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What we as a culture have to get back to is being able to have a reasonable disagreement where violence is not an option.

~ Charlie Kirk

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We remember. We will never forget.



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Veterans Memorial Dedication

By Tina Norris Fields

ALDEN – Have you ever had a message from God? I know we don’t often talk about such things, but remember Moses? Remember Jonah? Remember Noah? That’s right, in our long Judeo-Christian history and heritage, there are moments when the message was so clear that a person went ahead and acted o it, even if they may initially resist (Jonah!). Does that still happen, today? Well, maybe.

A while back, Marilyn Ciszewski had a stroke. It was brief. It may have been what we call a TIA. At that time, the doctor told her that if there was something she wanted to be sure to do while she was still here, she had best be about getting it done. Shortly after that, she awoke with the vision of placing a memorial display to honor all the veterans and first responders whose mortal remains lie in eternal rest in the Helena Township Cemetery.

Her vision came to fruition and was dedicated at a simple, very moving, patriotic service, on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Marilyn gave a brief welcoming message to those gathered. Then a color guard from the Kalkaska Cub Scout Pack 629 marched to the flag pole and raised the colors. Next, the National Anthem was played and those gathered joined in to sing its inspiration and

promise out loud. As the music ended, the Cub Scout color guard unveiled the Veterans Memorial, with its panels listing the names of the veterans under the heading of the war in which they fought, as well as for peacetime service. Those gathered burst out in spontaneous applause. The scouts then returned to the flag pole, and lowered the colors to half-staff in solemn honor of the fallen heroes resting in this sacred place.

Pastor Katie Waggoner, of the Alden Community United Methodist Church, offered up the prayer of dedication for the memorial. This was followed by a 21-gun salute performed by an honor guard comprising members of the Kalkaska American Legion Post 480. Following the rifle salute, Taps was played. (Personal confession here – I cannot get all the way through hearing Taps without tears – I just can’t.) As the last notes of the trumpet faded away, Pastor Katie Waggoner gave the Benediction. We all said “Amen” and began to disband and head for the Helena Township Community Center for lunch.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this day possible. The memorial honor-board will now stand in permanent tribute and silent watch over our resting heroes.



Top: Kalkaska Cub Scout Pack 629 Color Guard raising the flag.
Center: Kalkaska American Legion Post 480 Honor Guard playing Taps
Bottom: Pastor Katie Waggoner ACUMC giving the benediction
More photos on page 16.

OUT & ABOUT

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

SENIOR & COMMUNITY MEALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FARMERS’ MARKET

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

FOOD PANTRIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH AND FITNESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BINGO, CARDS & BOARD GAMES

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

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

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

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

When: Mon, 6 pm

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

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

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

When: Tue, 1 to 4 pm

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

When: Tue, 1 pm

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

When: Tues, 6:00 pm

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

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

199er Bridge Game & Free Lessons: Free lessons at 11:30am. Lunch (bring your own) and bridge talk at Noon. ACBL-sanctioned bridge game for \$5.00 at 12:30pm. For more details, contact Lou Slyker at 248-770-6152 or ljslyker@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When: Wed, 6 pm

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

When: Thu, 12:45 pm

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

When: Thu, 1 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When: Sat, 6 pm

Crafts & Hobbies

Small Crafts Groups, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St, bring a personal small craft to work on while socializing, many are willing to teach basics of

crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc, 231 258-5030

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

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

When: Mon, 6 pm

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

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

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

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

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

When: 1st Tue, 1:00 pm

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

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

Knitting - Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St,

When: Tue 10 am

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

When: Thu, 10:30 am

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

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

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

When: 1st Thu, 4:00 pm

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

When: 2nd Sat, 1To 4 pm

Children’s Activities

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

When: 1st Mon 10 am

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

When: Tue, 10:00 am

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

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

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

When: Tue, 10:30 am

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

When: Tue and Wed, 10:30 am

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

When: Wed, 10:30 am

5toOne Playgroup, Kalkaska Early Head Start Classroom, 424 S. Cedar St, activities for children, resources for parents, music & movement, registration is encouraged, <https://bit.ly/EHSKa1Registration>

When: 2nd and 4th Wed, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson Ave, Kingsley, teen-led D&D campaign, everything needed is provided, refreshments, too, free activity and open to teens ages 13-19 years, parents are welcome, contact 231 263-5484

When: 1st and 3rd Thu, 3:30 to 6:45 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When: Fri 10:30 am

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

When: Fri, 3:30 pm

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

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

Antrim/Kalkaska Paper Crafters, First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids. Soup and Salad Potluck lunch. Bring any handheld craft and work on your own project. Contact Beth Shuster at beth_scraps1960@sbcglobal.net

When: 3rd Sat, 9am - 5pm

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OBITUARIES

Olga Almira Paladino

June 21, 1923 ~ September 9, 2025

Olga Almira Paladino passed away peacefully at the Eden Center in Kalkaska on Sept. 9, 2025 at the age of 102. She was born in Detroit on June 21, 1923 to the late Rudolph and Amalie (Pliska) Pechar.



caring for her three teenage sons and her parents. After her youngest son graduated she went back to work as an aide at Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility where her mother had become a patient.

The family lived in Detroit until moving to Dearborn in 1937. Olga graduated from Fordson High School in Dearborn. She took additional secretarial training, then got hired at Chrysler Universal through World War II and beyond. During this time, she enjoyed traveling with friends to many interesting places in the United States.

Olga married William "Bill" Vito Paladino in 1955, and they resided in Livonia raising three sons. In 1970 the family moved north to Coldsprings Township in Kalkaska County where they enjoyed country life raising various farm animals, planting gardens, grapevines and a variety of trees. Olga and Bill moved her parents to a small house on the farm so they could care for them. Other activities included volunteer work at CETA Hall and joining a bowling league.

Sadly in 1972 Bill died in a tragic accident and Olga continued

Olga continued to live in her own house being cared for in her later years by her son and daughter-in-law and eventually moving to the Eden Center in March 2025. The family is very appreciative of the wonderful care she received there.

Olga is survived by her sons, Robert (Barbara) Paladino of Coldsprings Township, Dino (Debbie) Paladino of Nixa, Missouri, Larry Paladino of Dunedin, Florida and stepdaughter, Christine Pozenel of Bay City; grandchildren, Donald Paladino, Anthony Paladino, Leah Masters, James Hall and Joseph (Angela) Paladino.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held sometime in the spring at Coldsprings Twp. Cemetery.

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

Gerry Dee Burgess

June 25, 1938 ~ September 5, 2025

Gerry D. Burgess, 87, Rapid City, passed away peacefully on Sept. 5, 2025 at Autumn House in Williamsburg. Gerry was born on June 25, 1938 to the late Maitland and Doris (Armstrong) Harrison.



death in 2008. Also preceding her in death is her sister, Linda (Larry) Scarlett.

Survivors include her daughter, Lori (Brent) Lehmkuhl of Mecosta; grandsons Joshua (Mallory) Lehmkuhl and Michael (Katie) Lehmkuhl both of Grand Rapids; great-grandsons, Wes, Drew, Luke, Alden and Jackson; siblings, David (Pat) Harrison of Alden and Bette (Pete) Eckardt of Florida.

