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5TH ANNUAL MEADOW BROOK / CRUISIN' PIRATES CAR SHOW

By Janet Scheiwe

Residents, families and staff of Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire enjoyed a sunny, fun-filled afternoon last Thursday (September 24, 2026) as the Cruisin' Pirates Car Club rolled in for its fifth annual car show.

Members of the Cruisin' Pirates brought 42 unique and beautifully maintained classic cars and trucks to showcase and share with their friends at Meadow Brook.

Residents gathered outside in a semicircle to enjoy a “pass-in-review” of shiny—and sometimes delightfully noisy—vehicles ranging from the 1930s through 2026. Meadow Brook staff added to the festive atmosphere by dressing in period-style poodle skirts and providing music, popcorn and checkered flags for residents to wave as the vehicles passed by.

One at a time, the cars and trucks paraded past the residents while a Cruisin' Pirates member introduced the local owners and shared highlights about their special vehicles.

Leading the parade was Bellaire resident Ron Damer in his 1961 custom Chevrolet truck. Damer is a familiar and much-loved member of the Meadow Brook community, having volunteered for many years as a barber and fundraiser.

Several current and former Meadow Brook staff members also joined the fun, showing off some pretty cool cars of their own!

Sports and muscle cars revved their engines to the delight of more than 50 residents gathered outside, while another group enjoyed the show from the upstairs windows.

Following the parade, residents had an opportunity to get a closer look at the colorful cars and trucks displayed in the parking lot. The vehicles sparked plenty of conversation and fond memories as residents recalled cars they had owned, driven or admired over the years.

The fifth annual show was made possible through the efforts of many volunteers, staff members, participants and supporters who helped make the day special for the Meadow Brook residents. More than a car show, it was an afternoon of sunshine, laughter and shared memories—and a wonderful example of community coming together.



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

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 (except October 27 - early voting)

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????

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.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_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 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

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

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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

Lori Lynn Eastman

December 17, 1969 ~ September 4, 2026

Our dearest and only Lori Lynn Eastman left her earthly body on September 4, 2026, at Munson’s Hospice House in Traverse City, Michigan. Lori passed after an all too brief run-in with a rare form of liver cancer, with no symptoms until she experienced a hemorrhagic stroke March 24, 2026. By the time the diagnosis was reached, treatment was no longer an option. Lori opted to live the last few months of her life as gently, and as bravely, as one can hope to.

Lori was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 17, 1969. Her parents, Joanne and Lynn Eastman, brought her to Northern Michigan as a precocious toddler, and they made the Kalkaska area their home. Lori is survived by her Aunt Cheri and Uncle Roger Barnett, her cousin Darrin (Alisha) Morton and their children, Alison and Colton, all of whom Lori loved dearly and enjoyed immensely. They did their very best to fill the tremendous gap left by her parents’ earlier passing. Lori so looked forward to spending the holidays with her extended family in recent years; being with them eased her heart and brought her so much joy. Aunt Cheri spent a great deal of time at home and at hospice with Lori, setting aside her own heartbreak to care for the child she’s loved so deeply from the very start.

Lori was funny, kind, intelligent, curious, and genuinely interested in the world around her. She had a quiet strength about her; being underestimated was almost a secret power. She was unfailingly kind—until she wasn’t. If a person pushed too hard, they’d find her sharp tongue and icy stare. She didn’t need to be the loudest person in the room to make an impression (though she often was, anything for a laugh!). She simply knew who she was. Lori managed to see the best in people, sometimes to her own detriment, and even when they refused to see the best in her. If you were fortunate enough to be called her friend, you knew you had a fierce, loving, devoted, hilarious, delightfully weird, wickedly bright, and amazingly beautiful person in your corner, always.

Lori loved to read ALL the books, and to watch ALL the movies. No content was too grand, too obscure, or too silly, for her attention - and much was deemed worthy of 2nd, 3rd, 4th readings and viewings. If you ever had the chance to make Lori laugh until she wheezed “I AM GOING TO PEE MY PANTS,” well, you probably tried again because she was so hilarious the first time. Her interests in the world around her ranged as wide as her taste in novels, and in music. Road trips, shopping excursions, leisurely dining adventures, concerts of all kinds, warm sunny beach days, nature rambles (not hikes - “hikes mean hard work,” she said, “while a ramble is just a good time!”), philosophical conversations, talking or not talking for hours while spending time with her friends, and her all-time top favorite thing - early morning coffee on the deck, overlooking the calm reflecting waters, and being visited by dragonfly friends.

Lori spent her last months, weeks, days, hours, and moments surrounded by her friends and family. Here’s just a little about a few of these relationships, the steadfastness of which speaks to just how tenacious our girl could be.

Let’s talk about her longtime girl posse - Dawn Centilli, Kristal Flateau, Michele Young, and Michelle Raglin. The five of them have shared countless adventures together since meeting more than 20 years ago when they all worked together at WKLT, The Peak & ESPN. Each of them continued to work in media over the years, hence the loving nickname “Media B*tches”. Concerts, sightseeing, shopping, cocktails, holidays, cancer, job changes, the passing of other friends and family, every joy and every sorrow; you name it, they’ve done it together.

