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# Impact100 Traverse City Awards \$348,000 in Grants to Three Local Nonprofits



Pictured L-R: Taylor Moore, Food Rescue's Executive Director and Deb Lake, Goodwill Northern Michigan Chief Philanthropy Officer; Carl Mormann, Women's Resource Center Director of Advocacy and Juliette Schultz, Women's Resource Center Executive Director; Paula Martin, Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities Nutrition Specialist and Elizabeth Palchak, Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities Executive Director

Impact100 Traverse City (TC) announced the three non-profit recipients that will share \$348,000 in grants at its Annual Meeting Tuesday night at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.

The 2025 grantees – Goodwill Northern Michigan's Food Rescue, the Women's Resource Center, and the Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities - were each awarded \$116,000.

The three recipients, chosen from five exceptional finalists that also included The Bay Community Theater and Paddle Antrim, were selected by membership rank vote. The nonprofits will use their respective grants to fund transformative projects thanks to the 348 women who each donated at least \$1,000 to the organization this year.

Goodwill Northern Michigan's Food Rescue program recovers and redistributes 2.2 million pounds of food each year, but limited cold storage prevents many pantries from consistently offering fresh produce. With their Impact100 TC grant, they'll build a new walk-in cooler, which will more than double storage, reduce waste, and ensure every pantry can provide healthy food to families across the region.

The Women's Resource Center will create a survivor-centered studio apartment within its transitional home to provide safe, independent housing that fosters emotional and financial security for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. This initiative expands housing capacity, strengthens pathways to independence, and ensures long-term sustainability through the Center's stable revenue model and community support.

With their grant, Groundwork Center will expand the Esperance Community Teaching Kitchen into a regional broadcast hub, livestreaming, recording, and distributing food-as-medicine education across Northwest Lower Michigan. This initiative will deliver live and on-demand classes, provide continuing medical education, and broaden access through community partnerships to improve health outcomes and empower families.

Impact 100 TC President Lindsay Raymond quantified the organization's impact over the years, noting "The women in our 5-county service area make our organization a philanthropic powerhouse! In just 9 years, we have invested more than \$2.8 million directly into our communities. We have funded 25 nonprofit initiatives that serve our neighbors and friends in need and make our region a vibrant place where we can all thrive!"

"We are especially proud of our nonprofit recipients this year as they were selected from our largest grant applicant pool ever." Raymond said. "The growth in applications reinforces that our region's nonprofits need our support now more than ever."

Past Impact100 TC grant recipients are Northwestern Michigan College Foundation; Thompsonville Area Revitalization Project; Friendship Community Center, hosting Leelanau Investing for Teens (LIFT); Dolly Parton's Imagination Library GTR; The United Way of Northwest Michigan; Freedom Builders of America; Friends of the Garden Theater; North Country Trail Association; Single MOMM; Cognition; Crosshatch Center for Art & Ecology; Grass River Natural Area; Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources (KAIR); Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center; Child and Family Services; Peace Ranch; Inland Seas; Communities in

Schools of Northwest Michigan; Addiction Treatment Services; Newton's Road Northwest; Habitat for Humanity Grand Traverse Region; and Michael's Place.

Raymond says, "We are harnessing the momentum from this Annual Meeting and are on track to reach 100 new and/or renewed members by year-end. That means before our 2026 grant year even begins, we may be able to say to our nonprofits that we have already fully funded at least one transformational grant. Let's make it happen together - renew your membership or join us today and help us continue to transform our communities through collective giving. Our regional nonprofits are counting on us."

To join Impact100 TC or for more information, go to www.impactTC.org. email info@impactTC.org or email members@impactTC.org

Impact100 Traverse City is an all-women, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties and has granted over \$2.8 million since its inception in 2017. Guided by the mission of women transforming our communities through collective giving, each member provides an annual \$1,000 donation that is combined and awarded in \$100,000 increments to regional nonprofits doing meaningful work. Through these transformational grants, Impact100 Traverse City strives to achieve its vision of ensuring the vital needs of our region are met year after year. Impact100 has over 70 chapters across the United States and beyond that have awarded more than \$160 million to nonprofits in their communities since 2002.

# **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 i\f 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 lakesidetheraputics@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

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**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 tenweek 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

Piggit 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, A**merican 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/EHSKalRegistration 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

When: 3rd Sat, 9am - 5pm

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

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## Michael David Koetting

March 21, 1960 ~ September 9, 2025

Michael David Koetting, of Kalkaska, 65, Plymouth, and Birmingham, Michigan, passed away September 9th, 2025 at his home. Michael was born March 21st, 1960, in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky to the late Donald and LaVerne (Myers)

Koetting.

Michael is survived by his wife of 43 years, Terry Ann (Mabee) Koetting; his children, Matthew Koetting (Khali), Christopher Koetting (Monica), and Katrina Pineda (Christian); his five grandchildren Hunter, Colton, Elio, and Santiago; his siblings Fredrick (Lisa), Teresa Lannen (James), and William (Tammy); many nieces and nephews; and Brother-in-law Thomas Mabee (Lori).

Michael served honorably in the United States Air Force for four years. He earned a B.S. in Industrial Management from Lawrence Technical University. Michael was an avid enthusiast of everything automotive. He began

working for Auto Alliance (Mazda) and via joint venture to Ford Motor Company for 32 years, retiring in 2018, notably building the Ford Mustang at the Flat Rock Assembly Plant.

> In his free time he enjoyed spending time with his family on the lake, fixing anything and everything, poker and Detroit Lions football. After retirement he completed the resto-mod of his 1972 Corvette Stingray, a 30-year labor of love.

