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Hi everyone, I hope everyone is doing good. It's been real good weather for Camping. I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of it! Looks like everything is coming together for the All American. Hope to see everyone there. Enjoy the rest of the camping season. Use our Campgrounds it'll be a cold long winter!

Gene Kowatch

Well August is coming to an end already. Gee whiz, where did the summer go, it sure was a busy one. Hope you all have a great time at the All-American Rally, me and my wife will be attending our son's wedding, so we will be missing out on a grand time I'm sure. I hope it goes off smoothly as it normally does.

Don't forget Lefty's Annual Fish Fry is sneaking up on us also. Please feel free to call or text your concerns and issues to one of the board members. Yes, it's true, I'm not perfect nor do I know everything, but I will try to answer your question and get to the bottom of your issues. Now put the dang phone down and Go Camping.

George Behler

Hello Fellow Campers!

The summer is flying by! We still have more happenings so be sure to try and attend some. We are looking forward to the All-American Rally. Thanks to Carolyn Fitzpatrick for volunteering to organize the event. At the Bellevue campground there will be a Halloween outing October 5-7. Check the newsletter for the registration information.

At the membership meeting I will be handing out the profit and loss statements to each Chapter President. Please make sure to have your President pick them up at the meeting. If for some reason you are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know and I can email them. I can be reached at [tcm treasurer14@gmail.com](mailto:tcm treasurer14@gmail.com).

Hope to see you all soon!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

Hello all,

Hope everyone's summer is going well. Well this sadly mean summer is almost over. I cannot believe that it is All American time again! Yes, it's that time again for a fun filled weekend. It's a time for renewing old friendships and making new friends. Carolyn has plenty of activities planned for our weekend, from games to campfires and a lot of eating in-between. Come and bring the kids and grandkids for a blast! Hope to see everyone there. Don't forget the General Meeting on Monday September 3

There is also Lefty's fish fry in September 22, which is so good you do not want to miss it. Then there is the Sewing Bee the last week of September. The ladies have so much fun sewing and there is also a day of shop-hopping (lunch is always a must to regain our strength). What a wonderful week of fun and getting to know each other. Come and sew (you can even learn to sew with us). Many of the ladies are so helpful and can give you ideas that can help you to finish that project you have been putting off.

Hope to see you at the All-American Rally

Sandy Jarrell

TTCM Secretary



**2019 Dues** – Don't forget that you may pay your 2019 Dues at the All American; I will be in the club house a few times to take your dues. I will try to get it on the schedule so it will remind everyone to please pay your dues so I do not have to mail your sticker to you. It is \$30.00 to renew.

**MALS - THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2, FOR THE MALS TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE ISSUE GOING ON OR IF ANY MALS HAVE SOMETHING TO BRING UP FOR THE GENERAL MEETING.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 31-Sept3: All American Rally – Hesperia

September 22: Lefty's Fish Fry - Hesperia

September 24-29: Sewing Bee – Hesperia

October 5-7: Halloween

October 19-21: Campground closing

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Allen & Sharon Benda

Sandy Eskins

Terry & Karen Keith

John & Diana Kottenbrock

Steve & Betty Miller

WELCOME BACK! Ken York



Please have your articles submitted to me for the October newsletter by  
September 23rd. Please email them to [ttcmemorycyndi@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmemorycyndi@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Cyndi Behler

## BLOSSOMLAND NEWS:

Pat and Gay Story were our hosts for the weekend. What a great time we had at Bellevue for the Olivet Fireman's Festival. Being in a parade is always fun. We threw lots of candy and necklaces. I think the necklaces were a bigger hit than the candy! It was a smaller group of kids on the people mover this year, but we filled it up with the adults who had just as much fun throwing out the candy and necklaces. Sally Booker was at the end of the parade and even though she lifted up her shorts leg did not get a necklace because we were out of them by that time. The festival is such a great small-town festival with lots going on, good food, great car show, games, water slide and crafts. Sharon with help from Darryl were vendors and gave proceeds back to the fireman. If you haven't attended this festival you should think about it for next year. It is always the last weekend in July. We ended up the day with a last-minute campground potluck with anyone who wanted to participate joining us in the building. Many people were still at the festival, but we still had a nice size group participate in the potluck.

Shane I missed having Luke in the people mover this year because he enjoyed throwing candy at me last year and I enjoyed catching it and eating it.

Our August rally was held at Markin Glen in Kalamazoo. Ben and Kellie Ingraham hosted the weekend. It is a great Kalamazoo county park and very popular. We had 9 sites and we had to reserve in early spring to get them for the weekend. It has a nice beach and play park, 2 things you know are important to Blossomland with all our kids. We were only missing 2 of our members, Sarah, Gabe and Killian, and Deb and Dan G. who for some reason wouldn't come back from Florida for the rally. Nicole and Dan came up for the afternoon, evening to spend time with us. Peggy's daughter Tracy with 3 or her 4 kids joined us Friday night and part of Saturday. Sharon and Darryl joined us for the weekend. Something happened over the weekend I have never seen before! Lisa M. got up to have breakfast with us on Saturday at **9 AM**. We had a lunch potluck since several wanted to go check out some of the local breweries. But before they left we had a white elephant fund raiser, made some money for our dinner at the All American. We had some wonderful white elephant prizes. I believe some of these may find their way to the adult 10 cent auction. But Barb S. won with getting an actual white elephant as her prize.

The pub crawl was a great success. 13 people went and if any of you are friends with Sharon on Facebook you can see they had a good time. Since Markin Glen is only about 2 miles away they were shuttled down and back whenever they wanted to come back. Some were sooner than others.

