



**TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST**

**June 2026**

**Since 1963**

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### **President News**

Hello Campers,

I hope everyone had a nice memorial day weekend. The pictures I saw of Bell-Stock looked great!

Hesperia campground had a good turnout except for some rain. We still had a nice weekend. The first month of the camping season is behind us and hopefully the cold weather as well!

We did vote on the theme for Hesperia's Labor Day Weekend camp out. This years theme will be western! If you are interested in attending the event this will give you the summer to plan.

We are looking for input from all our membership on things to do, changes needed, and what you would like to see get done. Most of the time these ideas come from the same individuals, which is great, keep making the suggestions. What we would like is for each campground to talk among yourselves whether at a campfire or in the clubhouse, whatever works for you. Then have someone write those ideas down. Pass this along to us (anyone on the Executive Committee) so that more of your ideas can get voted on and become a reality. You can call it a Campground Communication Committee. Just a suggestion. Really, we are trying to get our membership involved as these campgrounds belong to all of us and we all should have a say as to what we would like to get done. Let me know what you think.

Also, one last thing. I will be running for office again this next election term.

Thank you and enjoy the campgrounds,

Bill Fox

### **2026 Election of Officers**

## **[We need members to run for office !!!](#)**

If you would like to run for office please send a letter stating a summary of your qualifications, and any other information you feel is important, to the Election Committee. Your qualification letter must be postmarked by June 15th.

Send letter to: **TTCM — Hesperia Campground**  
**Attn: Nancy Hellman — Election Committee**  
**6777 E. M-20**  
**Hesperia, MI 49421**

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## Vice-President News

### Things to do around Bellevue this June

June 4, 5, & 6 2026 Potterville, MI

**Gizzard Fest** is not your ordinary festival. Thousands of people stream into Potterville for this unique event and good old-fashioned fun! The small-town atmosphere, live music, carnival, and great food (including plenty of gizzards) bring people from across the Midwest.

More info at: <https://www.gizzardfest.org>

June 13th, 2026

**National Cereal Festival** Battle Creek, MI

If you are unfamiliar, this signature festival highlights Battle Creek's heritage as the birthplace of the cereal industry and is a tradition that has drawn people far and wide for over 50 years. The Cereal Festival will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2026, on McCamly St. starting at Michigan to Hamblin Ave., from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Festival activities include live music, exotic animal shows, games, competitions, vendors, children's activities and more. The vendors will operate from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. The event is held rain or shine!

The National Cereal Festival is FREE and open to the public!

More info at: <https://kelloggarena.com/cerealfest/>

June 26-28, 2026

**Michigan Challenge Balloon fest**

Located at the Howell High School,  
1200 W Grand River Rd.

Howell, MI 48843

Daily admission: \$5.00 per person

Weekend wristband: \$10.00 per person

Under 3 years of age: FREE

Sunday ONLY: Veterans with Military ID admitted free

More info at: <https://michiganchallenge.com/>

### Things to do around Hesperia this June

**National Asparagus Festival June 12th – 14th, 2026**

Hart Michigan

Oceana County is one of the leading asparagus-producing states in the country. Each year, the National Asparagus Festival, held the second weekend in June, marks the celebration of our harvest. Join us for the longest-running asparagus festival in the country!

Children's Activities, Parade, Asparagus Queen, Quilt Show, Car Show, Taste of Asparagus, Arts & Crafts Show, Food Trucks, Farm Tour, Spear-It 5k Run, and Entertainment. For

more info: <https://www.nationalasparagusfestival.org/>

**Arts and Crafts Fair June 13th, 2026 Ludington**

The Barn at Shagway

5949 Shagway Rd

Ludington, MI 49431

It will host an array of artists and crafters selling their unique wares. Hours: 10am-3pm

### **Statewide event June 13th – 14th, 2026**

LANSING, Mich. (WJRT) - The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is inviting everyone to enjoy the upcoming Three Free Weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

DNR Director Scott Bowen encourages people to explore Michigan's outdoor and recreational spots without any fees on June 7 and 8.

"If you need another reason to get outdoors and explore some of Michigan's best recreation opportunities, Three Free Weekend is it," Bowen said.