> A Catholic Mass and memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, beginning at 9:30AM (Mass at 10AM followed by luncheon) at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood Ave, Rochester, MI 48307. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a contribution in Michael's name to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, in support of our nation's military and first responders (https://t2t. org/donate/).



## **Paul Daniel Peterson**

September 26, 1950 ~ August 14, 2025

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

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

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

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

parents and one younger brother, Rick.

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

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

John D. Klumpp

John David Klumpp, age passed away September 17, 2025, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL. John was a cancer survivor and had battled COVID and Diabetic complications for

several years. John was at Munson born Hospital, Traverse City to John and Margrethe Klumpp from Kalkaska MI. He spent his early years in Kalkaska and graduated

from Kalkaska High School in 1955 as Salutatorian. In 1959 he graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a B.A. Degree in Economics and Political Science.

John worked for 30 years at the Michigan State Highway Department as an Urban Planner. Later the highway department became multimodal, and John served as a Regional Planning Coordinator for the Muskegon, and Bay City/Saginaw Urban Areas. He was a Registered Community Planner. John worked out of Lansing and East Lansing and specialized in real estate ventures along the Michigan Avenue corridor between the two

On October 10, 1971, John married Alice Marie (Goble) Long in Charlotte, MI. Born September 20, 1939, she passed away on February 18, 1992, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery Leslie, MI. John's parents, aunts and uncles have predeceased him. John is survived by his daughter Alicia Maria Klumpp (friend Bryan Shirk), his sister Karen Mary (Klumpp) LaFave and his special friend Cheri Anderson. John was able to trace his ancestry back to the Norwegian Vikings and to the 2nd oldest highlander clan in Scotland, the MacAlisters.

John worked on Archaeological digs out of the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History where

May 12, 1937 ~ September 17, 2025 canoes were used to reach the prehistoric excavation sites along the Tittabawassee river. It was an exciting time to involved be Archaeology, and many new discoveries were made. During his career reported John 33 prehistoric sites to the

State Archaeologist along with artifacts and maps.

And moving back up north John served as President of the Traverse City and Paul Bunyan Shire Clubs. He rode in northern parades with the Shriner Trike

While living in the East Lansing area John served as Master of East OF East Lansing Masonic Lodge #480 three times. He played trumpet in the Saginaw Temple Concert Band and Polka Band. He played in the Lansing VFW Post 6132 Dance Band and toured with their clown band. John served as president of the Ingham County Historical Commission and wrote a guide for the County Court House Tours and conducted Court House Tours. Active with Masons and Eastern Star in East Lansing, MI. Also, with East Lansing Rainbow Girls activities serving as Rainbow Dad and receiving the Cross of Color Medal and later was an officer with the Charlevoix Chapter. Served as president of the Grand Valley Chapter of Michigan Archeological Society at the MSU Museum. Served on the board of the Michigan Archeological Society as a Trustee and a term of 1st Vice President.

A funeral service was held at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Friday, September 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., with visitation beginning one hour prior. Burial took place following the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.



## **Barry W. Dunsworth**

January 1, 1952 ~ September 23, 2025

Barry Ward Dunsworth, simple moments of 73, of Kalkaska, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born on January 1, 1952, in Pendleton, Oregon, to the late Lewis and Gladys (Fox) Dunsworth.

Barry spent much of his life in Oklahoma before moving to Kalkaska to be closer to his family. He was a dedicated and hardworking man, spending many years driving truck for General Inc. and later working for Harper County in Oklahoma.

In his free time, Barry enjoyed the outdoors—fishing, camping, and traveling. He also had a passion for car racing and cherished



peace, often sitting quietly in the sunshine. Those who knew Barry will remember not only his stubborn streak but also the loyalty and steadfastness that came with it.

Barry will be lovingly remembered by his children Misty (Brian) Woodard and Amanda` (Tanner) Campbell; grandchildren Whitney, Brooklyn, Montana, Danielle, Austin, Clayton, Cody and Casha; greatgrandchildren Hudson, Paxton and Anna; siblings Janet, Betty and Linda. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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







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## **Brenda S. Vowels**

December 6, 1942 ~ September 23, 2025

It is with profound sadness that the family of Brenda Sue Vowels, 82, of Kalkaska, passed away on September 23, 2025 with her children at her side. She was born on December 6, 1942 in Wayne City, Illinois to Lester Dale "Pat" & Augusta Mae Crocker.



Manistee Lake. Louis Schnauzers.

Brenda married Stanley G. Waggoner on January 23, 1961 in Bridgeport, Illinois. Over a 30 year period they raised their three children (Danielle 1961, Gordon 1964, and Sara 1969). Residing in Bridgeport and Mattoon, Illinois until relocating to Kalkaska, Michigan in 1976.

Brenda is preceded in death by her brothers, Charles (Chuck) Crocker, Olan (Bub) Crocker, and Lavern Crocker.

Brenda is survived by her husband James (Jim) D. Vowels of Kalkaska, her brother Dale Crocker of Wayne City, Illinois, her children: Danielle (Peter) Backes of North Mankato, Minnesota, S. Gordon Waggoner II of Traverse City, Sara (Joe) Waterman of Rapid City, and her step-children Amanda Vowels of South Glens Falls, New York and Iames W. (J.W.) Vowels of Kalkaska, along her many with precious grandchildren great grandchildren.

Throughout Brenda's life, she was a Girl & Boy Scout leader for her children, a volunteer for multiple organizations, waitress and past owner of Carefree Cove on She loved to read, especially ĽAmour collection, along with walking with her many

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Eves Club, Kalkaska Academia Club, 100+ Women Who Care and the Red Hat Society. Brenda had a passion for charities, devoting most of her time to the local K.A.I.R. Chapter.

The family would like to extend a grateful Thank You to the entire staff of French Manor Terra and Hospice of Traverse City for their care and support shown to our mom over these last fifteen months.

