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Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.
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The Night that Began a Revolution

By Tins Norris Fields

We all know the story of Paul Revere. Of course we do. “Listen my children and you shall hear Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere. ‘On the eighteenth of April in Seventy-Five, hardly a man is still alive who remembers that famous day and year.” We remember our parents or grandparents or teachers reading us that famous poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. So, we know the story. Right?

Well, no, we only know part of the story. If we really want to know what Paul Harvey used to call “the rest of the story,” we need to hear Gordon Lichty tell the story, show us the maps, and demonstrate the weapons that were all part of this pivotal moment in American history.

Ever since the “intolerable acts” of King George II of England toward the American colonies, such as the Stamp Act, unrest was brewing. And after the Boston Tea Party, British military retribution against the colonies had been growing. Quietly, strategically, and in well-guarded secrecy, resistance was being carefully planned. Sam Adams, John Hancock, Dr. Joseph Warren, and Paul Revere were key figures in the patient, disciplined, and determined leadership that built a network of volunteers ready to face the tasks that lay ahead. The Sons of Liberty met under Liberty Trees and in other secret locations.

No, I’m not going to try to tell you the whole story. I can’t do the job that Gordon Lichty does. He is a professional historical interpreter from Fort Michilimackinac, with a profound knowledge of this nation’s early days, its culture, its social and economic struggles, and its wars.

On Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Elk Rapids Historical Museum, located in the building that formerly housed the Elk Rapids United Methodist Church, hosted by the Cruisin’ Pirates Car Club, Gordon Lichty presented the story of the Night that Began a Revolution. Dressed in period attire as a 1775 man, yet using audio-visual tools of 2026, he laid out for us the story behind the story, the planning, the life and death need for secrecy, the maps of the stand-offs and the running battle. He showed us the “witness houses” on Battle Road where colonists and British regulars struggled and fought, and many died. Many of those houses still stand and are owned by seventh generation descendants of the original owners. He showed us rifles of that time and demonstrated how they would be used.

If you ever have the opportunity to attend one of Gordon Lichty’s historical presentations, be sure to do it. It will be well worth your time.



Above - Gordon Lichty tells the story that led to the battles at Lexington and Concord
Below - Gordon explains the meaning of the markings on the rifle



Above - Rifles of the era, including a British Brown Bess that did not see combat
Below - Artifacts of the time



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

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, 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

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

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: Sat, 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@learnsselfcompassion.com or 616-581-4668. Sponsored by Alden District Library and the Antrim County Bridge Club.
When: Tue 10 am - noon (Beginning May 5)

Mah-Jongg,, People of all skill levels, including beginners, are invited to play. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.
When: Tue, 1 to 4 pm

Euchre, (Kalkaska COA) 303 S. Coral St, \$5.00 buy-in, 231 258-5030
When: Tue, 1 pm

Euchre, Antrim County COA/Sr Meal Site, 308 E. Cayuga St, Bellaire, \$5.00 buy-in, contact 231 533-8703
When: Tues, 6:00 pm

Piggit Hoggit, The Rock, 115 E. Blair St, Kingsley, euchre taken to the next level, \$1, contact 231 922-4911
When: Wed, 9:15 am OR 12:00 pm????

299er 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. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.
When: Wed 11:30 am except 3rd Wed each month and July 29 -(May 6 - Oct 28)

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 (TAAG): This artisans’ group has been creating art and contributing to the community for over 40 years. Newcomers are always welcome! For more info, email [taartisansguild@gmail](mailto:taartisansguild@gmail.com) or view our page at www.facebook.com/TorchAreaArtisansGuild.com. Sponsored by Alden District Library, 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

Letterpress printing. Learn how to set type and print your own scratch pads, business cards, and other items in an old-fashion print shop. Vintage Printing Company, 113 Merrett Street, Fife Lake.
When: Sat, 3:00 to 5:00 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

Antrim/Kalkaska Paper Crafters, First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids. Soup and Salad Potluck lunch. Bring any handheld craft and work on your own project. Contact Beth Shuster at beth_scraps1960@sbcglobal.net
When: 3rd Sat, 9am - 5pm

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- We read stories, do a craft, and have a snack together. The Bellaire Public Library is located at 111 S. Bridge St., Bellaire. For details call the Library at 231-533-881414
When: Tue, 10:00 - 11:00 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. Contact 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

Jack Miltgen Findlay

April 21, 1943 ~ August 6, 2026

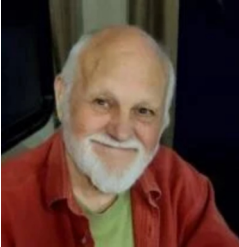
Jack M. Findlay, of Antrim County, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2026. He was 83. Per his wishes cremation has taken place and services, if any, will be announced by his family and friends.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.CremationServicesOnly.com. The family is being served by Cremation Services Only.

Joseph Francis Susinko

November 30, 1942 ~ August 1, 2026

Joseph Francis Susinko, age 83, of Dade City, Florida passed away on August 1, 2026, surrounded by family in Alden, MI. He was born on November 30, 1942, in Youngstown, Ohio to Joseph and Emily Susinka. Joe is preceded in death by his parents and wife Sharyn Susinko (2007).



enjoyed being a carpenter, plumber, electrician, and handyman teaching his son everything he could.