A private graveside service will be held at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Cemetery in Kalkaska.

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

Gerry graduated from Michigan State University and retired as a teacher. She was a proud alumna, jokingly saying her blood ran green. She loved watching Big 10 football and basketball games. Gerry's hobbies included playing cards, participating in gambling trips on the bus with the Seniors in the area and catching white fish on the Great Lakes. Her biggest love was hearing her grandson's calling her "Gigi".

Gerry married Dennis Burgess on 10/17/1975 and he preceded her

Beatrice Arlene Van Eck

February 22, 1929 ~ September 5, 2025

Beatrice A. Van Eck (née Van Heest) of Fife Lake, Michigan passed away early in the morning of Friday, September 5th, 2025, at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, MI. Bea was born on February 22nd, 1929, in Grand Rapids, MI, to the late William and Marie Van Heest. She is survived by her loving husband of 76 years, Arthur, as well as her children Barbara (Myrna Johnson), Arthur W.(Jane), and Mary Knox (Mikel). Son Timothy (Doris) pre-deceased his Mother in 2019, for whom we all still grieve. Additionally, Beatrice was preceded in death by her siblings William, Jacob, Marvin, Joanne and Helene. She was greatly blessed with grandchildren & great grandchildren: Peter Andrew Keller (Valeri; Vivi, Luci), Kristin Gose (David; Jay, Emma), Philip Arthur Keller (Maggie; Maelyn, Sage, Elyse), Jeff Knox (Brynn, Mason, Addison), Eduard Benjamin Keller (Jennifer; Edson, Ashton, Hazel), Alexander James Keller (Anjali; Fritz, Ari, Petra, Ezra), Willem Van Eck and Nathan Van Eck. Mark Johnson, Marsha (Andrew) Dillon, Marian (John) Clough, Michael (Sue) Johnson, Margot (Steve) Tesar. Bea loved and was loved by so many more family members and friends the world over.



employed by General Electric Supply until her marriage on August 24th, 1949, to Arthur Van Eck. Bea and Art then lived in Holland, MI, where she attended Hope College until the birth of their first child. Southgate Michigan became the family home

and Calvary Community Church their church family, as Art served as pastor after his graduation from Western Theological Seminary. A move to New Jersey in 1963 led to Bea's employment as office manager for the Presbyterian Board of Publication in Manhattan NY for 16 years. Bea was proud to complete her bachelor's degree in psychology at Ramapo College in New Jersey by the age of 50! Finally, in 1996, Bea and Arthur retired to their beloved Long Lake, in Fife Lake, MI.

Beatrice was devoted to her family: Arthur, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Family reunions large and small were a boisterous affair! Bea maintained many long-distance friendships which sometimes led to travel! Beatrice and Arthur loved to travel - Alaska, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand, Russia, the Netherlands of course!, Kenya, South America, all over the US and Canada!

Beatrice had a love for flowers, and great knowledge in this area. Need to know which window to put the Africa violets in? Call Bea. Tulips, roses, forsythia, daffodils, azalea, rhododendron, hydrangea- she loved them all!

Beatrice and Arthur have been great supporters of their church and their communities, working with Habitat for Humanity, the Fife Lake Public Library, Safe Harbor of Traverse City as well as others. Beatrice was a lifelong servant of God. She entrusted her life and her soul to the Lord.

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand has provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 13th, 2025, at 11am at The Presbyterian Church of Traverse City, 701 Westminster Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686.

Contributions in memory of Bea may be directed to: Friends of the Fife Lake Public Library Writing the Next Chapter Capital Campaign PO Box 254 Fife Lake, MI 49633.

The family is being served by the Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Please visit www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com to visit Bea's tribute page and share a memory with the family.

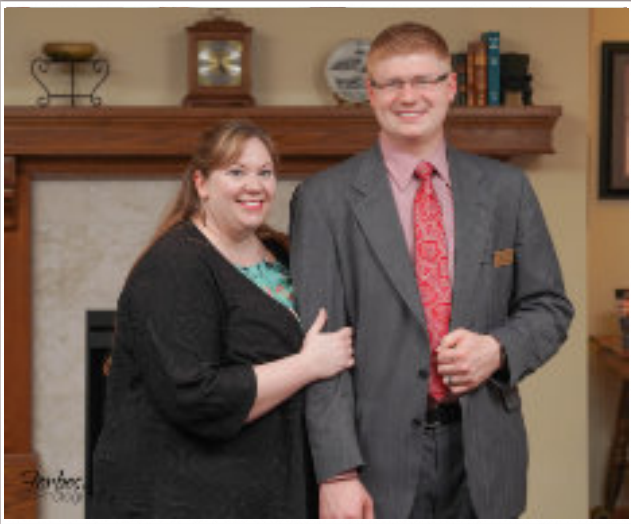
Beatrice graduated from Ottawa High School in Grand Rapids, where she served as secretary of the Christian Endeavor Board. After graduation, Bea was

Sharon A. Whiteford

January 15, 1950 ~ September 8, 2025

Sharon A. Whiteford, 75 of Traverse City passed away on September 8, 2025, at home, with loved ones by her side. Sharon was born on January 15, 1950, in Traverse City to the late A. Charles & Johanna (Perry) Whiteford. She graduated from Traverse City High School in 1968. Sharon worked at Big Boy, Mabel's and Meijers until her retirement. She enjoyed traveling. Her favorite holiday was Christmas. She liked to entertain, make family dinners, and play euchre. She didn't have children of her own, but she was a caring, loving aunt. She is survived by her siblings; Chuck Whiteford, Carol Whiteford, Pat Schwind and Lisa (Whiteford) & Tim Sadler. Also surviving are nieces; Jenny (John) and Mike Besko, Becky Whiteford, Alex

Whiteford, Cassi & Emma Clinton, Sheila (Jeff) Zenner, Ashley, Kayley (Cody) DeWitt, Nate & Jake Zenner, Melissa (Dave) Wittbecker, Lily, Luke and Laura. Great nieces & nephews; Colton & Sky Whiteford and Connor & Cora DeWitt and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Denise Whiteford, a nephew Adam Whiteford, and brother-in-law Bill Schwind. Special thanks to cousin, Jean Edwards for her friendship and loving care to Sharon. Per her request there will be no funeral, there will be a graveside service at Acme Township Cemetery for family at another date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



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Carol Ann Dodds

December 17, 1951 ~ September 7, 2025

Carol Ann Dodds, passed away peacefully in her 74th year on Sunday, September 7, 2025. She was predeceased by her parents Archibald and Brenda Robb, sister Anita Bettridge, in laws Donald Dodds (Christine) and Elizabeth Norris (Brad). She is survived by her husband Jack, daughter Portia (Anthony), son Nicholas and grandsons Fionn and Archie; and by her brother Richard Robb (Barbara),sisters in law Carolyn Dodds (Ric) and Pamela Dodds (Michele), cousins Margot Kitchener (Dave) and Rhona Robb, step siblings in law Todd Norris (Mindy), Robert Norris (Paula) and Betsie Norris, and all their families.



diploma. When they moved to Nova Scotia for four years, she studied at Mount St. Vincent University, obtaining a B.A. "with distinction" in 1981. After returning to Ontario they moved to Aurora and started a family. While the family was her top priority, she also volunteered and worked in addiction treatment, earning a diploma in Addictions Studies from McMaster University in 1998. She and Jack often visited family in Kansas, Michigan and Ontario.