Lori was prone to spectacular trip-and-falls, AND she was a good sport. One of her best (she would say it received very high marks from the judges) was on a trip to Mackinac Island. Within two



hours of arrival, Lori found herself sprawling at the bottom of some stairs at the Pink Pony. Michele happened to have a cane with her on that trip, which she loaned to Lori, and which Lori managed to leave behind at every place they visited. The girls had a tee made for Lori which read, “I Do My Own Stunts.” It was one of her favorite stories to tell. Her girls held her up, literally and figuratively.

Some friendships are hard to define, and seem to follow us from another time and place. This was the case with Lori and her bestie of nearly 30 years, Tricia Bowden. They clicked from their first meeting, and Lori became a beloved part of Tricia’s family from the start. From being roommates in their late 20’s, to going out dancing, drinking, dining through their 30’s; from weekend shopping road trips, to nature hikes and summer swims; from holding each other up during their earlier cancer experiences, to caring for their parents as they passed - the two of them were a constant. Lori and Tricia had the ability shared by the best longtime couples to face hardship and disagreement without turning away from each other. They also shared the ability to laugh, long and very much out loud, about the absurdities of life, and of death. Tricia is grateful to have been entrusted with Lori’s care in Tricia’s home for a few weeks before Lori was able to move to Hospice House. She’s also grateful to her sister, Mary Bowden, for the grace and loving attention she provided Lori; and to her husband, Jason Lome, for always being there for the emotional and physical lifts Lori needed along the way.

Lori shared a very special relationship with Shyanna Centilli, who was herself adopted when Shyanna came into Dawn’s life at the age of 7 from foster care. Lori’s “posse friend” Dawn had previously committed to a trip to England and couldn’t take Shyanna. She asked if Lori could help, and without a second thought, Lori said yes - because that’s who Lori was. The two forged a beautiful and lasting relationship, in spite of (or because of?) young Shy’s ability to find and test every boundary thoroughly. Aunt Lori was so very honored to become a trusted adult in the life of this vivacious and intelligent young lady.

Lori’s friendships were enduring, and often instantaneous. Such was the case with Stacey Adkins. She and Lori met when they worked together a few years ago. Stacey tried really hard to maintain some boundaries, and some composure, but her resistance was just no match for Lori’s spirit. The two became fast friends, with each truly seeing the other clearly, and honoring what they saw. Stacey stepped up in a huge way in caring for Lori’s kitty, Simon, both while she was in rehab after the stroke, and when Lori had to leave her home for the last several weeks of her life. Knowing Stacey was there to do the not-so-fun tasks of collecting mail, scooping the litter, and trying to locate a skittish little furball under a bed gave Lori, and all of us, tremendous peace of mind.

We wish to extend a special thank you to the friends who called, corresponded with, and visited Lori and brought her such peace and joy while she was in her final days at Hospice House: Stacey, Kirk, Ernie, Joe, Hans, Shawn, Pat & Tina, Tracey and her team, and Lori’s work family at UpNorthLive.

And, our deepest gratitude goes out to the team at Munson Hospice who cared for Lori; the nurses, CNA’s, social workers, and care coordinators who made certain that her last weeks were as peaceful, dignified, and full of love as they could possibly have been.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, October 17th, from 2 - 5pm. Please join us at Flat Cap Ventures - 476 US 31 South, Traverse City, MI 49685

You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing. I wove my webs for you because I liked you. After all, what’s a life, anyway? We’re born, we live a little while, we die. A spider’s life can’t help being something of a mess, with all this trapping and eating flies. By helping you, perhaps I was trying to lift up my life a trifle. Heaven knows anyone’s life can stand a little of that .
- Charlotte to Wilbur, from the novel Charlotte’s Web, by E.B. White

If you are moved to make a donation in Lori’s memory, please consider Munson Hospice House, or Help from my Friends Shelter.

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Kenneth Lawrence Renaud

December 13, 1939 ~ September 22, 2026

Retired Army Lt. Col. Kenneth Renaud, age 86, of Alden, MI, passed away peacefully in his home with family at his side. It was special that he reached his 63rd wedding anniversary with his wife, Celia (Brigham) Renaud the day before he passed. He had been counting down the days to his anniversary for the entire year. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Renaud, his grandchildren, David Buck (wife, Ashley) and Jennifer (Buck) Schultz (husband, Albertino), and three great-grandchildren, Emily and Kenny Buck, and Alden Schultz, and many other family and friends who loved him.



as a professional soldier. LTC Renaud served with distinction in all assignments which included brigade and division chemical officer and battalion executive officer. He served overseas in Alaska and Vietnam and capped his distinguished career on the Army General Staff as a Staff Officer.

After retiring from the military, Ken's second career included serving as director of Youth Employment & Training Programs (YETP) and later as director of Michigan Works! servicing a 10-county area in Northwestern Michigan. In his spare time, he became an apple farmer and planted and cared for 4000 semi-dwarf Red Delicious and McIntosh apple trees.

He will be remembered for his kindness and generosity, his sense of humor, his love for his family, and above all his gratitude to God for the many blessings in his life. To his children and grandchildren, he was Superman. Throughout the years, his home was a gathering place for family and friends. In his later years, he cherished sitting behind his desk, looking out at his barn and seeing all of the deer, turkeys and wildlife out in the field and feeling blessed.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, October 3, at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. following visitation from 2:00 - 3:00. Military Honors will be conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Army, Cherryland V.F.W. Post 2780 and American Legion Post 35.

The family asks that any donations be made in Ken's memory to The American Cancer Society or The Army Emergency Relief.

"ALL THE WAY, SIR!"