Three Free weekend offers free fishing for all in-season species without a license and access to 4,000 miles of ORV trails and scramble areas. Fishermen and trail riders must abide by applicable rules. The Recreation Passport fee for vehicle access to state parks and boating sites is also waived. However, some amenities inside state parks and recreation areas will continue charging an entrance fee.

Many ORV trails in Northern Michigan remain closed the devastating March ice storm. The DNR continues to assess and clean up affected areas.

For more info: <https://www.whmi.com/news/article/dnr-free-three-fish-orv-trails-recreation>

### **Go out and explore our great state**

Brenda Hilderbrandt

### **Secretary News**

Hello Campers,

Hopefully some of you have gotten out to camp these past few weeks. Memorial weekend at Hesperia was fun. It was very relaxing. It was great to see everyone out camping. There were some concerns over a few things going on in the club though. Please feel free to speak to any of the board members about any concerns with our club or campground. We are all in this together and I hope that we can all work together and solve our problems. I am always available to talk with members about our club.

I have the 2027 stickers and you can pay your 2027 dues anytime. I will be up to Hesperia for the Sewing Bee so you can catch me there if you like to pay your next year's dues at that time.

This is an Election year for our club, so anyone who would like to run for an office please get your resume in. Job descriptions are in the by-laws. By-Laws are available on our website or posted in the clubhouse. We need club members to step up to be officers of our club.

The next couple of months will have some fun weekends planned at both campgrounds. If you have free time or just would like to help out around the campground while you are there, just ask the campground director or the assistant campground directors what needs to be done. There are lists of things to be done in both clubhouses.

The Sewing Bee is June 15th – 19th with a shopping trip on June 12th. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Hope to see everyone around the campgrounds this summer.

Happy Camping,

Sandy Jarrell — T.T.C.M. Secretary

## **Hesperia News**

Hi Fellow Campers,

As May comes to a close, after a relatively cool month, it looks like we should prepare for a much warmer June ahead.

I want to thank Jim & Penny Larson and Garrett & Lonna Anguilm for the nice benches they donated to the campgrounds.

June 15 - 19 will be the sewing bee. There is a \$15.00 charge. If anyone is interested, the Friday before will be a shopping trip to the quilting shops and lunch out too.

The Restless Club has invited everyone to join them with their potluck at 5:30 on the following Saturdays!

Please joins us on:

June 20th (third Saturday)

July 18th (third Saturday)

August 22nd (fourth Saturday)

September 19th (third Saturday)

October 10th (second Saturday)

For the 4th of July weekend we have some fun things planned. Let's show our patriotic spirit! We will be having a contest for the best decorated campsite and also having a golf cart and bike parade. If you don't have a golf cart or bike feel free to put on your most patriotic outfit and walk along in the parade so have fun and go crazy decorating!

We will be having a potluck on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Country Music at 6:00 pm. Hoping the weather will be nice so it can be outside. Bring your chairs and sit back and enjoy the music.

There will also be lots of activities in Hesperia on the 4th and fireworks that night.

Plan on the Labor Day Weekend Rally September 4-7.

Halloween at the campground will be on the first weekend of October 3rd with planned activities for the kids.

Best regards,

Clione and Don

## **Calendar of Events for 2026**

June 12 - 14	Work Weekend — Bellevue
June 15 - 19	Sewing Bee — Hesperia
July 03 - 05	Fourth of July
Sept 05 - 07	Labor Day weekend
Sept 12	General Membership Meeting — Hesperia @ 11:00 AM
Oct 02 - 04	Halloween Outing weekend — both campgrounds

# 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

## Educational News Section

### Sponsorship of a New Member

To become a new member of TTCM requires that the applicant be “sponsored” by an existing TTCM member.

Sponsorship is TTCM’s method of trying to protect the club and its members from deceitful persons without resorting to doing intrusive background checks on potential new members.

When you sponsor someone you are vouching for the suitability of that candidate for admission as a member to TTCM.

As their sponsor you take responsibility for their actions while you lead, teach, mentor, and educate them about how TTCM functions and what is expected of them as “participating” club members.

If you are sponsoring a friend or relative this is not a lot to be asked of you.

