

NEWSLETTER

MARCH - APRIL 2026



Come Join Us!

WALDENWOODS RESORT
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
CELEBRATION

March 14th, 10 AM - 4 PM

PANGAKE BUFFET \$6 10 AM - 12 PM
HAY RIDES \$2 10 AM - 12 PM
LEPRECHAUN HUNT \$5 12 PM - 1:30 PM (ADULTS)
 \$10 Wristband Includes Buffet, Hayrides, & Hunt Save \$3.00

LUCKIEST OUTFIT CONTEST 2 PM
MAGIC SHOW 2:15 PM
SPECIAL BAR OPENS 2 PM - 4 PM
LADDER BALL, CORNHOLE, BOGGE BALL & CAMPFIRE 10 AM - 4 PM

LAKESIDE CAFE SPECIALS:
 Shamrock Shakes & Reuben Sandwiches 10 AM - 4 PM

WALDENWOODS
 EVENT VENUE & RESORT

DUELING PIANOS NIGHT
An Unforgettable Evening of Music & Food

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
 6:00 - 10:00 PM
 CROMAINE HALL 2975 OLD US-23 HWY, HOWELL, MI 48855

LIVE WITH FELIX & FINGERS

DINNER MENU
 Putanesca Salad with House-Made Red Wine Vinaigrette,
 Rolls and Butter, Heartland Blend Vegetables, Herb Whipped Potatoes,
 Chicken Marsala, Sirloin Roast with Au Jus and Horseradish
 Dueling Dessert Tower
 Cash Bar Available

Book a room in our historic Sunshine Lodge for \$135/night
 or check out our cottages for a weekend getaway:
<https://waldenwoods.com/waldenwoods-cottage-options/>

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!
 CALL (810) 632-6401
 \$90 PER PERSON (+TAX)

18TH ANNUAL
WINE TASTING
 FEATURING MICHIGAN'S FINEST WINERIES
WALDENWOODS
 EVENT VENUE & RESORT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:
 Sample favorites from Michigan's finest wineries
 Paired with hors d'oeuvres prepared by Waldenwoods in-house chef
 Bottles of your favorite wines will be available to purchase

\$70 PER PERSON (INCLUDING TAX)
 Purchase tickets by calling our office at (810) 632-6401
 NOT READY FOR THE NIGHT TO END? Check out our lodging options on
 our website and at the QR code.

(810) 632-6401 | Cromaïne Hall | 2975 Old US 23 Hwy, Howell, Michigan 48855

BRUNCH WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, April 4, 2026
 9:00am - 11:00am

Pricing
 Adults - \$24
 Kids (2-10) - \$18
 Kids under 2 - Free
 + tax & gratuity

Buffet Menu
 Scrambled Eggs, Scrambled Eggs with Ham & Cheese, Buttermilk Pancakes, Blueberry Muffin French Toast, Bacon, Hash Brown Patties, and Fruit Salad

Bring a basket and join us for the Great Easter Egg Hunt!

Call (810) 632-6401 to reserve

No refunds after March 21.

WALDENWOODS
 EVENT VENUE & RESORT

Easter Dinner Buffet
 Celebrate at Waldenwoods

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | 12:00 - 2:30pm

Waldenwoods Event Venue & Resort
 2975 Old US 23, Howell, MI 48855
 ADULTS: \$50 | KIDS (2-12): \$25
 + Tax and Gratuity
 Prepaid Reservations Required

BUFFET MENU

Caesar Salad	Scalloped Potatoes
Cucumber Spring Salad	Riesling Peach-Glazed Ham
Parmesan Garlic Knots	Baked Vegetable Ziti
Roasted Spring Vegetables	Honey Teriyaki Drumsticks
Roasted Leg of Lamb with Mint Chimichurri	Assorted Desserts

Buy Your Tickets:
 Call our office at (810) 632-6401



BRIAN'S REPORT

MARCH 20
—
APRIL 26

Why is it so hard to find a quiet “Walden” place these days? The truth is, it's far too easy to get caught up in the noise—news, work, relationships, social media—all of it running in different directions at once. Even when you finally have a moment to sit down, your mind keeps racing, and peace of mind feels out of reach. So yes, solitude is sweet—but often only “passing sweet,” slipping away just as you reach for it.

Since you're part of the Waldenwoods family, ask yourself: what would our founder J. Robert Crouse do—or what would Walden's inspiration, Henry David Thoreau, do? Start here: build one small “Walden” into your day—one protected hour with no inputs and one simple physical or creative task.

1. Stop treating quiet as something you find. Treat it as something you keep.

Reclaim your peace by taking back control of your time and attention.