Joe lived in Alden, MI from 1986 until he decided to enjoy his retirement free of snow in 2013. The first winter

in Florida he stayed at Grove Ridge Estates and started looking for a second home. Soon he met Marilyn Hoffman (Grove Ridge Estates), and they were married in Fall 2014. Joe found his second home, moved to Florida and lived in Grove Ridge with Marilyn. In 2018, Joe and Marilyn moved across the street to Southfork Community. Every spring they looked forward to traveling back to Clio and Alden with their truck and 5th wheel camper to visit family. They were happily married until his death.

Joe is survived by wife Marilyn, his brother Edward Susinko (Joann), sister Mary Farina (Jim), son Chris, grandson Kyle (Lorie), granddaughters Emily Plamondon (Austin) and Violet, great-granddaughters Alaina, Mikayla and Kara, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, teacher, mentor, and friend.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 11th from 2pm to 5pm, with a Funeral Service at 5pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska, MI. Burial was on Friday, August 14th at 10am at Maple Grove Cemetery on Wood Rd in Kalkaska. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home; our family serving yours.

Michael Roger Carter Jr

November 17, 1966 ~ August 12, 2026

It is with profound sadness and love that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather, spouse, brother and son Michael Roger Carter Jr., who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 59 on August 12, 2026, following a brief illness. At the time of his passing, he was a resident of Fife Lake, MI, but spent much of his time over various areas of the state, including Grayling, Roscommon, Flint, and Milford, Michigan.



Michael's life started on November 17, 1966, where he was the oldest son born to Michael Roger Carter Sr. and Linda Sue Carter (Clancy). He was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac, MI. Growing up, he loved playing with his brothers, riding big wheels, board games, and writing. His favorite show as a child was the Friendly Giant, whose character was named Little Toot, which became a nickname for him growing up. He played baseball, with his family sharing he was a great pitcher (begrudgingly). He was an avid sports fanatic, especially baseball, which transcended decades for him, with collections of baseball cards and many attended games. He attended Baker Elementary, Muir Jr. High, and graduated in 1984 from Milford High School. Out of high school he joined the United States Navy, serving for about a year before a medical discharge. He spent a brief amount of time at Grand Valley State University before marrying his first wife, Christine, in 1989. Together they shared six children, Kayla, Jennifer, Clancy, Noah, Sean, and Riley. They shared 28 years of marriage together. Over those years, Michael attended numerous colleges to obtain his bachelor's degree in nursing. The schools included Kirtland Community College, Spring Arbor University, and Oakland Community College. Being the forever learner he was, he always wished to continue to pursue his passion of nursing, adding a brief stint at Georgetown University as well. Michael valued working hard, and he never stopped in that. He spent nearly all of his adult years working and progressing through many roles for his employers, with his early years being spent in managerial roles in retail and food services. His truest passion came in 2005, when he began his path to being a nurse, which seemed to be the work he truthfully held a passion in. He especially loved working in home health nursing, being able to spend time meeting the unique needs of his clients and being able to help them through their health journeys. In some of his final years, he met the love of his life, whom he was able to share his remaining years with, Katherine (Kate/Katie)

Anne Ingersoll, whom he married in February of 2022. They were a team together, working hard as nurses during the weekdays, but enjoying spending time with family, watching movies, traveling, and leading a life together full of memories till the very end. They had a love at first sight connection that truthfully guided them to being the best versions of themselves and spreading love and care wherever they were together.

His loved ones will continue to cherish their memories of him including his tenacious and quirky personality. He held so many favorites in his life that were uniquely special to him, including baseball, Mexican food, Vernor's, and playing card games sprinkled in competitiveness with hints of cheating. His collections of baseball cards, the Detroit big four in Sports (Lions, Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings), love of the state of Florida, his knowledge of music and movies, and that deep favoritism towards bands like KISS, The Police, Queen, Ozzy Osbourne, Black Sabbath, and The Beatles that all have enveloped the minds of everyone that he has held special time with.

Michael is survived by his loving wife Katherine (Kate) Ingersoll of Fife Lake, MI, his children Clancy Condon (Justin) of Midland, MI, Noah Carter (Riley) and Sean Carter of Roscommon, MI, and Riley Carter currently of East Lansing, MI as well as his four grandbabies Todd and Scarlett Condon (Clancy/Justin) and Millie and Theodore Carter (Noah/Riley), his parents Michael Sr. And Linda Carter of Higgins Lake, MI, brothers Marc Carter of South Lyon, MI and Matthew Carter (Lisa) of Grand Blanc, MI, his previous wife and mother of his children Christine and many nephews, aunts, uncles, family and friends.

He is predeceased by his daughters Kayla and Jennifer, his grandparents James and Alice Clancy and John and Florence Carter and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service is currently being planned for late 2026 and information will be forthcoming from his wife and children. In lieu of flowers, please honor his deep love of sports and baseball and place a donation towards your local Little League, Sports Boosters, or any other entity that supports youth enjoying athletics. Lastly, Go Green, Go Tigers, and Rock On!

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

Christopher Michael Witt

May 14, 1969 ~ August 14, 2026

Christopher Michael Witt, beloved son, brother, and friend, unexpectedly passed away peacefully on August 14, 2026, at the age of 57.



Chris was born to Charles and Carol Witt in Lincoln Park, Michigan, on May 14, 1969. In 1974, his family moved to Kalkaska, Michigan, where Twin Lake would become one of the most special places in his life.

For Chris, Twin Lake was more than a place—it was a collection of some of his happiest memories. It was where he and his brothers spent their childhood days outside, roaming through the woods, swimming, fishing, and waterskiing. They were carefree years filled with adventure, laughter, and the simple joys of being kids. As the years passed, those memories remained close to Chris, and he loved talking with his brothers about the times they shared growing up on Twin Lake.

