



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello Campers,

As you read this newsletter we will be getting ready to start a new camping season. The snow is gone, well unless you head to Northern Michigan or the UP and the campfires are ready to blaze!

I know I'm ready for camping and hope you are also. We look forward to seeing our camping family and friends. Sitting around the campfire, creating new memories.

I wish you all a great 2026 camping season.

Enjoy our campgrounds,

Bill Fox

Vice-President News

The camping season has officially begun—now if Mother Nature would just cooperate, we could all get out there and enjoy it! Still, the cooler evenings do make those campfires a little cozier.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable winter, and for those heading back north, I wish you a safe and pleasant journey.

At this time, I have decided not to run for Vice President again, as other commitments will prevent me from attending the All-Membership meeting in September.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the campgrounds soon.

Brenda Hilderbrandt

Bellstock News

Bellstock is coming quick. Please help us to better prepare. Get your reservation in asap!!

Daryl

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

Hope everyone is ready to rock and roll with their campers. We have already had some gorgeous weather. Hopefully we will have many more fabulous weather weekends.

The current method(s) of annual dues payment is causing too much confusion among all involved. There is now a change in how you will need to pay your membership dues for 2027 and beyond.

Effective immediately:

- Members will be required to pay their annual membership dues directly to the TTCM Secretary.
- Members will no longer be able to pay annual membership dues to the Campground Director(s).
- Members will also need to pay their membership dues before the end of September if planning to leave your camper in storage at either campground during the winter months.
- Note: Winter storage fees will remain payable to the Campground Director. The Secretary will not accept Winter Storage Fee payments.

Let's not forget the Board of Directors Meeting May 9, 2026 at 11:00 am, at Bellevue. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. We will need an Election Committee to run our elections so if you are interested call Bill Fox or catch up with him at the Hesperia Campground.

MAL'S at Bellevue need a representative, someone to represent them in meetings like the board of directors meeting. If you would be interested in doing that we can help you get started.

Bellevue has a sign-up sheet for jobs that need to be done around the campground. Hesperia has a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse on the table beside the door. Please ASK your campground director BEFORE you do anything around the campground. If you finish a job, please let them know that too! Yes, this is everyone's campground but we still need to be courteous, so ask and let them know of your progress (whatever it maybe), as they may have plans in that area. Communication is the key!

June Sewing Bee will be June 15th thru the 19th. There will be a shopping trip on Friday June 12, for those interested. If you would like to learn how to do quilting come and join us. Anyone who has a craft can join us or just come for a fun time. The cost is \$15 for the week or come for a day of fun! Nancy Hellman is in charge of this event. You can contact Nancy at Hesperia Campground 231-338-6124

Just a REMINDER, Elections are this September. All positions are available. If you would like to run for an Office get a resume together so you can send it to the Election Committee. It will then be published in the July Newsletter. I will not be running so we will need someone to step up for the job of secretary. If you would like to know more about these positions there is a description in the By-Laws of every job or you can ask me about the secretary's position!

I cannot wait, to get out camping.

See you all soon,

Sandy Jarrell — T.T.C.M. Secretary

Treasurer News

Hey Fellow Campers,

Time is going so quick over here and yet going so slow. I can't wait to start camping again.

Bellstock is coming up! May 22nd - 25th. Don't forget to reserve your spot! Fee for Non-members is \$150 and fee for Members is \$75 for the entire 3-day weekend. This is such a fun time! The Westphal's really do an amazing job.

The playground equipment was finally delivered to Bellevue, after just a few hiccups. Thankfully Bill, Tina and Karley Johnson were there to save the day. They unloaded the entire playground shipment by themselves (1,922lbs). A huge shout-out to the Johnson's for everything they have been doing for the Bellevue campground; Replacing the signs in the front, putting up a new front gate, chopping wood (lots and lots of wood), putting on an awesome haunted forest, keeping an eye on the campground throughout the winter and so much more. Zack and I am truly grateful for the help.

Zack is hoping to get some members to help install the playground during the first few weekends in May. Please reach out to him or myself if you can lend a hand. There is a TTCM meeting on May 9th in Bellevue. If anyone from Bellevue or Hesperia is interested in helping with the playground after the meeting, talk to Zack. He would appreciate the help.

May 1st, Bellevue will be live with the new Park software. I will continue to keep everyone posted on the progression.

The June Sewing Bee in Hesperia is June 15th to June 19th. Sounds like it should be a fun time. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Hellman at Hesperia Campground (231)338-6124. One day, when life with children and sports slows down, I will make it out there and get my craft on!

I am currently trying out another free program to pay for memberships online (cash and check still accepted). This will help keep up to date membership lists with ease. Everyone should be able to pay for their dues, new memberships and even storage.