Julie Ann Baker

February 19, 1938 ~ September 22, 2026

Julie Ann Baker of Rapid City passed away peacefully in her home September 22, 2026. Born February 19, 1938 in Jackson, Michigan, the daughter of Elwyn and Marie (Axford) Porter.



Julie grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan having graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1956. She went on to Highland Park Junior College, and finished up her degree at Eastern Michigan University. She taught downstate in the Lamphere School District before moving to Rapid City with her family in 1973. She taught Special Education in the Elk Rapids School District until retirement in 1996.

Julie was avid volunteer supporter for many years to the Munson Community Health Center, National Cherry Festival, Vasa ski races and the Traverse City Film Festival. Her hobbies included

photography, kayaking, roller skating, bicycling and hiking. She was especially known for her love of travel, having visited 65 countries across all 7 continents, including much of the United States.

She was preceded in death by her parents E. W. and Marie Axford Porter, and her brother James A. Porter. She is survived by her children James Baker and wife Deborah (Williamsburg, MI), daughter Lori Baker (Frankfort, MI), and sister Susan Becker (Bellingham, WA) along with several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are being made with Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. No service to follow, per Julie's wishes. Donations to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy in her name are respectfully suggested.

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Gary Earl "Homer" Abeare

August 25, 1962 ~ September 19, 2026

Gary Earl Abeare, 64, of Fife Lake, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly at his home on September 19, 2026. Gary was born August 25, 1962, in Traverse City, Michigan, to Earl and Dorthy Abeare. On March 30, 1985, Gary married the love of his life, Angela "Angie" Abeare. Together, Gary and Angie shared more than 41 years of marriage, building a life and family that meant everything to him. Gary recently retired from Coding Products in Kalkaska, where he spent the majority of his working career. Retirement gave him more time to enjoy the things he loved and, most importantly, more time with his family. Gary was a stubborn man with a great sense of humor, and you never had to wonder where you stood with him. If Gary liked you, he loved you—and if he didn't, you knew it. Beneath that stubborn streak was a man who loved his family fiercely. He was an exceptional father and an even better grandfather. To his grandchildren, Gary was affectionately known as "Homer," a nickname that stuck and became a special part of who he was to them. Being a grandfather was one of the great joys of his life. He was always finding ways to spend time with his grandchildren, teach them something, or simply make memories together. Gary loved anything with a motor. Some of his favorite times were spent giving Angie and the grandchildren rides on his John Deere Gator. He loved car shows and looked forward to visiting the Midland Antique Festival and the Buckley Old Engine Show. Gary and Angie also enjoyed their casino trips



together. Gary was always willing to learn something new and pass along what he knew. Recently, he had been practicing hard on the guitar, hoping to join his grandson Ethan's band. He also recently taught his grandson Liam how to weld—one of those everyday moments that now carries a little more meaning for the family he left behind. Gary is survived by his loving wife, Angela "Angie" Abeare; his son, Mike Abeare; his daughter, Kelly Abeare, and son-in-law, James Gaultier; his grandchildren, Kaylee Gaultier, Ethan Gaultier, Logan Hotchkiss, Liam Abeare, Baylor Abeare, Luella Abeare, Memphis Abeare, Christian Abeare, and Allen Abeare; his mother, Dorthy Abeare; his father, Earl Abeare; his sister, Yvonne Robinson; many other family members and friends; and his beloved cat and companion, Bubbles. Gary was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Liberty, whose memory remained part of the family he loved so deeply. A Celebration of Life honoring Gary was held Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hulwick Event Center in Fife Lake, Michigan. Family and friends were invited to gather, share stories and laughter, and celebrate the life of Gary—husband, Dad, Grandpa, friend, and, to his grandchildren, forever "Homer." And in true Gary fashion, we'll leave the last words to him: "I'm not gonna go away mad, I'm just gonna go away."

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

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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.

Catherine Boomus, MD, Joins Munson Healthcare
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She has special interests in surveillance required from exposures to toxicants, regulatory examinations, causation evaluations, and fitness for duty exams.

“I enjoy getting to know organizations and their employees so that we can collaborate toward the goal of safe and effective work,” she says.

Dr. Boomus attended medical school at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and completed residency at UCLA Medical Center. She is board certified by the American Board of Preventative Medicine.

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October 1 – 31, StoryWalk®. Round up the family and head out to Coy Mountain, located at 9011 Valley St. in Alden, to enjoy a romp in the woods and reading a good book along the way. The story is placed along a 1/2-mile portion of the trail, and trail is open daily from dawn to dusk. The storybook for the month of October is “The Honeybee” by Kristen Hall. Sponsored by Alden District Library.

October 1 – 29, Dragoncore 3D Creatures and Creations Display. Come to Alden District Library during the month of October to enjoy a display of 3D printed creations made by Candace Flanagan of Dragoncore 3D. The display is free to view during library hours. Library is located at the Helena Township Community Center: 8751 Helena Road in Alden. (231)331-4318.

October 4, 2pm, Alden Historical Program. Paul DeLange, president of the Helena Township Historical Society and Alden Depot Museum will be presenting a pictorial history of the Tyler addition to the northern Alden area, circa 1900. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

October 7 and 14, 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 begins 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.