Carol was always drawn to crafts. She could regularly be found painting, crocheting, crafting tapestries, or making jewelry. She served on the board of the Toronto Hookups Crochet Guild and was active in other craft groups in Markham and Aurora. She was also an enthusiastic cook and collector of cookbooks. She liked to get together with her "swim buddies" at the local pool. With Jack she was active in the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto.

Cremation has occurred.

A memorial visitation for Carol will be held Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at Thompson Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, ON L4G 6W8 with a memorial service commencing at 1:00 PM. A reception will follow in the Heritage Room.

Her parents Archibald and Brenda, both Royal Air Force veterans, married at the end of WW2 in England. From there they moved to Malton, Ontario. Carol was born in Toronto and grew up in Malton and Bramalea. She had fond memories of family vacations at Sauble Beach, Ontario. At age 16, she left school and moved to Bristol, England where she lived with family and served an apprenticeship in data processing. Returning to Canada she applied her skills at Northern Electric, Control Data and Atomic Energy of Canada.

While exploring an interest in gliding, she met Jack and they were married in 1976. She soon completed her high school

Gale Lynn Perry

January 23, 1965 ~ August 30, 2025

Gale Lynn Perry, 60, of South Boardman, passed away suddenly on Saturday, August 30, 2025. He was born on January 23, 1965, in Cadillac, Michigan, to the late George and Viva (Six) Perry.



Gale lived a life full of laughter, love, and faith. He cherished his family, his friends—who were like family—and his belief in God. Always willing to help anyone in need, Gale had a generous spirit and a kind heart.

He had a love for the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, and enjoyed raising hunting dogs and pulling horses. He was talented with his hands, often spending time woodworking, always creating something special for others. Known for his sense of humor, Gale loved telling stories, playing practical jokes, and sharing witty remarks—all while flashing his unforgettable smile.

Gale is survived by his loving wife Tammy; children: Robert Perry, Samantha Perry, Savanna Weis, and Austin Daniels;

grandchildren: Robbie, Jadon, Jonny, Violet, Taylor, Rachael, and Carter; his twin brother Dale (Beth) Perry and sister Nancy (Wayne) Weston; nieces & nephews Ashley, Mark, Meagan, Brandon, Nicki, Ryan, Angie, Scott, Shelly, Kelly, Kim, and Jake, and many cousins, friends, and of course his loyal dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Joshua Perry; his sister Barbara Paddock; and his brother Roger Perry.

The Funeral service was held on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Kalkaska Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at 12:00 p.m. until the time of service. Burial took place at Liberty Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Gale's honor to the Fife Lake Baptist Church, 449 W. State St. Fife Lake, MI 49633.

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Diana Marie Taylor

August 25, 1948 ~ September 3, 2025

Diana Marie Taylor, 77, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2025, in Kalkaska, Michigan. Born on August 25, 1948, in Traverse City, Michigan, to Raymond and Gertrude (Johnson) Burns, she graduated from Central High School in 1966. Diana graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Nursing, leading to a 49-year nursing career. In her spare time, she loved her dogs, horse, and family. She knitted scarves and hats for Birch Street Elementary School and dog beds for Cherryland Humane Society. She also donated to the Women's Resource Center. In retirement, she moved to Kalkaska, cherishing the tranquility of its forests and wildlife.



grandchildren, Joey Godwin of Georgia, Jason Godwin of Florida, Miles Godwin of Kentucky, Andrew Godwin of Kentucky, Caleb Godwin of Michigan, Elizabeth Godwin of Michigan, Nevaeh Belanger of Michigan, Katherine Godwin of Michigan, Victoria Godwin of Michigan, and Elijah Belanger of Michigan; fourteen great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Gertrude Burns, and her brother, Roger Burns.

A funeral was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, beginning at 2 PM at Kalkaska Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 PM until the service. Interment followed later at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. Contributions were suggested to the Cherryland Humane Society.

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

Diana will be deeply missed, leaving a legacy of compassion through her nursing and charitable work. She is survived by her children, Chad Belanger, and daughter Monica Godwin and son-in-law Russell Godwin; her

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John 14:2 - In my Father's house, there are many mansions.
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I go to prepare a place for you.

HEALTH

John Fanta, MD, Joins Munson
Healthcare Neurology

Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome John Fanta, MD, to the Neurology team in Traverse City and Manistee.

Dr. Fanta attended medical school at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine and completed an internship in Internal Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Fanta is fascinated by neurology and the variety of conditions he is able to treat within the specialty. He has a special interest in electromyography (EMG) and nerve conduction studies.

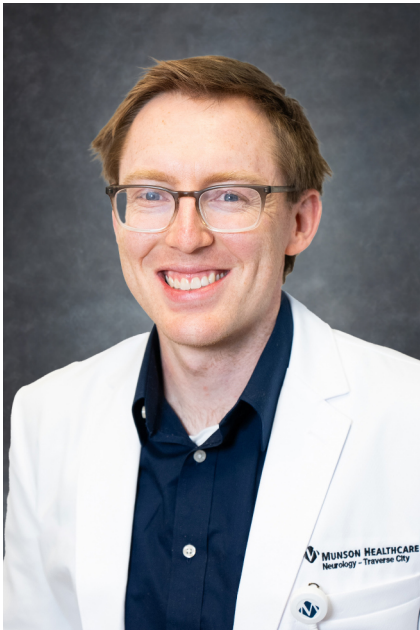
Dr. Fanta enjoys helping patients understand their condition, determining the next steps in treatment together, and serving as a trusted guide to more optimal health and well-being.

“The brain serves as the essence of who we are, and helping those recovering from medical conditions affecting the brain is especially rewarding,” he says. “I hope to lead my patients to a more meaningful and full life.”

In his free time, Dr. Fanta likes exploring the outdoors and spending quality time with family. He enjoys watching sports, especially football and basketball, and has become a Michigan Wolverines and Detroit Lions fan.

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Brent L. Flusty, DO, Joins Munson
Healthcare Neurosurgery

Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Brent L. Flusty, DO, to the Neurosurgery team.

Dr. Flusty chose to pursue a career in neuroscience due to the rewarding nature of stroke and neuro-intervention. He takes pride in treating stroke patients and giving them the best opportunity at continuing to live a normal life, while also providing education about the ever-evolving advancements in stroke treatment.

“My favorite part of practicing medicine is being someone patients can come to for help. If I can help them live a fulfilling life with their loved ones, I am content,” he says.

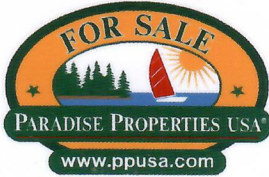
Dr. Flusty attended medical school at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an Internal Medicine residency at Lutheran Medical Center and a Neurology residency at NYU Langone Health, as well as a Vascular Neurology fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, and an Endovascular Neurology fellowship at NYU Langone Health. Dr. Flusty is board certified in Neurology and Vascular Neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Outside of work, Dr. Flusty enjoys spending time with his wife and their German Shepherd, along with running and hiking. He is a die-hard fan of all Detroit and Michigan State University sports teams.