Brenda will be cremated and have a funeral and burial on a family plot in Wayne City, Illinois. The family will hold a Celebration of Life at Timber Ridge Resort in Traverse City on October 18, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The family asks in lieu of flowers contributions in the name of Brenda Vowels be made to Kalkaska County Library. Kalkaska Animal Shelter or simply plant a flower in her honor. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home our family serving yours.

## **Gretchen Ann Tompkins**

January 16, 1934 ~ September 15 2025

On Monday, September 2025, Gretchen 15, Tompkins, age 91, passed peacefully at home surrounded by family. She was born Gretchen A Olmsted, on January 16, 1934, in Coldwater, MI, daughter

of an educator, Margaret Milnes Olmsted and orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Kenneth Olmsted. Growing up, she and her siblings, Louise, Mary and Tom enjoyed the Little Comfort cottage and beach at Coldwater Lake as well as the large family home on Hanchett Street in town

Gretchen played the saxophone and excelled as a drum majorette in the marching band. She played the piano her whole life and brought music to her classrooms. She always knew she was going to be a schoolteacher.

At Northern Michigan University (NMU), she met and fell in love with Budd Tompkins. Budd and football took her from Marquette Big Bay to Coldwater, Frankenmuth, and eventually Traverse City. Gretch taught early elementary in Negaunee, Big Bay, Coldwater and Bridgeport. She was a football coach's wife who

understood priorities as the seasons changed. In the classroom, she was devoted to teaching children to read.

She raised supported her family, Lisa, Jenny and Paul. She always loved her dogs.

Gretchen was a force of nature. We were all made better by having her watch over us.

Gretchen leaves behind Lisa Gorence and her husband Ken Johnson, Jennifer and husband Bertrand Rigaldies, and Paul grandchildren Tompkins, Gorence, Kelsey Worsham, Emily Worsham, and family. She is survived by her sister Louise Fry and brother-in-law Dr. Gene Fry DDS, many beautiful nieces and nephews, a host of football-player "sons" and countless dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home, on Saturday, October 18th, 2025. Visitation will begin at 10AM, followed by the service at 11AM. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or ASPCA. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

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## **Richard Thoma**

May 23, 1944 ~ September 21, 2025

8 Bells for Richard Thoma

Richard Thoma, resident of Bellaire, was gifted by the Lord with a wonderfully long life of 81 vears. He was married to Judy, with whom he shared 44 loving years of marriage and who was by his side as he went home to be with his Lord. He was surrounded by his loving children Richard, Amanda and Henry. His struggle is over as he resides in eternal peace in God's presence. Richard served in the US Army spending time in Vietnam where he earned, among medals, the other Combat Infantry Man Badge, as well as the Bronze Star with designation. Richard spent his working years in the Marine Insurance Industry insuring yachts to ocean going freight cargoes to all parts of the globe. He was a member of numerous marine organizations. He was president of twice International Propeller Club - Port of Detroit. He was bestowed twice with the honor of being named Mayor - Port of Detroit for his contributions to the Detroit Marine Industry. Richard was active in the sailing community.

He sailed and enjoyed racing his boat "Growl Tiger" with his stalwart crew achieving a number of victories. He sailed 26 Port Huron - Mackinac races, earning title of "Old Goat." He attended Western Michigan University as well as Thunderbird School of Global Management. He was a lifelong member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He was a member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club - sailing out of the club for over 66 years starting under the tutelage of Todd Frederick. His wish is for any donations to be directed to Crescent Sail Yacht Club Junior Sailing. Its function is to teach and promote youth sailing (a 501(C)(3)), at 276 Lake Shore Dr, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, 48236. Dick always said "dogs, kids and old ladies love me." We know a few turtles attempting to cross the close by streets loved him as well as he would see, stop and carry a turtle across the road so it wouldn't get hit. A private family funeral will be held at a later date.

Thanks for your kindness, Judy, Amanda, Richard, and Henry

John 14:2 - In my Father's house, there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

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# Brandon Ahlgren, MD, Joins Munson Healthcare Rheumatology

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

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

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

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

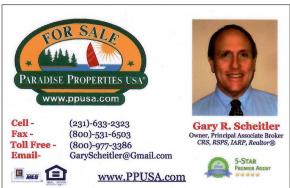
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October 1-31, StoryWalk®. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, to enjoy a romp in the woods and reading a good book along the way. The storybook is "Acorn Was A Little Wild" by Jen Arena, and covers about a 1/2-mile portion of the trail. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and Friends, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318...

October 2-31, Whimsical Halloween
Witches Display. Come visit Alden
District Library and see Carolyn
Buxenstein's collection of Whimsical
Halloween Witch Figurines. The
display can be viewed during normal
library hours. Mon, Wed, Th, F 9:30a5p, 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.

October 8, 3:30pm, Books 'n Brie Book Club. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing "Becoming Madam Secretary" by Stephanie Dray. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

October 11, 10am-4pm, Alden Harvest
Festival. Come over to Tennis Court
Park in Downtown Alden for a day of
family fun! There will be a chili cookoff, apple cider & donuts, live music,
craft vendors and kids activities. Plus,
the Alden Depot Museum will be open
1pm-4pm. Make sure to stop by the
Alden Library & Friends kids craft
tent. This event is presented by
Downtown Alden Business
Association.

