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Three Lakes Association Summer Interns 2025

Clam Lake Aquatic Plant Survey



TLA Summer Interns and Leader tackle the scientific survey of aquatic plants in Clam Lake.

Left to right: Isabelle Borden, past intern volunteer; Jeanie Williams, lead instructor; Courtney Borden, Kalkaska HS; Jaylea Erickson, Kalkaska HS; Carlina Luchenbill, Mancelona HS. Center: Aspen Evans, Central Lake HS.

This year the interns did an aquatic plant survey of Clam Lake. The survey used the latest survey methods and updated a survey completed by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in 2013. What an awesome project that will be able to be referenced in the future as needed by our organization and by other, outside organizations.

Courtney Borden, Jaylea Erickson, and Isabella Borden proudly display their certificates of completion, following their presentation to the Kalkaska School Board, October 20,2025.

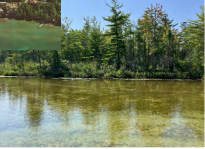
The interns spend summer doing an environmental project, then prepare a presentation on their findings that they present to the TLA Board of Directors and then to their individual School District Board of Education. In addition to the certificate, each intern receives a modest stipend, a letter of recommendation from the Tla, and a half-credit-hour for environmental science study added to their High School transcript.



A display of the several species of aquatic plants from Clam Lake.

Clam Lake

- Part of Elk River Chain of Lakes
- 27 feet at its deepest
- 437 acres total
- Between Torch and Bellaire lakes



- For those wondering, yes it's good for fishing

Conclusion

- 27 different species of plants were found
 - Clam Lake is extremely diverse in plant life
 - South end has the most plant density and the most plant diversity
 - More diverse because less used by people, shallower
- 65% of the lake is vegetated
- Max depth of plant growth was 18 feet
- No invasive species were found on Clam Lake in 2025
 - Great progress on getting rid of Eurasian Water Milfoil
 - The diversity and density of plants may help prevent establishment of invasive species
- Estimated 26 hours on the water and 26 more working on everything else
 - A lot of time went into this project and into protecting our lake

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Making their presentation to the TLA Board of Directors.

A couple of informative slides from the Clam Lake Aquatic Plant Survey presentation.

OUT & ABOUT

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

SENIOR & COMMUNITY MEALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FARMERS’ MARKET

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

FOOD PANTRIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH AND FITNESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BINGO, CARDS & BOARD GAMES

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

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

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

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

When: Mon, 6 pm

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

When: Tue 10 am - noon

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

When: Tue, 1 to 4 pm

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

When: Tue, 1 pm

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

When: Tues, 6:00 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When: Wed, 6 pm

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

When: Thu, 12:45 pm

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

When: Thu, 1 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When: Sat, 6 pm

Crafts & Hobbies

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

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

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

When: Mon, 6 pm

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

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

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

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

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

When: 1st Tue, 1:00 pm

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

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

Knitting - Bellaire Public Library, 111 S Bridge St,

When: Thu 10 to noon

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

STEAM Club - Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St., Central Lake. For Elementary age kids 8 years old and up. Class size is limited, registration required. Contact 231-544-2517

When: Mon, 3:15 to 4 pm

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

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

LEGO Club, Central Lake District Library, 7900 Maple St, Central Lake, available to children ages 5+, drop-in club, registration required, call 231 544-2517

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

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/EHSKaRegistration>

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

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OBITUARIES

John G Tarrant

March 29, 1931 ~ October 9, 2025

John Griffith Tarrant passed away peacefully on October 9, 2025 at Meadow Brook with his family by his side. He was born in Saginaw, MI on March 29, 1931 to William and Blanche (Griffith) Tarrant. He grew up in Saginaw and graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1949. He joined the Army in 1951 during the Korean War and served honorably as a 1st Lieutenant. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves as a Captain until 1964. In 1953, he enrolled at Michigan State University on the GI Bill. That's where he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Hawley. They were married on September 3, 1955 and lived in married housing until John graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism.

Following graduation, he was hired at a weekly newspaper in St. Louis, Michigan. He honed his skills at that paper serving in multiple roles, and learned a lot about the business. He left that job in 1958 when he was hired to sell advertising at the Grand Rapids Herald. During his career of 68 years in the newspaper business, John served in many different capacities but his true passion was always the weekly community newspaper. In his later career, he was the publisher of a large group of weekly newspapers in the downriver area of Detroit – the largest of these was the Wyandotte News Herald.

He managed that group of newspapers until 1987 when he decided he wanted an even bigger challenge – to own and operate his own newspaper. He found a group of weekly newspapers for sale in Bellaire, MI. He convinced his wife, two daughters and son-in-law to move up north and join him in this family venture. At that time the group consisted of the Antrim County News, Leader and Kalkaskian and the Penny Stretcher. As the years went by, he added the Torch and Torch Printing in Central Lake and The Town Meeting in Elk Rapids.



John decided later he wanted to retire so the family sold the business to a large newspaper group. The new company, more interested in increasing profits and cutting expenses, shut down the papers. Filling the void, John started The Bellaire Review in 2003 which became The Antrim Review. Always keeping in mind his belief that people can get their national and state news from anywhere but local community news comes from your local newspaper.

John loved northern Michigan. He served on the board of the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce for many years and was a long-time member of the Bellaire Rotary Club. He also served on many other various boards in the area.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife, working in his yard, reading, writing and spending time with his family at their cottage on Lake Huron.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ellsworth and William; sisters Florence and Arlene and his wife of 66 years, Mary Lou.

He will be greatly missed by his two daughters Patricia (Jeffrey) Hallberg and Jacqueline Tarrant; two granddaughters Whitney (Nick Faust) Hallberg, Kristen (Darrek) Meadows and his great-granddaughter Violet Meadows.

A Service honoring his memory was held at 1:00 pm Monday, Oct. 20 at Church in the Hills, 6401 Shanty Creek Rd., Bellaire, Pastor David Ramage officiating. Visitation began at 11:30 am. A luncheon followed immediately after the service.

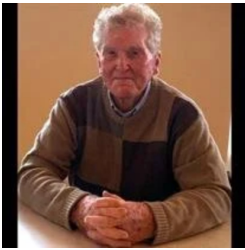
If interested in honoring John's memory, the family asks that you make a donation to The American Heart Association or The Glaucoma Foundation.