However, since we sometimes allow people no one knows anything about to use our campgrounds (as a way to foster increased membership) we should not blindly offer them membership without some form of vetting. They should be encouraged to camp with us on more than one occasion — not just one quick weekend — and also encouraged to mingle with and talk with existing members to get a feel for what TTCM is all about and for members to get a feel for what these potential new members are like. If they strike up a friendship with an existing member then they can ask about the possibility of a new member sponsorship.

Also, to protect the club and its members, a sponsor must have been a member for at least one (1) full year. In other words, a new member cannot immediately sponsor another new member. (Any exception made to this requirement would require the Executive Committee to give approval.)

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**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](mailto: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  
Phone 269-753-3214  
Email: [bellevue\\_campground@yahoo.com](mailto:bellevue_campground@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto: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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T.T.C.M. Board of Directors Meeting  
May 9, 2026

Call to Order: By Bill Fox

Time: 11:05

Prayer: Penny Walsama

Pledge:

**Roll Call:** Double Dozen, Golden Agers, Mal's Hesperia, Restless Ones, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bellevue Director

General Membership Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept as printed by Nancy Hellman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Walsama

**President Report:** Both Campgrounds are up and running without problems. Both look very good. Hesperia has had a work weekend in April Bellevue one this weekend working on the playground. Things are starting off good! Hesperia's water is great.

**Vice President Report:** Brenda is enjoying Bellevue and can't wait to camp at Hesperia. I will not be running for office this year.

**Secretary Report:** All 2027 Dues are to be paid to the Secretary NOT AT ANY CAMPGROUND. This is so whoever takes on the secretary's position will have a membership list that is updated and correct. I will not be running for secretary this year.

**Treasurer Report:** Need to get old Board members off TTCM Bank accounts and Vickie George a debit card for Bellevue campground. We may possible, have to look at raising camping fee, as the price of everything is going up. We will have to watch our expenses this year.

**Bellevue Campground Report:** Things are going great. We took delivery of our new playground equipment has arrived and will be digging holes for poles to hold it up. We will also be digging holes, for new light poles around the campground. We have some fantastic events planned. Up and coming is Bell Stock Memorial Weekend. Still planning July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend so watch the newsletter.

**Hesperia Campground Report:** Given by Don Gasaway. The water is great. No problems getting it up and running. We have about 40 campers already. The little garage door on the clubhouse broke and needs replacing, which is about \$1127.00 to replace the entire door. More work weekends coming. We need a person or two to inspect the playground area and toys to see what needs to be done in that area. Needs a trash can over there.

**Committees:**

**Labor Day Rally:** Bellevue: We will be getting plans in at our next planning committee meeting. We are thinking about another Fish Fry.

T.T.C.M. Board of Directors Meeting  
May 9, 2026

**Hesperia:** Our next planning committee meeting May 23. We will be discussing this event.

**Bylaws Committee:** N/R

**Halloween Outing:**

**Bellevue:** It will be First weekend in October. We are getting ideas together at this time.

**Hesperia:** It will be First weekend in October. We will be discussing this in our next campground meeting

**Membership:** At this time we have 125 units 212 members and 0 associate members

**Unfinished Business:**

**Bellevue:** Playground Structure - Came last week we will be getting the area clean and level and get some holes dug for the new playground equipment and dig some holes for new light poles. We need to remove all of the old wooden outhouses as they are rotting and replace them with fiberglass ones. Will get cost and quotes for that. We need to start working on replacing the kitchen area as some of the cabinets are rotting and have mold in them.

**Hesperia:** We are looking into a new roof for the clubhouse so we will be getting 3 bids for that. We would like to replace with metal roof as soon as possible.

**New Business:**

**Need Election Committee:** Nancy Hellman will chair this committee along with Penny Walsama and Sandy Jarrell

**AUDIT OF 2025 BOOKS:** volunteers are Cheryl Vogel, Brenda H. and Dennis Hinds

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**Both Campgrounds:** Look into possibly logging more trees.

Motion was made for both campgrounds to receive \$250 from the mother club for the Halloween Outings. Motion made by Nancy H. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny W. motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 1:02pm - motion made by Penny W and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy H