



# Three Oaks Township Public Library

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[www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org](http://www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org)

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**FOUNDED IN 1859 – 167 YEARS OF SERVICE!**

## Hours:

Monday 10 – 5  
Tuesday 10 – 6  
Wednesday 10 – 5  
Thursday 10 – 8  
Friday 10 – 5  
Saturday 10-2  
Sunday closed


## Library Board:

Debby Freehling  
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## Library Staff:

Cheryl Kersey,  
*Director*  
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Peggy Zechel

Library Closing:  
May 23 & 25

**UNEARTH A STORY™**  
June 16 to August 11

**No Registration Necessary!**

**Drop-In each Tuesday, 11:00 - 1:00**  
**June 16 to August 11**  
Each week will feature a different dinosaur and matching trading card! 🦖  
Enjoy a special story, a fun craft, hands-on skills practice, charting your reading on the wall, tasty snacks, and exciting activities.

**Earn Summer Reading Prizes by:**



- Record your reading on your Reading Log & record your reading at the library
- Attend library programs
- Drop-in each Tuesday! The more you read, the more you earn!
- Attend the library field trip to Washington Park Zoo.

**Dinosaur Movie Mondays @ 1:00**  
Watch a different dinosaur movie each Monday at 1:00. Bring a friend and a snack. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Thursday Lego Club @ the Library**  
All day every Thursday use your creativity and the library's Legos. Creations will stay on display for one week.

**Family Movie 6:30PM selected Thursdays**  
Bring the whole family!  
Snacks are welcome! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Storytime each Thursday @ 4:30**  
Children ten and under are invited for a story, craft, and snack each week.

**Three Oaks Township Public Library**

Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers  
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy  
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots  
(\$25 deposit)

[Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com)

[hoopla](http://hoopla)

[Libby](http://Libby)

[Kanopy](http://Kanopy)

Local History Room

Inter-Library Loan  
<http://www.mel.org/>

Renew your items,  
reserve items, or make  
requests at our online

[catalog](#):

**Library Catalog**

Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

## Upcoming Events at the Library:

- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Adult Drop-In Color-Me Happy-Hour, 1:00 – 2:00. Coffee, coloring sheets, and colored pencils will be provided for this adult only activity.
- Every Thursday: Story Time for all ages, 4:30 – 5:00.
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 6:00. Everyone is welcome!
- Monday, June 1, Summer Reading for teens through adults starts today! Stop in to pick up your Bingo card.
- Thursday, June 4, 4:30, Special Hometown Story Time with local authors Tera Baker & Violet Baker.
- Tuesday, June 16, Summer Reading for children under 12 begins! Drop-in between 11-1 for reading fun!

Take and Make Craft Bags for children are available.  
at the Checkout Desk every day.

Follow us on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary) (<http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary>)  
and check our website, [www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org](http://www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org)  
for all the latest information and events.

## Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10-5

Tuesday: 10-6

Thursday: 10-8

Saturday: 10-2

Sunday: closed

# Sourdough Class

@ Three Oaks Township Public Library

Thursday, June 18,  
6:30 PM



Join us for a hands-on sourdough class where you'll learn the basics of baking beautiful homemade bread from scratch! We'll cover everything from creating and feeding a starter to caring for your dough at home.

Whether you're brand new to sourdough or looking to build confidence in your baking skills, this class is designed to be fun, approachable, and delicious.

Each participant will go home with their own live sourdough starter, care instructions, and the knowledge needed to continue baking fresh sourdough at home.