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

Donald Ray Sherman

August 3, 1933 ~ October 18, 2025

Donald R. Sherman, 92, was welcomed home by the Lord on Saturday, October 18, 2025, when he passed away peacefully in the presence of his wife and daughters. Born in Lansing, Michigan on August 3, 1933, Don was the loving son of William T. (Shorty) Sherman and Marguerite A. Rose Sherman. The family moved to Kalkaska, Michigan in 1943 where Don enjoyed swimming, fishing, and hunting. He became catcher on the Kalkaska Blazer Baseball team, graduating from Kalkaska High School in 1951. Don served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War as a Staff Sargent and Radio Operator in Colorado Springs, Colorado from 1953-1955. In 1953 Don married the love of his life, Beatrice L. Hager Sherman on June 5, 1953, in Junction City, Kansas. Upon completion of his service, Don and Bea came back to Kalkaska where he became a leading member of the community. Throughout the years Don was a member of the Rotary Club, where he served as Club President, the Kalkaska County Industrial Development Corporation, the Kalkaska Chamber of Commerce, where he was awarded "Citizen of the Year" with his wife Bea. Along with being an active member of the Kalkaska Church of Christ and the Sebring Christian Church where he served as an Elder and leader for a combined total of 50 years, Don served on the Foundation Board at Northwestern Michigan College. He was also active at Great Lakes Christian College where he served as Trustee and Board President for a total of 20



years. Don worked at Wayne Wire Cloth Products in Kalkaska as a Quality Control Manager, where he retired after 49 years. As well as being an avid outdoorsman Don was an avid golfer, having the pleasure of playing at many renowned golf courses around the U.S. He also sang in a Men's Gospel Quartet, starting in the 6th grade, making music with the same members for 80 years. In addition to his parents Don was preceded in death by his mother- and father-in-law Claire and Thomas Hager and by his son-in-law, Charles R. Sole. Along with his wife, Don is survived by his daughters Jennie M. (Tom) Bender of Grayson, Kentucky and Melissa C. Sole of Traverse City, MI; grandchildren Donald L. (Keila) Bender of Lexington, KY, Rebecca L. Bender of Grayson, KY, Charlie S. (Katy) Sole of South Boardman, MI, and Emily M. Sole (Franklin) Alls of Tampa, FL; and great-grandchildren Kaitlynn M. (Camren) Staton and Jakob A. Bender of Lexington, KY, Jayden C. Alls of Tampa, FL, and Charlie R. and Olivia A. Sole of South Boardman, MI. Don also leaves behind numerous extended family, friends, colleagues, and church family who mourn his passing. A funeral service was held at the Kalkaska Church of Christ on Friday, October 24 at 11:00am, with visitation at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Great Lakes Christian College, <https://www.glcc.edu/give/> General Fund in memory of Donald R. Sherman. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Donna L. Hillman

October 14, 1929 ~ October 8, 2025

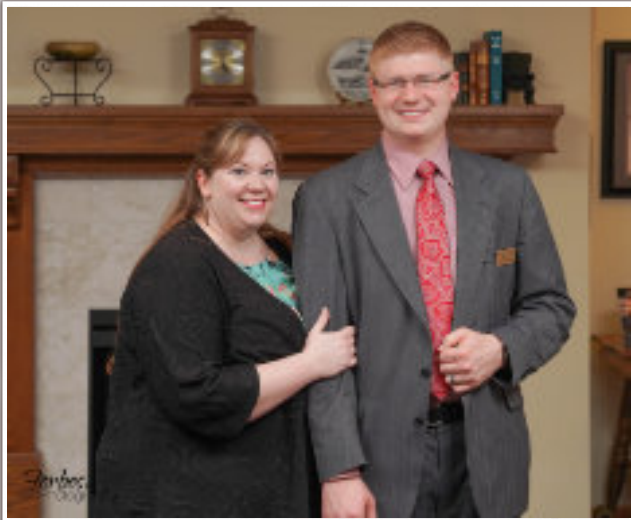
Donna Hillman, 95, of Kalkaska, passed away on October 8, 2025 at Kalkaska Eden Center. She was born on October 14, 1929 in Cadillac to the late Milton and Lillie (Gillow) Haines. Donna moved to Pontiac in 1948 where she met and married Maurice Hillman on February 26, 1949. They lived in Pontiac for 7 years where they were raising 4 children until moving to Drayton Plains. Donna was a Girl Scout Leader and waitress for many years. After moving to White Lake she was also a 4-H leader. Together the family moved to the Kalkaska area in spring of 1971. Donna decided to get her real estate license and worked as an agent for 30 plus years before retiring. Hobbies included euchre, bingo, and bowling. Donna was a devoted member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church. She loved being with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Surviving Donna are her children, Geraldine DeMars and Ken (Jen) Hillman, daughter-in-law, Betty Hillman, all of Kalkaska; 10 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren; and an abundance of nieces and nephews. Preceding Donna in death is her husband of over 50 years, Maurice; her children, Patricia Lundsford and Greg Hillman; her siblings, Perry Haines, Willard Haines, Devere Haines; Charles Haines, Margaret Sylvia, Eva Haines, Gladys Budnick, Mary Alice Scott, Alveria Carey, Lois Servis and Lynn Schenk. Visitation was on Tuesday, October 14th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was on Wednesday at 11:00 am at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church. Burial at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements are made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

John 14:2 - In my Father's house, there are many mansions.
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Yvonne Kay Peck

September 10, 1936 ~ October 10, 2025

Yvonne Kay Peck, 89, of Traverse City, passed away on October 10, 2025.



Born to Floyd and Nellie (née Tanner) Hamilton in Petoskey, Michigan, on September 10, 1936, she married Virgil Peck on September 27, 1952, in Kalkaska, Michigan. Yvonne was a stay-at-home mom when her children were growing up. Later, she was employed as a clerk and factory worker in the Kalkaska area.

Yvonne loved making quilts, a skill handed down from her mother. She embroidered beautifully and made each of her children an embroidered bed cover, taking many hours of careful work.

She enjoyed planning colorful flowerbeds in the summer, and

going to yard sales, thrift stores, and shopping were also her favorite pastimes.

Yvonne is survived by her husband, Virgil, of 73 years, her five children, Debbie Peck, Becky (Floyd) Posey, Virgie (Bret) Dawson, Wade (Sue) Peck, Tanya Peck, 11 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws, and sister Mona Mae Kiel.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 14, at the Kalkaska Funeral Home. Visitation at 11:00, service at Noon, burial following at the Oliver Township Cemetery.