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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 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 CETA 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



CROP WALK 2025: Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 2 p.m. meeting at the Forest Home Township Hall in Bellaire, 321 N Bridge St. Come walk with us .



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 American Indian Walking Stick

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

Alden Alden United Methodist Church 9015 Helena Rd, Alden Sunday morning: 9:00 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - ACE (Adult Christian Education) Thursday morning: 10:00 am - Prayer Group	Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene 1367 W Kalkaska Rd, Kalkaska Sunday morning: 9:45 am - Sunday School all ages 10:45 am - Worship Service
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	Kalkaska Peoples Church Bible Based 216 S Cherry St, Kalkaska Sunday morning: 11:00 am - Worship Service
Central Lake Central Lake United Methodist Church 8117 W Old State Rd, Central Lake Sunday morning: 11:00 am - Worship Service	Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska Sunday morning: 10:00 am - Worship Service
East Jordan Grace Bible Church 999 W Old State Rd, East Jordan Sunday morning: 11:00 am - Worship Service	Many Rivers Church 2305 N 131, Kalkaska Saturday evening: 6:00 pm - Worship Service Tuesday evening: 6:00 pm - Worship Service
Fife Lake Fife Lake Community Church 206 Boyd St, Fife Lake Sunday morning: 10:00 am - 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. Aloysius of Fife Lake 403 East Merritt St Sunday morning: 9:00 am - Mass	St Paul Lutheran Church 2470 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska Sunday morning: 11:00 am - Worship Service
Kalkaska Calvary Baptist Church 815 W Dresden St, Kalkaska Sunday morning: 9:45 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:45 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
Cornerstone Community Bible Church 6821 Co Rd 612 NE, Kalkaska Sunday morning: 10:00 am - Worship Service	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1128 N Cedar St, Kalkaska Sunday morning: 10:00 am - Sacrament meeting
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	Mancelona Antrim Church of Christ 10228 South US 131, Mancelona Sunday morning worship 11:00 am - Sept - May 10:00 am - Jun - Aug
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	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
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	Rapid City Rapid City Church of Christ 7964 Rapid City Rd, Rapid City Sunday morning: 10:30 am - Worship Service
<i>If you would like your church to be listed, please send an email to tina.fieldsmedia@gmail.com</i>	Torch Lake Assembly of God 9456 Valley Rd, Rapid City Sunday morning: 11:00 am - Worship Service
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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
Poking right along

28 July 2003
Dear Mark,

Just wanted to know if you knew anything about this new game called 3-5-7 Poker? It's being played here in the Mississippi casinos. What do you think of it? Bill S.

3-5-7 Poker is a simple poker-based game recently finding a home in many a casino from sea to shining sea. It is actually a three-game-high edifice in which the player bets on both 3-card and 5-card hands, and may also bet on a 7-card poker hand, with payoffs set by the standard pay table (see below).

Play begins with the player making at least two wagers. He must bet the 3-card and the 5-card hands, saving the optional 7-card hand for dessert. Players can bet different amounts on each hand, subject to the casino's table minimum and maximum.

The dealer then deals each player three cards, and four cards to herself to be used as "community cards." The player reviews his three cards and then considers the option of surrendering his last hand (seven-card poker), or letting it stand.

The first game, poker with three cards, is based on the first three cards dealt to you. Here, you need a pair or better to win.

3-Card Hand Pay Table
Hand Pays
Straight flush 40 to 1
Three of a kind 25 to 1
Straight 6 to 1
Flush 4 to 1
Pair 1 to 1

Next, you play the obligatory five-card round, where the dealer exposes his first two community cards, making this the five-card game. (Yeah, I know, the dealer was a "she" a moment ago, and is now a "he." Odd things happen.) To win, you'll need 6s or better.



5-Card Hand Pay Table
Hand Pays
Royal flush 500 to 1
Straight flush 100 to 1
4 of a kind 40 to 1
Full House 12 to 1
Flush 9 to 1
Straight 6 to 1
3 of a kind 4 to 1
2 pair 3 to 1
Pair (6s or better) 1 to 1

Finally, the dealer (Guess) exposes the last two cards, and you are now playing seven-card poker, but only the best five of seven cards are used. Without at least two pair (10s high or better), you lose.

7-Card Hand Pay Table
Hand Pays
Royal flush 100 to 1
Straight flush 20 to 1
4 of a kind 7 to 1
Full House 5 to 1
Flush 4 to 1
Straight 3 to 1
3 of a kind 2 to 1
2 pair (10's or better) 1 to 1

Here's a summary of the house's edge on each of the three games. On three-card: 3.49%, on five-card: 4.12%, and ... on seven-card: 3.28%.

Like the game itself, strategy for 3-5-7 poker is quite simple. The player should never surrender the 7-card hand since it has the lowest house edge. Also, because the player may bet any amount on any hand, he should bet the most on the 7-card hand, and the least on his 5-card hand.

You asked, Bill, if I knew the game (answered) and what I think of it (stay tuned). All three games have more than my threshold 2% casino advantage, so for this columnist, it's a triple thumbs-down ... unless, of course, you're running the casino.

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Gambling thought of the week: A guy walks into a bar and notices three men and a dog playing poker. The dog is playing beautifully. "That's a smart dog," the man says. "Not really," says one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail." from Poker Nation, by Andy Bellin

Sudoku Puzzle
September 19, 2025

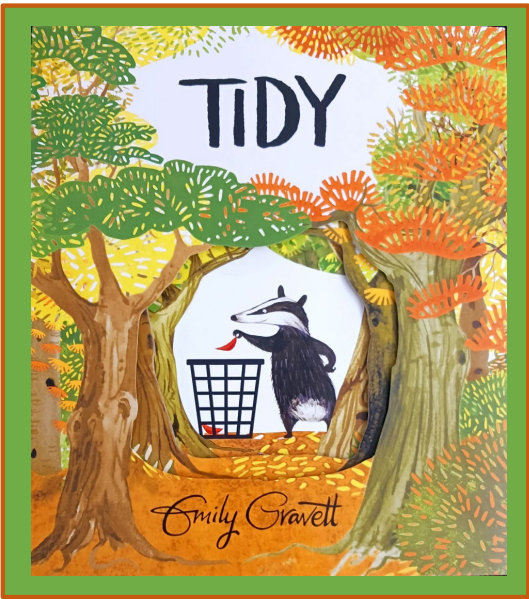
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For further information, contact Sandra Hagman by email at Sandrahagman37@gmail.com

= MENTAL HEALTH CORNER =

When Dialogue Dies

I’m going a little off-script this edition.

I am going to be as frank as possible here, so bear with me. Charlie Kirk’s death hit me hard. It’s not because I agreed with him on every issue. I have never met anyone that I agree with 100%, and that is true for most of us. I felt his death in a heavy way, because I respected his commitment to dialogue between people who disagreed. We all realize that this has been sorely missing from our country in recent times.

For me, I heard about Charlie’s death the day before I was sequestered inside a church for 3 ½ days at a Christian men’s retreat, so I have had the privilege of not having access to the news cycle for the days after this happened. This gave me time to process this in my own way.