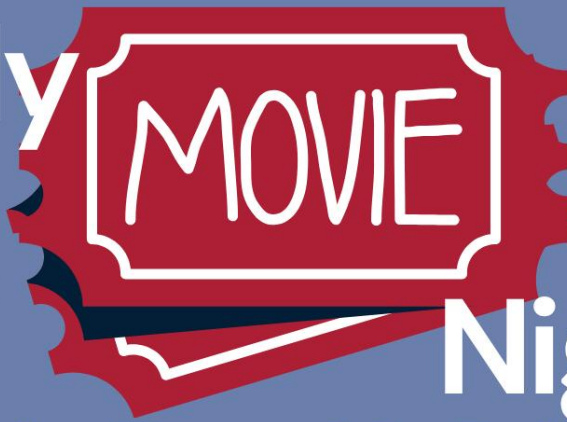
Class size is limited so you MUST RSVP at the library, by calling 756-5621, or email at [director@threeoakslibrary.org](mailto:director@threeoakslibrary.org)



# Family

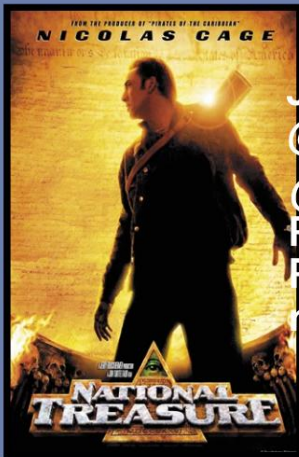
BRING A SNACK!

NO RESERVATIONS  
NEEDED



# Nights

## @ Three Oaks Township Public Library



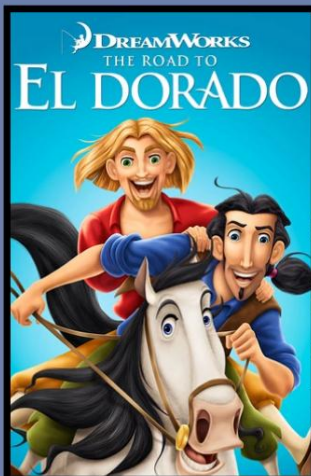
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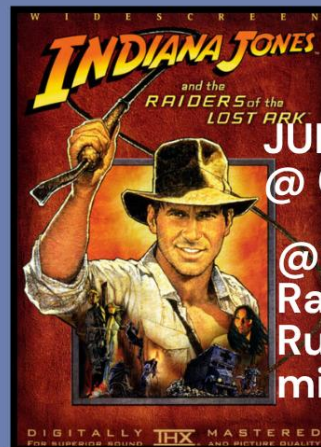
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JULY 9  
@ 6:30  
@1999  
Rating: PG-13  
Runtime: 124  
minutes



AUGUST 6  
@ 6:30 PM  
@2000  
Rating: PG  
Runtime: 89  
minutes



JULY 23  
@ 6:30 PM  
@1981  
Rating: PG  
Runtime: 115  
minutes

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

FREE



Three Oaks Township Public Library

# MOVIE MONDAYS

## UNEARTH A STORY™

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

BRING A SNACK!

JUNE <b>22</b> @1:00	<b>The original "Jurassic Park"</b> @1993 rating: PG-13 Runtime: 127 minutes. This film is presented by Coastline Children's Film Festival
JUNE <b>29</b> @1:00	<b>"The Land Before Time"</b> @1988 Rating: G Runtime: 69 minutes
JULY <b>6</b> @1:00	<b>"Jurassic World"</b> @2015 Rating: PG-13 Runtime: 124 minutes
JULY <b>13</b> @1:00	<b>"The Land Before Time II: The Great Valley Adventure"</b> @1994 Rating: G Runtime: 75 minutes
JULY <b>20</b> @1:00	<b>"Ice Age"</b> @2002 Rating: PG Runtime: 81 minutes
JULY <b>27</b> @1:00	<b>"The Good Dinosaur"</b> @2015 Rating: PG Runtime: 93 minutes
AUGUST <b>3</b> @1:00	<b>Disney's "Dinosaur"</b> @2000 Rating: PG Runtime: 82 minutes
AUGUST <b>10</b> @1:00	<b>"Walking With Dinosaurs: The Movie"</b> @2013 Rating: PG Runtime: 97 minutes

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# THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY SEED CATALOG

Grow, Share, Repeat! 🌱  
Discover our Free Seed Catalog and  
start your garden today!

