to 11:00 am**

**Kalkaska Baby Pantry**, Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W Kalkaska Rd, Clothing, diapers, wipes available (donations of such are accepted), serving children to size 4T, contact 231 258-9441  
**When: 2nd & 4th Tue, 9:30 am to 1 pm.**

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

**Tech Tuesdays with Gabe!** Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St, 231 533-8814  
**When: Wed, 11 am to 3 pm**

**Spanish Speaking Cohort**, Bellaire Public Library, 111 s. Bridge St, 231-533-8814  
**When: Wed, 4 pm**

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans/Active Duty

**MWR (Morale, Welfare, & Recreation)**, Belay My Last Barracks, 5210 E. Boardman Rd, South Boardman, veterans are welcome to hang out and enjoy a meal, use the rec room, gym, or theater, peer support specialist is also available, contact 231 631-5372  
**When: Mondays, 6:30 pm**

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

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

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

**Vets Coffee Time**, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, free coffee and donuts, hosted by American Legion Post #480, contact Darel at 231 258-9445  
**When: 2nd Wed, 9:00 to 11:00 am**

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

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

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

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

**M88 Monthly Muster**, M-88 Morning Grind, 614 Cayuga St, Bellaire, coffee talk for Antrim County Veterans and their families to connect and share in much needed military camaraderie, contact 231 632-9155  
**When: 1st Sunday, 12:00 pm**

BOOK CLUBS

**The Bookies Book Club**, at host’s home, contact 231 879-4101 or flpl@tadl.org for location and details  
**When: 3rd Tue, 7:00 pm**

**The Last Tuesday Book Group-** Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8814  
**When: last Tue, 1:00 pm**

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

**The Page Turners Book Club-** Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, registration appreciated, contact 231 533-8814  
**When: 2nd Wed, 7:00 pm**

**Nature Book Club**, Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, led by members of the Antrim Conservation District, contact 231 533-8814  
**When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thu, 9:30 am**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Work and Pride

September 5, 2025

Before I go any farther with this thought, I need to be clear about what I mean by pride. I’m not talking about the pompous, self-important, braggadocio some people display. I mean the ind of joy we have when we have done something well, or the thing we did was really helpful for another person, or we made something truly beautiful. The kind of pride that feels like gratitude for having the ability to accomplish that good thing, whatever it was.

When I was in my twenties and thirties, I was a professional vocal musician, singing with bands in the dinner clubs around the Chicagoland area. Sometimes our bands also went on the road – to Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama – those were usually two-week stays. I am a good musician, not a great musician, but a good one. I have a good voice and I “cleaned up nice” so I looked good on stage. I remember my agent telling me always be kind to the “little people” on my way up because I was sure to meet the same people on my way back down. The “little people” he meant were the ones who did things for us, who made it possible for us to do our jobs. They were the ones who kept us on schedule, or provided transportation, or served food, or tidied up the hotel room. Yes, those absolutely essential people, without whom the everyday chores of life would not get done.

My agent meant no disrespect, even though today, I cringe at knowing he called them the “little people.” Did that mean I was one of the “big people”? Yes, that’s exactly what it meant, because I had a shot at being a star and hauling in a lot of fame and money. As a matter of

reality, although I was making some pretty nice music, my profession wasn’t really any better or more valuable than the professions of the wait staff, the taxi drivers, the stage hands, etc. In fact, for a long time, when our band went on the road, our first several hours were as the “roadies” who set up and tested all the equipment. Funny! In the afternoon, we were the road crew. In the evening we were the entertainers.

During those years, when we rehearsed for hours on end, just so we could be secure and at ease when it came time to play, our standard was that it took an hour of practice for every minute of performance. Yes, we memorized music scores and jokes as well as certain precise movements on stage, especially if there were any changes or transitions that had to happen, like shifting from one instrument to another, or disappearing for a quick costume change.