Charlie’s death happened on a university campus, and I actually remember when I noticed that sharing ideas dwindled on college campuses. I went to university between 1994 and 2011. Until 2004, when I took a break from college, I would come out of my hall after class to see people sitting in circles in the courtyard talking, studying and debating each other. You could pick up a game of hacky sack or make

plans to get together with other students after class. It was vibrant, and I personally participated in several staged debates and panel discussions on a wide variety of topics. This was campus life, and it was awesome.

Then came the advent of the smart phone in 2007 and the eventual dissolution of the public square with the introduction of social media. When I went back to my alma mater there to circulate petitions for a state-wide initiative in 2007, there were no circles of people and, generally speaking, little dialogue. I was stunned. It all happened so quickly, and the campuses became devoid of this organic interaction and intellectual challenges. I now see this as a microcosm of our society as a whole.

When this dialogue died on college campuses, it began to die in us as a nation. We stopped talking with people who disagreed with us, and we were not better for it. Charlie, for better or worse, dedicated his life to bringing this dialogue back to campuses.

As a Christian, I am called to Love even people I disagree with. Jesus put together a team of

people from the most humble to the most hated, and he showed the power of community. Now, I know you are wondering what this has to do with a mental health column, but that is the point. We are all better when we talk to each other. Our mental health is better. Our relationships are better, and our nation is better. In the face of this unnecessary tragedy, let’s all re-dedicate ourselves to dialogue with people we disagree with. Our lives, our mental health and our nation will be better for it.

-Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECF

Adam DeVaney is a clinical social worker and therapist with over a decade of experience working with clients with a diversity of challenges from addiction and anxiety to overcoming trauma and helping people to learn what it takes to live their best lives. Along with his wife, Mandi, he founded Life’s Work Clinic in Kalkaska, Michigan, and Life’s Work Coaching with a local and global footprint. Adam has dedicated his life to serving others and walking with them on their healing journeys.



Joseph Guy Aprea

December 2, 1938 ~ July 10, 2025

Joseph Guy Aprea, devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away on July 10, 2025, in Traverse City, Michigan, at the age of 86. Born on December 2, 1938, he was the cherished son of the late Cordiale and Elizabeth (née Ciampa) Aprea.



Joseph is survived by his wife, Pauline; his children, James (Patty) Aprea of Traverse City, Michigan; David Aprea of Nashville, Tennessee; and Cara (Andrew) Hakken of Ada, Michigan. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Cassidy and Nicolas Hakken, Jack Aprea, and Danielle and Ryan Aprea; and his sister, Janet Jaros of Washington, Michigan. Joseph is preceded in death by his brother Ronald (Joyce) Aprea of Shelby Township, Michigan; and brother-in-law Louis Jaros of Washington, Michigan.

A proud graduate of Denby High School and Wayne State University Law School, Joseph served his country honorably as a member of the Michigan National Guard. He went on to have a distinguished career as a successful attorney, dedicating over 30 years to his profession with integrity and passion. Outside of work, Joseph was an avid handball and tennis player who relished both the competition and camaraderie both sports brought into his life. Known for his confidence, intensity, strong will, and unwavering dedication, he was also a generous provider to his family.

A funeral Mass was held on September 12, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 12675 Center Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686. A graveside service immediately followed.

Rex C. Allen

September 18, 1948 ~ July 13, 2025

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



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

Robert Douglas Chudomelka II

March 2, 1972 ~ August 21, 2025

Robert Douglas Chudomelka, age 53, of Rapid City, MI passed away in a car accident in Alden, Mi. on Thursday afternoon, August 21, 2025. His sudden passing has left a void in the heart of many who loved him.



Rob is survived by his loving fiancée (clw), Natalie Jorae, parents, Bob (Kris) Chudomelka and Ann Whitlock (David Peck), sister Jennifer (Nels) Giden, children Jordyn (Eric) Jaynes, Drayko Chudomelka, Shailie Chudomelka and grandchildren Ellie, Holly and Maci Jaynes.

Rob was born March 2, 1972, and was raised in Moses Lake, WA. He graduated from Moses Lake High School and attended Big Bend College of Moses Lake, Washington. He enlisted in the United States Marines and was extremely proud to be a Marine and to serve his country. After the military, Rob started building custom homes. Rob was an amazing builder and framing was his specialty, thus Unique Builders was born. His local carpentry projects are a testament to his skills.

Rob traveled across country to work on a large development in Torch Lake, MI. There he met his beloved Natalie. They were soon engaged, and he was welcomed into the Jorae family with open arms. Pat (Sherry) Jorae, Becky (Don) Gouin and Danny all loved Rob very dearly.

Rob’s favorite past time was restoring OBS (Old Body Style) Ford Trucks back to their glory. He

had a particular passion for the 1994-95 7.3 Powerstrokes. Rob was known as the hardest working man. He was relentless. He was a man of many talents and had a passion for learning . There was nothing that Rob could not fix or figure out. From sunset to sundown, he was either building homes, restoring OBS Fords or doing his honey do lists .

Rob was proud to be a Christian and loved Jesus dearly. He was known for his professionalism, compassion and generosity. We know that he was a man of God and that his beautiful soul resides in God’s glorious heaven with those who have passed before him. Someday we will all meet up with Rob in God’s heaven too. Rest in peace dearest Rob, our love goes with you and you will be sorely missed.

The Jorae family would like to give a special thank you to Rob's friends for being there for him . John Scott who helped Rob with his Ford collection and was a huge help to our family and continues to help after Rob's passing. Tom Reed who was always there to lend an ear and truck advice .

A Celebration of Life will be held in Moses Lake, Washington, on October 4. Another memorial will be planned at a later date this fall at one of Rob's favorite places at the Sleeping Bear Dunes Pierce Stocking Outlook.

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

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COMMUNITY

Say ‘Trees!’ Conservation District hosts photo contest

Kalkaska County is full of natural beauty - winding rivers and pristine lakes, rolling farm fields and lush forests, white-tailed deer and red-backed salamanders. The Kalkaska Conservation District (KCD) wants to see that beauty from your camera lens!

In partnership with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), the KCD is hosting a local-level photo contest as part of NACD’s annual national competition.

This is a unique opportunity for amateur photographers to showcase their work while celebrating the landscapes, wildlife, and conservation efforts that make Kalkaska County so special. Photos submitted to the KCD Photo Contest must be taken in Kalkaska County between March 21, 2025, and October 3, 2025. Participants of all ages are encouraged to enter, with separate divisions for adults (19 and older as of December 1, 2025) and youth (18 and younger as of December 1, 2025).

There are four categories for photo submissions, each with one youth winner and one adult winner for a total of eight local winners. Participants may not win in more than one category.

Final judging will take place at the KCD’s Annual Meeting (www.kalkaskaconservation.org).

www.kalkaskaconservation.org/events/25am) on Friday, October 24, with winners announced on Monday, October 27.

Photo contest categories are as follows:

- **Conservation Practices:** The photo highlights conservation efforts that support environmental sustainability and resource management.
- **Close-up Conservation:** The photo focuses on detailed aspects of conservation; it highlights the small yet significant elements of conservation efforts.
- **Conservation in Action:** The photo captures conservation district activities; it highlights farmers, landowners, district staff, and volunteers engaged in conservation efforts.
- **Agriculture & Conservation Across America:** The photo captures the relationship between agriculture and conservation across different regions; the photo features barns, crops, livestock, and youth participating in conservation-related activities.