2. Reduce inputs radically—for one hour, to near zero.

Much of what we consume isn't nourishment; it's agitation.

3. Rebuild the day around essentials.

Subtract until what remains feels honest: what is necessary, what is chosen, and what is merely routine?

4. Replace the busy mind with one deliberate act.

Peace of mind is often achieved by doing one true thing until the mind follows: walk, write, listen, play.

5. Use solitude like a sharp tool, not a vacation.

Don't wait for it. Schedule it. Defend it.

If you miss a day, don't quit. Quiet is a practice—and practices are built one hour at a time.

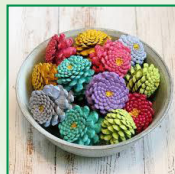
*Brian C. Crouse,
President*

MARCH 2026

PINECONE PALOOZA WEEKEND

Saturday 3/7/26

12:00 AM- 2:00 PM Make and take Pinecone Zinnias centerpiece Free with RSVP @ 810-632-5889



Sunday 3/8/26

12:00 AM – 1:00 PM Nature bloom scavenger hike around the lake.

2 PM – 3 PM Free Make and Take Pinecone animals



ST. PADDY'S LUCKY FIND'S WEEKEND

Saturday 3/14/26

WEAR GREEN and COME TO HAVE EPIC FUN!

***\$10 Wristband covers buffet, hunt, hayrides, craft, and all Sunday Activities.**

***10:00 AM – 12:00 PM \$6 Pancake Buffet with Coffee and Bingo/Trivia. One Bingo/Trivia card with Buffet, additional bingo/trivia cards only \$1. Full Breakfast menu available at menu price in addition to the buffet.**

10 AM – 4 PM Ladder Ball, Cornhole, Bocce Ball, and Toasty Campfire.

***10 AM – 12 PM Leprechaun Search Hayrides (weather permitting) \$2 or wristband**

***12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Outdoor hunt for Leprechaun's pot of gold. (ALL WEATHER) Prizes and fun for all. \$5 Per player or Wristband. Please RSVP to ensure prizes and gold pieces 810-632-5889 or sign-up scanning QR code under activities or on flier. HUNT STARTS AT 1 PM SHARP. (Hint) Golf Carts and bikes are permitted on the approved paths and going in the correct direction. 1st place \$50 CASH, 2nd place \$30 GC, 3rd place surprise Gift Basket. All participants will receive a ribbon & Small prize.**

2 PM – 4 PM Alcoholic Drink Special Available. Drinks are allowed only in Family Center. NO OUTSIDE DRINKS ALLOWED. The law requires we ID EVERYONE, please bring your ID.

2:00 PM “Luckiest Outfit contest” Win a Prize for the BEST Green outfit

2:15 PM MAGIC SHOW at the Family Center

3:00 PM Enjoy a Reuben Sandwich Basket and/or the famous Waldenwoods Shamrock Shake. Pre-order and enjoy a SPECIAL BOGO Shamrock Shake. Pre-order ends 3/9/26

*3:15 PM – 4:00 PM Enjoy a Small craft with any food purchase.

Sunday 3/15/26

St. Patrick's Green Pancakes, Reuben Sandwich's, Shamrock Shakes, and more specials at Lake Side Cafe 11 AM – 3 PM

11:00 AM Rainbow Necklaces: String colorful beads into wearable rainbows. \$2 or wristband

12:00 PM Make Blarney Stones and then let's have fun hiding them in the resort

1:30 PM Frames St Patrick's Push Pin Frame \$3 or wristband

HOP, RIDE, & CREATE WEEKEND

Saturday 3/21/26

12 PM – 2 PM Easter Candle or Jar Making \$2 or Free with a food purchase from Lakeside Cafe

12 PM – 2 PM Free Easter Bunny Craft

Sunday 3/22/26

12 PM – 1:00 PM Craft- Peeps House Gingerbread style. <https://classic.ptotoday.com/room-parent/room-parent-articles/8711-easter-crafts-games-for-the-classroom>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Hayrides (weather permitting)

EGG-STRASPECIAL EASTER CRAFT WEEKEND

Saturday 3/28/26

12 PM – 2 PM \$2 Make and take (2) Sock Bunnies.
12 PM – 2 PM Free Easter Paper Plate Masks



Sunday 3/29/26

12 PM – 2 PM Easter Egg Tree- Bring a 1/2 dozen REAL eggs or \$2 per 1/2 dozen. RSVP for Eggs Required (810) 632-5889 or Scan QR Code.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Easter Fun Hayrides (weather permitting)



