



GFWC-Big Rapids, Inc. Newsletter

September, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 8—First Club Meeting of the Year—6:00
Social/6:30 Meeting @ the Elks Lodge

September 8—Baby Shower (see page 5)

September 26—District Meeting and International
Day of Service—Reed City Methodist Church

October 1-4—Great Lakes Region Meeting in Wisconsin

October 13—Club Meeting @ the Elks Lodge

October 29—4Bs Fundraiser @ Artworks

November 10—Club Meeting @ the Elks Lodge

December 8—Christmas Party

Linda Telfer, President, 231-250-2088

Delores Simpson, 1st VP

Mel James, 2nd VP (Membership)

Leona Royer, Secretary

Cheryl Tessier, Treasurer

Pam Hughes, Parliamentarian

Linda Telfer, Newsletter Editor -

231-250-2088

Sue Johnson, Past Club President

Due date for the newsletter is the 25th of each month.



Note from your President . . .

I'm excited to begin our club year on September 8th and seeing everyone again. The Board has continued to meet over the summer so we are ready to go. Our first meeting will be at the Elks; however, they are also having a Taco Night where we usually meet so we will move our meeting to the first room as we enter the east door off the parking lot. We will see how this goes. We do have an alternative plan if this doesn't work out at the first meeting.

Thank you to each CSP Chair for volunteering as I know that most CSPs have already met and are planning for another great year. I would like to attend each CSP meeting at least once this year so let me know when you are meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 8th.

Linda Telfer



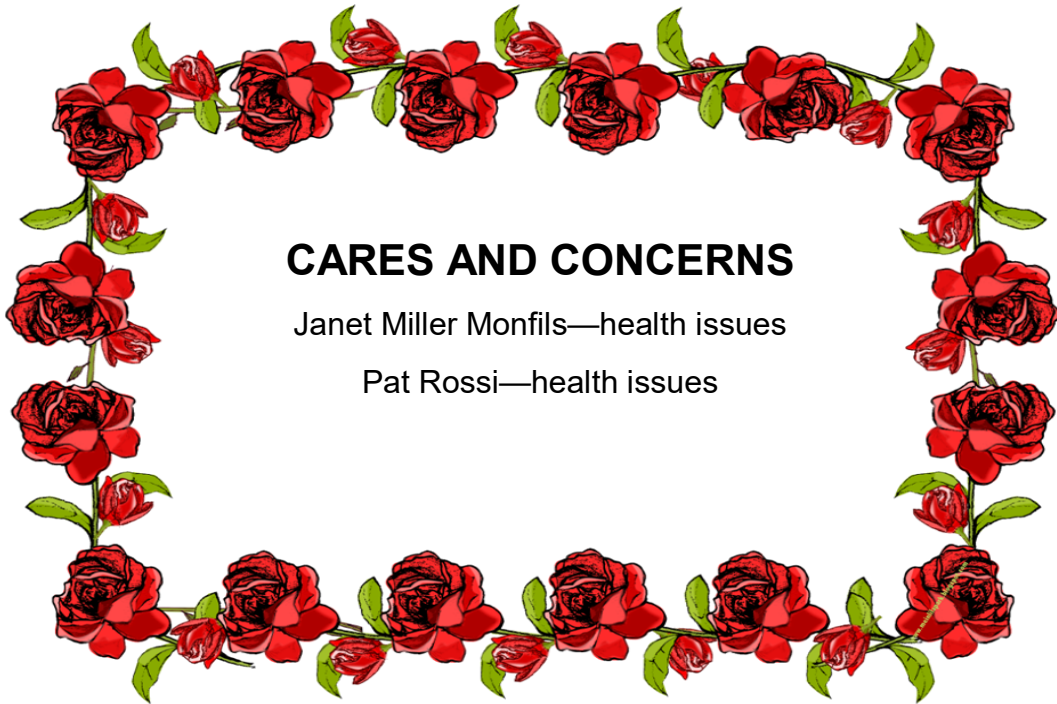
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

21—Joan Boroff

22—Ruth York

22—Melonie James

29—Pat Rossi



CARES AND CONCERNS

Janet Miller Monfils—health issues

Pat Rossi—health issues

GFWC AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT



**SAFE
SURFIN'
FOUNDATION**

PURPOSE The Safe Surfin' Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit Cyber Safety and Responsibility educational initiative, created by law enforcement professionals in 1998, and dedicated not only to protecting youth from those who would do them harm, but pro-actively educating them in the safe and responsible use of today's ever-changing technology. Together, we're improving and saving lives.

APPROACH Over the last two decades, they have gained valuable insight into the effectiveness of their message. In order to stop predators in their tracks, they must have informed citizens of cyberspace who have fully embraced the principles of online safety and responsibility. Your ongoing support is critical and will help them educate the internet users that are confronted with danger.