Chris graduated from Kalkaska High School in 1987. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Future Problem Solvers. He was an avid bowler and downhill skier, and he enjoyed the friendships and fun that came with both. Chris loved the 80s! He loved the music, hairstyles, and fashion of the decade and was always a little ahead of his time. Chris had a progressive spirit and an unmistakable sense of style that was uniquely his.

Like his mother and father, Chris was an animal lover. Throughout his life, animals held a special place in his heart. Most recently, Chris shared a deep love for his beloved dog, Zeke, who passed away, and his current dog, Marco, who brought him companionship and joy.

After high school, Chris moved to the Detroit area to attend college and begin building his career. He started out in banking before eventually moving to the Grand Rapids area and making his way into information technology, where he spent many years of his professional life. Chris was exceptionally intelligent and had a natural ability to figure things out and solve problems. His curiosity and sharp mind served him well throughout his career and in so many other areas of his life.

But Chris’s life was about much more than his career. He loved the finer things in life. He was passionate about cool cars, good music, art, and, most importantly, the people he chose to surround himself with.

Chris had a way of keeping people and memories close. When talking with him, it was common for him to share stories about people from his youth and the longtime friends who became such an important part of his adult life. Rod, George, Garrett, Fuad, and many others were more than friends—they were Chris’s chosen family. These friendships spanned decades and were woven into the story of his life.

Christopher was preceded in death by his father, Charles “Chuck” Witt, and his beloved mother, Carol Witt.

Chris will be lovingly remembered by his “Big Brother,” Charles (Kristin) Witt; his brother, Craig (Abby) Witt; nephews Stephen Witt, Alan (Nicole) Witt, Michael Witt, and Jack Kloc; nieces Megan Witt and Delaney Kloc; great-nephews Mayson Witt and Nolan Witt; and great-niece Amara Witt. He will also be deeply missed by his many extended family members and lifelong friends who were an important part of his life.

Chris’s family and friends will have an opportunity to come together to remember and celebrate his life on Friday, August 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Following the celebration of life, Chris will be laid to rest beside his beloved mother at Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska.

Chris was one of a kind. His stories, his laughter, his passions, his friendships, and the memories he created with the people he loved will remain a part of his legacy. While his loss leaves an emptiness that cannot be filled, those who knew Chris will carry him with them through the memories and stories that will continue to be shared for years to come.

Chris will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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John A. Janisse

February 28, 1940 ~ August 1, 2026

John A. Janisse, 86, Goshen, Indiana, formerly of Mancelona, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Goshen Hospital following a brief illness. He was born on February 28, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, to Walter and Elizabeth (Jones) Janisse.



continued serving his community by working as a custodian in the local schools. He was known for his strong work ethic, humility, and willingness to help wherever he was needed. An outdoorsman at heart, John enjoyed cutting firewood, spending time outdoors, and tending to his yard. He especially loved feeding and watching birds and found great joy in the simple pleasures of nature. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family and friends. John was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church, Kalkaska, Michigan.

On June 6, 1964, he married the love of his life, Muriel Prince.

Surviving are his beloved wife of many years, Muriel Janisse; his children, David (Joely) Janisse, Goshen, and Marie (Michael) Rintelman, Florence, South Carolina; and grandchildren, Jennifer Rintelman and Gabriel Janisse. Other survivors include a brother, William Janisse, and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Rintelman and a sister-in-law, Peggy Janisse.

John was a hardworking man who spent his career as a truck driver. Following his retirement, he

Friends and family began visiting at 9:30am until the time of service. Services were held 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Calvary Baptist Church, Kalkaska, Michigan. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery Memorial contributions may be given to Calvary Baptist Church 815 W Dresden St, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

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Dawn A. Guitar

July 8, 1962 ~ August 4, 2026

Dawn A. Guitar, 64, of Rapid City, passed on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, in Grand Rapids, MI after a massive heart attack. She was born on July 8, 1962, to the late Patricia Buchanan and Howard Schemke.



Tamy and Tina; sisters, Gail and Jaine; brothers, Tony and Ronald; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Dawn in death are her parents; her brother, Howard; and sister Kathy.

Dawn dedicated her life to her family. She poured her heart into creating a warm welcoming home for her children. Dawn is best known for her love of cooking and will be missed for her kindness and generous spirit.

Dawn is survived by her children, Honistie, Lawrence, Tera, Troy,

We will have her Celebration of Life on September 12, 2026, starting at 4:00 pm at 5464 Snowshoe Lane, Rapid City, MI 49676.

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

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Munson Healthcare Makes \$225,000 Donation Towards GT Bay YMCA
“Growing for Good” Campaign

Traverse City, Mich. — July 7, 2026 — Munson Healthcare recently joined staff at the YMCA West in Traverse City to celebrate a \$225,000 pledge in support of the YMCA's Growing for Good capital campaign—a major commitment to expanding access to health, wellness and community programming across the region.

The campaign aims to meet growing demand by expanding the YMCA West facility with new and enhanced spaces for fitness, youth programs and community connection. Planned improvements include a new gymnasium, indoor walking track, expanded fitness areas and additional space for families and after-school programming.

“Strong communities are built through partnerships that create opportunities and meet the evolving needs of the people we serve. The YMCA's Growing for Good campaign will help ensure that individuals and families across our region have access to resources and programs that prevent disease and enrich their lives for years to come, and we are proud to support an organization that has made such a meaningful difference in our communities,” said Megan Brown, Chief Communications Officer, Munson Healthcare.