APRIL 2026

EASTER WEEKEND

Saturday 4/4/26

9:00 AM- 11 AM Brunch with the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt @ Cromaine RSVP @810-632-6401

Lake Side Cafe Open 1 PM – 3 PM

1 PM – 3 PM Easter Fun Continues at the Family Center.

- Hayrides (Weather Permitting)
- Indoor Craft Station
- Self-Lead Outdoor Games- Corn Hole, Nerf Axe Throwing, and Ladder Ball
- Special- Easter Ice Cream Sundaes at the Lakeside Cafe

Sunday 4/5/26

Closed for Easter

SURVIVAL WEEK

Saturday 4/11/26

12:00 PM Nature walk around the lake with a fun informational information on basic survival in the woods- (3 miles)

2 PM – Warm up after the walk and learn how to do a basic survival knot. (In the Family Center)

Sunday 4/12/26

12 PM Painting “Spring Blossom” Class and Lunch Buffet Only \$20.00 Includes Canvas and Instruction, Chicken strips, Fries, salad, bread, lemonade, water, and coffee. Must RSVP

DAD + ME WEEKEND

Saturday 4/18/26

12 PM – 3 PM Dad and Me Adventure \$10 Wristband includes Buffet, five bingo cards, Scavenger Hunt, and Craft.

12 PM – 1PM Hotdog Buffet with Fries, Lemonade/Coffee & Bingo/ Trivia. Five bingo cards with wristband (extra bingo cards, \$1 each)

1 PM SHARP – Outdoor Scavenger hunt (Find the missing car pieces and rush back to put together, Prizes for top three teams. Ribbons for all teams.

2 PM Craft Stations - Pick your favorite station and make a craft to remember your day with Dad at Waldenwoods Resort.

Sunday 4/19/26

12 PM – 1 PM Hayrides (weather permitting)

12 PM – 3 PM Cornhole, Ladder Ball, Nerf Axe Throwing, Campfire (with marshmallows), Ice Block Sledding, Music, Video Games, and Yummy Food available from Lakeside Cafe.

WORKER BEE WEEKEND

Saturday 4/25/26

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Medium to advance Spring Tye

Dye or Paint T SHIRTS Craft

Fee \$10: Includes T-shirts. RSVP w/size

12 PM – 2 PM campfire with marshmallow madness fun @ 810-632-5889



Sunday 4/26/26

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM JR RANGER TASKS- Plant a flower/Vegetable

Garden & Beach Cleanup. Free Ice Cream Reward.

12:30PM – 1:30 PM Hayrides (Weather Permitting)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Help decorate the resort by painting a fun rock for all to enjoy.

On Season Holiday Periods

MEMORIAL DAY

- Actual Holiday May 25, 2026 (Monday)
- **HOLIDAY PERIOD: MAY 21 - 26**
- Anyone without a Holiday reservation must be off by 12 noon on Wednesday, May 20th.

4TH OF JULY

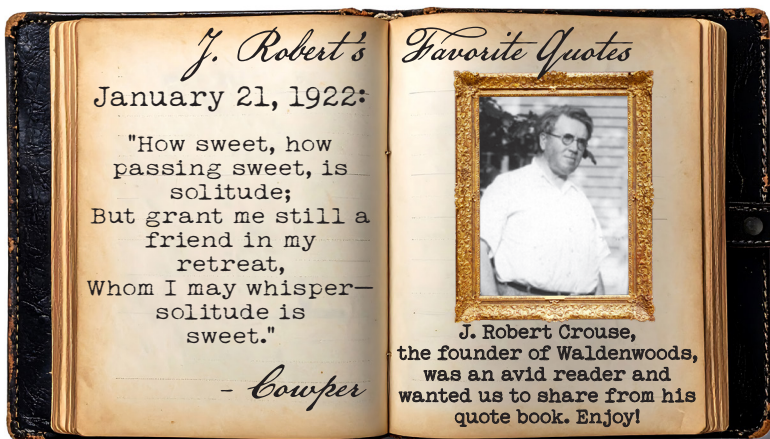
- Actual Holiday July 4, 2026 (Saturday)
- **HOLIDAY PERIOD: JUNE 30 - JULY 6**
- Anyone without a Holiday reservation must be off by 12 noon on Monday, June 29th .