**How It Works:**  
Browse our seed catalog and choose the  
seeds you'd like to grow.  
"Check out" your seeds—completely  
free!

Plant, nurture, and enjoy your harvest!  
At the end of the season, "return" seeds  
by saving and donating  
from your plants.

Help us keep the cycle growing for  
everyone in the community.

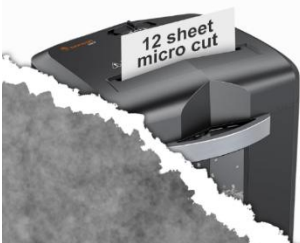
Happy planting!



## Paper Shredding

@Three Oaks Township  
Public Library

Bring your sensitive  
documents & credit  
cards to the library and  
you may safely shred  
them with our shredder.



No appointment  
necessary.



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- **Available on YOUR schedule**



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An advertisement for a LEGO Club at a library. The background is a white surface surrounded by a border of colorful LEGO bricks. In the center, there are two overlapping rounded rectangular boxes. The top box is yellow with the text 'LEGO CLUB' in blue, bold, sans-serif font. The bottom box is purple with the text '@ THE LIBRARY' in blue, bold, sans-serif font. Below these boxes, the text 'All day every Thursday' is written in a blue, sans-serif font.

**LEGO CLUB**

**@ THE LIBRARY**

All day every Thursday

All Three Oaks Township Public Library patrons are invited to attend Free History Hounds® online lectures through the Historical Society of Michigan™ (HSM).

All History Hounds programs are remote and held via Zoom.

To register, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org), select the "Programs" tab, and choose the History Hounds Lecture Series. On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter Three Oaks Township Public Library along with your name, address, and email. HSM will email your Zoom link the day before each program.

In addition to History Hounds lectures, HSM also offers History Skills Workshops®, with options that include fully remote, hybrid (in-person and online), and in-person sessions. Be sure to check each individual event for format details.



## Free History Hounds® lectures for members of your historical organization!

You can attend the Historical Society of Michigan's (HSM) weekly History Hounds® Lecture Series free of charge as a benefit of your membership with your historical organization. All programs are remote, via Zoom, so you can participate on your home computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Register for the programs on HSM's website at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org). On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter the name of your organization. Select the programs you wish to attend. HSM will email you the Zoom link the day before each program. Free admission is courtesy of your historical organization's membership with HSM.



### Upcoming Lectures:

**May 5 @ noon**

*KISS in Cadillac: When Rock & Roll Came to Town*  
with *Jim Neff*

**May 13 @ 7 pm**

*Anatomy of a Murde: From the Courtroom to the Silver Screen*  
with *Eugene Milhizer*

**May 19 @ noon**

*Battle Creek Airport: 100 Years of Flight in the Cereal City*  
with *T.R. Shaw, Jr.*

**May 27 @ 7 pm**

*REWIND - Institutional Invisibility: The Lapeer State Home & Treating Disabilities*  
with *Allie Scholten*

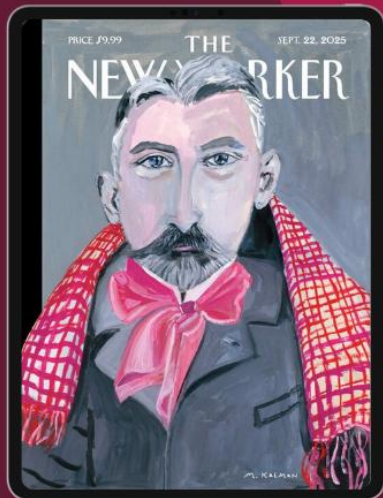
**June 2 @ noon**

*A Train's Magical Journey: From Ohio to MSU to the North Pole*  
with *Bill Struck*

**And More!**

**Note: All lecture times are scheduled in the Eastern time zone.**

Did you know? Household members of the Historical Society of Michigan can access recordings of past History Hounds on the HSM website! Members must be logged in with an active membership to view past lectures on demand. To learn more about memberships, visit [www.hsmichigan.org/join](http://www.hsmichigan.org/join).