There is a new policy in order for new members to receive the newsletter. If you are unsure, please reach out to Max or any member of the board to clarify.

Hesperia is having a Planning Meeting on Saturday, May 23rd @ 10:30am. You're welcome to attend. Bring your ideas! I'm sure Hesperia would love to have you.

I know it's early but if anyone wants to help with Halloweekend 2026 in Bellevue, we have a sign up genius. You can sign up for whatever works for you. If you aren't sure how signup genius works, reach out to me via text or email and I can sign up for you.

Elections are in September. I will be running for Treasurer again. If you're interested in running for an officer position, check out the TTCM By-Laws and/or ask around to see if it's something you would be interested in.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this camping season!

Best Regards,

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Hesperia News

Hi Fellow Campers,

How time flies; seems like I just wrote the April article. When you get this newsletter it will be about time to open the campgrounds on Friday May first.

We had a Work Bee on April 11th — Jim & Penny Larson and Kristen Francis came. The women picked up a trailer full of brush and Troy helped by driving the tractor. Jim and Don blew the leaves out of the patio and other odd jobs. Thank you for your help. The campgrounds looks good.

Hope there wasn't any water damage to anyone's camper from all the rain we had this past week.

Don't forget we are having a planning meeting and getting committees set up for special weekends. Come with ideas and be willing to help so we can have a good time. Meeting is Memorial Day weekend on Saturday May 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

We are having the June Sewing and Crafts Bee on June 15 - 19th. There is a \$15.00 charge. We have been having a lunch at noon, part of the money goes for that, and you can also bring something to help out with lunch. It would be nice to see some new faces this year.

Saturday July 4th we are having Country Music again, with a potluck before. Will let you know the time next month.

I will not be running for re-election as Campground Director this year. This year will make 8 years doing this — time for someone else.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Clione and Don

June Sewing Bee

JUNE 15 – 19

This is a fun time for those who sew, quilt, knit, crochet or craft! We welcome anyone who does. This is a time to get together and have a good time. There is a \$15 fee to join us for the week.

We will be going on a shopping day trip the Friday June 12th with lunch in there somewhere before our sewing week starts. We would love to welcome any and all new members to join us for this week of fun.

If you would like to join us in a mystery bag give away bring something that you no longer use or want. It can be anything related to sewing and we will have a bag exchange one day. Bags will be provided.

If you have any questions contact me Nancy Hellman at Hesperia Campground 231-338-6124.

Nancy Hellman

Calendar of Events for 2026

May 01 - 03	Campgrounds Opening Weekend
May 09	Board of Directors Meeting — 11:00 AM @ Bellevue
May 15 - 17	Work Weekend — Bellevue
May 22 - 25	Memorial Weekend — Bellstock at Bellevue
June 12 - 14	Work Weekend — Bellevue
June 15 - 19	Sewing Bee — Hesperia

Editor News

Club-Wide Operational Changes

As you can see by reading the Secretary and Treasurer sections of the newsletter — some things are definitely changing and some things are being trialed for future change.

Both of these ladies are working on ways to simplify the book work related processes of running our campgrounds. Time will tell how these changes play out, so don't panic just because changes are being trialed during this camping season. They could further change as bugs are worked out.

In addition to their changes, I also implemented changes to how new members obtain access to the monthly newsletter. Speaking of which, going forward, if you change your newsletter email address in the future you will need to send an email to the newsletter editor at tcmnews@usa.com from the email account that you want the newsletter sent to. DO NOT send an email from the old email account, or some other persons email account, with the new email address typed within the body of the email. Also, DO NOT write-it-down and give it to someone else to pass along to the editor.

Election Year — This is an election year. We need our members to step up and run for leadership positions within our club.

As you have read elsewhere we already have at least three (3) positions that will need to be filled. All positions are always available to run for; Anyone can run for any position.

Again, step out of your comfort zone and get more involved as a member.

Board of Director Meeting — For those who don't know; All club members are welcome to attend this meeting.

Editor Max

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

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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

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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.

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BELL-STOCK

May 22-25

Live Music

\$150 FOR ENTIRE WEEKEND

Games/Food

Camping



TTCM Bellevue Michigan

Kick off your camping season this Memorial Day at BELLSTOCK, hosted at TTCM campground in Bellevue Michigan!

Friday 5/22: DJ with Mike on the Mic and dancing in the evening

Saturday 5/23: Hog roast and live music by Father Stone in the evening

Sunday 5/24: Breakfast, live music by Mysteria and winnie wagon taters in the evening

Games including kids candy bingo, adult bingo, raffle's, and a corn hole tournament

Reserve before spots fill up! With your \$150 payment please include name, phone and the total number in your party (max 4 people per unit, each additional person \$10). To pay by check make payable to Double Dozen.

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