October 8, 3:30pm, Books ‘n Brie Book Club. Enjoy the company of fellow book lovers while discussing “Family of Spies” Christine Kuehn. Free Event. Sponsored by Alden District Library and held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

October 8, 2 – 4pm, Free Dementia Workshop – Typical vs. Not Typical Aging at the Bellaire Public Library, Learn about the differences between typical aging and dementia, how dementia can affect behavior, and ways to better understand and support someone living with dementia. Presented by Debbie Smith, a Positive Approach to Care (Teepa Snow) Certified Trainer. Free and educational. Registration required at acceleratethecare.com. Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St., 231-533-8814.

October 9, 10am, Homeschool Discoveries: Astronomy at the Bellaire Public Library. This monthly educational program is designed for students ages 8-12. In October, instructor Mr. Nick Butler will lead a session exploring the wonders of outer space, stars, and planets. The program meets regularly on the second Friday of each month at 10:00am. Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St., 231-533-881

October 10, 10am, Story Time with Miss Lona. Miss Lona will be reading stories with a Spider theme and making a simple craft. This program will be held in the library located at 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

October 10, 10:30 – 11:30am, Second Saturday Story Hour at the Bellaire Public Library. Held from 10:30-11:30am, this monthly weekend program features seasonal stories and activities. The October session features pumpkin painting. Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St., 231-533-8814

October 13, 5:30pm, Antrim Photography Workshop-Exploring the Lensbaby World. Jamie Davidson is presenting this virtual workshop on meet.google.com. She will be discussing the different Lensbaby lenses and how to use them, along with showing you examples of her work with each lens type. RSVP with Lisa at 231-313-8820 or LL.pics44@gmail.com and a Link will be provided. Seasonal membership \$55.00 or non-members \$10 per class. Sponsored by Alden District Library, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden, 231-331-4318.

October 15, 9:30am social time, 10am meeting, Friends of Alden District Library Monthly Meeting. Topics of discussion will be plans for upcoming programs, book sales, and volunteer opportunities. Anyone interested in supporting the library is always welcome. Held at Helena Township Community Center, 8751 Helena Rd, Alden. 231-331-4318.

October 17, 11am - Job Winslow Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, monthly meeting, Planting a Liberty Tree in celebration of America 250! at the Reining Liberty Ranch, 4656 Silver Pines Rd, Traverse City.

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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Job Winslow Chapter
NSDAR



Upcoming event of the
Job Winslow Chapter NSDAR

October 17, 2026 - Planting a Liberty Tree in celebration of America 250!

Meeting at 11 am, at
Reining Liberty Ranch,
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DEAL ME IN

By Mark Pilarski (reprinted with permission of the author)
Oh, say can you see: I obviously couldn't

9 February 2004

Dear Mark,
A few years ago, you recommended in your column that at least once we should make the pilgrimage to Nevada and watch the Super Bowl in a sportsbook. I had the pleasure of doing that this year in Reno. I never had so much fun watching the game, and I ended up a winner betting Carolina and getting the points (7). Anyhow, one thing I had no idea of was that you could make different types of bets, like, a wager who would win the coin toss. Have you ever made any of these wagers? I didn't make one; but what is the cost (casino take) of such a bet? Ty G.

Ah yes, Ty, I have been known to dabble (squander hard-earned money) on a few "proposition" bets as they're called. With so many proposition bets to choose from — I saw one website offering 618 of the little darlin's — and so little money, I decided this year to make just one wager inspired by a 1931 Act of Congress. I bet that Beyoncé Knowles would sing the National Anthem in under 1:50. And why would I do that?

Well, I found in my local library seven recordings of the National Anthem all timing out at well under 1:50. I also reckoned that they choreographed the aircraft flyover for a precise time: just as Knowles would finish "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!" "Got 'em by the short hairs," I figured, and laid down what looked like the proverbial "lock" bet.

What I did not handicap was that the retractable roof at Reliant Stadium happened to be closed for inclement weather. I also overlooked Jose Feliciano's unorthodox rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner when he strummed a slow, bluesy rendition of the national anthem before

Game 5 of the World Series between Detroit and St. Louis that rambled on for what seemed like 15 minutes. No, he didn't sing all four verses — yep, there are four — but the minor concert was so long that it threw Detroit's starting pitcher Mickey Lolicheh pregame preparations completely off. Miss Knowles, aka Speedy, brought it home in a scorching 2:08:12. Another losing ticket for my collection.

I'll bet if a honed handicapper had gone to the film library and timed preceding Super Bowl National Anthem performers like Diana Ross, Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, Whitney Houston, Harry Connick, Jr., Garth Brooks, Natalie Cole, Vanessa Williams, Luther Vandross, Jewel, Cher, Faith Hill, the Backstreet Boys, Mariah Carey and last year's group the Dixie Chicks, most, if not all of them, would be more than 1:50.

Generally, Ty, when you place a proposition wager, you lay 11 to win 10, though the stretch can be even higher. That means for you to win \$100, you have to wager \$110, no matter which side of the coin toss you are betting on. If you bet tails and it is tails, you collect \$210 — your \$110 initial wager plus your \$100 winnings. This 10% commission, also called a vigorish (aka vig), is the compensation taken by the house on every proposition bet wagered.

My biggest score, i.e. greenbacks moving my way, was when a 300-pound lineman (small by today's standards) named Refrigerator Perry scored a touchdown for the Chicago Bears in Superbowl XX. Yay! though my lifetime record for proposition betting is as follows: I win some, lose more.