LABOR DAY

- Actual Holiday September 7, 2026 (Monday)
- **HOLIDAY PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 3 - SEPTEMBER 8**
- Anyone without a Holiday reservation must be off by 12 noon on Wednesday 2nd

OUR HALLOWEEN

- Actual Holiday October 10th 2026 (Saturday)
- **HOLIDAY PERIOD: OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 12**
- Anyone without a Holiday reservation must be off by 12 noon on Monday, October 5th





WALDENWOODS

2975 Old US-23
P.O. Box 248
Hartland, MI 48353
www.waldenwoods.com

VILLAGE MANOR RETIREMENT



Retirement living and close to Waldenwoods! It sits on the south side of our property and is offering great rates for the parents of Waldenwoods

Members. Independent living with Activities, Gourmet Meals and Assisted Care (located ½ mile west of US23 on M59).

Call Susanne Bianchette at the Village Manor at 810-632-6200.

www.VMRetirement.com

REFER & EARN

BRING SOME FRIENDS OVER AND SIGN THEM UP FOR A TOUR!

Our referral program pays you for letting us know who you want our next members to be. Submit your referrals to sales@waldenwoods.com and they'll be your referral for the next 2 years.

FACEBOOK:

Speaking of family and friends, amazingly we've reached over **10,000 likes** on Facebook and hope you'll share your pictures and stories with us there. All of our members are free to post on our Facebook page.



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DIRECTORY & HOURS OF OPERATION

www.waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6400

Cromaine Banquet Center:

9am to 5pm Daily • (Tour by appointment only)
banquets@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6401

Member Services & Lodging Office:

9am to 4pm Monday through Saturday
Closed Sunday
memservice@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6402

Sales Office:

9am to 5pm Wednesday through Sunday
Closed Monday and Tuesdays
(Tour by appointment only)
sales@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6420

Lakeside Cafe & Park Store:

Friday 2PM - 5PM & Saturday and Sunday 10AM - 3PM
Closed for Holidays - (Times & location may vary for activities due to events/holidays. Please see the activities schedule for more info.)

Activities@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-5889

Family Activities Center:

Weds - Friday 11 AM - 3 PM Open for adult use
Sat & Sun- Activities scheduled 11 AM - 3 PM
(NOT STAFFED - NO unattended children)
activities@waldenwoods.com 810-632-5889

Marina: Closed for the season

Pool/Jacuzzi/ Sauna: Closed for the season

LAKESSIDE CAFE COFFEE MENU



WALDENWOODS RESORT
(810)-632-5880
Open
Friday 2PM - 5PM
Sat & Sun 10AM - 3 PM



Espresso Shot - 2oz	\$3	Caffé Americano - 12 OZ	\$3.50
Latte - 12 OZ		Extra Flavors 10Z	\$1
• Caffé-	\$4	• Caramel	
• French Vanilla-	\$5	• Maple Cinnamon	
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• Caramel -	\$5	• Sugar Free Vanilla	
		• Chocolate	
Cappuccino - 12 OZ		Steamers - 12 OZ	\$4
• Caffé-	\$4	Made with your choice of flavor, 6 steamed milk	
• French Vanilla-	\$5	Coffee Desserts-	\$6
• Maple Cinnamon -	\$5	• Affogato-	
• Caramel-	\$5	(Vanilla Ice Cream with 2oz Espresso Shot)	
(Cappuccino are served with		• Salted Caramel Coffee Sundae	
whipped cream and custom toppings)		(Vanilla ice cream, caramel sauce, a 1 oz	
*Regular Coffee - LAZZARO beans, ground fresh		shot of espresso, sea salt & topped with	
*Decaf coffee available - brewed fresh from		whipped cream)	
pre-ground beans			

is through this project and our "Friendly Association" through Waldenwoods that we hope to have a big positive impact on Michigan and our local community. Waldenwoods cares about being a good citizen, and through the Hartland Area Project, we've continued to support the local community in achieving improved health and welfare, education and culture, and economic development. If all our members get involved with smile.amazon.com, it'll become a fantastic way to make a real difference in our community.

JANUARY - MENTOR MONTH

FEBRUARY - HARTLAND FAMILY WINTERFEST 2026

MARCH - MARCH OF DIMES visit www.marchofdimes.org to donate & learn more

APRIL - Volunteer Month. - www.livingstonhabitat.org, Waldenwoods Resort, Habitat for Humanity volunteer date TBA.

HARTLAND AREA PROJECT

"Friendly Association for Community Service"

Help us...help others. Do you know a local outreach program or community program that needs help? We are always looking to reach out & help drive community service. Let us know about other programs that we can all work as a team to help provide leadership in the areas of health & welfare (W), education & culture (C), economic development (D). Contact the activities department by calling 810-632-5889 or email activities@waldenwoods.com. Please join us at the Family Fitness Center at 3pm on the 1st Friday of every month in our planning meeting where we will develop our plans for the coming year. It