During the visit, Munson team members experienced firsthand the energy and sense of belonging that define the YMCA—from group fitness and youth programming to everyday interactions that foster connection across generations.

“This support helps move our vision forward, creating more space and opportunity for people of all ages to thrive,” said Andy Page, Grand Traverse Bay YMCA President & CEO.

The Growing for Good campaign represents a shared commitment to strengthening the region by expanding access to programs and spaces that support youth, families, and older adults while fostering connection, well-being, and a sense of belonging for all.

As a non-profit organization, Munson Healthcare is committed to providing community benefit dollars in the communities we serve toward initiatives that support physical and mental health access. Munson Healthcare has other partnerships with the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA, including having Mary Free Bed at Munson physical therapy staff on site for services.



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August 1 – 29, Torch Lake Camps Display. Come to the Alden District Library. The free display is presented by the Alden Depot Museum: www.aldendepot.com. View the display during library hours.. 8751 Helena Road in Alden. (231)331-4318.

August 1 – 30, StoryWalk® Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, to enjoy a romp in the woods and reading a good book along the way. A new story will be placed each month and covers about a 1/2-mile portion of the trail. Open daily from dawn to dusk. The storybook for the month of July is “Outside In” by Deborah Underwood. Sponsored by Alden District Library.

August 30, 2 pm, Blues Musician Nick Veine. Nick’s program is a musical and historical survey of the Blues from the turn of the 20th Century until World War II. It covers the heavy hitters of acoustic blues music from Blind Lemon Jefferson to Charley Patton, Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters and more. This is a Free family friendly program. Held outdoors at Alden Depot Park & Museum; bring a chair. In the event of rain, the musical program will be held at Helena Twp. Community Center 8751 Helena Rd, Alden.

August 20, 4 pm, Friends of the Kalkaska County Library Meeting. Located at the Kalkaska Commission on Aging, 303 S. Coral St.The public is welcome. Contact the library at (231) 258-9411 or at info@kalkaskalibrary.org for more information.

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Upcoming event of the
Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR

September 19, 2026 - "Have You Forgotten?"
9-11 25th anniversary
presented by PJ Steeby

Meeting at 11 am, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church,
912 S. Garfield Ave, Traverse City,

Memorial Service for
Rita J. Kyselka



Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside memorial service honoring Rita J. Kyselka on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Fife Lake Cemetery, Fife Lake, Michigan.

Following the service, all are welcome to join the family for a time of remembrance.

- Alden**
Alden United Methodist Church
9015 Helena Rd, Alden
Sunday morning:
9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - ACE (Adult Christian Education)
Thursday morning:
10:00 am - Prayer Group
- Boardman Township**
East Boardman Community Bible Church
2080 Boardman Rd,S Boardman
Sunday morning:
9:15 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am Junior Church
- Central Lake**
Central Lake United Methodist Church
8117 W Old State Rd, Central Lake
Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service
- East Jordan**
Grace Bible Church
999 W Old State Rd, East Jordan
Sunday morning:
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Fife Lake**
Fife Lake Baptist Church
449 W State St, Fife Lake
Sunday morning:
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service
Wednesday
6:00 pm - Bible Study
- 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
- 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
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church
211 E. Hinman, Mancelona
Sunday morning:
9:00 am - Worship Service
- 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:
9:30 am - Worship Service

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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
Let's be fair-o to faro

12 January 2004

Dear Mark,
I recently read that the most popular Nevada casino game in the 1800s was faro. The Virginia City casinos were kind enough to offer the game 24 hours a day "for the convenience of miners from all shifts." Have you ever heard of faro being played in modern times? Any idea as to why it disappeared? Andy K.

Like you, Andy, I sure would love to see the game reappear in towns like Virginia City, Deadwood, or on a Mississippi riverboat. So popular was the game once, that faro could be found in just about every saloon in every Western one-horse town.

Faro, sometimes spelled pharo, pharaoh or pharaon, was a card game invented by the French, who adapted it from the Venetian game of basetta. French gamblers called the game Pharaoh because one of the honored cards bore the likeness of an Egyptian Pharaoh. Thanks to an exiled Scotsman named John Law, the game immigrated into this country at New Orleans, moved up the river on the Mississippi steamboats, and then spread across the Wild West.

Faro's demise came from a combination of many factors; two stand out. The opportunity for dealer cheating at faro was greater than with any other card game, and, more importantly for the guys who ran the joints, faro had a low house edge.

Dear Mark,
Does someone from Canada have to pay taxes on lottery winnings in this country? Terrence L.

All Lottery prizes are subject to federal, state and local income taxes. For U.S. citizens, state lotteries are required by law to withhold estimated taxes at the rate of 25% (federal), and each state has a certain percentage to withhold for any prize over \$5,000 paid to a U.S. resident. Our friends from the North are subject to an up-front, flat, 30% estimated federal rate as well as that

particular state's withholding rate. By the way, Terrence, don't think you're off the hook if your win is just under the \$5,000 threshold. Winners of less than \$5,000 will receive a W-2G form in January to be filed with their yearly federal, state and local income taxes. The *guvmint's* edge puts casinos' to shame.

Dear Mark,
Are there any land-based casinos operating in Nevada where I can bet with them online? Tommy D.

Not a chance, Tommy. Nevada regulators forbid Nevada casinos from doing business with any Internet casino sites, or with an online site of their own where you can gamble. Nevada regulators also consider websites that take bets from Nevada and other U.S. residents to be breaking federal and state laws.