Gambling quote of the week :
"When you're in a hole, stop digging." —Anonymous



Sudoku Puzzle
October 2, 2026

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7			4		5	8	1	
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			3		1			5

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Patricia "Patty" Moore

March 30, 1954 ~ September 20, 2026

Patricia Lynn "Patty" Moore, 72, of Mancelona, Michigan, passed away on September 20, 2026. She was born on March 30, 1954, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, the daughter of William and Margery (Schoonmaker) Moore.



Patty was strong-willed, free-spirited, and adventurous, with a lifelong love of the water. She loved Lake Michigan, the Caribbean, and the ocean, and throughout her life found joy and freedom in windsurfing, scuba diving, and simply being near the water. She was an accomplished windsurfer, and her independent and adventurous spirit remained an important part of who she was throughout her life. She also had a deep appreciation for art, music, dance, and film, and found beauty and meaning in creative expression.

Patty was also a gifted massage therapist and healer who cared deeply for the people she worked with. She touched the lives of many through her work, and although they may have first come to her as clients, many became cherished friends. She had a special ability to connect with people, and she was surrounded by friends and clients who loved

and cared for her deeply. Above all, Patty loved her family. She was a devoted mother and grandmother; and she will be deeply missed by her family, her many friends, and the people whose lives she touched throughout the years.

She is lovingly survived by her mother, Margery Shelp; her son, North (Hannah) Moore of Tumwater, Washington; her two grandsons, Whitman and Leland Moore; two brothers, William Moore Jr. of Lady Lake, Florida, and Brian Moore of Bellevue; and four sisters, Laura (Tobin) Sprout of Leland, Linda Bracken of Plymouth, Barbara "Barbie" (Patrick) Marihugh of Westland, and Kelly (Michael) Seehausen of Boston.

Patty was preceded in death by her father, William Moore, and her sister, Peggy Astill.

Her strong spirit, compassion for others, love of the water, and the many friendships she formed throughout her life will be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

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= MENTAL HEALTH CORNER =

Not Everything Needs Fixing

In this edition, I'll be speaking directly to the men. As men, we're often valued for our ability to solve problems. Something breaks, we fix it. Something isn't working, we figure out why. This can be useful, but it can also be a double-edged sword when it's applied where it doesn't fit. Often this is when it's a person and not a furnace or the brakes on our car.

Men, sometimes the person sitting across from us doesn't need a solution.

Our modern life, as I've written before, increasingly teaches us that discomfort is a bad thing and needs to be fixed. And when someone we care about is hurting, their discomfort can make us uncomfortable too. As men, our tendency is to fix whatever the problem is so that the discomfort goes away, not only for them, but for us as well.

We'll typically offer advice, solutions, and action plans, but sometimes grief, disappointment, fear, anger, sadness, all these perfectly normal emotions, sometimes they just need room to exist. And this can be difficult if you, like me, are a natural-born fixer.

Men, if your wife tells you that she's had a difficult day, your tendency would be immediately tell her what she could do tomorrow to fix that, and if our child is disappointed, as a dad, we might start explaining why that isn't so bad. As we get older and our friends come to us grieving, as fixers, our tendency is to try to find something encouraging to say.

The important thing to understand here is that while as men we can sometimes come across as less emotional or less feeling than women, we shouldn't mistake that for indifference. The truth is quite the opposite. We want to help. It's in our blood.

Men, sometimes the other person just needs to know that they don't have to go through it alone.

Instead of immediately asking, "How can I fix this?" try any of the following questions:

- 1. Does this actually need fixing?
- 2. Does this person want advice, or do they just want me to be there with them?

3. Can I tolerate their discomfort without trying to remove it?

Men, it is important to understand that listening without fixing isn't passive. It requires active patience, restraint, and grounded emotional strength.

Sometimes loving someone means having enough strength to sit with them while they carry it. This is yet another way that we all 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.



Squish Those Feelings

There is a trend that just keeps growing. It seems that every kid has some kind of squishy toy. They play with them, squish them and pound on them. They are stretched and pulled in every way they can be. Some of the designs are really cute and fun. They can be a very helpful therapy tool if used properly.

When using squishes or any other type of fidget kids need to understand they are a tool. They are to help them when needed. They are not to replace talking about emotions. They are not to be used to squish all of your feelings into and then to not talk about them. That is just another way to bottle up big feelings.

When using these tools or toys in therapy I encourage kids to talk about their feelings. If I feel the fidgets are creating a distraction, I will have my client kiddo put them up so we can actually talk about their feelings.

Sometimes, these toys are so distracting that kids don't actually talk. They just want to play. It is their way of avoiding talking about their feelings or thoughts. We want kids to learn about their feelings and how those emotions feel in their bodies.

Sometimes this is really hard for kids because their feelings are so intense and big that they don't want to feel them. Kids have a hard enough time expressing emotions sometimes, we need to encourage them to talk about how they feel.

These fidgets and other therapy toys have their time and place of when they can be helpful to kids. If they are replacing kids actually talking about how they feel, this is a problem.

Using these toys in moderation is helpful for kids. Using them while they are talking to someone about emotions is what can be helpful. Kids need to learn how to communicate their emotions, not squish them into a toy, never to be talked about again.

These toys are wonderful and fun, but they also need to be used for what they were meant for, which is as a tool to express emotions, not bury them. I have a basket of very carefully selected fidgets and squishes for my kiddos to use while we are talking.

Some kids need to be able to do something with their hands while we talk. I offer them other things like blocks, Magnatiles, or Legos they can use while we talk. This is just as helpful as fidgets to keep kids hands busy while we talk.