# From big headlines to niche hobbies.

Borrow magazines for free with Libby.

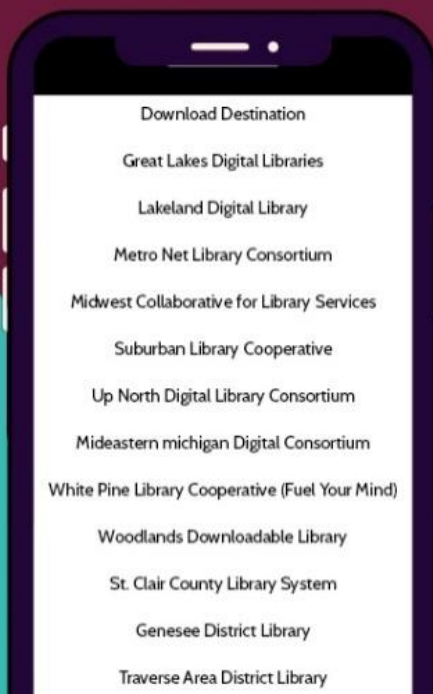


**Libby.**

The library reading app.



## BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!



Get more access with your Southwest Michigan Digital Library Member Library Card!  
You can borrow titles from any of these collections!



To add your card for a partner library you must select the following in your Libby App:

- 1) Go to **MENU > ADD LIBRARY**
- 2) Search for the partner library and open it.
- 3) Tap **SIGN IN WITH MY CARD**
- 4) Under **PARTNER LIBRARIES**, choose your home library from the list and sign in.



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

# Meeting




Thursday,  
May 21,  
6:00 p.m.



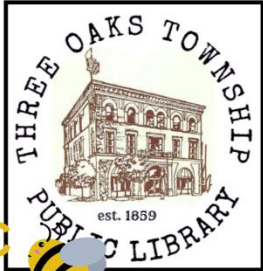
**Everyone is invited**



We are excited to be partnering again with Chikaming Open Lands for a Storywalk on the Preserves! A StoryWalk is a way for people to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Book pages have been separately laminated and attached to stakes along the preserve path. As you walk down the trail you are directed to the next page of the story. Our book choice is *"In the Tall, Tall Grass"* by Denise Fleming and is featured at the Robinson Woods Preserve on East Road. More information can be found at: <https://www.chikamingopenlands.org>




**HOMETOWN  
STORY TIME  
@ THREE OAKS  
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**


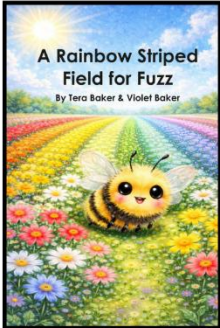


**Thursday, June 4,  
4:30 pm**



Local authors  
Tera Baker & Violet Baker of:



**will share their  
charming book**



**Enjoy a colorful story,  
meet the authors,  
and celebrate creativity right  
here in our community!**



# Community Notes



**High Noon, Saturday, May 2**, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

**"The Browns, Eddie Gaedel, and a Glove"** features an overview of the Museum itself; and introduces baseball's forgotten team, the St. Louis Browns, which includes the story of baseball's only batter with a 100% on base percentage (the Browns' Eddie Gaedel); and a wonderful story about a special 75-year-old baseball mitt.

*Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.*

**High Noon, Saturday June 6**, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

**"The Bird: Mark Fidrych and the Summer of 1976"**. 2026 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when Mark Fidrych took Detroit – and America by storm with his incredible pitching and eccentric behavior. Learn and reminisce about that crazy summer with guest presenter Brian Johnston. *Brian Johnston lives in St. Joseph, Michigan with his family. He is the author of three self-published books and is an Opinion Maker columnist for the Herald Palladium. His recent biography of baseball great Vada Pinson will be available this summer.*

**High Noon, Saturday July 4**, Three Oaks Masonic Lodge, 14 ½ North Elm Street, above Alapash. (A great opportunity to visit this historic Lodge, established in 1867).