Dear Mark,
I live in Nevada, but I have a brother living in Ohio, and a sister who lives in Michigan, who, when the jackpot is high enough, will play my favorite numbers in the Mega-Millions lottery. According to my brother, I have 180 days to collect on a winning ticket. My sister swears in Michigan that it is a year. Who is right? Hector G.

No kinfolk bickering needed for this one, Hector, 'cause they're both right. In Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Michigan, you have a period of one year from the drawing date to turn in a winning ticket. They like to call that the "anniversary" date. In Virginia, Georgia, Texas, Washington and Ohio, the time limit really is 180 days. In Maryland, the limit is 182 days from the drawing date. (I'd ask Sis to bop right down to the pay window in no more than a week.)

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Gambling quote of the week: *The holiday season is always a bad time of year for amateur gambling addicts. They are weak people, as a rule, and they are not built for grueling long-distance work.* - Hunter S Thompson



Sudoku Puzzle
August 21, 2026

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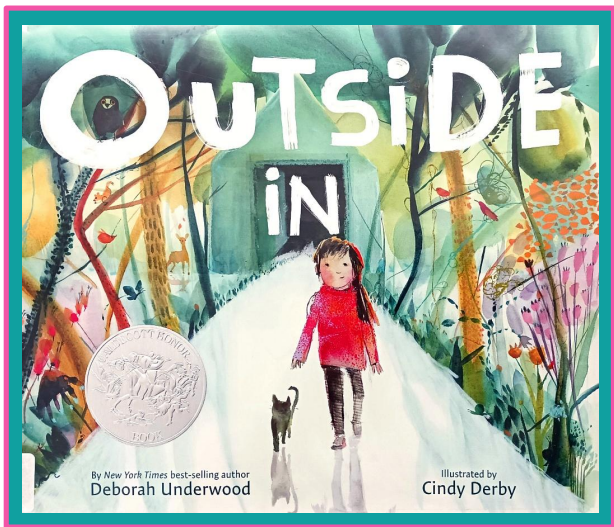
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Acting Before Feeling

How many times have we been told—or told ourselves—that if we just felt better, we could act better? These days, we're told by sources such as the media and well-meaning counselors that the key to a better life is learning to manage our emotions. If we can just change how we feel, then we'll do better, make better decisions, and become healthier people.

The irony is that the fastest way to feel better isn't found by focusing on our emotions. More often than not, it's found through action.

Our culture encourages emotional relief. We chase dopamine, seek instant gratification, and want discomfort to disappear as quickly as possible. While there's nothing wrong with wanting to feel better, we often make the mistake of believing that our emotions must change before our behavior can.

In reality, the opposite is true.

Meaningful action often comes before meaningful emotional change.

Think about exercise. How many mornings have you woken up tired, sore, or unmotivated and

thought, "I just don't feel like working out today"? If we wait until motivation arrives, we may never leave the house. Yet once we take a walk, stretch, lift a few weights, or finish a workout, something remarkable happens. We feel better because we acted first. Motivation didn't create the action; the action created the motivation.

Belonging works the same way. We don't usually wake up feeling connected. We become connected by showing up, joining a group, calling a friend, volunteering, or simply starting a conversation. The feeling of belonging often follows the decision to participate.

Our feelings matter. They provide us with valuable information about our inner and outer worlds, but they aren't always the best place to begin. More often than we realize, our emotions follow our actions rather than precede them.

That's why we feel better when we go for a walk when we'd rather stay on the couch. It's why we call a friend when we'd rather isolate ourselves from others, and it's why we choose forgiveness before we feel ready.

Waiting to feel better can leave us feeling stuck, and this is the exact opposite of what we intended. Small, intentional actions can create the emotional momentum we've been waiting for.

The path to feeling better often begins by doing something worthwhile before you feel like doing it. This is another way we win at life.

-Adam DeVaney, LCSW, CECF

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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.

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Hear My "No"

"No" is a small word with a big impact. It can stop so many things in life. How many times a day do we say "no" to someone? How many times do kids hear or say the word "no"? Do we actually hear what is being said, or do we just ignore it?

There are two types of listening. Listening to respond and listening to be heard. Then there is the idea of do we actually listen to what our kids have to say, or do we listen to just respond? I truly think it is a mixture.

When kids tell adults "no" it can of course be an instant reaction by the adults of rebellion by the child. But then there is the answer of "no" that kids say because they truly don't want to do something or don't understand what is happening.

There are times when we as adults need to sit down and listen to what children are saying. They may have a very valid reason why they are saying "no" to you. We need to listen to the why of a child saying "no". Not just automatically responding in frustration or anger simply because a child dared to tell you "no".

If you don't listen to the reason for the why of a child's "no", you might

very easily miss something important, or your child may not come to you as easily the next time. Many kids hear the word "no" all day long and they just want a yes for something.

When a child hears the word "no" they feel like they have no control in a situation. To help your child feel like they have some control in their lives you can do simple things like giving them a choice of what snacks they have, or what shirt they wear to school.

This gives a child the chance to learn to make choices in life. They may seem like simple choices, but it is still a choice. This gives your child the chance to choose for themselves what they want in some small way. As they get older, they can learn to make bigger choices. Learning to make good choices is a very important part of growing up.

Alison Neihardt, LPC, NCC

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Alison Neihardt is a local child therapist at her private practice Helping Kids Counseling Services, LLC located in Kalkaska, MI. Reached at 231-590-4812 or email hkupnorth@gmail.com

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The Garfield Township Historical Society names the 2026 Pioneer Family

The Daniel and Laura Hatley Family have been selected as the Garfield Historical Society's (GHS) 2026 Pioneer Family. Their descendants will be recognized and honored August 29th at the Garfield Museum.