Whether you’re hiking a trail, visiting a farm, or simply observing wildlife in your backyard, your photo could help tell the story of

conservation in Kalkaska County. For the complete list of rules and to submit your photo(s), head to www.kalkaskaconservation.org/photocontest or email sarah.schroeder@macd.org with any questions.



“Noping” Out

Do you ever have a kid just flat out refuse to do things? This could be your kid or a student or someone else’s child. It doesn’t matter what you ask or tell them to do, their first response is “no.”

They need to do their schoolwork, and they tell you “no” because it is too hard. They need to clean up the mess they created, and they tell you “no” because they don’t want to, or they just flat out throw a temper tantrum.

No matter the reason they do it, a child telling an adult who has authority in their lives “no” can be downright frustrating and disrespectful. Some kids do this because they have gone through trauma. They have been told “no” by so many people they are tired of being told “no,” so they start refusing to do things as a means to control something around them.

It doesn’t matter what their consequences are either. They just don’t seem to care! Most of the time this happens because they are seeking attention from someone and for whatever reason they have picked you.

The other reason they are doing this is because they are trying to get their way or manipulate you or the situation. They don’t like what is happening. They may have never been held to the standard of doing something like schoolwork or a chore so they are testing the limits to see how far they can go to not have to do what they have been asked.

I talk to kids of all ages about this in my office. We talk about the fact that it takes longer to argue or debate about getting the task done than it does to actually do what they have been asked. I have seen kids argue for hours to do a ten minute task like take out the trash.

We also talk about the fact there are things that we don’t want to do but we must do them to be responsible. No one wants to go to the dentist, but we do it to stay healthy. There are always things we would rather be doing than those chores, but we need to be responsible and take care of our things.

There are days we don’t want to go to school or work, but we do it because our job is to learn and work. So, we get up and go because that is the responsible thing to do. I tell kids all the time that school is their job and they need to be responsible and get their work done. Just like adults go to work to earn money, kids need to go to school to be educated.

How to help a kid that is always refusing to do things they are asked can be difficult. You are tired of the fighting, so you just give in and do the task for them. While that may seem like the easy way out it really isn’t. The child doesn’t learn anything other than you will do it for them.

You need to set expectations and limits with your child. Easier said than done, but that is what needs to be done. If they don’t get their

work done at home, they don’t get to play video games or go play with a friend.

I understand schoolwork can be a real struggle for some kids. Some kids struggle with math, I did! So, help your child by getting them extra help. Sit down with them and help them. Look it up on YouTube. Get a tutor to help. Ask their teacher for help.

Show your child that refusing to do something is not a way out. Giving up is not a way out either. Kids need to learn to do chores and help around the house. Young children love to be helpful. Give them small chores they can help with around the house from a young age.

Older kids may need a bribe like an allowance or a treat to get things done. Whatever the motivation to get your child to help, teaching your child to work for something is a good thing. Kids need to learn they need to work hard for the things they want in life. If they learn this lesson at a young age they will go far in this life!

. Alison Neihardt, LPC, NCC

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COFFEE TIME for VETERANS

Free coffee & donuts
Second Wednesday Each Month
9 to 11 am
Kalkaska Senior Center
303 S. Coral St
Hosted by American Legion Post 480
Contact-Darel at 258-9445

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Kids’ Coding Club, Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge, Bellaire, an opportunity for kids to explore the world of computer coding at their level, ages 8-13 welcome, registration required, call 231 533-8814
When: 3rd Sat, 10:00 to 11:00 am

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday Tech Help 1-on-1 Kalkaska County Library, 247 S. Cedar St, If you need some help setting up your new phone or laptop, troubleshooting tech problems, or just want to learn more about using the internet safely, then contact us to get 30 minutes of personalized support from our tech services librarian! Contact (231) 258-9411 or info@kalkaskalibrary.org to sign up!
When: Thu, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

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

Antrim County Baby Pantry, St. Anthony’s Church, 209 Jefferson Ave, Mancelona, providing food, clothing, diapers, and other items for children from birth until their 6th birthday (donations accepted), masks optional, one shopper per family and children are welcome but must remain with their parent, new families, please arrive by 2 pm for paperwork and bring valid ID, 231 492-7426
When: 2nd & 4th Thu, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Veterans/Active Duty

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOOK CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Organization Meetings

Kalkaska Democrats, contact Gary at 231 590-3397 for current meeting location
When: 1st Mon, 6:00 pm

Kingsley Friends of the Library, Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson, Kingsley, open for ages 0-5 years, contact 231 263-5484
When: 3rd Mon, 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Kalkaska Conservation District Board of Directors, District Office, 406 S. Cedar St, Suite A, Kalkaska, contact Mark, 231 258-3307
When: 3rd Mon, 5:00 pm

National Trout Festival, Trout Town Tavern & Eatery, 306 Elm St, 231 384-1509
When: 4th Mon, 5:30 pm

Kalkaska Republicans, Kalkaska COA/Senior Center, 303 S. Coral St
When: Last Mon., 7:00 pm

Kalkaska Kiwanis Meeting, Kalkaska Senior Center/COA, 303 S. Coral St
When: 2nd and 4th Tue, 12:00 pm

Friends of the Central Lake District Library, Central Lake District Library, Conference Room, 7900 Maple St, contact 231 544-1144
When: 3rd Tue, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Friends of the Kalkaska County Library, Kalkaska County Library 247 S. Cedar St, downstairs
When: 4th Tues., 4:00 pm

Friends of the Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Lane, Fife Lake, contact Denise, 734 444-2484
When: 2nd Wed., 11:00 am

Chain of Lakes Genealogy Club, Central Lake Library, 7900 Maple St, 231 544-2517
When: 3rd Wed, 6:00 pm

BIGG (Genealogy Group), Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8814
When: 1st Thu., 10:30 am

South Boardman American Legion #463 and Auxiliary Meeting, South Boardman Legion Hall, 5487 Boardman Rd (at the tank), South Boardman, contact 231 369-2944
When: 1st Thur., 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus, St Joseph the Worker Council #7419, St Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, 438 Co Rd 612 NE, Kalkaska, contact Dave at 231 587-4328
When: 1st Thu, 7 pm

Friends of the Alden District Library, Helena Township Community Center, 8752 Helena Rd, Alden, 231 331-4318
When: 3rd Thu, 9:30 am social time, 10:00 am meeting

Alden Men’s Club, Alden United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden. Come see what we are all about, “Helping others in need,” contact 603 540-3581 or visit www.aldenmensclub.org
When: last Saturday of the month , 8:00 am (except July and November), no meeting in December.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Alden United Methodist Church, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden
When: Sun, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Central Lake VFW Hall, 1805 S. Main St, Central Lake
When: Sun, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Sportsmens Club, 6095 Garfield Rd, Kingsley
When: Sun, Tue, 8:00 pm (Sun only May-Sept Mayfield Pond Park)

Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Living in Harmony, United Methodist Church, 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska
When: Mon, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake Methodist Church, 206 Boyd St,
When: Mon, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Hope Lutheran Church, 2680 S. M-88, Bellaire
When: Mon, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), St Anthony Catholic Church, 209 Jefferson Ave, Mancelona
When: Mon, Wed, Fri 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Forrest Home Township Hall, 351 Bridge St, Bellaire
When: Mon, Wed, 12:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Forrest Home Township Hall, 351 Bridge St, Bellaire
When: Mon, Thu, 12:00 pm

REFLECTION

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

Oh, no! Not again!