GOAL An informed citizenry of cyberspace makes for a safer world. They want to stop the predators right at their intended victims, before a crime has occurred. They want to stop hateful or illegal text messages before they are sent. They want to see technology used to brighten the lives of others, rather than be an instrument of harm. Their goal is to get your **involved**.

RESOURCES: Safe Surfin' Foundation has gathered many valuable resources to help equip school administrators, law enforcement, parents, student peers, and others in the community—fighting against the bad influences that can be hidden within digital platforms. Since 1998, they have made it their goal to inform, educate, equip, and empower the next generation of technology users.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, September 8th

6:00 social time — 6:30 meeting

The Elks Lodge

203 E. Pine Street—Big Rapids

Remind your picnic guest when the club meeting is.

DUES \$70

Checklist for the meeting...

- * ***Money for Dues—\$70***
- * ***A friend who is interested in GFWC***
- * ***Can Tabs***
- * ***Used Batteries***
- * ***Money for Heifer International***
- * ***Used Greeting Cards***
- ***Baby Items (see page 6)***



GFWC NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9:30 registration/10:00 meeting

United Methodist Church—503 S. Chestnut—Reed City

Registration Form (next page) is due by September 12th.

(The Official Call was emailed to each member.)





GFWC NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT #10 ANNUAL MEETING

2026 REGISTRATION FORM

Due by September 12, 2026

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB PRESIDENT _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____

Registration including lunch is \$20.00

A late fee of \$3.00 must be added if postmarked after September 12, 2026

Member Name	Years in GFWC	Amount Paid
_____	_____	_____
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CHECK TOTAL: _____

Make checks payable to: **GFWC Northwestern District** (not Northern Michigan District yet) and mail payment & registration form by **September 12, 2026**, to:

Dawnetta Montague
NMD District Meeting
315 W. Franklin Ave.
Reed City, MI 49677

**IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE
BABY SHOWER!**



**FOR
THE WISE SHELTER**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

**BRING BABY ITEMS TO DONATE AT OUR
SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING.**

**ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD GIVE AT A BABY
SHOWER (I.E. DIAPERS, BIBS, BOTTLES, BLANKETS,
ETC.)**

**THEY ARE ALSO IN NEED OF TWIN
SHEET SETS.**



CITY BIKE/WALK AUDIT

Volunteers Needed



The City of Big Rapids recently received a grant from AARP to conduct walk/bike trail audits. The City has created walking/biking maps of areas to be audited. Vickie Vogel and Pam Hughes are planning to complete a walk audit. It is a walk roughly a mile and a half within the city. There are also stationary audits available where you can sit at a corner to conduct the audit. The materials needed to conduct the audits are provided at the walk by the City. You can choose from the following dates:

September 14 @ 4pm
September 15 @ 9am or 4pm
September 16 @ 1pm
September 17 @ 10am or 3pm
September 18 @ 9am or 1pm
September 19 @ 10am.

Vickie is planning to walk Sept. 14 @ 4 pm and Vickie and Pam are planning to walk on Sept. 16 @ 1pm. Join us? If anyone is interested in joining one of the audits please let Pam know by texting 231-250-0407.

Move for a healthier you!

Health & Wellness CSP

FALL MUM SALE



Start taking orders!!

\$15 per mum plant

**Orders and money are due
at the September 8, 2026 Club Meeting.**

**Pick up will be September 18th
at LeeAnn's Flowers.**

Time will be announced soon.

Education & Libraries CSP

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING.....

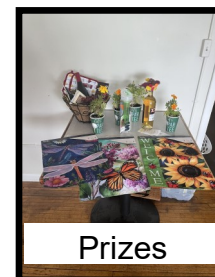
2026 CLUB PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



August 11, 2026
Clear Lake Golf Course



Golfing before the picnic—
Leona Royer, Pam Hughes,
Janet Miller Monfils



Prizes



State President Diane LaBree Campbell

Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic and a BIG thank you to those who brought a guest. What a great turn out representing GFWC-Big Rapids. Way to go ladies!!!!

AND THE QUILTING BEGINS.....



Five members of the Arts & Culture CSP started the infamous quilt for the International Convention fundraiser. Daniel, a renown famous quilter, was there to assist us with paper piecing. (I must admit it challenged by brain.)

THE FISH IS INSTALLED.....



Look who got there first!!

(Received the note at 12:38 pm and Vickie sent me a picture at 3:00 pm without me sending a note.)

**Check it out in Hemlock Park,
just south across the sidewalk from the Pavilion.
FYI — The “Name the Fish” contest has begun.
Stay tuned for further updates.**