Daniel Hatley first arrived in Kalkaska County in 1914 to clear the land and establish their 400 acres Homestead on Hatley Road where he planned to farm and raise cattle. He first needed a home for his young family; he ordered a building package from Sears and Roebuck; it was delivered by train to McGee. He transported the building materials to the farm by horse drawn wagon. In the Spring of 2015, upon completing the house building project, his wife Laura arrived by train and joined him with their sons Wilbur and Edwin. Their family grew to include seven (7) children; Wilbur, Edwin, Alice, Ruah, Thelma, Alva (Jerry) and Cleo. All attended the Perrin School on West Sharon Road in Garfield Township. Daniel and Laura are buried in the Old Garfield Cemetery. Since those early days, the Hatley Family has played an integral role in the life of this rural community, and were important members of the social, cultural and spiritual needs of their neighbors; descendants of the Hatley Family continue to live in the Sharon Area and carry on the family tradition of Community Service to the Greater Community. The extended Hatley Family still own a significant portion of the original family farm affectionately known as The Antler Club.

The GHS Chair will make a presentation to the 2026 Pioneer Family at 1100AM Saturday August 29th at the Garfield Museum. A picnic at Veterans Memorial Park will follow; this community-wide picnic celebrates the pioneer spirit, determination and rugged individualism of past and present families. The Garfield Historical Society (GHS) recognizes the grit, determination and accomplishments of those earliest settlers who built the foundation of our community

SAVE THE DATE...and our history. "We have a museum full of facts, figures and photos accumulated over the years, but we need more stories, memories and impressions of growing up and living in our community that add texture to our historical character" said Garfield Historical Society (GHS) Chair Mary Lou Stuck.

For Additional Information Contact Jerry Cannon at 231-369-3333



Alden UMW Rummage Sale

The United Methodist Women's rummage sale in Alden, this year, ran from Thursday through Sunday, August 13-16. Household items, clothing, shoes, baby carriers, toys, books, jewelry, glassware - virtually anything one can think of was displayed at the Alden Community United Methodist Church.

Two garages, a portion of the parking lot, the sidewalk in front of the church doors, the fellowship hall in the basement as well as a classroom, overflowed with treasures of all kinds.



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Kids’ Coding Club, Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge, Bellaire, an opportunity for kids to explore the world of computer coding at their level, ages 8-13 welcome, registration required, call 231 533-8814
When: 3rd Sat, 10:00 to 11:00 am
Meet and Eat, Youth Event, Mancelona United Methodist Church, 117 W. Hinman, Mancelona, planned by youth for youth including a meal, music, pastor’s message, games & fun, grades 7-12, 231 587-8461
When: 4th Sunday (3rd if 4th is a holiday weekend) 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Miscellaneous

Monday Tech Help 1-on-1 Kalkaska County Library, 247 S. Cedar St, If you need some help setting up your new phone or laptop, troubleshooting tech problems, or just want to learn more about using the internet safely, then contact us to get 30 minutes of personalized support from our tech services librarian! Contact (231) 258-9411 or info@kalkaskalibrary.org to sign up!
When: by appointment Mon 10am-4pm & Thu 1-5pm
Love Locker Project, 449 W. State St at Fife Lake, Baptist, 49633 Free seasonal clothing, hygiene products, and blankets available 24/7
When: available anytime
Love Locker Project - Kalkaska 1972 Saunders Rd SE at Evergreen Bible Baptist, Free seasonal clothing, hygiene products, and blankets available 24/7
When: available anytime
Love Locker Project- Rapid City 7964 Rapid City Rd at North Light Ministry Free seasonal clothing, hygiene products, and blankets available 24/7
When: available anytime
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, Gabe is here to answer any technology related questions you have. 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, 6:00 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
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
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
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

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 Tue 4:00 pm
Fife Lake Area Genealogy Society, Fife Lake Public Library. Everyone is welcome.. Any questions, please contact Linda Forwerck at 231-631-1750 or Chris Reamer at 231-263-7656.
When: 1st Wed, 10 am.
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., 6:00 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

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The blessings of liberty

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The sixth and final purpose for our Constitution, according to the Preamble is to “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.”

Shall we just take a moment to consider what those blessings might be? In western civilization, as far back as the Magna Carta (1215), there has been some understanding that people should have some rights that are not to be trampled by monarchs. During the 1600s, as England struggled with the Stuart kings, the principles in the Magna Carta were interpreted “as a fundamental charter limiting the monarch and assuring liberty of the person, trial by jury, habeas corpus, and due process” (constitutioncenter.org).

By the time of the American Revolution, our founders had further developed the principles of individual liberty and value, as eloquently expressed in the great sentence of the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights ...”

The Articles of Confederation of our original Continental Congress included protections for members of Congress against reprisals or penalties for their speech and debate in Congress. Also, it declared that free citizens of any state were entitled to the freedoms of free citizens of other states. At that time many states framed up their own constitutions and declarations of rights. Many states looked to the Virginia declaration, composed by George Mason. “It began with an assertion that ‘all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights’: life, liberty, property, safety, and happiness” (constitutioncenter.org). It described government as being derived from the people. It prohibited hereditary titles. It separated the powers of legislature, executive, and judiciary. It called for term limits. It insisted on free elections. It established the right to trial by

jury, freedom of the press, and freedom of religious exercise and conscience. And it “advised that a ‘firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue’ was required to preserve ‘free government, or the blessings of liberty’” (constitutioncenter.org).