Douglas James Hanks

October 6, 1958 ~ October 22, 2025

Douglas “Dug” James Hanks, 67, of Kalkaska, passed away on October 22, 2025. He was born on October 6, 1958, in Ferndale, Michigan, to James and Jane (Ratkowiak) Hanks. Affectionately known as “Dug,” he had a lifelong passion for working on engines—cars, motorcycles, quads, lawn equipment—anything with a motor. He was always tinkering. Dug lived life on his own terms and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. In the late 1990s, Dug moved to Kalkaska, where he truly found his home and enjoyed



many happy years. He is survived by his mother, Jane Hanks; his children, Colleen (Robert) Charbonneau and Douglas (Alexis) Hanks II; his grandchildren, Cash Hanks, Weston Hanks, Charles Charbonneau, Lincoln Hanks, Douglas Hanks III, and Baby Hanks on the way; and his siblings, Diana Hanks, Phillip (Janet) Hanks, and Patricia (David) Matheny. He was preceded in death by his father, James Hanks. Private services will be held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

James Timothy Kelly Sr.

April 1, 1959 ~ October 16, 2025

James Kelly passed away peacefully at his home on October 16, with loved ones at his side. In the weeks prior to his passing, Jim was surrounded with love from his family and friends. Born in 1959 to Earl and Kathleen Kelly, Jim was proud of his upbringing in the foothills of Appalachia. He loved sharing stories of his childhood with the people that he met on his journey through life. Jim was a skilled contractor who built and remodeled many homes throughout the country. He was a man who took deep pride in his work and believed that working hard was an essential part of life’s balance. He left his own special mark on every project that he touched and created lifelong friendships with many of his clients. Jim was a passionate hunter who loved spending time in the outdoors. He found such peace and comfort in the tranquility of nature. He saw so much beauty from the window of a hunting blind or the top of a tree stand. Jim would often take photos of these special moments to share with others. Above all, Jim was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He adored spending time with his



children and grandchildren. He will always be remembered by them as “Papaw.” Jim held the utmost respect for veterans, holding in highest regards the men and women who fought for the country that he loved. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in honor of Jim to The Wounded Warrior Project. Jim is survived by his wife, Deanna Marie Kelly, and his children, Angela (Aaron) Kelly Marvin, James (Victoria) Kelly Jr., April Kelly, Jeffory (Sara) Kelly, Jacob Kelly, Deni (TJ) Spires, Rachael (Matt) Briton, and his “Baby Girl,” Samantha Kelly, and his siblings Earl (Marsha) Kelly, Brenda (Mick) Gayheart, Kathy (Terry) Kooienga, and Michael (Eve) Kelly. Jim is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Kathleen Kelly; his brother Robert (Jeannie) Kelly; and his sister Joyce (Dave) Strobel. A private ceremony for immediate family was held Tuesday, October 21 at Garfield Township Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Thomas E. Fricke

October 3, 1935 ~ October 7, 2025

Tom passed away peacefully at his home on Torch Lake, with his wife of 42 years, Carol, by his side. The previous Saturday, they hosted the wedding of his granddaughter Chelsea to Garret Freborg. The entire family was in attendance, representing four generations, joyously celebrating the wedding and Tom’s 90th birthday.



second retirement in 2002.

Tom was active in the Episcopal Church, Rotary International (Paul Harris fellow), the Elks, and numerous non-profit organizations. He was an honorary Admiral in

the Nebraska Navy, a roller coaster enthusiast, and an ardent fan of the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Tom and his wife Carol traveled the world and settled down in their dream home on Torch Lake, MI. He loved the lake and their 3 beautiful Golden Retrievers.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, brother Jack, and brother-in-law Jim. He is survived by his wife, Carol, sister Karen, sons John (Tammy), Mark (Vicki), and Steven (Tamara). Also surviving are 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration will be planned for a later date. Memorial gifts should be directed to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 403 Traverse St., Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629.

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HEALTH

Elizabeth Moore, MD, Joins Munson Healthcare Frankfort Medical Group

Munson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Elizabeth Moore, MD, to the family medicine team at Frankfort Medical Group.

Prior to becoming a physician, Dr. Moore worked in Anchorage, Alaska as a geophysicist interpreting seismic data. A passion for caring for people inspired her to move back to Michigan and pursue a career in medicine. Dr. Moore attended medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed residency at Corewell Health East Beaumont – Troy. She is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Dr. Moore has a special interest in full spectrum care for all ages, as well as menopause care.

“I am so passionate about working with patients to assess their medical issues and work toward their health goals. I enjoy

finding workable solutions and seeing patients realize they are succeeding in their goals,” she says.

Outside of work, Dr. Moore enjoys spending time with her husband and twin daughters. They enjoy being outside, turning over rocks, climbing trees, and going on small adventures. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, jogging, swimming, woodworking, snowboarding, sewing, and spending time on the water.

Frankfort Medical Group is located at 224 Park Avenue in Frankfort. To make an appointment with Dr. Moore, call 231-352-2990.

Learn more at munsonhealthcare.org/FindADoctor.



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Holly Hinds, NP, Joins Munson Healthcare Kidney & Hypertension Specialists

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Holly became interested in nephrology after accompanying her grandfather to the Munson Dialysis Center and experiencing the care and compassion from staff.

She completed her graduate education at Walden University and is a board-certified Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

“I love to develop a relationship of trust and mutual respect with my patients. This allows us to work together as a team to improve and maintain their health,” she says.

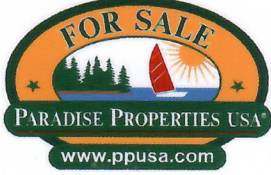
Outside of work, Holly enjoys the outdoors, traveling, and is an active hiker. She recently solo-summitted Mount Katahdin, the tallest mountain in Maine, and has hiked all over the United States with her son.

Munson Healthcare Kidney & Hypertension Specialists is located at 3537 West Front Street, Suite A, in Traverse City.

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November 3-29, Pottery Display. Come visit Alden District Library and see Debbie Northrup’s unique up-north pottery. The display can be viewed during normal library hours. Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 9:30a-5p, Tue 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.

November 6, Family Literacy Night. Join us at the Bellaire Public Library for Family Literacy Night with Special Guest Wanda Degen. A "child friendly" dinner will be served at 5:30pm, music and fun from 6:00-7:00pm. All Ages welcome. Free, but pre-registration is required. The Bellaire Public Library is located at 111 S. Bridge St., Bellaire. For details call the Library at 231-5338814.

