

# Center Point



October/November  
2006

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

## Notes from the Director

Dear Friends and Members:



I would like to express my deep appreciation for your continue support of the Comstock Community Center as evidenced in the recent millage renewal. As you may know, this millage has been in place with the residents of Comstock

Township for 20 years. Hopefully, we will be here another 20+ years providing services to you. A special thanks goes out to the Senior Millage Committee: Phillip Gray, Tom Crump, Robert Hamet, Robert Wheelright, and Carl Betz.

It is our intent to have a welcoming setting for all who come to the center. This year we will be trying some new ideas along with the tried and true concepts. Please make sure you review the newsletter for the new activities. There are things going on from 6:30 AM - ??? I am sure that there will be something for everyone.

As you drive around the area make a point to stop at the Community Center. We are located at the point, where King Highway and East Michigan join. Our hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. We are always willing to take time to talk to visitors and tell them about what we do and can offer.

Again, thanks for your support.

Mary T. Gustas  
Executive Director

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## Supporting Your Community is Good Business

The Comstock CenterPoint newsletter needs the support of local businesses and organizations. Your ad in the CenterPoint supports this community and builds a stronger bond with more than 8,000 potential customers, who in turn support your business. To advertise in the Comstock CenterPoint, please call the Community Center 345-8556.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUT IN YOUR COMMUNITY - WE NEED YOU!

### Preschool Music Teacher



Teach simple songs, rhythm and movement. Music experience and love of working with young children needed. One afternoon a week for 45 minutes.

### Receptionist/Front Office

Greet participants, answer phones, register people for classes and assist with various other projects.



Need to be a people person. Office experience helpful.

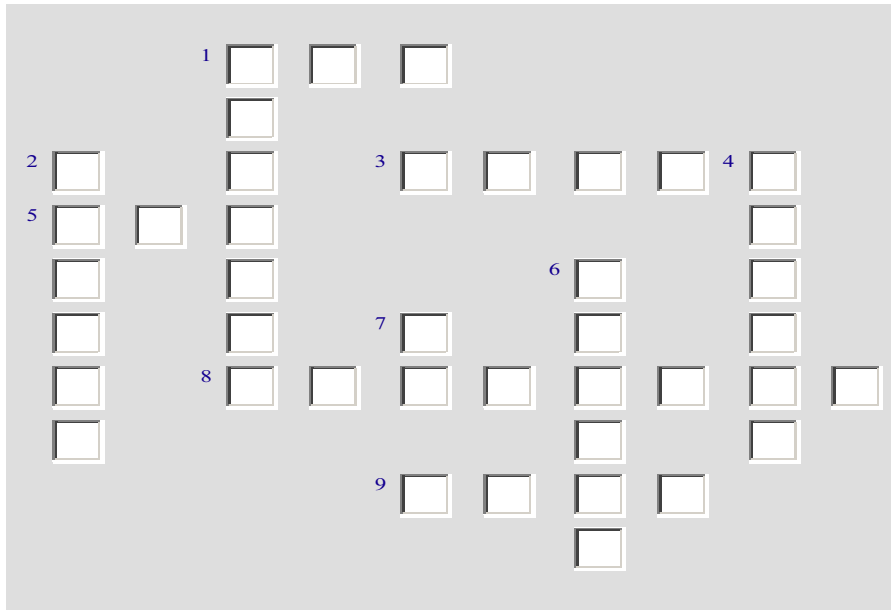
### Special Group Projects



Help area seniors with yard work or assist with projects at other community sites. Good for service clubs, church groups, student organizations or other groups.

Please call Carolyn Kuester, Volunteer Coordinator at Comstock Community Center, 345-8556, if you can help.

## Thanksgiving



### Across

- 1. a popular dessert for the Thanksgiving meal
- 3. a big meal
- 5. what many people like to do after the Thanksgiving dinner
- 8. the month in which Thanksgiving falls
- 9. the season after summer

### Down

- 1. a large orange vegetable
- 2. the first inhabitants of the North American continent
- 4. a large bird which is often eaten during holiday meals
- 6. relatives
- 7. where you can find a football game

## MISSION STATEMENT

Comstock Community Center develops resources and provides a setting for education, recreation, social events, human services and life-long learning activities to enhance the lives of community members and build a healthier community.

