



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

I hope everyone is doing well. This weather keeps teasing us. A few warm days and then it cools down again. We are ready to put that behind us!

Independence day is right around the corner. This will be a historic milestone for our country as we celebrate our 250th anniversary. Come out and celebrate this event with us at one of our campgrounds. It should be a good time. Hopefully you will also be able to catch some fireworks! The city of Hesperia always has events going on during this time.

The campgrounds are looking great! Our thanks go out to all those who lend a hand to make this possible.

It's hard to believe we are a third of the way through this season already. I hope you all get to spend sometime around a campfire soon.

Have a happy 4th of July and take care!

Bill Fox

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

Hopefully everyone is getting out to the campgrounds and enjoying them! We have been camping at Hesperia and enjoying the time spent with friends. Don't forget you can now pay your 2027 dues. If you don't catch me at the campgrounds you can send them to: TTCM, 6618 Allen Rd., Fenton, MI 48430.

The Sewing Bee was so much fun. We have a group of sewer's that are quite a talented bunch of people. I hope others will join us for the fall Sewing Bee coming in September. Save those dates September 13th – 18th, with shopping on September 11th.

See you around the campfire,

Sandy Jarrell — TTCM Secretary

Treasurer News

Hey Camping Family,

Camping season is flying by — it seems like summer always goes too fast!

The new campground reservation software has been working wonderfully. It has made tracking memberships, campsite reservations, and other campground information much more efficient. I'm looking forward to working with our Secretary next year to explore additional membership options and ways we can continue utilizing the Zeffy platform.

We're excited for **Bellevue's 2026 Christmas in July!** Be sure to check out the event flyer included in this newsletter. We hope you'll join us for a fun-filled weekend of activities and fellowship.

We are also looking for volunteers to help support our campgrounds and special events throughout the season. If you're interested in lending a hand, please reach out to the Campgrounds Director for more information. Your help is always appreciated!

I've also been researching alternative garbage collection companies for Bellevue. Republic Services' rates, along with their fuel recovery fees, have continued to increase significantly. I recently spoke with Granger, and they appear to offer competitive pricing, excellent service, and more transparent billing without the unexpected surcharges. However, Bellevue is currently under contract with Republic Services through July 2027. Hesperia will continue using Republic Services, as their rates there remain reasonable and do not include fuel recovery fees. I'll keep everyone updated as we continue to evaluate our options.

Bellevue is still looking for volunteers to help with **Halloweekend 2026**. Any assistance, whether big or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, don't forget that our election is coming up in **September**. There will be several board positions available, and we encourage anyone interested in serving to consider running. Your involvement helps keep our organization strong and moving forward.

Have a wonderful rest of the camping season, and we hope to see you around the campground!

Sherri Martin — T.T.C.M. Treasurer

Calendar of Events for 2026

July 03 - 05	Fourth of July
July 24 - 26	Christmas in July — Bellevue
Sep 05 - 07	Labor Day weekend
Sep 12	General Membership Meeting — Hesperia @ 11:00 AM
Oct 02 - 04	Halloween Outing weekend — both campgrounds

Bellevue News

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe the campground has already been open for two months. Summer always seems to fly by.

Things have been going well around camp. The raccoons have officially been evicted from the building, the new playground is installed and has been getting plenty of use, and Memorial Day weekend was a great success.

If you're around the campground and looking for a way to help out, there is a list of projects and jobs that need attention on the whiteboard near the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering their time and helping keep our campground looking great.

Looking ahead, we have Christmas in July coming up soon. Labor Day weekend plans are still being finalized, but one thing we'd love to bring back is the fish fry. It was a big hit last year. If anyone is interested in helping organize or spearhead that event, please let Sherri or me know.

Thank you again for everything you do. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into making our campground a great place for everyone to enjoy.

Zack — Bellevue Director

Hesperia News

Hi Campers,

It's time for the newsletter to come out again!

On Saturday, June 13th, we had a work bee in the clubhouse. A group came in and helped wash tables and power washed the chairs out on the patio. The windows were washed on the inside so we could put up the clean curtains and the fans were cleaned. Everything looked so nice when done. We were finished in an hour and a half. Thank you everyone for a job well done.

We had a nice group for the sewing bee this week. A lot of sewing, visiting, and good lunch each day. Thanks Carolyn!

July 4th weekend we are asking everyone that is able to decorate their campsite in honor of our country's 250th birthday. A winner will be selected for a prize. We are having an Ice Cream Social on July 3rd at 7 pm. On Saturday afternoon July 4th we will have a golf cart, bicycle, and walking parade (time TBD) — so decorate them up! We will have a potluck at 5 pm and we will hold the drawing for the raffle items that are in the clubhouse. The money raised will be used toward the clubhouse roof. A country band will play from 6-9 pm.