November 8, 10 am, Story Time with Miss Bri. Miss Bri will be reading stories with a Thanksgiving theme and doing a simple craft with the kids. This program will be held in the library located at 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

November 11, 5:30 pm, Antrim Photography Workshop-Northern Lights & AI Photo Discussion. Vincent Lidvina “The Aurora Guy” is presenting this virtual workshop on meet.google.com. He will discuss the best camera settings to capture the Northern Lights and how to spot fake AI photos of them. RSVP with Lisa at 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.

com and a Link will be provided. Seasonal membership \$50.00 for 20 classes or non-members \$10 per workshop. Sponsored by Alden District Library 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

November 13, 3:30 pm, Books ‘n Brie Book Club. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing “Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women” by Kate Moore. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

November 16, 2 pm, Bad Treaties and Broken Promises. Presented by award winning author, Robert Downes. This program is based on his latest non-fiction book “Raw Deal – The Indians of the Midwest and the Theft of Native Lands”. Robert will discuss the five major treaties signed with Michigan’s Indians which deprived them of their ancestral homeland and the events that led up to those treaties. Copies of his book will be available for purchase, \$20 cash or credit card. Free Event. Held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden and sponsored by Alden District Library and Friends, 231-331-4318.

November 25, 4 pm, Friends of the Kalkaska County Library Meeting. Public is welcome. Contact the Kalkaska County Library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

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

Boardman Township

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

Central Lake

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

East Jordan

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

Fife Lake

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

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

Kalkaska

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mancelona

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

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

Rapid City

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

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

Williamsburg

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

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

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MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST **OCTOBER 24, 2023**

KALKASKA. Area Marines are once again celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday with a traditional Devil Dog Breakfast at G’s Restaurant from 9-11AM Friday November 7th, 2025. Because this is the 250th Anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps, the first twenty-five (25) to arrive will receive a Commemorative Gift acknowledging this Special Event.

As always, the senior Marine present will conduct the annual reading of Marine Corps General Order #47, followed by a review of the Commandants Birthday Message. The oldest and youngest Marine present will have the honor of cutting the Birthday Cake. There will also be a local Tribute to Fallen Marines.

The event is open to all who enjoy the comradery of Veterans, especially Marines. There is no cost to attend. the event, but any funds raised will be donated to the Annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots Campaign.



For additional information contact: Harry Shipp or Jerry Cannon at the contact information listed above.



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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
Using a nickel to protect a penny

18 August 2003

Dear Mark,

Using Atlantic City Blackjack rules with my computer, I ran an experiment and I played many hundred of hands. When I was dealt two hard tens and the dealer had either a five or six showing, instead of standing pat, I split the tens and doubled down. At least 75% of the time the dealer broke, and I won on both hands.

I realize this is an unorthodox play, but it seemed to work, at least when I do it on the computer. I also have done it at Atlantic City much to the chagrin of other players, and I would guess I have won about 75% of the time there too.

Am I on to something good or should I revert to the standard play of standing with this hand?
Morris S

Except for John Scarne, all gaming writers I have ever read recommend against ever splitting 10s in the standard version of blackjack. But John Scarne's book, *Scarne on Cards*, was first published in 1949, well before computers could analyze blackjack with multi-million hand simulations. Consequently, since 1962, when Edward Thorp, (the first blackjack specialist using a computer (IBM 704)) published his book, *Beat the Dealer*, no blackjack author recommends splitting 10s--under any circumstances. Our friend Scarne stands alone — except for you, of course.

While running a couple hundred computer hands can warm up your fingers, it's no way to accurately evaluate splitting 10s. Heck, you can flip a fair coin 200 times and have it come down heads 75% of the time, but we both know that in the long run, it's a 50/50 proposition.

But your question is an intriguing one, Morris, so I've gone a step further and took the liberty of running a 20 million-hand simulation test using a piece of software called BJ Trainer. The results clearly favored *no splittum*, the technical term for leaving those 10s alone rather than splitting them against a 5 or 6.

There is, however, one time when it is proper basic strategy to split 10s and that is on a Face-up Blackjack game. In Face-up Blackjack, all the cards dealt are exposed, including both of the dealer's cards. Only here does correct strategy call for splitting 10s against a dealer's 13, 14, 15 or 16.

But, before scampering to the nearest Face-up game and twinning those 10s, reflect on the fee involved: The casino edge on regular blackjack, using perfect basic strategy, is 0.4% and on Face-up it's five times that — yup, 2.0 fat percent. Wow! And why is that? Because in Face-up you lose when you push (tie).

Dear Mark,

Recently, a dealer was not even halfway through the shoe and the cut card appeared and she shuffled-up. Next round, even fewer cards were dealt before she had to shuffle again. Seems she was doing more shuffling than dealing. What gives?
Stewart S.

"This gives," Stewart. Management at the joint where you played is panicky over the possibility that some customers' cerebra are alive — they're thinking! There might be here and there among them CARD COUNTERS!

Personally, I believe if those timorous stewards of gambling were to conduct time and motion studies of their blackjack games, they would find out that blackjack becomes more profitable for the casino when the dealer's shuffle points are deeper. By allowing additional deck penetration, the dealers will deal more hands per hour, the extra action more than making up for an occasional loss to a card sharpie.

Besides, since they employ pit bulls to run off the counters anyway, they're just erecting a super umbrella over their standard umbrella, and, I think, using a nickel to protect a penny.

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Gambling quote of the week: "I figure the casino management summit was held late last year and the conspiracy developed from there. How else do you explain the downgrading of so many machines in quick succession?" —Gayle Mitchell, Gaming writer



Sudoku Puzzle
October 31, 2025

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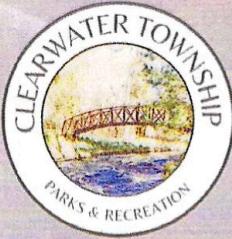
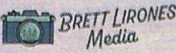


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Resiliency Part 3: Persistence

This is the 3rd part in my series on Resiliency. This time, we are looking at the role of Persistence in our lives. In its relationship with Resiliency, Persistence is like an emotional and spiritual armor. Napoleon Hill was quoted as saying, "Persistence is to the character of man what carbon is to steel." When we apply this our lives and our mental health, we can begin to realize that if Resilience is forged, not inherited, then Persistence is the fire in which this is forged.

Persistence is defined as continuing to act on your intention, your purpose, until you achieve it, no matter how hard it is or how many times you fail or meet defeat. In truth, we always quit mentally before we actually quit physically. We tell ourselves that it is too hard, too much trouble, that it's never going to actually happen. All these take the form of self-talk in our mind well before we actually throw in the towel on our dream or our goal. This is where our motivation fails us, but when we have the discipline to exercise Persistence, we end up with a steadiness that sees us through our self-doubt.