**"The Shot Heard 'Round the World"** will enlighten and entertain attendees about one of the greatest stories in baseball history that took place in the 1951 season. Learn about the "Miracle at Coogan's Bluff" and be reminded about the beauty of our National Pastime.

*Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.*

**High Noon, Saturday August 1**, Vickers Theatre, 6 North Elm Street.

**"Return of the Clowns: Barnstorming Baseball Then and Now"**. Three Oaks' born Bill Heward is in a special position to share about the Indianapolis Clowns. The lanky right hander pitched for the Clowns in their final years, and wrote "Some are Called Clowns", describing his experience. That was over 50 years ago. The Clowns have been reborn and are one of six teams competing in the new Banana Ball Championship League. During this season's spring training, Jesse Cole of the Savannah Bananas sought out Bill to share about the history of the Clowns. Bill spent quality time with the team, letting them know of the opportunity they have to continue the legacy of the Clowns. Come and enjoy this special presentation. *Dr. Heward is a Professor Emeritus in the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University. He was a member of River Valley's first high school baseball team, threw a no hitter in RV's opener and went on to pitch at Western Michigan University. His grandfather Ollie umpired many games for the Three Oaks Greens.*

**Admission is free, and includes a complimentary box of Cracker Jacks.** The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is a 501c3, and accepts donations of cash, new and used baseball books, as well as used baseballs and softballs. The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is in the middle of Three Oaks Magnificent Quarter Mile, in a room on the second floor of the historic Three Oaks Township Library.

# Community Fitness Center Hours



**Monday – Thursday  
5 to 7 PM**


when school is in session

**Open to all RV School District residents!**

Enter through door 17

Email Colby Caid with any questions at

[ccaid@rivalvalleyschools.org](mailto:ccaid@rivalvalleyschools.org).




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# COLOR THE VILLAGE

★ A HOUSE DECORATING  
CONTEST ★

## DETAILS



**Decorate by:**  
Sunday, June 7



**Judging:** we will be walking  
the village that week



**Announcement:** follow us on  
Facebook for the news



**Questions:** email  
[threeoaksflagdaycommittee.com](mailto:threeoaksflagdaycommittee.com)

*Let's make  
Three Oaks  
the most  
red, white & blue-r  
it's ever been!*

## A FEW NOTES

- ★ Keep it red,  
white and blue
- ☆ Welcoming,  
feel-good,  
community spirit
- ★ Community, color,  
and a good time  
together

## HERE'S AN IDEA

Team up with your  
neighbors and  
decorate the street.  
One standout block  
will win a neighborhood  
block party.

sponsored by the Three Oaks Flag Day Committee

# CAR SHOW

  
River Valley Yearbook  
PRESENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 17

2 PM - 5 PM

**Admission Prices:**

- 18+ yrs - \$15.00
- 6-17 yrs - \$5.00
- 65+ yrs - \$5.00
- 0-5 yrs - FREE!

**Attractions Include:** Professional/  
Amateur Photographs for Show Cars,  
Prizes for Top 3 Voted Cars, Fresh BBQ,  
and Chalk Zone for the Kids!

HELP US LOWER THE COST OF THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK BY COMING OUT AND SHOWING OFF YOUR AMAZING, COOL CARS OR TRUCKS! JOIN US, SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE, AND MAKE THIS YEAR UNFORGETTABLE!



**\$20**  
PER CAR ENTRY  
\*INCLUDES ADMISSION

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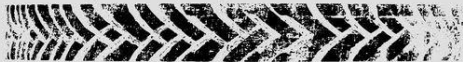
VISIT  
OUR EVENT AT:



MORE INFO: [HTTPS://EVITE.ME/GP2UEEIYMA](https://evite.me/gp2ueeiyma) | @RVTIMES.MUSTANGS

## Purchase Your 2026 Yearbook Today!

Scan the QR code to place your order online!