You can create some kind of calming corner in your classroom or home for your child to go to when they are struggling. At home that could be their room. At school, many teachers have very nice calming corners set up for kids to use when they need it. All of these things are wonderful tools if used properly.

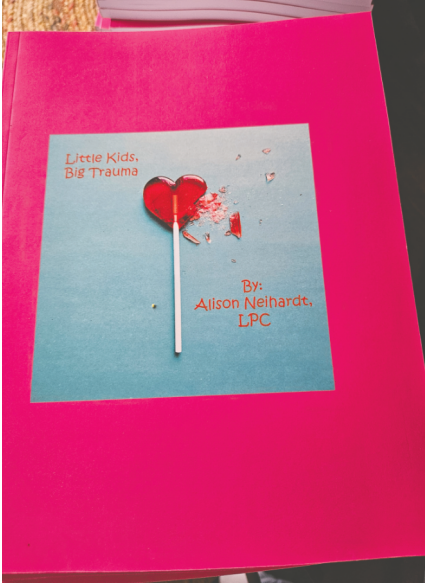
They are not to be used to replace a good old-fashioned conversation to talk about what

emotions a child is feeling and how to fix the problem.

Alison Neihardt, LPC, NCC

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"Let's Talk Grief" new book to be released October 12

Rylee Webb of Rapid City is one of 28 people whose grief essays appear in the revolutionary book Let's Talk Grief: Breaking the Silence and Healing with Grace, Peace and Harmony. The scheduled release date is October 12th.

Why the title Let's Talk Grief? Because people struggle to talk about it, and it's time to break the silence! Thanks to brave people like Rylee, this book helps and encourages people who have lost a loved one to talk openly and honestly about grief anytime, anywhere, with anyone.

Rylee lost her dad, Jeffrey Alan Webb, on December 18, 2021. He was 50 years old. Rylee's essay is titled A Daughter's Journey Through Grief and Light. In her essay, Rylee describes the grief that followed and how she managed her grief in a healthy way that helped her move forward with life after her dad's death.

The 28 essays in this book highlight how grief touches everyone differently, whether the loss was sudden or expected, violent or peaceful. The essay contributors range in age from 10 to 65 and have diverse ethnicities, backgrounds,

socioeconomic statuses, and experiences with loss. This book gives them a bigger platform and louder voice to share their grief stories.

This book is the first of the Let's Talk Grief Trilogy Series. It is unique because it shows people how to view grief through a different lens, offers a healthier approach to managing it, and provides a clear, concise roadmap for moving forward with life, based on a methodology the author, Hogan Hilling, created. He uses 8 stones as a symbolic way to help people build a path to healing, marked by grace, peace, and harmony.

Here is a list of the 8 Stones: 1) Talk About Grief Any Time, Any Place, 2) Embrace Grief As An Ally, 3) Replace Anger With Grace, 4) Exchange Selfishness with Selflessness, 5) Regenerate Happiness and Diminish Sadness, 6) Build Reassurance and Conquer Fear, 7) Restore Peace in Place of Suffering, and 8) Help Other People Heal.

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About the Author: Hogan Hilling

Hogan Hilling is a passionate, optimistic man of action and the author of 14 books, spanning fatherhood, motherhood, divorce, cold cases, and grief. His first book about grief, Preston's Charm: A Charm-ing, Healthy and Empathetic Approach to Grief, debuted in June 2024. He is also the Founder of Let's Talk Grief™, a Certified Grief Life Coach, and is certified to talk about suicide prevention through the American Legion's Be the One Initiative. He has 30 years of experience facilitating fatherhood support groups. Hilling has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and ABC's The Story of Fathers and Sons Documentary. He is currently traveling across America in his Mercedes Sprinter Caravan promoting the Let's Talk Grief™ Project to encourage people to Break the Silence and Talk About Grief Any Time, Any Place. Hilling's son, Wesley Jordan Hilling, was 32 years old when he passed away on December 18, 2022. To contact Hilling, visit the Let's Talk Grief™ website at www.letstalkgrief.org



Walking to End Hunger, One Step (and one Stroller Ride) at a Time



Twenty-nine people, one dog, and a fresh bushel of apples from King Orchards came together at the Forest Home Township Building on September 20 to support a great cause—the CROP Hunger Walk.

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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

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 registration appreciated, 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

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

REFLECTION

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Puzzle

October 2, 2026

It has bothered me greatly to hear someone say that the Y2K scare was an empty hoax, since nothing significant actually happened. Yeah, that's because thousands of programmers worked for about ten years fixing the problem. If they hadn't, when the disaster happened, the critics would have been screaming "You could see this coming for years and you didn't do anything to stop it!"

So, what was the problem that needed fixing? It was that millions of programs had saved space in the dates by using just two digits for the year. That worked just fine for a long time. But, we were about to go from a year ending in 99 to a year ending in 00. Calculating time from some date in 1997 to a date in 2000, for instance as 00 minus 97 is a problem.

Imagine trying to calculate a membership in a video club, or how long a balance has been outstanding, that now comes out to minus 97 years. Oh, oops. And if only the absolute value of 97 is used, the penalties on a balance that is 97 years old would be tremendous. Any agreement or contract or function dependent on knowing how much time has gone by between any two dates is going to crash if it tries to subtract a bigger number from 00. Yup, that was the problem.