There are several practical habits that help build Persistence in our lives:

1. Daily Definiteness: Do something each day towards your purpose however small.
2. Posture of Persistence: Speak and move with conviction, even in uncertainty. Here, it is helpful to remember that we can do all things through our Savior who strengthens us.
3. Selective Attention: Guard your mind from fear, gossip, negativity and distraction.
4. Resilience Routine: After setbacks, immediately ask: "What is the opportunity here to learn?"

This last point is based on Napoleon Hill's "Law of Compensation" that states that every adversity contains the seeds of equal benefits. Everybody fails. God knows, I have. The difference between Resilient people who practice Persistence and those who struggle is their ability to learn from their failures and their mistakes. It's not easy, and it takes a whopping dose of humility, but this practice always wins in the long-run.

We all remember the story of the Tortoise and the Hare. The Hare had motivation, and it failed him. The Tortoise had Persistence. Life is not a sprint but a marathon.

-Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECF

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

LIFE'S WORK CLINIC



Community Foundation Awards Over \$300,000 in Grants to 14 Organizations

Grant awards range from \$5,200 - \$40,000

TRAVERSE CITY – The Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation has awarded \$334,700 in Community Funds grants to 14 organizations across Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Community Funds grants offer flexible support for local organizations working in the areas of greatest need. The Community Foundation awarded grants this cycle to: Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan, Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan, Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing, Father Fred Foundation, ROCK of Kingsley Youth Center, Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center, Frankfort Community Land Trust, Grass River Natural Area, Michael's Place, Habitat for Humanity Grand Traverse Region, Women's Resource Center for the Grand Traverse Area, Microcenter Child Care Network, Acme Christian Thrift Store and Food Pantry, and Grand Traverse Industries.

"Community Funds reflect our commitment to supporting organizations and causes that strengthen our region," said Steve Wade, Vice President of Community Impact for the Community Foundation. "By filling gaps that other funds cannot, Community Funds help ensure the region's most pressing challenges are met with timely, inclusive solutions."

This year's Community Funds grant awards are strategically aligned with areas where support is most needed across the region:



54% of grants support housing-related efforts and solutions.

31% of grants benefit youth and mental health and well-being.

Four grants support an organization that is either diversely-led or directly engages and supports underfunded communities.

Six grants support organizations facing challenges due to federal funding cuts, impacting their ability to serve the community or resulting in increased demand for their services.

"We received an astounding 111 Community Funds grant requests," said Mercedes Bowyer, Donor Engagement Director for the Community Foundation. "This shows that our region needs

these flexible funding resources and that we can do more together by continuing to grow these important funds."

To learn more about the Community Foundation's recent grant awards, please visit the Foundation's website: www.gtrcf.org/grants/grant-awards. The Foundation welcomes both one-time and monthly gifts of any size to its Community Funds at: www.gtrcf.org/give.

The Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation stewards community assets for lasting impact by investing in the people and places of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties as well as the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, a federally recognized tribe. Established in 1992, the Community Foundation works to support healthy, resilient, thriving communities for all across the region by serving donor partners, awarding meaningful grants and scholarships, and participating in collaborative leadership efforts on important community issues. For more information, please visit GTRCF.org.



ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

Michael "Mike" Connell

June 1, 1955 ~ October 20, 2025

Michael Bruce Connell, of Rapid City, Michigan, lost his battle with lung disease passing away October 20, 2025, at Munson Medical Center. He was 70 years old. Born June 1, 1955, in Windsor, Ontario, Mike was the youngest child of James and Ruth (Phillips) Connell and had “a wonderful childhood,” especially the summers spent at his Grandpa and Grandma Phillip’s cottage on Balsam Lake in Coboconk, Ontario.



Mike enjoyed playing hockey and curling and had been a member of both the Traverse City and Lewiston curling clubs. He was also a member of the senior golf league at Timber Wolf Golf Course. A man of many talents, over the years he worked as a groundskeeper, landscaper, in construction, as a general contractor and lastly, as the owner of the Pooch Palace dog kennel in Rapid City. An unbelievably kind and selfless man, Mike was always willing to help others.

In August 2013, Mike met the love of his life, Mary King, at “The Forks Landing” of the Boardman River while hosting a kayaking trip with the Traverse Area Paddle Club. They began dating that September and soon discovered they were kindred spirits bonding over their love of the outdoors, their shared sarcastic sense of

humor and lots of laughter. They enjoyed kayaking, hiking and did day-hikes on numerous trails across the United States and Canada over the past twelve years and had just returned from a month’s long journey through Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Maine. This trip began with a family reunion in Coboconk, that Mike started organizing a couple of years ago. He was so happy that he was able to make it there despite his health problems.

Preceded in death by his parents, aunts, uncles and beloved dog Max, Mike is survived by his brother David Connell and sister Carol (Gary) Eugenio, nieces, nephews, numerous cousins and friends. He also leaves Mary, her children and grandchildren. His strength and determination throughout his illness was inspirational. He will be missed greatly.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Salvation Army, the Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. A Celebration of Life will take place in May 2026.

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

Christine Marie Jones

December 4, 1961 ~ October 21 2025

Christine Marie Crugher, 63, of Fife Lake, passed away unexpectedly at her home on October 21, 2025. She was born on December 4, 1961, in Lansing, to Charles and Joyce Crugher.



Christine lived a full and adventurous life, calling both Michigan and Tennessee home throughout the years. She is survived by her mother, Joyce Crugher; her brother, Jeff Crugher; her daughter, Jennifer (Jesse) Walter; and her grandchildren, Rayn and Theadora Carr. She is also survived by several loving aunts, uncles, nieces, and cousins who will forever cherish her memory. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Crugher; her brother, Chris Crugher; and her sister, Brenda Rosa.

Christine worked as a bookkeeper for several construction businesses and also held roles in school and admissions before becoming disabled. She was known for her vibrant personality and wild, gypsy soul — always the life of the party. She loved music and dancing, fishing, and spending time in nature. Christine was also an ordained minister who joyfully performed both weddings and pet weddings for those she loved. Her laughter, warmth, and free spirit will be deeply missed by her family and many friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date to honor her memory and the joy she brought to all who knew her.

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

John Leslie Underhill

November 17, 1946 ~ October 10, 2025

John Leslie Underhill passed 10/10/2025 at the age of 78, in his Rapid City home, peacefully with his family by his side. John was a Navy veteran of 20 years and had additional federal government jobs serving our country.



He is survived by his wife, Betty, of 56 years, his brother Dave Underhill and his wife Lynn, his children Joan and husband Mike

Buchanan, and Denise and husband Brian Dull, his grandsons Jared Callahan and Alex Callahan, and great granddaughter Audriaunna Love. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Anne Underhill, brother Richard “Dick” Underhill, and granddaughters Laura Love and Stephanie Karppinen.