October 11, 10am, Story Time with Miss Bri. Miss Bri will be reading stories with a Halloween theme and doing a simple craft with the kids. Kids & parents are welcome to wear costumes! This program will be held in the library located at 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318. October 12, 1:30-4pm, Antrim Photography Workshop Jordan River Rafting Adventure. Many photo opportunities await as you glide down the crisp and gentle waters of the scenic Jorrden Valley River. 1:30pm meet at Webster Bridge Rd access site off M-66. Michigan Rec Pass required or park along roadside. Bus will take us to the boats on Old State Rd. Boats leave at 2pm. Trip ends at Webster Bridge Rd access site. Cost per person is \$55 (\$50 fee+\$5 tip for guide) Cash preferred. Must RSVP with Lisa at 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com. Sponsored by Alden District Library 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

October 16, Friends of Alden District
Library Monthly Meeting: 9:30am
social time with regular meeting
beginning at 10:00am. Topics of
discussion will be plans for upcoming
programs and activities, as well as
volunteer opportunities. Anyone
interested in supporting the library is
always welcome. Held at Helena
Township Community Center, 8751
Helena Rd, Alden. 231-331-4318.

October 18, 12-2pm, Trunk or Treat in Alden. Alden United Methodist Church is hosting this Trunk or Treat event at the church parking lot. Also, they will have a list of participating Alden businesses, including the library, that you can go visit for more treats! Make sure to wear your favorite costume and we hope to see you at the library.

October 26, 2pm, When History Rhymes: Survival and Mystery at White Shoal Lighthouse. Presented by Lighthouse Keeper, Historian and Author Jill Ore. Jill explores the contrasting fates of ice fishermen Lewis Sweet and George Kruskie, who found themselves adrift on ice floes in 1929 and 1931, respectively, seeking refuge at White Shoal Light for survival. She also highlights the legacy of George Keller, White Shoal's longest serving keeper, and examines how history's patterns echo in the lives of those who braved the ice against the backdrop of Lake Michigan's unforgiving waters. Free Event. Held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden and sponsored by Alden District Library and Friends, 231-331-4318.



Trunk or Treat

## 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:

**Thursday morning:** 10:00 am - Prayer Group

## **Boardman Township**

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

#### **Central Lake**

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

#### **East Jordan**

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

#### Fife Lake

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

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

## Kalkaska

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

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

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

Church of Christ at Spencer 4761 Western Ave SE, Kalkaska *Sunday* 9:30 am - Sunday School, all ages

9:30 am - Sunday School, all ages 10:30 am - Assembly Hour 6:00 pm - Evening Assembly *Wednesday* 7:00 pm - Bible study - all ages

Kalkaska Church of Christ 1725 W Kalkaska Rd, Kalkaska

Sunday morning:
9:00 & 10:30 am
- Worship Service
9:00 &10:30 am
- Kids' programs,
birth - 5th grade
10:30 am - Faith Training
- Middle & High School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Mancelona

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

Mancelona Baptist Church 609 N Jefferson ST, Mancelona **Sunday** 10:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - worship service

6:00 pm - Bible Preaching Wednesday 7:00 pm - Bible Preaching & Teen Group

## **Rapid City**

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

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

## Williamsburg

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

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

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## DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author) Such-and-such percent return means what?

4 August 2003

Dear Mark,

**Exactly what does it mean when** states. Calling 911 may not help. a casino advertises that its payback percentage is such-andsuch percent? Dorothy M.

You speak of slot machines, n'est-Each machine is ce pas? scrupulously designed and tested Just to stimulate that all-important payback. The

For example, with a payback of 95%, the casino would latch onto about 5% of all money put into the slot. You, Dorothy, should get back 95¢ of every dollar you insert. Of course, don't expect 95¢ to clang in the tray for every dollar's worth of handle yanks. The percentage return is a long-term concept. Your gaming timeline is possibly limited to 200 yanks of the handle, not millions, so any percentage return (as low as a goose egg to as high as a mega-jackpot), can, and will happen. But, of course, if you knew ahead of time what the result was going to be, you wouldn't be playing, would you?

Fortunately, the percentage in most casino machines is much higher than the minimum, even some advertised as high as 98%-plus. It's those machines advertised for high paybacks, Dorothy, which you want to play on. Leave the rest for the slow learners.

## Dear Mark,

Is there any possibility that a video poker machine can be programmed to never give you a royal flush? Cam F.

Here's the long one: technology does exist for machines to be set to machines are these machines are illegal in *Gambling For Dummies (The book)* 

Nevada, New Jersey, Colorado and all other states that pattern their gaming regulations after those

#### Dear Mark,

In poker, could you please explain the difference between a blind bet and an ante? Candy G.

to assure the casino a definite action before the first cards are "payback dealt, most poker games, Candy, percentage" is the portion of the require an ante or a blind bet. If money that is put into the slot that antes are used, all players must is eventually paid out to the player. post a standard amount of seed money up-front in order to receive their first cards. You'll find antes used in your traditional Stud games. Blind wagers, as found in Texas Hold'em and Omaha, have the same general purpose but with slight differences. With blind bets, the first two players to the left of the dealer post their bets before they see any cards, and are thus, still "blind." This required wager rotates around the table. Because blinds exact forced wagers, blind bettors, in return, can raise once the betting has gone around the table the first time and it's their turn to act again.

## Dear Mark,

In most gambling jurisdictions, the I have noticed recently an requires that payback increase in poker questions. percentages be above a threshold That's great for me because it is level, commonly around 75%. my favorite game. Any reason for payback it? Rick W.