What was needed in order to fix the problem? Every program that had a two-digit field for the year had to be corrected to accept a four-digit field for the year. And how many lines of code would have to be examined for that little problem? Many millions of lines of code – many, many, millions!

Well, okay, so it will take some time to do it, but what's the gib deal? The programs we had to correct were mostly written in coding languages that limited the size of a record to 256 characters. It was because of that limitation in size that programmers had used a

two-digit field for the year in the first place. Programmers were faced with some serious decisions. Do we figure out a way to cut two digits out of some other field in each record – and how do we choose which field that will be (it has to be the same field in every record)? Do we use a newer programming language and recreate the entire thing – often millions of lines of code? Oh, and how do we find all the programs that need fixing? Some of them are installed on little control devices located in thousands of locations in the electrical grid, and we aren't sure where all those devices are.

By now, dear reader, you are beginning to see why this was not just an important matter, but also how great a challenge it was going to be.

I am a programmer. I did help. I only fixed three database applications. That took me nearly two years. Fortunately for the world there were millions of programmers around the globe, most of whom fixed many more applications than I did.

On December 31, 1999, all my family members in Michigan gathered in the family farmhouse so we would be together as we went over into January 1, 2000. In case the electrical grid didn't hold up – some little control device having not been found and reprogrammed – we would at least have each other in a safe place. We had a fireplace we could use for heat and cooking. We still had the pitcher handle pump we could replace on the well. We had a freezer full of food that would stay cold down in the unheated basement. We no longer had an outhouse, but we could work out a makeshift substitute. So, if things went wrong, at least we could survive until things got fixed.

Midnight came and went and the lights were still on. The telephone worked. The furnace worked. We still had running water. Phew! We did, indeed, dodge that bullet.

The dedicated work, the creative reprogramming, the determined search for all those little two-digit year fields in the dates of millions of lines of code – it had worked. The disaster was averted. I was thinking "Eureka! We did it!" Who knew at that moment that we would all get mocked for our success? Because we prevented the disaster, the cynics in the world claimed that the danger never existed at all. But, since we saw it coming, if we had not prevented it, the world would have condemned us for irresponsible failure. I still struggle to get my mind around that – damned if we do and damned if we don't. Definitely not fair.

I personally know of only one little disaster. There probably were some others. This one was in a billing system. The charge record payment date field contained "00" if payment was due and not yet received. So, when payments came in and were entered with January 2000 dates, the billing system generated a new payment due invoice. As customers received repeated payment due notices after making their payments, they quite understandably got upset and objected vehemently. It didn't take much longer for that system to be properly updated.

If anybody tries to tell you that the Y2K threat was just a hoax, I hope you will tell them about the years of work by millions of programmers to keep that threat from coming true. Please give the programmers the respect they are due for saving us. Don't let people mock them.

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

Shalom

Tina Norris Fields
Editor

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.

From time to time, we hear a lot of talk about the 25th Amendment. Let's look a little closer.

- 1) There are four sections to the 25th Amendment. What are the first two about?
- 2) What does Section 3 of Amendment XXV cover?
- 3) Has any President invoked Section 3?
- 4) What does Section 4 deal with?

Citizenship Corner

Answers to last issue's questions

- 1) According to the Constitution, who can be impeached?
A. Per Article II, Section 4L The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.
- 2) What is the Constitution's definition of treason?
A. Per Article III, Section 3: Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort.
- 3) Does the Constitution establish the number of Justices to serve on the Supreme Court?
A. No, the Constitution is silent on the matter of the size of the Supreme Court.
- 4) Why do we have an odd number of Justices on the Supreme Court?
A. Having an odd number of Justices prevents the possibility of a tie in decision making..



**Everything in this
paper is important
to somebody**



COFFEE TIME for VETERANS

Free coffee & donuts

Second Wednesday Each Month

9 to 11 am

Kalkaska Senior Center

303 S. Coral St

Hosted by American Legion Post 480

Contact-Darel at 258-9445

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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

WHEN
October 5th-10th

WHERE IN KALKASKA

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Family Fare
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K.A.I.R.
324 S. Cedar St.

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Antrim County and Elk Lake Community Choirs
December Concert Rehearsals

The Antrim County and Elk Lake Community Choirs will hold rehearsals for their December 6 and 13 concerts as follows: Saturdays at the First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids from 10:00-noon beginning October 3 and Mondays starting October 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Bellaire. All singers are welcome; the ability to read music, perfect attendance or perfect pitch (although helpful) are not required. Newcomers are welcome to the first rehearsals to see if it is a good fit. Music and folders are provided.

For further information contact directors Dorothy Clore at 231. 676-9277 or Cheryl Knight at 231. 409.3316. Free will offerings from the December concerts benefit local non-profits and the Antrim singers' music scholarship program.

WALK SLOWLY WITH PURPOSE

A Bow In the Woods

By Dominic Fortuna

Archery Season Opens, And It's About So Much More Than the Hunt

By Dominic Fortuna | Kalkaska, MI

KALKASKA - On Thursday morning, October 1st, long before most of us will have had our first cup of coffee, a different kind of morning will start in the woods of Northern Michigan.

Archery season opens.

And if you've never been, you should go. Even if you just moved here. Even if you've never picked up a bow in your life. Grab a bow and get into the woods. What a time of year to do it.

People who don't hunt think it's all about the harvest. It isn't. It truly never is.