A lot of this will sound quite familiar to all of us because so much of it is found in the first ten amendments to our Constitution that are commonly referred to as our Bill of Rights.

As the several states debated ratifying the Constitution through the fall of 1787 and into the summer of 1788, many of them determined that it was missing something very important: a Bill of Rights. The Massachusetts Compromise – namely “ratify now, amend later” – was critical in successfully getting the necessary nine states to adopt the Constitution. As we study the rights that are protected in those first ten amendments, we rightly conclude that without them, that final purpose laid out in the preamble would not really be secured.

James Madison did not think that a Bill of Rights was necessary because of the specific limitations placed on the three branches of government and the explanatory rules in Articles IV, V, and VI of the Constitution. It set up a limited federal government, and the several states had their own Constitutions and Declarations of Rights.

Personally, I am grateful to those who insisted that the Constitution was not complete without a Bill of Rights. Although Madison believed in the limitations built into the Constitution, we know that our federal government has expanded far beyond anything the framers could possibly have envisioned - as has our nation, for that matter. Given the growth, much of it absolutely necessary to our national survival, how wonderful it is to have the essential protections provided by those first ten amendments. They provide us with the freedom to speak our minds, the freedom to

choose our religion, the freedom to read what we want to read, a free press to report the news – even if government officials don’t like it, the freedom to protest, the freedom to hold our government accountable to us, the freedom to pursue the career of our choice, the freedom to be armed, the guarantee of security in our homes, the guarantee of a trial by jury should we be charged with a crime, the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus (preventing government from jailing us without demonstrating a reason), the guarantee of due process should we appear to run afoul of the law, the right to a controlling voice in our government, and the assurance that we are free to move about and pursue the life of our choice. Finally, be sure to memorize Amendments IX and X. They say: “The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people” and “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people.”

With all due respect to James Madison, I concur with the states that found the Constitution to be incomplete without a Bill of Rights (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island). The Bill of Rights is what makes it possible for the Constitution to “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.”

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields
Editor

References:

Constitution of the United States of America

The Bill of Rights, The National Constitution Center; retrieved from: <https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/the-principles-of-the-constitution/the-bill-of-rights>

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) Where in the Constitution do we find the right to a speedy and public trial by a jury of one’s peers?
- 2) That right includes some details. What is the next one?
- 3) What rights does the accused have with regard to witnesses?
- 4) What is the final protection for the accused?



Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue’s questions

- 1) What does Amendment III say?
A. No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.
- 2) Why was this important to Americans?
A. Because they had suffered such involuntary quartering of British soldiers for years, and they had been powerless against such invasion of their private homes and lives.
- 3) What does Amendment IV say?
A. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.
- 4) Why was that important to Americans?
A. As with the quartering of soldiers, under the tyrannical hand of King George III, people did not have the security of their own homes and affairs. It was important to have the protection of the law against being snatched out of their own homes, or their property seized without recourse..

Everything in this paper is important to somebody

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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

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 info on meeting list at Alanon-d39.org
When: Tues, at noon.

Al-Anon, Al-Teen Meeting for Families & Friends of Alcoholics, (Kalkaska COA) Senior Center, 303 S Coral St, contact Linda 231 384-3227
When: Tue, 7:00 pm (except 5th Tue in a month)

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: Tue, 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

NPH - Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus Support Group

For those diagnosed with NPH, their caregivers, family members, or anyone seeking more information about NPH. This is an open discussion in a welcoming environment. Kalkaska Commission on Aging, 303 S Coral St, Kalkaska.
When: 2nd Tue. 10:00 am

Weight Management Support Group, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Ashley Snyder, 231 258-3613
When: 2nd Tue, 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Diabetes Support Group, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, 419 S. Coral St, Classroom A, contact Ashley Snyder, 231 258-3613
When: 4th Tue, 1:00 to 2:00 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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WALK SLOWLY WITH PURPOSE

Late summer weddings turn Northern Michigan into a Romance Destination

By Dominic Fortuna

There’s something about a Northern Michigan wedding in late August and early September that just hits different. The air finally cools off in the evenings. The lake is still warm enough to walk barefoot on the sand. The woods are deep green and starting to hint at that first touch of gold. And all over from Traverse City up through Petoskey, Charlevoix, and all the little towns in between, people are saying “I do” with a view that no ballroom in a big city can copy.

Late summer has become our season. Not just because the weather is perfect — 75 degrees in the day, 60 at night, hardly any bugs — but because it feels like the whole region slows down just enough to let love take center stage.

Beaches that do half the work for you

You don’t need a lot of decorations when your ceremony is on Lake Michigan. The water does it for you. I’ve watched couples get married right at sunset on the beach in Glen Arbor, with the sun dropping straight into the lake and the whole family standing in the sand with their shoes off. Grandma in a sundress. The little cousins chasing each other with sparklers later. Nobody’s rushing.

Our beaches up here aren’t crowded like they are in July. By late August the tourists have thinned out, so you actually get the shoreline to yourself. Photographers love it. Brides love it. And honestly, there’s nothing more Northern Michigan than bare feet in the sand and a toast with local wine while the waves roll in.

Woods, barns, and backyards that feel like home

Not everyone wants a beach. And that’s the beauty of it. Ten minutes inland you’ve got birch trees, cedar, and old farm properties that have been turned into venues without losing any of their character. String some lights in the trees, put out long farm tables, and suddenly you’ve got a reception that feels like a family reunion.