Mark Twain once said, "There are things that are unpardonably neglected in our country as poker! It is enough to make one ashamed of one's species." That won't happen here, Rick. Besides, questions on poker are what's showing up in the mailbag of late. It could be influenced by coverage of the World Series of Poker on ESPN, or the World Poker Tour on the Travel Channel. But I'm guessing it's because there are over 130 million The short answer, Cam, is: yep, but on the planet who, like you, enjoy the game.

act other than randomly. Such Gambling quote of the week: obviously "There may be glitter, glitz and programmed to avoid giving the romance in a casino, but at the end players sweetmeat hands, and of the day they're just like any other instead to give the house a much business: If they cease to make a bigger advantage. Reassuringly, profit, they soon cease to exist." —



## Sudoku Puzzle October 3, 2025

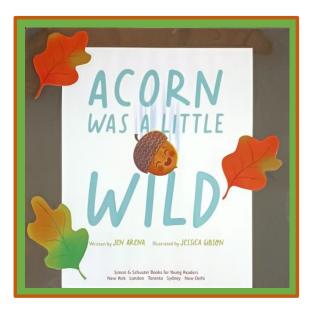
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# StoryWalk®

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# Resilience: Building Strength Through Challenges

life? The question is: Are we resilient, or does emotional responses. life tend to knock us over when it gets hard?

recover quickly from illness, change, or people "get through" overwhelming moments. misfortune. We say we are resilient when we However, if used alone, it typically does not are able to bounce back from life's challenges resolve or work to change the underlying As Dr. Gladys McGarey used to say, "You find the such as a job loss, illness or another type of stressor. Over time, this can limit resilience juice of life when you turn into your troubles." personal setback, but for some people, life's because the stressor remains or keeps This is how we become resilient in a world full challenges can lead to feelings of overwhelming happening. dread, despair and hopelessness.

Research has shown that there are two main This is a coping style that emphasizes taking Adam DeVaney is a clinical social worker and how resilient we are.

One is called "Emotional-Oriented Coping", and the other is called "Solution-Oriented Coping". Let's look at each of these:

#### **Emotional-Oriented Coping:**

This coping style focuses on managing the emotional distress caused by a problem rather than directly addressing the problem itself. This often involves strategies such as seeking

readers hasn't faced challenges big and small in thoughts, or practicing relaxation to regulate just feeling, does not mean that they are not

Outcomes: This style can provide short-term Resilience can be defined as the ability to relief by reducing distress, which can help

#### **Solution-Oriented Coping:**

types of coping styles that people use, and it practical steps to resolve or change the problem turns out that coping style is closely linked to at hand. This may include problem-solving, gathering information, planning, or taking direct action to reduce or eliminate the source of stress.

> control, which builds confidence to face future with them on their healing journeys. challenges.

Let's face it. Life is challenging. Who among my comfort, expressing feelings, reframing Just because a person tends towards action over feeling the same emotions as intensely as someone who prefers to self-soothe. It's just that one style uses the emotions to push themselves into action, and this helps them to become more and more resilient over time.

of challenges.

#### -Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECP

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 Outcomes: The literature suggests that this his wife, Mandi, he founded Life's Work Clinic in coping style is strongly linked to long-term Kalkaska, Michigan, and Life's Work Coaching resilience. When we actively address the source with a local and global footprint. Adam has of stress, people gain a sense of mastery and dedicated his life to serving others and walking



## Additional Obituaries on pages 4, & 5

## **Rhoni Sue Bittle**

June 16, 1967 ~ September 25, 2025

Rhoni Sue Bittle whose favorite song was "Oh, How I Love Jesus Because He First Loved Me," passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at Arborlight Adult Foster Care Home in Kalkaska, Michigan. Rhoni Sue was born June 16, 1967 at the

Naval Air Base in Corpus Christi, Texas. Rhoni Sue is survived by her parents Danny Bittle and Darlene (Campbell) Bittle of Kalkaska and brother Lonnie, who also resides at the Arborlight AFC in Kalkaska. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Rex and Beatrice Campbell of Kalkaska and Troy and Maxine Bittle of Conway,



Arkansas. Rhoni Sue graduated in 1985 from Conway, Arkansas High School special education unit. A visitation for family and friends was held at Kalkaska Funeral on Monday, Home September 29th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, with a light luncheon to follow

at the family home. Burial will take place privately at Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Grand Traverse Industries (GTI) which is a facility that serves folks with special needs and where Lonnie works. Arrangements have entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

## Shelly Rena Lang

May 8, 1963 ~ September 3, 2025

Shelly Lang passed away on September 3, 2025, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born on May 8, 1963 to the late William Raby and Mona {Horton} in Flint MI. She is survived by her children, Melissa

Forman, Trisha Lang, Joshua D. Lang and David Lang Ir.

Cremation has taken place.

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

## **Lauren Dale Rice**

November 1, 1946 ~ August 18, 2025

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

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

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# COMMUNITY

## Kampout for K.A.I.R.

Kampout for KAIR Marks 12 Years of Supporting Neighbors in Need Celebrating over a decade of filling kitchens, cupboards, bellies, and hearts in Kalkaska and Antrim Counties

For 12 years, hungry families and individuals in Kalkaska and Antrim Counties have relied on the support of **Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources (KAIR)**—and once again, the agency is calling on the community to help stock its food pantry.

The annual Kampout for KAIR food drive returns October 6–11, inviting residents to step up in the fight against hunger as food prices remain high and supply chain challenges continue. Last year alone, the community donated an incredible 19,460 pounds of food, helping KAIR continue its mission of serving neighbors in need.

"This year, we've seen an increase in people who haven't needed our services in years, now finding themselves struggling," said KAIR Director Cathy Somes. "With gas and grocery prices so high, requests for food pantry services continue to rise. Each month, KAIR serves between 1,300–1,700 people through our pantry and our community meal program, Ladles of Love, which provides 400 hot meals each month—and growing. Community



support is vital to ensure we can continue to meet these needs."

Local businesses are once again rallying behind the effort. Serra Kalkaska Executive Manager Steve Gilman shared, "Serra Kalkaska is proud to participate in Kampout for KAIR for the twelfth year. Many families in our community are struggling to afford food and other essentials, and it's crucial that we step up to help. This event gives us the chance to give back, and we're grateful to support KAIR's mission."

