



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello fellow campers,

I really hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather. It definitely took a while to get here. Hopefully you have been able to spend some time at one of our campgrounds.

I do want to welcome our new members and a few that have returned.

The next holiday weekend is about to begin. Please come on out, enjoy the campgrounds and participate in some of the festivities. This is going to be a great weekend. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Also, look at the Labor Day weekend attachment for Hesperia campground. This year's theme is a Fiesta. Should be fun!

Take care & enjoy,

Bill Fox

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

The camping season is in full swing. Hope there are many of our members planning to spend some time at one of our campgrounds! Just came back from Hesperia. I was at the Sewing Bee with some lovely ladies. The weather didn't do too badly either! Little bit of rain, sunshine, cloudy, so all in all we had great weather for sewing and camping. If anyone is a sewer or crafter come on up for our September Sewing Bee. It will be the 15th- 19th, with shopping on Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th.

July 4th weekend sounds like it will be busy at both campgrounds. Check out what each campground director has written in their articles.

We have a few members that renewed who have not been with us for awhile so let's welcome them back. Welcome back members.

The Labor Day weekend is shaping up also, so let's make some plans to help our campgrounds out and if you would like to volunteer for something please contact those in charge. Cindy Behler is in charge of Hesperia's planning and Sherry Martin is in charge of Bellevue's.

Let's go camping,

Sandy Jarrell — TTCM Secretary

Vice-President News

Hesperia Sewing Bee

Have you ever heard about the Hesperia Sewing Bee and wondered what it was all about?

Well, I attended my first official sewing bee this June at the Hesperia campground—and it was absolutely wonderful.

At first, I was a little intimidated. I didn't know how to sew or even how to use the basic sewing machine I brought with me. But I shouldn't have worried. All the ladies were so helpful and welcoming. I brought in a bag I had started last September (but had to leave unfinished due to illness), and they helped me figure out the pattern, showed me how to work my machine, and even gave me fabric and thread to complete my project.

And then they gave me more! I ended up finishing two pillowcases and a hot plate holder. It was such fun listening to the ladies talk to their machines—or sometimes to themselves! If anyone needed help, there was always someone nearby to lend a hand or offer a suggestion.

Your entry fee even included lunch every day—Carolyn kept us well fed, and others brought in favorite snacks and even a \$2.99 sheet cake! There was also a shopping day, which I couldn't attend this time, but I'm already looking forward to the one in September.

Oh, and the stories they told! But those fall under the category of: "What happens at the sewing bee, stays at the sewing bee!"

Fun was had by all, and we even had a few past friends stop by for a visit. Now you know what the Hesperia Sewing Bee is all about—maybe you'll consider joining the next one!

Brenda Hilderbrandt — Vice President

Treasurer News

Hey Campers,

These days are just flying by too fast. I wish time would just slow down. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far.

Bellevue will be hosting a Christmas in July event, July 25th—27th. See the attached flyer if you are interested.

We hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Sherri Martin (248)825.2167.

Sherri Martin

Bellevue News

Hello everyone,

Summer has really been heating up at Bellevue! Lots of great work being done by our amazing members.

Jim Owens cut up a bunch of large logs that had been sitting in the woods for a while, Herm has been mowing like crazy, Vickie has been keeping things tidy and running smoothly and Bill and Tina Johnson have been an absolute God send.

Bellstock was an absolute blast, so much work was put in by the Westphals and so many others. This past weekend we had a group out for the dirt bike race in Olivet. Several of them have expressed interest in joining and using both campgrounds.

Work has been keeping me busy and I have not been out as much as I would like. Thank you to everybody who has been helping. Join us the weekend of July 25th for our Christmas in July weekend. It's sure to be a hit for all the kids!

The Martins

Hesperia News

Hi everyone,

Well we wanted warm weather we got it this weekend and of course on Saturday evening our power went out at 6:15 p,m, and didn't get it back till 5:30 a.m. That made for a warm night.

The campgrounds is looking great! Thanks to Jim and Penny Larson for weeding the flower beds. And a Thank You to Jim Larson, Garrett Anguilm, and Rick Vernon for helping the guys out cutting tree roots and cleaning them up. The grass is starting to grow back in some of the spots.

Thank You to the guys that worked on putting the shingles on the white building and cleaning up.

We had ten ladies that attended the sewing bee,everyone had a good time.

The Fourth of July is coming up it was planned at the planning meeting to have a progressive bonfire (have snacks for everyone as they go around) on Friday evening at 8:00. Saturday evening we will have a potluck at 4:30. It was suggested to have it a little bit earlier. The Band will start at 6:00 and play till 9:00. The 50 /50 drawing will be during the music. Then there will be an Ice Cream Social after the music.

Cyndi Belher is putting a page in the newsletter for our Labor Day Theme Fiesta Rally. Everyone come out and support our campgrounds. All the money we earn at it goes into a special fund for us to use at the Hesperia campgrounds.

Things are being planned for the Halloween weekend October 4th.

Hope to see everyone out camping.

Clione and Don

June Sewing Bee News

Oh, what a fun time we had. It started off with a fun filled day of shopping on Friday. We went to 4 quilt shops, with lunch in-between, Sam's Club (for food for our lunches) and then back to the campground, and hitting another quilt shop on Saturday.