There will be no service.

Larry Jack Parker

September 22, 1946 ~ October 10, 2025

Larry Jack Parker Sr, 79, of Gaylord, passed away October 10, 2025 at MHC Otsego Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. Larry was born on September 22, 1946 in Kalkaska, the son of the late Jack and Ellen (Peck) Parker-Blanshan. Throughout his life, Larry worked as a welder in multiple industries. Larry married the love of his life, Mary M. McCauley on July 26, 1965 in Kalkaska. Larry loved fishing, hunting, hanging out with family, and was a jack of all trades. He built his home from the ground up, where he and his late wife, Mary, happily raised their 5 children. Larry is survived by



Larry J Parker Jr, of Mancelona, Tammy L Goletz of Gaylord, Brenda (Elwood) Fults of Gaylord & James (Nicole) Parker of Mancelona, 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and siblings Mike (Leeann) Parker of Johannesburg, & Bill Blanshan of Texas. He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth E Parker, and late wife, Mary M Parker and several siblings. His family wishes to remember him privately.

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Brandon Lee Williams

November 2, 1970 ~ October 16, 2025

Brandon L. Williams, 54, of Fife Lake, passed away suddenly on October 16, 2025 as a result of an auto accident. He was born on November 2, 1970 in Cadillac, to Larry and Cynthia (Longstreet) Williams.



Brandon joined the US Army and was a proud veteran serving from September 14, 1989 to March 1, 1997. During his time in the Army he learned Hawk Fire Control/CW Radar Repair and Avionic Communications Equipment. Brandon married Rochelle Sauvage on April 13, 1990 in Alabama. Brandon was employed by Summit Fire Prevention. When he wasn't at work he loved to spend time with his family and animals. His favorite hobby was going trail riding down two tracks in his Razor (side by side utility vehicle) with Rochelle. Brandon

and Rochelle also loved to travel to different states for vacations. He was also known for pranking his co-workers. Brandon was a wonderful husband, father, and a friend to all that knew him.

Brandon is survived by Rochelle, his wife of 35 years; children, Toni Williams and Thomas Williams all of Fife Lake; his parents, Larry Williams and Cynthia Williams; and many more family members.

The memorial service will be announced at a later time. Memorials maybe given to Brandon's family, Rochelle Williams, c/o Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, 106 S. Cherry St., Kalkaska, MI 49646

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Job Winslow Chapter
NSDAR



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

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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_scrapsl960@sbcglobal.net
When: 3rd Sat, 9am - 5pm

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

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans/Active Duty

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOOK CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Organization Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REFLECTION

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

If you can keep it

October 31, 2025

As Benjamin Franklin is reputed to have responded to Mrs. Elizabeth Willing Powers’ inquiry about the type of government created by the Constitutional Convention of 1787: “A republic, if you can keep it” (Miller, 2022)

The question of whether we can keep our democratic republic is not prone to a quick or short answer. To preserve a republic requires constant vigilance and participation by the people. That means, of course, that you and I must always protect the brave experiment in self-governance that our founders embarked upon. The opening words of the Constitution make that clear: “We the people.” As a reminder, here is the text of the Preamble to the Constitution:

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

That’s quite a mission undertaken by our founders in our name way back in 1787!

Mind you, I am not complaining. I feel honored by the confidence our founders placed in all of us, citizens of the great nation. I am somewhat amazed that they trusted us – their posterity – to carry on bravely with this daring experiment in human governance. I also feel humbled by the burden of responsibility that confidence places on each of us. In order to keep the mission clearly in mind, I have memorized the Preamble. I commend this to every one of my readers. It’s not hard. We all know the Pledge of Allegiance by heart, and, I dare say, most of us know the Lord’s Prayer. The Preamble isn’t any harder to memorize than those two.

Why is it worthwhile to commit the Preamble to memory? Because it keeps in front of us the knowledge that we are the ultimate power of this form of government. That’s right, we are the bosses. Those we elect are our employees. They are not our rulers. There is no higher rank in this country than that of citizen. Senators, Representatives, Mayors, Commissioners, Governors, and Presidents are all the employees of the citizens of the United States of America.

And so they will remain if we the people remember to fulfill our responsibility to oversee them. It takes bravery to stand up to an elected authority, but remembering that we

have temporarily delegated that authority to those we elect may help us to be brave.

It has occurred to me that we are not doing a good enough job of teaching ourselves about the structure of our form of government and that the ultimate authority rests with us. We need to put government back into our elementary and secondary educational curriculum, so that we will graduate knowledgeable and competent citizens. It is deeply troubling that we have allowed ourselves, as a nation, to become abysmally ignorant of what the Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land, actually says. I am constantly amazed to learn that people I know somehow believe that the Constitution grants rights and that the only rights we have are those enumerated in the Constitution. What do they make of the Ninth Amendment?

Amendment Nine: The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

When I am asked where in the Constitution I find the right to some action, I point that person to the Ninth Amendment. When someone says to me that the Constitution doesn’t list some particular behavior as a right, I so want to respond, “Correct and it doesn’t list a right to supper, either.” The guiding principle is found in the Declaration of Independence, which tells us that we are endowed with human rights by our Creator – not by our government.

As the Constitution says, we the people ordained and established it and made it the supreme law of the land. Guess what! That makes us ultimately the government. That’s right, the citizen is, indeed, part of the government. Our system was set up for us to actively participate in our own governance. It’s not supposed to be an “us vs them” situation. It’s supposed to be all of us together. So, when we decide to make lunches available to all school children, it’s all of us working together for the good of everybody. I love knowing that about us. Nobody can give all the funds needed to feed those kids, but all of us can put in a little bit. As with any huge project, “nobody can do everything but everybody can do something.”

As our democratic republic expanded, it became way too big for us to handle everything at the local level for the whole nation. So, we elect people to act on our behalf. We choose them with elections and we delegate certain authority to them to exercise while they are in

office. We do not crown them, we elect them. Elected office is a temporary position, that can be renewed at the will of the people.

Delegation is a wonderful tool for us to use, but it does have at least one weakness. When we have delegated a task or authority to someone else, it is way too easy to adopt the attitude of “Well, at least that’s off my plate.” The danger there is that we can begin to lose track of our own responsibility. It’s our job to oversee those to whom we have delegated authority. And that is sometimes more of a burden than we are willing to shoulder. When was the last time you attended a township board, planning commission, or zoning board of appeals meeting? Yes, I know, that is a burden.