Start planning for the Labor Day weekend. The theme is Western. We will be having a tractor rodeo, corn hole tournament, 10 cent auction, cake walk, raffles, patio party and a progressive dinner. So please start planning for it.

Just a reminder to the campers that leave their trailers on the lot, it is your responsibility for mowing and weed wacking around your lot. We have a push mower and trimmers in the garage.

Clione and Don

June Sewing Bee

We had 10 sewers at the Sewing Bee this June. Boy what a talented group. Some worked on placemats, some on wall hangings, flannel jackets, appliqué t-shirts & sweatshirts, and of course many quilts — from baby to bed quilts.

We had fantastic lunch's every day thanks to Carolyn Fitzpatrick!!!

The sewers decided to donate some of their money, \$150, and start a fund for a new roof for the Hesperia Clubhouse as it is in need of a new one.

Anyone looking for a fun group of campers to sew or craft with this is the group. Come on out and join us in September for the next week of fun.

Nancy Hellman

2026 Election of Officers

We have received summary of qualification letters from several members. Their letters are published below.

If you did not get your information to the election committee by last months deadline, but are still interested in running for a position as a "write in" candidate on the election ballot, you can provide your name and desired position to the newsletter editor at tcmnews@usa.com. Your name and position will be published in the August newsletter so members know they can cast a vote for you at election time. Names need to be submitted by July 20th.

We really need more members to run for office as "write in" candidates. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bellevue Campground Director, and Hesperia Campground Director offices are all available to run for.

Nancy Hellman — Election Committee Chair

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

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.

2026
CHRISTMAS
IN
JULY!

JULY 24TH – 26TH 2026

Bellevue TTCM

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS
in JULY!

✱ SATURDAY ✱



POTLUCK: We are hosting a potluck. We will provide burgers and brats with all the fixings. We're asking you to bring your favorite dish/dessert to pass.



COOKIE EXCHANGE: We are also doing a cookie exchange. Bring a dozen or two of your favorite cookies to exchange with others for a variety of fun and yummy treats.



CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES! Paper chains, Weaving on a stick or cardboard cutouts, Windchimes made on sticks, if you have extra beads, keys or chimes please bring, the more we have the more fun they will be.



PARENTS: bring a wrapped gift for each child in your group for Santa to pass out (under \$10)



GAMES: Christmas bingo with prizes along with outside games and of course the slip n slide.



WAGON RIDES



MOVIE UNDER THE STARS! (Weather permitting)
Bring a blanket to sit on. We will be voting on the movie.
(Popcorn, candy and drinks for sale)

DON'T FORGET TO
DECORATE!

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Looking forward to
seeing everyone and having a
GREAT CHRISTMAS
IN JULY!

LET'S MAKE IT A FUN AND MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

\$50 FOR MEMBERS
\$75 FOR NON-MEMBERS
\$15 TO COME OUT FOR THE DAY



Election Resumes

PRESIDENT

I, Bill Fox, am submitting my resume to run for the position of president for TTCM's executive board again. I have been a TTCM member since 2018. As far as experience, I've had the opportunity to hold this position for the last 3 years. Prior to that I was the assistant director at Hesperia's campground. Also, the MAL representative for Hesperia until joining the Restless Ones chapter. I enjoy participating in various events and festivities at the campground. I work for Challenge Manufacturing as the Maintenance Manager and oversee all aspects of equipment & facilities maintenance.

Thank you for your support.

Bill Fox



Election Resumes

VICE-PRESIDENT

I am applying for the Vice-President Chair. After long debates with my husband, we both thought it (Chair Vice-President) would be a good fit for me.

I am a retired school bus driver with 26 years of service. I have a passion for helping people and am very hands on with details. I was a Union President for 20 years and have signed and completed 16 contracts with the school and boards.

Before I was a driver I was a business manager for 13 years. I absolutely loved it. My husband and I were just paying way to much for child care at the time with two little girls. So I decided to give up on my management career and find something to be able to have the same schedule as our children did.

We've been members for a while at TTCM and we both just love it. Being able to help out anywhere we can. Bellevue campgrounds is a fun, family community we like to be around.

I am a very dependable, fun loving, helping, knowledgeable, eager to learn gal.

Thank you for letting me apply for this position.

Tina Johnson

VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello,

My name is Penny Walsama. I have been president of the Restless Ones a couple of years now. I would like to run for Vice-President of TTCM.

I work well with people and listen to them. I run the Service Desk at Menards in Muskegon for 2 years now. Been in retail for 30+ years. Enjoy camping and spending time with family. I believe I can do a good job as Vice-President. Would appreciate your vote.