## How to Help:

• Food Donations: Accepted October 6 at 7:30 a.m. through October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Serra Automotive in Kalkaska.

- Additional drop-off bins will be located at Family Fare, Northland Foods.
   Family Fare and Northland Foods will also collect during normal store hours.
- Donations can also be brought to KAIR directly, Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Monetary Donations: Cash and check contributions will be accepted October 6– 11 via secure containers at Family Fare, Northland Foods, and Serra Kalkaska. Checks should be made payable to KAIR. Donations may also be made securely online at www.kalkaskakairs.com.

KAIR is requesting a wide variety of nonperishable food and hygiene items, including peanut butter, canned meats, oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables, dried fruits, pasta, soups, toilet paper, and toothpaste.

This year's Kampout for KAIR is generously sponsored by Serra Kalkaska, Northland Foods, Family Fare, Meijer, and media partners KLT, WTCM, WTCM GOLD, WCCW, 105.7 THE BIRD, and Z93.

## items Most Needed

Peanut Butter/Jelly

Soup/Crackers

Canned Vegetables (Any)

Mac & Cheese

Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce

Ramen Noodles

**Dried or Canned Beans** 

Cereal (Any)

**Canned Fruit** 

Canned tomatoes

Toilet Paper/Toothpaste/Shampoo

**Thank You for Your Donations!** 

## **Anyway**

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them, anyway.

-this version is attributed to Mother Teresa

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

**Meet and Eat, Youth Event,** Mancelona United Methodist Church, 117 W. Hinman, Mancelona, planned by youth for youth including a meal, music, pastor's message, games & fun, grades 7-12, 231 587-8461

When: 4th Sunday (3rd if 4th is a holiday weekend) 7:00 to 8:30 pm

## **Miscellaneous**

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

When: by appointment Mon 10am-4pm & Thu 1-5pm

**Stroke Recovery Group,** Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga, Bellaire, must register prior to each session, please call 231 533-8703

When: 3rd Mon, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

**Tech Tuesdays with Gabe,** Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St, contact 231 533-8814

When: Tue, 11 am to 3 pm

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

**Kalkaska Baby Pantry,** Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W Kalkaska Rd, Clothing, diapers, wipes available (donations of such are accepted), serving children to size 4T, contact 231 258-9441

When: 2nd & 4th Tue, 9:30 am to 1 pm.

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

When: Wed 10 am

**Tech Tuesdays with Gabe!** Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St, 231 533-8814

When: Wed, 11 am to 3 pm

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

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

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

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

Antrim County Baby Pantry, St. Anthony's Church, 209 Jefferson Ave, Mancelona, providing food, clothing, diapers, and other items for children from birth until their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday (donations accepted), masks optional, one shopper per family and children are welcome but must remain with their parent, new families, please arrive by 2 pm for paperwork and bring valid ID, 231 492-7426

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thu, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Dance**, Mancelona Senior Center, 122 E. State St, Mancelona, \$7 admission, bring a dish to pass, contact Cheryl at 231 587-9131

When:  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thu,** 3:30pm

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

## **Organization Meetings**

Kalkaska Democrats, contact Gary at 231 590-3397 for current meeting location

When: 1st Mon, 6:00 pm

**Kingsley Friends of the Library,** Kingsley Branch Library, 213 S. Brownson, Kingsley, open for ages 0-5 years, contact 231 263-5484

When: 3rd Mon, 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Kalkaska Conservation District Board of Directors, District Office, 406 S. Cedar St, Suite A, Kalkaska, contact Mark, 231 258-3307

When: 3rd Mon, 5:00 pm

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

Kalkaska Republicans, Kalkaska COA/Senior Center, 303

S. Coral St When: Last Mon., 7:00 pm

Kalkaska Kiwanis Meeting, Kalkaska Senior Center/

COA, 303 S. Coral St

When: 2nd and 4th Tue, 12:00 pm

Friends of the Central Lake District Library, Central
Lake District Library, Conference Room, 7900 Maple St,

contact 231 544-1144 When: 3rd Tue, 10:00 to 11:00 am

**Friends of the Kalkaska County Library,** Kalkaska County Library 247 S. Cedar St, downstairs

When: 4th Tues., 4:00 pm

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

**Chain of Lakes Genealogy Club,** Central Lake Library, 7900 Maple St, 231 544-2517

When: 3rd Wed, 6:00 pm BIGG (Genealogy Group), Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St, Bellaire, contact 231 533-8814

When: 1st Thu., 10:30 am

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

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

When: 1st Thu, 7 pm

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

**Alden Men's Club,** Alden United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden. Come see what we are all about, "Helping others in need," contact 603 540-3581 or visit www.aldenmensclub.org

When: last Saturday of the month , 8:00 am (except July and November), no meeting in December.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Alden United Methodist Church, 9015 Helena Rd, Alden

When: Sun, 7:00 pm

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Sportsmens Club,

6095 Garfield Rd, Kingsley
When: Sun, Tue, 8:00 pm (Sun only May-Sept Mayfield

Pond Park)
Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Living in Harmony, United

Methodist Church, 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska When: Mon, 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake

Methodist Church, 206 Boyd St, When: Mon, 8:00 pm

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

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

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

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

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# 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

## October 3, 2025

I cling ardently to the First Amendment of our Constitution. It covers five absolutely essential freedoms for our democratic republic. Just to review, here it is in its entirety:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

I've been studying the Constitution for several years, now, and I am still taken aback when I realize just how fortunate I am to live in a country where the supreme law of the land protect so many essential rights in a single amendment, only forty-five words.

The protection of our religious freedom is the very first one listed. I believe that is because it is the most important one. The separation of church and state, the wall that Jefferson wrote of in his letter to the Danbury Baptists in 1802, was clearly not to protect government from religion, but to protect religion from government. We can rejoice that we are free to practice our faith as we wish, so long as we do not harm others or otherwise violate our social duties. Imagine how unhappy we would be to have our government dictate to us which precise version of what faith we were to practice, what particular house of worship we are allowed to attend, and what day or time of day we must be in church! It helps to remember that there was a time, for instance, in England where people were fined for failing to show up for church. Our founders fled from nations where such restrictions were placed on their religious life. We are fortunate to have a deliberately secular government, leaving us free to make our own religious choices. In the references below, you will find the URL to the Library of Congress page where the full text of Jefferson's letter is given. You may want to go read that letter for your own knowledge.

The second protected right in the First Amendment is freedom of speech. Yes, we can say pretty much anything we want to say, with precious few limitations. We all recognize the admonition of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes that "The most stringent protection of free

## Yeah, but should you?

speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic" (Schenk v US, 1919).

So, yes, there are limits. We are not free to slander or libel others. The sole defense in a lawsuit brought for libel or slander is truth. We are, of course, free to be rude and say ugly things, but there are consequences for some of those things.

The third right protected by the First Amendment is freedom of the press. I stand passionately behind that protected freedom. But, again, just as with speech, there are limits. We do not actually have a right to lie about other people. Oh, we have certainly seen people get away with it, but sometimes they get aught and have to take the consequences. It is intriguing to me that the limits on speech and press both reflect the Ninth Commandment of my faith: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." We do well to be reminded that much of our law comes to us from the divine inspiration of our Creator.

The fourth and fifth protected freedoms allow us collectively to give voice to our concerns regarding government itself. We have the absolute right to engage in peaceful protest and to press our government for "redress of grievances." We do not have the right to attack law enforcement officers, or to burn vehicles and homes, or to pillage and loot businesses. None of that is actually okay, and we all know that, even when some of us make excuses for such behavior. Let's acknowledge that recognizing that even though huge frustration can lead to rage and violent behavior, it still isn't okay. Civilization cannot exist without civil behavior.

Returning to the freedom of expression rights, I have an opinion to to offer. I challenge us to consider whether we SHOULD do or say something just because we CAN. The behavior of the American fans at this past weekend's Ryder Cup embarrasses me as an American. And I feel certain I am not the only American who wishes ardently that our fellow citizens had shown more class. It has generally been the rule that spectators are quiet when a golfer is addressing the ball and thinking through his or her shot strategy. An outburst at that moment can be very distracting and can interfere with the player's performance. The same rule is in

place during a tennis match when the player is getting ready to serve. Yes, this is just courtesy, not law carved in stone. But, isn't courtesy the way we show our respect for other human beings?

In tennis, if a spectator makes one such outburst, that person will be admonished to be quiet. A second such outburst will see the spectator escorted out of the facility. Perhaps it is time to impose a similar rule on golf tournament spectators. It seems a shame to have to impose such rules on adults. One would expect adults to know better.

When we compete, don't we want to face a worthy opponent? Would we really want to face an incompetent opponent? And don't we hold worthy opponents in high esteem and respect? Don't we see players in every sport embrace each other after the game?

I'm no great athlete, but I did play basketball in high school. I remember that after every game, whether we won or lost, we greeted the members of the other team with a hand and the phrase "Good game!"

So, I am baffled by the American fans who shouted insults and obscenities at the European players – and especially whoever it was that threw a beer cup at Rory McIlroy's wife Erica. To that person I issue this challenge: can you be proud to tell your mother how you behaved? I sincerely doubt it.

Maybe there's a wider question to be asked of all of us: do we want to be a nation of roughnecks, who apparently celebrate coarse and crude behavior? Or, would we like to show a little more class, self-control, and good manners like civilized human beings?

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields Editor

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## Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue's questions

- 1) In celebration of Constitution Week, back to the basics! When was the Constitution signed and sent out to the several states for ratification?
- A. September 17, 1787
- 2) What do the first three Articles of the Constitution do? *A. They establish the three branches of government: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial and they detail the responsibilities and authorities delegated to each branch by the people.*
- 3) Which Article defines the methods for amending the Constitution?
- A. Article V.
- 4) How many states have to ratify an amendment to the Constitution for the amendment to be ratified?

  A. The legislatures, or state conventions called for the purpose, of three fourths of the states have to ratify an amendment for it to become part of the Constitution. With fifty states and using whole numbers only, that means that thirty-eight (38) states are required for the amendment to be ratified.

## 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) Are the rights of citizens granted by the Constitution?
- 2) Are all of our rights laid out in the Constitution?
- 3) Ha any Amendment to the Constitution been repealed?
- 4) What does Amendment XXI do?



# COMMUNITY OUT & ABOUT



## **COFFEE TIME for VETERANS**

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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

Al-Anon Family Group, Stepping Toward Serenity.

on ZOOM:

login information on meeting list at Alanond39.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

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS This 30th day of September, 2025 notice is given in the Estate of Sonia E. Tubbs, late of South Boardman, Michigan deceased (4/21/35-10/3/24). All claims against the above estate, duly verified by statutory declaration and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before November 10th, 2025. Sonia Tubbs Estate, 6285 N Shippy Rd SW, South Boardman, Michigan 49680



## Upcoming events of the Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR

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

# WALK SLOWLY WITH PURPOSE

## Let's be good stewards of our lakes

#### **By Dominic Fortuna**

Northern Michigan, a land of breathtaking beauty, where the sunsets on Torch Lake paint the sky with hues of crimson and gold, a true marvel of nature. As I sit on the shores of this magnificent lake, I'm reminded of the countless memories I've made here, and the profound changes that have taken place over the years. The tranquility of the lake's waters, the vibrant colors of the surrounding foliage, and the gentle lapping of the waves against the shore all evoke a sense of serenity and peace.