For twenty-two years, I served on my township’s planning commission. Now, even I find it hard to get to one of the official township meetings. It’s my plan to make better use of the available remote meeting access, so that I can hold up my end of this self-governance project by supporting my local government. It’s part of my duty as a citizen.

It’s also true that not everybody can go to every meeting. If you’ve come home after working at your job all day, and you’ve bathed the kids, served dinner, washed the dishes, tidied up the living room, and put the kids to bed, you may simply not have enough gas left in the tank, so to speak, to also participate in a township government meeting. That’s why you may be relying on your neighbor, who did attend, to fill you in on what transpired. Another resource in many townships is the posting of meeting minutes on the township’s website. If we can’t make it to the meetings, we can follow up by reading the minutes to keep ourselves informed.

Keeping ourselves informed will make it ever so much easier for us to make wise choices when election time comes around. And that is maybe the biggest duty we have as citizens.

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields
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Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue’s questions

- 1) Where in the Constitution are the duties and powers of the presidency stated?
A. Article II, Sections 2 and 3.
- 2) Whose duty is it to “take care that the laws be faithfully executed”??
A. The President is assigned that duty in Article II, Section 3.
- 3) When does the President become the Commander in Chief of the Militia of the several states (now the National Guard)?
A. Per Article II, Section 1: “when called into the actual service of the United States.”
- 4) The President has wide authority of pardon. What are the limits to that authority?
A. The President’s authority pertains to “offenses against the United States,” and does not extend to violations of state law. Also, per Article II, Section 1, the President cannot pardon in “cases of impeachment.”

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) What does Amendment XXII do?
- 2) Before ratification of Amendment XXII, was there any legal limit on how many times a person could be elected President?
- 3) When was Amendment XXII passed by Congress and sent out to the states for ratification? And when was it ratified?
- 4) Can a person who has been twice elected President later be elected Vice President??





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TOPS #1304 Meeting, Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska, contact 231 384-2154

When: Tue, 9:00 am weigh ins, 10:00 am meeting

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

When: Tues, at noon.

Al-Anon, Al-Teen Meeting, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, contact Linda 231 384-3227

When: Tue, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Kalkaska Senior Center, 303 S Coral St

When: Tue, 8:00 pm

Secular Sobriety Group, AA of Traverse City, meets on ZOOM, ID#447 584 8945 PW 628608, more info at secularAAinMichigan.org

When: Tues, Thu, 7 pm, Sun, 12 pm (also in person)

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings (AA), Kalkaska United Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd

When: Tue, Thu, Sat 12:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake Village Office, 616 Bates Rd

When: Wed, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Central Lake VFW Hall, 1805 S. Main St,

When: Wed, 8:00 pm

Grief Support Group, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, all ages welcome, contact 231 258-5030

When: 2nd and 4th Wed, 10:30 am

Antrim Co Parkinson Support Group, Bellaire Family Health Center, 4955 S M-88, Bellaire, 231 633-1237

When: 3rd Wed, 2 pm

Grief Support, Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W. Kalkaska Rd, faith-based grief support, contact 231 258-9441

When: Thu, 6:00 pm

S-Anon Support Group - Calvary Lutheran Church, 10180 Elk Lake Rd, Elk Rapids. For 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, Ursula House, 8099 West Old State Rd, Central Lake, peer led support group for people in recovery and/or their family members, 231 266-4412

When: Thu, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), St Paul's Lutheran Church, 2470 Beebe Rd, Open Meeting

When: Thu, 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), The Rock Youth Center, 115 E Blair, Kingsley

When: Thu, 7:00 pm

Weight Management Support Group, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Ashley Snyder, 231 258-3613

When: 2nd Thu, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Diabetes Support Group, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Katie Daman, 231 258-3091

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

Deliverance, Kalkaska Baptist Church, 1651 Co Rd 612, Kalkaska, faith-based support for all addictions, contact Heath 231 564-3715

When: Fri, 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Surrender Today Coldsprings Fellowship Church, 532 S. Cedar St, Kalkaska

When: Fri, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Fife Lake Village Office, 616 Bates Rd,

When: Fri, 8:00 pm

Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Mill Pond Pavilion, Hyde St, Kalkaska

When: Sat, 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (AA), Bellaire United Methodist Church, 401 N. Bridge St, Bellaire

When: Sat, 8:00 pm

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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

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WALK SLOWLY WITH PURPOSE

HAPPY HALLOWEEN THE STORY OF SLOOTHFOOT..

By Dominic Fortuna

The misty dawn crept over the frozen landscape of Northern Michigan, casting an eerie gloom over the dense forests and icy lakes. In a remote clearing, a lone figure emerged from the shadows, its eyes glowing with an unnatural light. Sloothfoot, the legendary zombie deer, stretched its decaying limbs, its twisted antlers reaching towards the sky like skeletal fingers.

For decades, Sloothfoot had roamed these woods, a creature of darkness and terror, striking fear into the hearts of deer hunters and campers alike. Its undead body was a patchwork of rotting flesh, held together by some malevolent force, its hooves clicking against the frozen earth like bones rattling in a grave.

As Sloothfoot moved through the forest, the trees seemed to lean in, their branches grasping for it like skeletal hands. The air grew colder, the mist swirling into ghostly apparitions that danced around the zombie deer. These were the spirits of the animals Sloothfoot had slaughtered, their ethereal eyes accusing, their whispers echoing through the trees.

Sloothfoot's army of ghouls and ghosts trailed behind it, a procession of twisted creatures born from the darkest corners of the forest. There was Fangtooth, the snarling raccoon with eyes that glowed like embers, and Whisper, the ghostly owl that rode the wind on silent wings, its feathers rustling with an otherworldly whisper.

The deer hunters who ventured into these woods told stories of Sloothfoot's brutal attacks, of camps ravaged, of friends dragged screaming into the darkness. Some said the zombie deer's eyes

glowed with an unholy light, that its very presence made the trees creak with malevolent glee.

One crisp autumn evening, a group of hunters stumbled upon Sloothfoot's lair, a cavernous hollow deep in the heart of the forest. The air was heavy with the stench of rot and decay, the walls slick with a malevolent ichor. The hunters fled in terror, but Sloothfoot was relentless, its undead heart pounding with a hunger for living flesh.

The seasons passed, and Sloothfoot's legend grew, spreading fear throughout the Upper Peninsula. Hunters whispered of encountering the zombie deer on moonless nights, of hearing its unearthly bellow echoing through the trees. Some claimed to have seen Sloothfoot's ghostly entourage, a spectral procession of animals it had slaughtered, their ethereal eyes glowing like lanterns in the darkness.