Then came the moment when my husband left. That meant I needed to have a steady job with a regular paycheck because I had four kids to feed, clothe, and shelter. So, no more touring. And it got to be pretty tough working two very different jobs. Eventually, I reluctantly retired from the professional music world and grew into export management and computer skills. I actually went back to school and completed my bachelor’s degree, proudly walking across the stage to receive my diploma at the age of 60.

Having the diploma made a difference in how I felt about my own intellectual ability and my self-worth. I had not expected that change in perspective, and I am deeply grateful for it.

In the years since I left the musical gig world, I have become an export manager, a college instructor of adults, a computer programmer, a database developer, and now the publisher of a newspaper. I have not abandoned music, I just don’t do it for a living anymore. I sing with a choir and I do it for the love of the music.

This past Sunday, my pastor tied together for me the sense of prayer and work, or faith and action, in a way that helped me see how they are intertwined already in my everyday life. I may not actually find the words to describe how that affects my daily living, but I sure do feel it.

So, I am thinking about the stone mason laying the foundation for a cathedral such as Notre Dame de Paris, or the Cathedral of Kölnr in Germany – great edifices that took hundreds of years to complete. When asked what he was doing, his response was “I’m building a cathedral,” even though he would never physically see its completion.

For each of us, is there not a great cathedral in the future that we can help to build? Do we not plant today for a harvest we will never live to see, but we know it is important? Is that not the work we do that gives us the greatest joy and pride?

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields  
Editor

### Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue’s questions

- 1) In the original Constitution, how were Senators elected?  
*A. Per Article I, Section 3: ... two Senators from each State, [chosen by the Legislature thereof,]\* for six Years.*
- 2) When was that changed?  
*A. Amendment XVII, ratified April 8, 1913, made the change.*
- 3) What was the change?  
*A. ...two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years*
- 4) What are the qualifications for holding the office of Senator?  
*A. Per Article I, Section 3. Paragraph 3: in order to be eligible to become a Senator, a person must be at least thirty years old, at least nine years a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the state for which he or she is elected.*

### 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 Representatives 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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- 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 10:30 am**
- Antrim Co Parkinson Support Group**, Bellaire Family Health Center, 4955 S M-88, Bellaire, 231 633-1237  
**When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 2 pm**
- Grief Support**, Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W. Kalkaska Rd, faith-based grief support, contact 231 258-9441  
**When: Thu, 6:00 pm**
- S-Anon Support Group** - Calvary Lutheran Church, 10180 Elk Lake Rd, Elk Rapids. For For family and friends affected by someone else's sex addiction. Contact: [miplaceofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:miplaceofpeace@gmail.com), 231-714-4099  
**When: Thu, 7:00 pm**
- All Recovery Meeting**, Ursela House, 8099 West Old State Rd, Central Lake, peer led support group for people in recovery and/or their family members, 231 266-4412  
**When: Thu, 8:00 pm**
- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, St Paul's Lutheran Church, 2470 Beebe Rd, Open Meeting  
**When: Thu, 8:00 pm**
- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA)**, The Rock Youth Center, 115 E Blair, Kingsley  
**When: Thu, 7:00 pm**
- Weight Management Support Group**, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Ashley Snyder, 231 258-3613  
**When: 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

## Jerry Lewis and the End of Summer

By Dominic Fortuna

HOLLYWOOD Jerry Lewis, the iconic comedian, actor, and humanitarian, left an indelible mark on the world of entertainment and beyond. Born on March 16, 1926, in Newark, New Jersey, Lewis began his career in show business at a young age, performing in vaudeville and comedy clubs with his parents. However, it was his partnership with Dean Martin in the 1940s and 1950s that catapulted him to stardom. The duo's comedic chemistry and charisma made them one of the most popular entertainment acts of their time, starring in films like "My Friend Irma" and "The Stooge."

Despite their success, Martin and Lewis's partnership eventually came to an end in 1956, with Lewis going on to pursue a solo career in film and television. However, it was his work as a philanthropist that would ultimately define his legacy. Lewis's commitment to raising awareness and funds for muscular dystrophy research was sparked by his work on the film "The Jazz Singer," where he met a young boy with the disease. This encounter had a profound impact on Lewis, and he dedicated himself to helping those affected by muscular dystrophy.