As a child, I spent countless hours exploring the woods and waters of northern Michigan, marveling at the beauty and wonder of this special place. The Native Americans who once called this land home understood the importance of living in harmony with nature. They revered the land, the lakes, and the forests, taking only what they needed and leaving the rest to thrive. They were the original stewards of this land, and we would do well to follow their example.

Torch Lake, named by the Native Americans for the traditional whitefish fishing practices that took place here, where fishermen would use torches to light their way and attract fish, is a treasure that deserves our protection and care. The lake's crystal-clear waters and stunning scenery make it a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. However, the increasing number of property owners who buy up homes on the lake and rent them out to strangers has brought new challenges.

As the seasons change, and the colors of the leaves transform into a kaleidoscope of oranges, reds, and yellows, I'm reminded of the fleeting nature of life and the importance of preserving the beauty of our surroundings. The fall colors around

Torch Lake are a sight to behold, a true spectacle of nature. But as I look out at the lake, I see the signs of overuse and neglect. The water quality is suffering, and the once-pristine shores are now marred by the signs of human activity.

It's time for us to take a step back and assess the impact of our actions. We need to be better stewards of our lakes and our land. We need to follow the example of the Native Americans who came before us, who lived in harmony with nature and took only what they needed. We need to hold accountable those who disregard the rules and regulations in place to protect our lakes.

The wealthy corporations and individuals who buy property in northern Michigan and then proceed to break the Township tax laws by subletting or engaging in timeshares without regard for the consequences are the ones who need to be brought to task. We need to be careful not to label our property as a Homestead and then turn around and make it into a rental so we can bring in some sort of financial agility.

That's not how it works, it has to be listed as commercial if you're gonna rent it out. Some books are dodging that law, and it's not fair to the rest of us.

They have put into motion a form of gentrification, where wealthy entities invade a pristine area and push all the middle class and poor who've lived there all their lives out and replace with entitled occupants.

They're not just harming the environment; they're also harming the community. They're disrupting the peace and tranquility that we've come to expect from our lakes and woods. There is a way to do this and keep peace and also keep the lakes

and rivers clean. Don't look for loopholes in our laws, and the townships need to stand up for the laws that are on the books.

Let's do it together, we can make this work.

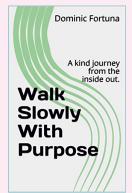
As the sun sets over Torch Lake, casting a golden glow over the water, I'm reminded of the beauty and wonder of this special place. It's a reminder that we need to do better, that we need to take care of our lakes and our land. We need to be kind to one another and to our environment. We need to follow the laws and regulations that are in place to protect our lakes and our way of life.

Let's work together to preserve the beauty and tranquility of northern Michigan for future generations. Let's be responsible stewards of this incredible region, just as the Native Americans were before us. Let's protect our lakes, our forests, and our wildlife. But also, we should take into consideration our new neighbors that are moving into the area. Northern Michigan residence have always been welcoming, whether they be resorters or people moving in to make it their residence, we can all do this together.

Let's keep northern Michigan beautiful, and let's make sure that it remains a haven of natural beauty and a place where people can come to enjoy the great outdoors.

As I look out at the lake, I see a vision of what northern Michigan could be, a place where nature and humanity coexist in harmony. I see a future where our lakes are pristine, our forests are healthy, and our wildlife thrives. I see a future where we're all working together to protect this special place, and I believe that it's possible. Let's make it happen.





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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

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

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

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/

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Fife Lake Public Library Forest Area Federal Credit Union The Upper Bar & Grill Village Market

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# **School Board Meetings**

## Kalkaska Public Schools,

Board of Education room, 315 S Coral St Kalkaska , 231-258-9100

When: 3rd Mon, 6 pm

231-369-4191

**Forest Area Community Schools** Band Room, Forest Area High School, 7661 Shippy Rd SW, Fife Lake

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 October 3, 2025

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## **COMMUNITY**

# FOURTH ANNUAL MEADOWBROOK CRUISIN' PIRATES CAR SHOW

A Parade of Chrome and Smiles at Meadowbrook's Annual Car Show

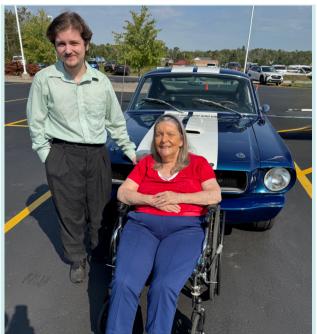
The recent Fourth Annual Meadowbrook – Cruisin' Pirates car show was a fun-filled day for everyone! Local classic car club enthusiasts shared a flashy car extravaganza with the residents and staff of the Meadowbrook Antrim County Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

Well over one hundred residents, family members, staff and car club members participated in the annual outdoor venue. Excited residents were escorted by staff members dressed in '50's poodle skirts while period rock and roll music, tasty popcorn and ice cream set the welcoming tone.

The highlight of the event was a parade of 40 vintage and specialty cars, each showcased in a timed drive-by format. The cars paused briefly as club members provided lively commentary, sharing fun facts and details about each vehicle. Residents had the opportunity to see the cars in motion and admire their timeless designs and colorful paint jobs. A real treat was to also hear the rumble of their engines up close!!

Jay Kollins of Bellaire showed his father's beautifully restored 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo to honor his dad, Norbert Kollins, a current resident of Meadowbrook. Seated in the front row with family members, Norbert proudly received applause from the crowd as his favorite car passed in review.

After the parade, residents and visitors moved among the parked cars, chatting with car owners and reminiscing about automotive days gone by. For everyone, the day was another enjoyable trip down automotive memory lane together.













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