September 19, 2025

I can still feel the cold refrigerator door against my forehead as I leaned against it, shaking in disbelief and sobbing on the afternoon of Friday, November 22, 1963. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy had been shot to death as he rode through downtown Dallas, Texas. We may never know what the motivation was for JFK's killing, but anger over the Viet Nam war may have been part of it.

Earlier in the year, one June 12, 1963, Medgar Evers had been killed. In that case the motivation appears to have been white segregationist anger over the Civil Rights movement.

Malcolm X was killed February 21, 1965. Then, in 1968, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King , Jr. (April 4, 1968), and Senator Robert Francis Kennedy (June 5, 1069), were both killed.

While the reasons for these killings may be different, there clearly is a uniting thread: great anger over something that the assassinated person represented.

On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, it happened again. I probably disagreed with Charlie Kirk about many things. No matter. Murder is not an acceptable tool for resolving disagreements.

I'm not going to indulge in finger-pointing, name-calling, or any other form of the blame-game. No, I'm going to grieve the loss of life, the young girls without a father, the young wife now widowed, the friends who feel a void that cannot be filled, and also for the father who had to turn in his own son, as well as for the young man whose life is now forever ruined. I am grieving for all of them.

There are many things that I do not understand in this world and radicalization is one of them. A second one is hatred of other human beings.

We remember, this week, the horror inflicted on our nation on September 11, 2001, when hatred so maddened a group of men that they devised and carried out a devastating suicide mission that tore an immense whole in the very fabric of civilization. No, I cannot get my brain wrapped around that level of hatred and madness. I don't understand it, but I also can't deny that I have observed it, felt its cold bitterness, and sought to be as far away from it as possible.

Aside from the soul-killing effect of such action, what purpose does it actually accomplish? Did taking down the twin towers in New York and killing over three thousand people accomplish what the perpetrators intended? If they thought it would destroy the American spirit or her people, they were very mistaken. Did the

young man in Utah think that killing Charlie Kirk would put an end to anybody expressing the attitudes he found intolerable? Is it possible that the killer of Martin Luther King, Jr., really expected that to stop the Civil Rights movement? I hardly think so, which I why I ponder what the reason can be, what outcome makes it worthwhile to ruin one's own life as well as the lives of others.

I don't have any comforting words to offer, because I don't think there really is any way to find comfort in a moment of such pain. No, all I can do is take whatever opportunity I have to engage with others in civil discourse, in exchange of ideas with an open mind, to take in new information and to generously share what information I have.

And, most importantly, to do it all from a foundation of love – as I am called to do.

Love one another as I have loved you. [John 13:34]

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 Representatives elected?
A. Per Article I, Section 2: ... Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, with some special arithmetic for figuring out the population counts.
- 2) When was that changed?
A. Amendment XIV, ratified July 9, 1868, made the change.
- 3) What was the change?
A. ...the manner of counting people; slaves had been counted as three fifths of a person in tallying the population of a state. With the abolition of slavery, each person is counted as a whole person.
- 4) What are the qualifications for holding the office of Representative?
A. Per Article I, Section 2. Paragraph 2: in order to be eligible to become a Representative, a person must be at least twenty-five years old, at least seven 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 celebration of Constitution Week, back to the basics! When was the Constitution signed and sent out to the several states for ratification?
- 2) What do the first three Articles of the Constitution do?
- 3) Which Article defines the methods for amending the Constitution?
- 4) How many states have to ratify an amendment to the Constitution for the amendment to be ratified?



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TOPS #1304 Meeting, Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska, contact 231 384-2154
When: Tue, 9:00 am weigh ins, 10:00 am meeting

Al-Anon Family Group, Stepping Toward Serenity, on ZOOM:
login information on meeting list at Alanon-d39.org
When: Tues, at noon.

Al-Anon, Al-Teen Meeting, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, contact Linda 231 384-3227
When: Tue, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Kalkaska Senior Center, 303 S Coral St
When: Tue, 8:00 pm

Secular Sobriety Group, AA of Traverse City, meets on ZOOM, ID#447 584 8945 PW 628608, more info at secularAAinMichigan.org
When: Tues, Thu, 7 pm, Sun, 12 pm (also in person)

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings (AA), Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd
When: Tue, Thu, Sat 12:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake Village Office, 616 Bates Rd
When: Wed, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Central Lake VFW Hall, 1805 S. Main St,
When: Wed, 8:00 pm

Grief Support Group, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, all ages welcome, contact 231 258-5030
When: 2nd and 4th Wed, 10:30 am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Bellaire United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire
When: Sat, 8:00 pm

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WALK SLOWLY WITH PURPOSE

Why?

By Dominic Fortuna

RAPID CITY My youngest son asked me a question. “Dad why would a person Kill Charlie?”

I paused, thought deeply, said a prayer under my breath for strength and said: “When Dad goes to hunting camp every year I have learned a valuable lesson.

I used to go to camp and spend my time in the woods scouting, trying to find the best spot to sit. I go up with lots of friends, but spend solo time setting up a tree stand and, making sure my spot was perfect for opening day. I never had fun, not the fun I thought I would have until this one little secret.

I learned that when I went to camp and helped my friend find a hunting spot, and helped put my friends’ tree stand up, and thought about them and their hunting experience, then and only then did I have fun.

Life is about serving others, Charlie did that, in the living, and in his death, yes, believe it or not. Charlie’s death has progressed his cause and more people are listening to his words.”

I really felt I hit home with my son. I did it without choosing sides in some hysterical debate. No, I humanized it, just what is so much lacking in today’s day and age. If the killer has humanized his enemy, he might not have acted upon his first thought.

But through it all, I noticed a lot more folks heading to church this past Sunday. I noticed people picking up their Bibles and reading from scripture. I heard conversations about old school ways and how they were tried tested and true. But it really comes down to the story, yeah the story about deer camp. We truly are here to serve others ..

Think of it this way, there’s a large feast of unbelievable food, savory drink laid before you. But there is a sign that reads you must eat with the utensils that are provided. You noticed that the utensils are five and 6 feet long and you can’t pick them up by yourself, you can’t pick them up and turn them around and feed yourself with them. But find another human ... another human - being with you, who can pick up the mighty utensil, and with compassion and grace feed his fellow friend. This too, is a great story of human compassion and kindness and understanding.

But through it all the world has come to realize that Charlie was different. Maybe he really was a saint? Maybe his time was up and his job here well done? But what of his wife and his kids?

I’m a believer that all is in God’s hands , and God doesn’t always allow the mess, but he is definitely the head custodial master who shows up with a holy mop and holy water to wipe us clean of our indiscretions and misery..

There are many keys that follow, principles like forgiveness, awareness of others, and just common courtesy.