It's about sitting still for hours, alone with yourself, in a way modern life almost never allows you to be anymore. No phone. No traffic. No noise. Just you, your breath, and the woods waking up around you. It's a type of meditation, if you want to call it that. I just call it being where you're supposed to be.

You sit long enough and you start to learn who your neighbors really are.

You get to know the chickadees in the trees above your stand. They'll come through at the same time every morning, and you start to learn that when the barometric pressure drops, they get quiet. When it rises on a cold, clear morning, they can't stop chattering. The squirrels — you learn their schedule. They come out to feed at certain times, and if you're paying attention, they will tell you when a deer is coming long before you see it. They go still, they bark, they flick that tail.

And the fowl. My God, the fowl this time of year in Northern Michigan. The ducks trading low through the swamp at first light, the geese high and honking south. You hear them before you see them. Autumn is the whole world getting ready. Every animal out there is getting ready for winter, putting on fat, storing food, moving with purpose. And for a few hours, you get to be a part of it, not

apart from it.

I grew up out here with my dad. He and I bow hunted together every fall for as long as I can remember. It wasn't about him teaching me how to shoot, though he did. It was about sitting next to him in the cold, not saying a word for three hours, and knowing exactly what the other one was thinking. Those are the memories that stay with you. The cold hands around a thermos. The whisper when he would point at a doe we had no intention of shooting, just to watch her.

Now I get to go out with my boys.

That's the other thing people don't tell you — it's a family event. It's not a solitary sport if you don't want it to be. My boys are learning the same woods I learned from my dad. They're learning how to be still. How to be patient. How to watch. How to listen. You can't teach that in a house. You have to teach that on a log at 6:30 in the morning with frost on your boots.

Yes, there is the harvest. And I'll be honest with you, there is no better feeling in the world than harvesting a deer on your own property, with a bow and arrow, with your own two hands. That meat is clean. It's venison that lived right here, drank the same water you drink, ate off the same soil you live on. It's full of nutrients and good, honest protein that you can't buy in a store. When you cook it however you like to cook it — I like it low and slow with onions from the garden — you know exactly where it came from. You earned it.

But if you come out of the woods without a deer, you still come out full.

If you live in Northern Michigan, this is your invitation. The season is opening. The maples are turning. The mornings are crisp and the evenings come early. The woods are waiting.

You don't need the most expensive bow. You don't need a big lease or a fancy blind. You need a good layer, a safe spot to sit, and a willingness to be alone by yourself for a few hours and just let the woods do the rest. Walk slowly with purpose, my

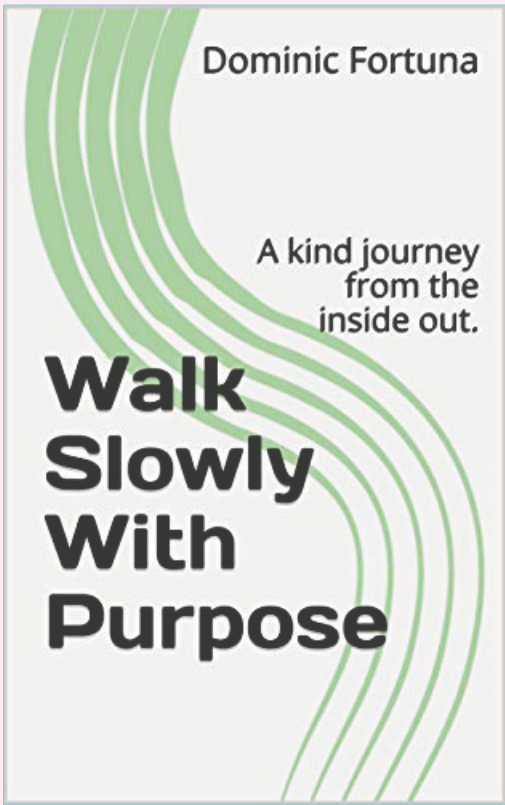
friends as you enter the northern Michigan Woods.

It will change you. I promise you that.

Archery deer season in Michigan runs October 1 through November 14, and again December 1 through January 1. Hunters on private land in Kalkaska County are reminded to check current DNR regulations for baiting rules and antler point restrictions.



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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
October 2, 2026

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7	6	2	4	9	5	8	1	3
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Honoring the Memories of 9/11

By Tina Norris Fields

DAR member, PJ Steeby, brought her own personal story of September 11, 2001 to share with the Job Winslow Chapter, NSDAR, at the September 19, 2026 meeting in Traverse City. Her planned itinerary that day included flights from Detroit to Washington, D.C., and on to New York.

That isn't how it worked out. American Airlines Flight 11 and United Flight 175 had struck both towers of the World Trade Center in New York while her flight was still en route to Washington, D.C. American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon within moments of all the passengers from her flight being escorted by armed guards out of the airport building. Standing on the sidewalk, she heard the explosion and felt particles of debris in the air and on her skin.

The brave passengers of United Flight 93, took that plane down ind Shankssville, Pennsylvania, very near PJ's childhood home.

PJ shared many items from her large personal collection of memorabilia, as she honored the people who dies on those planes and in the attacked buildings, as well as the heroes who risked their own lives racing to save others, and the many whose lives have been cut short over the years due to toxic exposure at ground zero.

As painful as the memories are for all of us who lived trough that day and its aftermath, we honor the fallen as we resolve anew that we will never forget - not in 25 years, not in 50 years, not in 100 years - not ever.

Bittersweet though it is, thank you, PJ for being our bright spot.



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