Thank You

Penny Walsama



Election Resumes

SECRETARY

Laurie E. Yaklin, SHRM-CP

SUMMARY

Retired senior level HR professional with over twenty-five years hands-on HR manager/HR Generalist experience. Strategic partner skilled in working with all levels of staff to assess and resolve a wide range of issues. Always willing to contribute more than what is expected and go the extra mile to satisfy internal customers, providing outstanding customer service. Extremely professional and confidential holding the highest level of integrity. A seasoned senior manager producing quality results. Expert interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills. Proven record of managing projects from the ground up thorough implementation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ROWE Professional Services Company

HR Manager

Flint, MI

- Lead, manage and hold accountable three direct reports supporting Benefits, Recruiting and Employee Relations.
- Oversee Human Resources function for 200 professional level employees.
- Continued to use my managerial and project management skills by leading and teaching junior members of my team.

The Shyft Group (formerly Spartan Motors, Inc.)

HR Manager

Charlotte, MI – 5 plant locations on Charlotte campus

- Oversee the Human Resources function for 500 employees supporting 3 business units.
- Lead, manage and hold accountable three direct reports.
- Provide leadership and focus while leading and managing projects.

NorthGate (formerly Security Packaging, Inc.)

HR Manager

Flint, MI – 3 Manufacturing Locations

- Provided Human Resources leadership and management for 230 employees in three manufacturing facilities.
- Supported HR function for entire company as single HR professional for 9 years.
- Used my experience and education to bring managerial expertise and project management experience to the company.

EDUCATION

M.S. Management, Human Resources Concentration

Walsh College (September, 2000)

Honors: Cum Laude

B.A. English

Oakland University (December, 1990)

Honors: Cum Laude

PHR Certification (Certification currently lapsed due to retirement)

Human Resources Certification Institute (June 2001)

SHRM - CP (Certified through January 2028)

Society for Human Resources Management (November 2015)

ASSOCIATIONS

Formerly Member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Election Resumes

TREASURER

Hello TTCM Members,

I would like to formally announce that I will be running for TTCM Treasurer in the upcoming election.

I had the privilege of working with Cheryl Vogel for the majority of the last term, learning the roles and responsibilities of this position. When Cheryl retired, I was voted in as TTCM Treasurer which has been extremely rewarding and a positive learning experience for me. My main goal has been to move TTCM into the future so our children and grandchildren have a place to bring their families and friends to camp, create memories and build new friendships like we all did.

Since I started, I was able to accomplish most of the goals that were set.

- We were able to upgrade to newer laptops for Bellevue and Hesperia. Those will be sent directly to the campgrounds.
- Bellevue's internet was upgraded from Hughes Net to T-Mobile and there hasn't been an issue yet.
- Bellevue's phone was also upgraded from Tracfone to T-Mobile. They no longer run out of data/minutes, so they are able to keep up on incoming phone calls.
- Hesperia is next on my list for internet, though I haven't heard much about the need for this, since I upgraded the service with Hughes Net, last year.
- We introduced a new reservation system in Bellevue, that allows our members/guests the option to book their stay online, which includes signing the rules electronically, having the option to pay with a credit/debit card, the ease of keeping track of members and their member numbers. Since the beginning of the 2026 season to June 13, 2026, we have made a total of \$4,399.00 in online payments. The majority of these transactions were members.
- Bellevue's Halloween event has grown tremendously since Zack and I started doing this. We went from having 8 children and 20 adults attend to having 82 adults and 42 children attend. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and came to enjoy the event. This would not have been possible without you. This year should be even bigger and better.

I am very proud to be a part of TTCM and what we were able to accomplish over the past couple of years. Though there is still work that is needed, I am excited to see where we, as a campground, begin to grow again, welcoming new members, current members and returning members, for many years to come. I hope you agree and put your trust in me again and allow me to be the TTCM Treasurer for, what would be my first full term.

I truly appreciate all of your support and couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you for everything you have been able to accomplish in the past years, and everything we will accomplish in the future.

Best Regards,

Sherri Martin

Election Resumes

BELLEVUE DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone,

As we move closer to this year's election, I would like to formally announce that I will be seeking a second term as Bellevue Director.

While my first term was not without its challenges, it provided invaluable experience and a deeper understanding of what it takes to help move our campground forward. Together, we have accomplished a great deal. We've seen continued growth throughout the campground, completed important repairs and upgrades, added a new play structure, and made improvements that have helped restore pride in our community.

One of the most rewarding parts of serving has been watching former members return and seeing their excitement as the campground they remember continues to come back to life.

I am proud of what we have achieved together, but I believe there is still more work to be done. I hope you will place your trust in me once again and allow me the opportunity to continue serving as your Bellevue Director for another term.

Thank you for your support.

Yours truly,

Zack Martin

HESPERIA DIRECTOR

Hello, my name is Don Gasaway and I am running for Hesperia Campground Director. I have been doing this job as assistant campground director and/or property tender for the past seven years. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you

Don Gasaway



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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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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