There were some quilts made, and some quilt tops made. Mine was a quilt with ants (of all things). They were playing baseball, roller skating, playing Frisbee, and of course having a picnic. Someone made a few aprons, potholders, pillow cases, a baby quilt top and a camping quilt top. Another of our ladies made dresses for her granddaughters (and their dolls). There were a few bags made, and place mats. There was another baby quilt made in pink with elephants.

We had a lovely new lady who wanted to learn how to sew and we all gave her plenty of project when she finished her first bag project. Such a cute bag too. It sure sounded like she had a great time as she has already got some ideas for the September Sewing Bee. Not to forget we had some ladies that usually sew with us stop by for a visit. It was great seeing them come for a visit. We miss them sewing with us.

So if this sounds like something that you would like to join in and have fun, come to the next Sewing Bee September 15 – 19 with a shopping days Friday the 12th and Saturday 13th.

Happy Sewing and Camping,

Nancy Hellman

Sewing Bee — Hesperia — Spring 2025



Hesperia — Fourth of July Activities

The Fourth of July celebration in Hesperia will include the following:

FRIDAY night at 8:00 pm: Progressive campfire. Please get a group together and plan snacks for participants.

SATURDAY at 4:30 pm: Potluck supper. Please bring a dish to pass and your drink and table service. There will be a live band from 6-9 pm. The 50/50 drawing will take place while the band is playing. When the band is finished at nine, there will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL in the clubhouse.

There will be a lot of activities in Hesperia for Thursday through Saturday. The schedule will be posted on the clubhouse doors.

Ilene Roberson & Crew

Hesperia — Labor Day Weekend Theme

For Labor Day weekend in Hesperia this year the theme is FIESTA!

The festivities include: 10 cent auction, cake walk, potluck, corn hole tournament, a craft, ice cream social and progressive campfire. Please bring donations for the auction and cake walk. The sign up sheet is included with this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Cyndi Behler, Clione Carr, Carolyn Fitzpatrick and Bill Fox

Hesperia — Labor Day Craft Activity

We will be making it beautiful wall hangings out of bottle caps. Come join us for a fun filled get together and make your own unique creation. Cost will be only \$10.00 . Hope to see you all!



TTCM Bellevue



invites you to

Christmas

in JULY

CAMPING EDITION

\$50 for the weekend/per camper (up to 4 people)

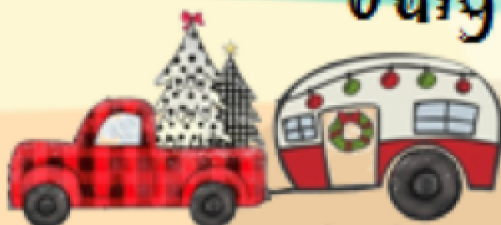
Non-members: \$75

Each additional person: \$8

Daily admission: \$15

The \$50 includes: Camping fees for the weekend, taco bar dinner in the clubhouse, Christmas crafts, Christmas cookies, Kids games, Ice cream social, Christmas music, gifts from Santa and more.

July 25-27



Merry CAMPING Christmas

Parents: Bring a wrapped gift for each child

**FIESTA
LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN HESPERIA
8/29/2025 – 9/4/2025
All Members & Guests Welcome**

Cost: \$10.00 per unit for 2 adults and 2 children. Additional cost for adults will be \$5.00

Hobo Parking

Friday night: Ice Cream Social in the clubhouse at 8:00 pm

Saturday: 10 cent auction; cake walk, potluck and Fiesta patio party

Sunday: Craft; Corn Hole Tournament; Group Raffle drawings and Progressive Campfire

ALL Proceeds go to Hesperia Campground!

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Please give/mail completed form to:

**Clione Carr
6777 E. M-20
Hesperia, MI 49421**

REGISTRATON DEADLINE AUGUST 16TH, 2025

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

ADULTS _____ CHILDREN _____

ADDITIONAL QUESTS _____

Bellevue Members-at-Large Representative

We are currently in need of a MAL (Member-at-Large) Rep for Bellevue.

Anyone interested in filling this opening should contact President Bill Fox or Secretary Sandy Jarrell and let them know you would like to help the club by being a voice for non-chapter affiliated members.

Upcoming Events for 2025

June 20-22	Work Weekend & Neighborhood BBQ at Bellevue
July 25-27	Work Weekend at Bellevue
Aug 15-17	Work Weekend at Bellevue

Bellevue Events for 2025

[*Mark your calendar now for this years events at Bellevue.*](#)

July 4-6	4th of July
July 25-27	Work Weekend
Aug 15-17	Work Weekend
Aug 29-Sep 1	Labor Day Weekend
Sep 19-21	Work Weekend (Halloween Event Setup)
Oct 4-6	Halloweekend 2025
Oct 17-19	Campground Closes

Editor Note

All chapters and individual members can submit articles for publication in the monthly newsletter.
If you would like to have something published in the newsletter please submit it to tcmnews@usa.com by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Max Jarrell

Bellevue Campground

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Bellevue, MI 49021

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DIRECTIONS:

From I-94: North on I-69 to Exit 48. Go west on M-78 about (1) mile to Babcock Road, turn left (South) onto Babcock Road.

At end of Babcock Road turn right (West).

Campground is about (0.8) miles on your right.

Hesperia Campground

6777 E. M-20

Hesperia, MI 49421

Phone: 231-338-6124

Email: hesperiacampground@gmail.com

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.

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