We had wonderful weather, even had fans out at night for the fires. Made smores, sausages and hot dogs with Lisa M's toasted buns.

I want to give Nicole a big thank you for taking McKenna and Kerrigan with her kids to the beach for a couple hours. Grandma Jo was babysitting, well kind of, and Nicole invited them to the beach.

While it feels like the season is drawing to an end with the All American, we have Lefty's fish fry, the sewing bee and the Halloween rally in Bellevue the first weekend of October. Still plenty of time to camp.

See you all at the All American.

JoAnn

### **Hesperia News:**

Things are looking good around the campground. Thank you, campers, for all the hard work you do. Always appreciated. Please bring children's swimsuits to rally we will have water slide set up. Also, bring old tie shoes for shoe tree. And if you have things for the 10-cent auction please bring them. We have added a couple new things to the playground. An airplane teeter-totter and a climbing dome. And a big swing. Hope to see everybody at the rally.

Larri and Joe

Bellevue Campground Planning Meeting & News  
August 18, 2018 10:00AM

We were unable to hold a meeting because of a lack of a quorum. Only MAL, DT, and HC were in attendance.

Things that should have been discussed:

1. Units in storage and owners not making a donation. Some have yet to be moved this year.

**(Form included below) the FORM IS IN THE OFFICE THAT MUST BE FILLED OUT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY WHEN YOUR RV IS IN STORAGE OR LEFT ON-SITE.**

2. There is firewood to be cut and split, but without any help it's not done.
3. Members not cleaning up after their pets.
4. Low usage of Campground by members.

Our Halloween Party is coming up October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Come, have fun and bring lots of candy. Costume contest will be held.

The flower beds have all been weeded around the clubhouse and at the dump station, Thank You to all those who did this chore, it looks great.

Herm and Bill

**PLEASE NOTE: The Winter Storage form will be published in the October newsletter.**

**Bellevue Halloween Volunteers Needed!**

As many of you are aware, Sharon Westphal has been running our kids games for years. Alas, she will be moving to Florida after this year! She is looking for a volunteer (or 2 or 3) to take over what she has begun. As Sharon has said, the games mostly run themselves but need a volunteer to coordinate.

If this is something that is near and dear to your heart, PLEASE reach out to Sharon Westphal. She would like to begin the transition by mentoring the new volunteers the Friday of the Halloween outing and letting them run registration. Rest assured, Sharon will be there to help you!

If we do not have any volunteers, we won't be able to continue the tradition of the kids games and prizes (think Candy Bingo!!) next year. The kids all have a lot of fun earning 'money' from the games and 'purchasing' their prizes. It's a great way for the kids to learn math skills as well as budgeting and prioritizing.

Please direct any questions to Sharon via phone or text at (219) 898-1555 or by email at [dwestphal222@yahoo.com](mailto:dwestphal222@yahoo.com).

On another note, we'll be doing an early Spaghetti dinner to allow time for our children to dress in their Halloween costumes, costume judging and trick or treating. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with clean-up after the Spaghetti dinner. Last year we had lots of help and it sure was appreciated!! Please listen for the announcement!

Finally, we're looking for a couple volunteers to serve the pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday. The pancake mix and sausages will be supplied for you so you just need to show up to the building around 7:30am. Please contact Cheryl Vogel or Debbie Steenbergh if interested! Thanks so much!

Happy Haunting and we'll see you real soon!

*Submitted by Lisa Modelski*



BELLEVUE TTCM HALLOWEEN OUTING OCTOBER 5-7, 2018  
(**TENTATIVE** Schedule-Subject to change based on weather and participation)

HOSTS DOUBLE DOZEN WITH A LOTTA HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

FRIDAY EVENING

- Check-in and pay camping fees – CAMPGROUND DIRECTOR/Cheryl Vogel
- Children’s Games Registration \$5/participant\*\* (Includes games and prizes, pumpkin carving prizes, costume judging prizes). Participants will receive a bracelet.
- Burgers, Fresh cut French Fries and Beer Tasting \$10 (Pay at the door)-WESTPHAL/STORY

SATURDAY BREAKFAST 8-9am: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (Bring your own syrup, drink, and place setting)

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

- 9-11am: Pumpkin Carving (Bring your own pumpkin & carving tools)
- 12pm Lunch TBD (Payable at lunch; Fee TBD)
- 1pm-3:30pm: Children’s Games & Activities for registered\*\* participants
- 4pm: Spaghetti Dinner (Bring your own place setting)
- 6:30pm Costume Judging (Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> place will be best homemade/original, funniest and scariest)
- Trick or Treating immediately following

Mail form and check (payable to CHERYL VOGEL) to:

Cheryl Vogel  
13219 Burgundy Ave.  
Warren, MI 48189  
(586) 757-2466

Checks payable to: CHERYL  
VOGEL

\$10 Registration Fee / Family; \$5 Registration Fee / Single

**(Other fees based on participation payable at  
campground)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating in burger/ beer tasting? If so, how many can we expect? (will pay atdoor) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TTCM # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register by September 28, 2018**



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**From I-94: North on I-69 to Exit 48. Go west on M-78 approx. 1 mile to Babcock Road, turn left (South). At end of Babcock Road turn right (West). Campground is approx. 0.8 miles on your right.**

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**DIRECTIONS:**

**From Hesperia: head 3.5 miles West on M-20. From White Cloud: West 16.5 miles on M-20. Campground is on the south side of the road.**