# MOBILE CLINIC

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Our Family, Caring For Yours.

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY



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VISIT US IN  
**THREE OAKS, MI**

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP HALL  
6810 US 12  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE  
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



NADZIEJA POCHEKI  
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER





# THREE OAKS MASONIC LODGE #239

FAITH • BROTHERHOOD • COMMUNITY

★ RIDE FOR A PURPOSE ★

# SCHOLARSHIP RIDE

MAY 30  
2026  
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SUPPORTING LOCAL STUDENTS.  
STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.



KICKSTANDS UP  
11:00 AM  
\*\*\*



BIKE  
\$20



PASSENGER  
\$10



GOOD ROADS.  
GREAT PEOPLE.  
GREATER PURPOSE.

★ BREAKFAST INCLUDED 8:00 - 10:30 AM ★

📍 THE FEATHERBONE RESTAURANT  
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# THREE OAKS MASONIC LODGE #239

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— ★ Join us for a ★ —

# PANCAKE Breakfast

★ SATURDAY ★  
MAY 30  
— 2026 —

GOOD FOOD.  
GREAT COMPANY.  
STRONGER COMMUNITY.

SUPPORTING  
LOCAL STUDENTS  
AND STRENGTHENING  
OUR COMMUNITY



SATURDAY  
MAY 30, 2026



8:00 - 11:00  
AM



ADULTS \$10  
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$5



THE FEATHERBONE RESTAURANT  
6741 US HWY 12 • THREE OAKS, MI



Stick around for the **SCHOLARSHIP RIDE** at 11:00 AM!

The Harbor Country Singers & School of American Music  
Present

## A CAMPFIRE SING-ALONG

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

2:00PM EDT

ADMISSION: FREE

Outdoor Campfire Circle/Indoors if it Rains

Episcopal Church of the Mediator

14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, MI 49115

*Song Books Provided*

*Food Item Donation requested for Neighbor by Neighbor*

*Logs provided for seating or bring your own chair*



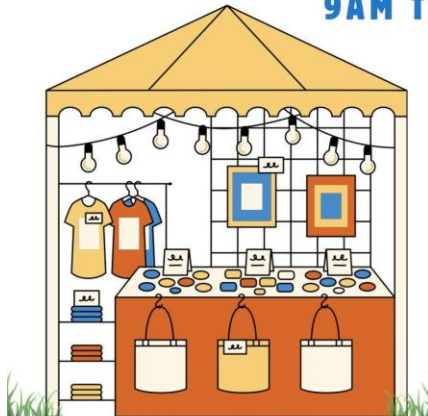
..... CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR PRESENTS .....

# Mediator MARKET



JUNE 6

9AM TO 3PM



## FREE ENTRY

The annual Mediator Market, a Harbor Country marketplace, with local artisans, antiques, collectables, attic treasures, baked goods, refreshments, vintage jewelry, and more...  
(midway between Sawyer and Union Pier)

BE SURE TO STOP BY TO BROWSE & SHOP

.....  
CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR  
14280 RED ARROW HWY  
HARBERT, MI  
.....

# May 2026

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Saturday, May 2, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles, MI 49120

Tuesday, May 5, 2026—3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Wednesday, May 6, 2026—4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman, MI 49106

Friday, May 8, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire, MI 49111

Monday, May 11, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, 9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Monday, May 11, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Friday, May 15, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Buffalo American Legion, 19139 US Hwy 12, New Buffalo, MI 49117

Monday, May 18, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien American Legion, 402 N. Main St., Galien, MI 49113

Wednesday, May 20, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127

Thursday, May 21, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, New Troy, MI 49119

Friday, May 22, 2026—3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

Wednesday, May 27, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma, MI 49038

Thursday, May 28, 2026—12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Friday, May 29, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022