The woods give you that quiet. You can hear the ceremony without traffic in the background. You can dance outside and not worry about neighbors

calling the cops at 11. And when the night gets cool, everyone grabs a blanket and heads to the fire pit. That’s when the real talking happens — cousins who haven’t seen each other in years, grandparents telling stories, kids running around until they finally crash in a corner.

Big spaces when you need them

And if you’ve got 200 people on the guest list, we’ve got you covered there too. Northern Michigan isn’t just small chapels and beachfronts anymore. We’ve got huge event centers now, all over the region. Places with floor-to-ceiling windows looking out at the bay, ballrooms that open onto patios, catering kitchens that can handle anything from white tablecloth dinners to taco bars at midnight.

The best part is they still feel like Northern Michigan. You’re not in a generic hotel in a parking lot. You’re looking at water, or woods, or a golf course that turns orange at sunset. You get the big venue without giving up why people came here in the first place.

Why late summer works

June weddings are beautiful, but they’re stressful. Everyone’s still in school, the weather can be iffy, and you’re competing with every other couple. Late summer is calmer. College kids are home for one last weekend before fall. Families are trying to get one more trip in before schedules get crazy.

And weddings do what nothing else does — they pull everybody together. You’ve got 8-year-olds and 80-year-olds at the same table. You’ve got people who drove from Florida and people who live 10 minutes away all dancing to the same song. For a few hours, it’s not about work or phones or what’s going on in the world. It’s about two people and everyone who loves them being in the same place.

That’s why I think Northern Michigan is a premier spot for this. We’ve got the scenery, sure. But we also have the space to actually enjoy it. You can have a ceremony on the beach in the afternoon, pictures in the woods, and a reception under the stars, and never drive more than 20 minutes.

It’s really cool up here

I’m not saying it to sell you something. I live here. I’ve been to these weddings. I’ve seen grooms in khakis and Sperrys, brides with flowers from the farmer’s market, bands playing on a deck while the lake turns pink behind them.

Late summer weddings in Northern Michigan aren’t fancy for the sake of being fancy. They’re real. They’re relaxed. They’re about family, and food, and music, and staying up too late because no one wants the night to end.

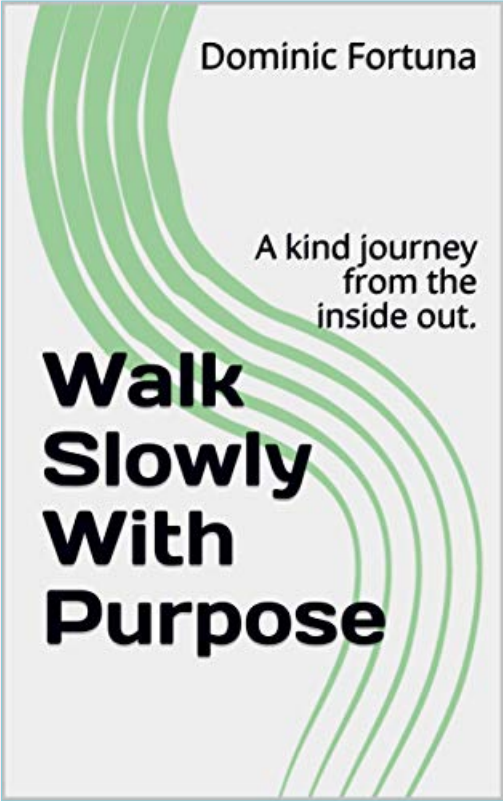
If you’re thinking about a date, look at late August and September. The water’s still warm. The light is better. And you’ll get the Northern Michigan that we all love — not the crowded version, but the quiet, beautiful one.

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Kalkaska County Townships:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kalkaska Township ,
Kalkaska Twp Hall / Fire Department, 209 Laurel St, 231-258-9305
When: 1st Wed, 5 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: 3rd Wed, 5 pm

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

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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 August 21, 2026

7	2	6	1	8	9	3	5	4
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9	8	7	2	3	6	5	4	1
2	3	5	4	9	1	8	6	7
4	6	1	8	7	5	2	3	9

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The Great Surfboard Auction

By Tina Norris Fields

The first ever community surfboard auction was held at Johnny's Torch Riviera on Friday, August 14, 2026. The brainchild of a small group of community volunteers to benefit the Alden Firefighters Association, this novel event took off like wildfire when folks learned about it. Blank surfboards were donated by Jerry Pascoe and given out to businesses and individuals in the area to be decorated and returned for the auction. Deborah Pascoe and Jill Saarela decorated the restaurant in a summer beach theme. As the decorated boards came back in, they stood proudly on display, just waiting for the big day.

Jody Fielo, manager of Johnny's Torch Riviera, said they began with only 8 boards and ended up with 22, having run out of boards twice. One enterprising customer came in and traced a surfboard so he could cut one out on his own.

Friday night, Jody reports, all the boards sold and the bids were astonishing. One board sold for \$1,800, another for \$1,500, and another for \$1,200, while several more brought in over \$1,000 each. The total raised was over \$13,000. The proceeds will go to support the work of the Alden Firefighters Association, such as holiday food baskets for local families, Christmas giving trees, community dinners, and many forms of assistance for people in need.

This reporter asked if the event was successful enough to encourage another one next year. Jody said yes, they are already thinking up ideas for next year. She said "We have true heroes on the Firefighters Association as well as businesses and members of the community!"

It's all about the community, and that is this week's bright spot.



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