Well, I think I’ve said enough and my son seems to have understood, much better why we are all here and who we are here to help. I’m gonna jump off my soapbox and leave you with a little bit of how Charlie put it.

In a world where ideas are constantly clashing, Charlie Kirk, the founder of Turning Point USA, stands firm in his convictions. With a passion that ignites debate and sparks critical thinking, Kirk has become a beacon for young conservatives and a figure of controversy for his detractors.

Faith and Values

At the core of Kirk's message is his faith. "I want to be remembered for courage for my faith," he says, emphasizing the importance of standing by one's beliefs. "Jesus defeated death so you can live," he declares, highlighting the central tenet of his Christian faith. Kirk's convictions are not just about personal belief but also about guiding societal values. "Faith is not just a belief—it’s the moral compass that guides a society toward goodness and order."

Freedom and Responsibility

Kirk is a staunch advocate for individual freedom and responsibility. "Liberty is not a gift from government; it's a right bestowed upon us by our Creator," he asserts, grounding freedom in a divine foundation. "Freedom is not about doing what feels good; it’s about doing what’s right," he emphasizes, highlighting the importance of moral principles in exercising freedom. "It is the responsibility of the individual to protect their own freedom and secure their own happiness."

Education and Critical Thinking

On education, Kirk advocates for a system that teaches students how to think, not what to think. "Education should focus on teaching students how to think, not what to think," he says, promoting critical thinking and analytical skills over mere indoctrination. "College campuses should be marketplaces of ideas, not safe spaces from them."

Conservatism and Politics

Kirk's conservatism is about preserving what works and returning to foundational principles. "Conservatism is not about hating change; it’s about preserving what is good and proven," he notes. "Conservatism isn’t nostalgia; it’s a roadmap for a better future."

Capitalism and Economy

On economics, Kirk is a proponent of free enterprise and limited government intervention. "Capitalism has done more to lift people out of poverty than any other system in human history," he states. "The free market rewards innovation, not entitlement," .

Personal Growth and Success

For Kirk, success is about hard work, self-reliance, and meritocracy. "Self-reliance is the fuel of success; dependency is the road to mediocrity," he emphasizes. "We are not entitled to anything; we must earn what we want in life," .

Through his quotes and activism, Charlie Kirk continues to inspire debate, even in his death he challenges mainstream narratives, and reflects on culture, freedom, and responsibility. His words resonate with many, sparking conversations about the future of America and the values that should guide it.

RIP Charlie and God bless America!

On another note, I have been opening up my sets of music all summer with this beautiful song:



GET TOGETHER

Love is but a song we sing
Fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing
And you may not know why

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Some may come and some may go
He will surely pass
When the one that left us here
Returns for us at last
We are but a moment's sunlight
Fading in the grass

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

If you hear the song I sing
You will understand, listen
You hold the key to love and fear
All in your trembling hand
Just one key unlocks them both
It's there at your command

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

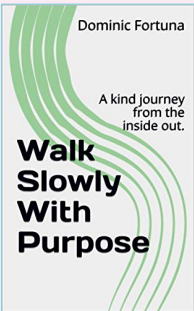
I said, come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Right now, Right now

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Kalkaska County Townships:

Bear Lake Township,
Bear Lake Twp Hall, 198 E Bear Lake Rd NE, Kalkaska, 231-258-4871
When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm

Blue Lake Township,
Blue Lake Twp Hall, 10599 Twin Lake Rd, Mancelona, 231-587-8354
When: 1st Wed, 7 pm

Boardman Township,
Boardman Twp Hall/Fire Dept, 4855 Pine St, South Boardman, 231-369-3336
When: 3rd Wed, 7 pm

Clearwater Township,
Clearwater Twp Community Center, 5407 River St, Rapid City, 231-331-6249
When: 3rd Thu, 7 pm

Coldsprings Township,
Coldsprings Twp Hall, 6515 County Road 571 NE, Mancelona, 231-587-8633
When: 2nd Mon, 5 pm

Excelsior Township,
Excelsior Twp Hall, 987 County Road 571 NE, Kalkaska, 231-258-6108
When: 1st Mon, 5 pm (on major holiday the Tue after)

Garfield Township,
Garfield Twp Hall, 0466 W Sharon Rd, Fife Lake, 231-369-2483
When: 2nd Thur, 7 pm

Kalkaska Township ,
Kalkaska Twp Hall / Fire Department, 209 Laurel St, 231-258-9305
When: 1st Tue, 7 pm

Oliver Township,
Oliver Twp Hall, 5472 Kniss Rd SE, 262-339-2239
When: 2nd Tue, 6 pm

Orange Township,
Orange Twp Hall, 28 Boardman Rd SE, South Boardman, 231-369-3457
When: 2nd Mon, 7 pm

Rapid River Township,
Rapid River Twp Hall, 101 Phelps Rd, Kalkaska, 231-258-2943
When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm

Springfield Township,
Springfield Twp Hall, 5253 Ingersoll Rd SW, Fife Lake, 231-879-4541
When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm

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Village of Central Lake, Central Lake Governmental Building, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, 231 544-6483
When: 2nd Wed, 7:00 pm

Central Lake Township, Central Lake Governmental Building, 1622 N. M-88, Central Lake, 231 544-6687
When: 3rd Wed, 7:00 pm

Village of Bellaire:
Village Offices, 202 N. Bridge St, Bellaire, 231 533-8213
Village Council-
When: 1st Wed, 7:00 pm
DDA- When: last Wed, 8:00 am

Village of Mancelona:
Village Offices, 120 W. State, Mancelona, 231 587-8331
When: 2nd Tue, 6:00 pm
Mancelona DDA, Antrim County Title, 504 S. Williams, Mancelona, 231 58-833
When: 2nd Mon, 5:30 pm

Mancelona Township:
Township Offices, 9610 S. M-88, Mancelona, 231 587-8651
When: 3rd Mon, 6:00 pm

Village of Fife Lake:
Village Hall, 616 Bates St, Fife Lake, 231 879-4291
Village Council-
When: 3rd Mon, 6:30 pm
DDA-When: 3rd Tues, quarterly Jan, April, July, October, 6:00 pm

Fife Lake Township:
Township Meeting Room, 134 Morgan St, 231 879-3963
When: 4th Thur, Jan-Oct, 6:00 pm

Village of Kingsley:
Village Offices, 207 S. Brownson, 231 263-7778
Village Council- When: 2nd Mon, 6:00 pm
DDA- When: 3rd Tue, 6:00 pm

Paradise Township:
Township Hall, 2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, 231 263-5251
When: 2nd Wed, 6:00 pm

Helena Township:
Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231 331-4643
When: 2nd Thu, 7:00 pm

Village of Kalkaska:
Village Offices, 200 Hyde St, Kalkaska, 231-258-9191
Village Council-
When: 2nd Mon, 6 pm
DDA-
When: 1st Tue, 5:00 pm

Kalkaska County:
Kalkaska County BOC Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch St, 231-258-3349
Board of Commissioners-
When: 3nd Wed, 5 pm

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Sudoku Puzzle Solution September 19, 2025

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Celebrating the Birth of a Nation Job Winslow Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Celebrates Constitution Week Sept. 17-23

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