As winter's grip tightened, Sloothfoot's power grew, its undead body strengthened by the malevolent forces that animated it. The forest itself seemed to writhe in agony, the trees twisting into grotesque parodies of life, their branches grasping for the living like skeletal hands.

And Sloothfoot moved through the forest, a creature of unspeakable horror, its eyes blazing with an otherworldly light, its hooves pounding out a rhythm of death and destruction. The wind howled, the trees creaked, and the ghostly apparitions whispered warnings to those who dared to enter the woods.

For in Northern Michigan, where the forests stretched like an emerald sea, Sloothfoot, the zombie deer, ruled as king, a creature of darkness,

a harbinger of death, and a legend that would haunt the dreams of hunters and campers for generations to come.

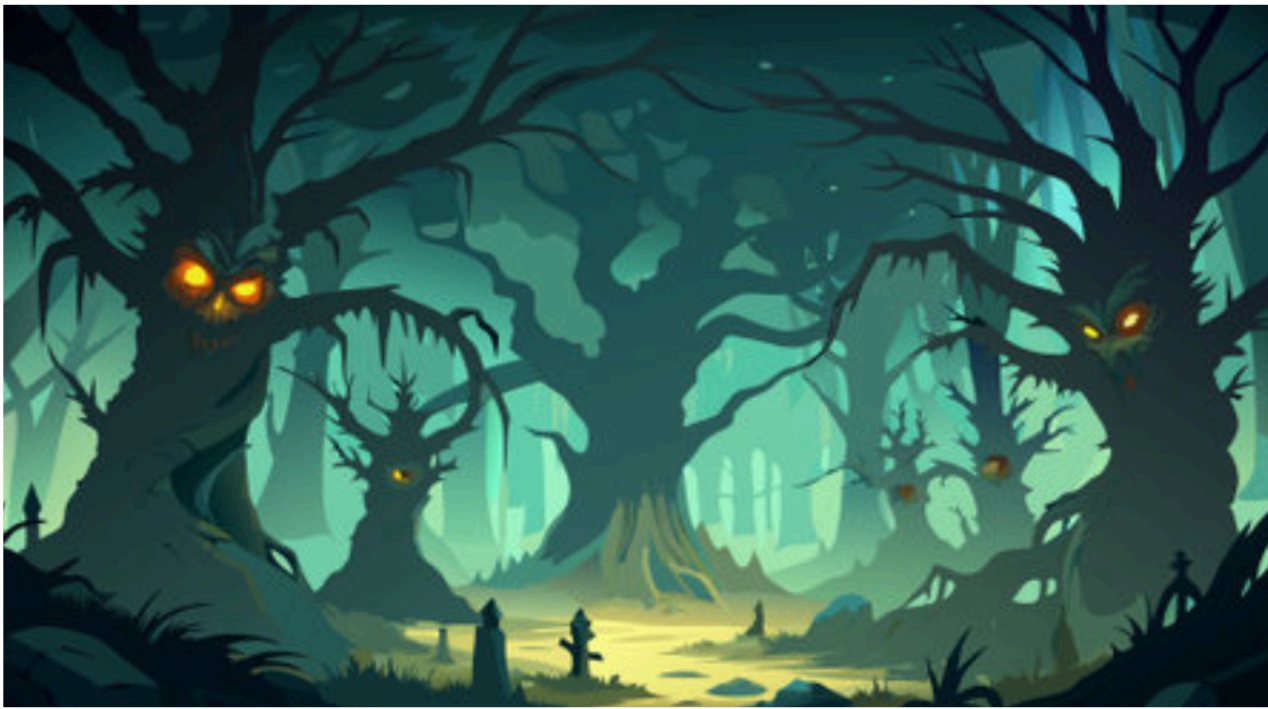
The darkness closed in, the mist swirling into a vortex of ghostly faces, their eyes glowing with an otherworldly light. Sloothfoot's bellow echoed through the forest, a sound that froze the blood, a call to its army of ghouls and ghosts, a summons to unleash terror upon the living.

And in the heart of the forest, where the trees twisted into grotesque parodies of life, Sloothfoot waited, its undead heart pounding with a hunger that would never be sated, its eyes glowing like lanterns in the darkness, a creature of unspeakable horror, a legend that would haunt the dreams of Northern Michigan forevermore.

The moon dipped below the horizon, casting the forest in an inky blackness, and Sloothfoot moved through the shadows, a creature of the night, a harbinger of death, its undead body a patchwork of rotting flesh, its hooves clicking against the frozen earth like bones rattling in a grave.

And in the darkness, Sloothfoot's ghostly entourage whispered warnings, their ethereal voices echoing through the trees, a chilling reminder that in Northern Michigan, the zombie deer ruled as king, a creature of darkness, a legend that would haunt the dreams of hunters and campers for generations to come.

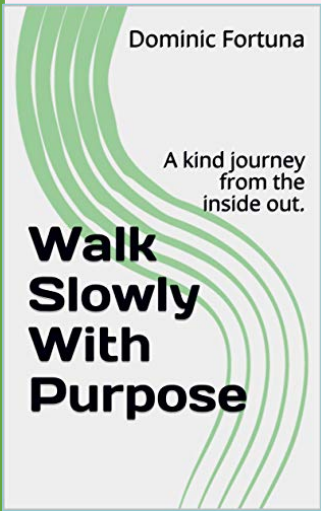
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Bear Lake Twp Hall, 198 E Bear Lake Rd NE, Kalkaska, 231-258-4871
When: 2nd Tue, 7 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Standing Committees-
When: 2nd Wed, times below
Judiciary & Public Health- 9 am
Health & Welfare- 10 am
Public Works- 11 am
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County Affairs/ IT & Computer- 3 pm

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School Board Meetings

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Sudoku Puzzle Solution October 31, 2025

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6	8	9	3	1	2	4	5	7

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COMMUNITY

Native Plant Garden

Staff from the Au Sable Institute and the Kalkaska Conservation District teamed up this week to prepare a native plant garden at the new North Country Trail trailhead off U.S. 131 in Kalkaska. Fifth-grade students from Birch Street Elementary will complete the planting and design this spring.

This is one of 13 similar projects taking root in local communities through Au Sable’s REYS (Restoration Ecology for Young Students) program, which engages schools in hands-on habitat restoration. This garden in Kalkaska will cover more than 1,600 square feet, will reduce mowing and maintenance needs at the trailhead, all while creating valuable pollinator habitat and flowers for all to enjoy.



In the pictures: Staff from Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies and Kalkaska Conservation District during and after phase 1 of site solarization.



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