One of the most enduring and iconic aspects of Lewis's philanthropic work was the Labor Day

Weekend telethon he hosted for over 40 years. The telethon, which began in 1966, brought together some of the biggest names in entertainment to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Over the years, Lewis worked tirelessly alongside stars like Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Lucille Ball, and countless others to bring attention and resources to this devastating disease. The telethon became a staple of American television, with Lewis's unwavering dedication and compassion inspiring millions.

I had the privilege of being a part of this iconic show when I was a member of the Young Americans, a singing group that performed on the telethon in the 1980s. It was an unforgettable experience, and I was honored to be a part of such a meaningful event. Lewis's passion and energy were infectious, and his commitment to the cause was evident in every aspect of the telethon.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Lewis's work on the telethon was his ability to stay awake and energized throughout the long broadcast. For over 21 hours, Lewis would emcee, perform, and interview guests, all while maintaining his trademark enthusiasm and wit. His stamina was legendary, and it's a testament to his dedication to the cause that he was able to sustain this level of energy for so many years.

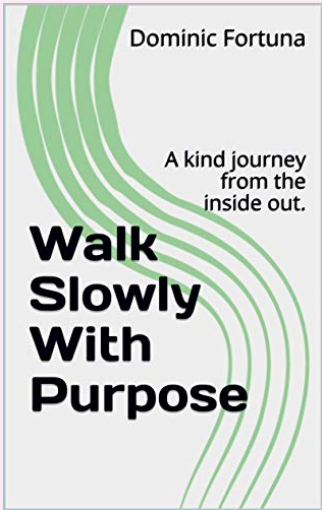
Lewis's relationship with Dean Martin was complex, and their partnership's demise was often attributed to their differing personalities and working styles. However, despite their professional split, Lewis always spoke highly of Martin, and the two remained friends until Martin's passing in 1995. In fact, one of my first jobs in show business was warming up Dean Martin before his performances. It was a thrill to see him get ready to take the stage, and I have fond memories of his warm and charismatic personality.

As Labor Day approaches, it's hard not to feel a sense of nostalgia wash over us. The long weekend signals the unofficial end of summer, and the return to routine and structure that comes with the new school year. But for Jerry Lewis, Labor Day was more than just a holiday – it was an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those affected by muscular dystrophy. His legacy serves as a reminder of the power of compassion, dedication, and perseverance. As we bid farewell to the final days of summer, we honor the memory of Jerry Lewis, a true champion of humanity and a shining example of the impact one person can have on the world.



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**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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September 5, 2025

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School Board Meetings

**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**



# COMMUNITY

## INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS CHAMPIONSHIP SET TO DAZZLE THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Traverse City, Mich. — Six fireworks teams from around the world are coming to Traverse City this week to compete in the third-annual International Fireworks Championship at Turtle Creek Stadium. The teams hope to walk away with bragging rights as some of the best fireworks displays in the world. To qualify, the teams had to have won a previous fireworks competition.

While some group and premium seats have been sold out, a limited number of tickets are available for both shows. Teams from Poland, Canada, China, Portugal, Serbia, and the USA will compete.

Interviews and insights into all the teams are available at the International Fireworks Championship website.

The teams will have up to 15 minutes to present a magnificent display choreographed to music. A finale on Friday will be presented

by last year's winners from the UK. Saturday's finale is designed by a panel of pyrotechnic judges.

"This promises to be another unforgettable year for the International Fireworks Championship," said Trevor Tkach, President of Traverse City Tourism. "There is nothing else like this anywhere in the country. You give the best of the best fireworks teams a level playing field and see who comes out on top."

Each night, the audience votes on which team gets the "Best of Show" award. On the final night, a group of pyrotechnic experts uses the choreography, synchronization to music, and the overall experience to present a championship award for the top team.

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