### Center Staff

- Mary T. Gustas, Executive Director
- Nola Harlan, Account/Data Manager
- Sue Benson, Office Manager
- Mindy Spencer, Sr. Program Coordinator
- Judi Dafoe, Travel Coordinator
- Carolyn Kuester, Volunteer Coordinator
- Joe Gall, Maintenance
- Amanda Cross, Youth Director
- Kelly Moore, Child Services Director
- Traci Scarbrough, P-T Coordinator
- Meredith McCurry, K.K. Teacher
- Shay Mavis, K.K. Teacher
- Jeremy Smith, K.K. Teacher
- Melissa Pearson, K.K. Teacher

### Board of Directors

- Ted Fiebiger, President
- Jackie Wahl, Vice-President
- Jan O'Halloran, Recording Secretary
- Sandy Scrote, Treasurer
- Dorothy Bourner, Emeriti
- Tom Crump
- Virginia Hudson
- Reginald Kissinger, Jr
- Tammy Mazure
- Oscar Roberts
- Norm Shanahan
- Gary Thomas
- Joe VanBruggen
- Joyce Watts

## ADULT SPECIAL EVENTS

### Lunch and Learn:

**Tuesday, October 4:** Share a great meal and hear Leatta from MSU Extension as she discusses "Nutrition for the young at heart". She will have either refreshments or a cooking demonstration at each of her speakings.

**Wednesday, October 5:** John from Prime Care DME Supply Inc. will present on diabetic shoes. Call to sign up. 345-8556

**Thursday, October 19:** We'll welcome Leatta back from MSU Extension for a final visit in this series.

### Home Cooked Friday Lunch:

You can come expecting a great home cooked meal for \$10 and under. We'll gather together and share a meal as we laugh the afternoon away.

October - NONE.

November 3rd - Stuffed Cabbage

## October

### SENIOR EXPO 2006

**Tuesday, October 3, 2006**  
**Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

- Medicare – Part D Advisors
- Health Screenings
- Blood Pressure
- Blood Sugar
- Cholesterol

**Saturday, 7th:** FREE BBQ "Polka Pumpkin Lua" at the Community Center with entertainment.

**Friday, 13th:** Borgess Flu Shot Clinic 9am-3pm



**Saturday, 21:** Box Social and Sock Hop dance with Root Beer Floats \$5 (Raffle tickets will be sold for the baked goods.) Note: World Series game will be on in the next room so we can catch a little!



**Monday, 23:** The Special Events Committee invites you to join us for an Old Fashion Potluck

**When:** Monday, October 23

**Time:** 11:45 AM

**Where:** Comstock Community Center

**Please bring a dish to pass, table service and a beverage.** The Center will be furnishing the tables and chairs. Phone 345-8556 to tell us what you are bringing.

**Thursday, 26:** Bingo with Jym from the Laurels @ 1pm. He always brings extra prizes and keeps us smilin'.

**Friday, 27:** Mystery lunch. Call to be on the waiting list as this one is full but we almost always have spots come open.

**Friday, 27:** Just for Fun - Square Dancing Fourth Friday, October 27 from 7-9pm. Jim and Alaine Ratliff will be calling until you can't promenade any longer. Come on out and have a great time! \$5.

**Monday, 30:** Hearing Tests with Care Link. Free. Call for an appointment during the hours of 9am-3pm. 345-8556.

**Tuesday, 31:** Harvest Lunch with entertainment by the Peer prevention Players. Call a week in advance to sign up. There will be decorations, table favors and special guest entertainment! **Come in costume** if you're feeling spunky.

## November

**Friday, 3:** Stuffed Cabbage lunch \$7.00 by Mary. Noon. Call to reserve your spot. 345-8556



**Wednesday, 8: Veteran's Day lunch.** Free meal for all veteran's. Wear your uniform or memorabilia. Call to reserve your spot. 345-8556



**Thursday, 16:** Thanksgiving Lunch (and birthday's) with decorations, table favors, and entertainment. Call to reserve your spot. 345-8556.

**Thursday, 16:** Bingo with Jym from the Laurels. Sure to be a good time with extra goodies. 2:00pm due to the special lunch.

**Friday, 17:** Mystery Lunch. Still spots open. CALL NOW! 345-8556. If it is full by the time you call, please put yourself on the waiting list as we almost always have an extra seat.



# Happy Thanksgiving!

**NEW SERVICE:**

Traveling on your own? Not comfortable booking on the internet? Let us help you arrange individual flights, hotels, vacation packages, some sporting event tickets. Service fees apply. Call for more details!

**Guide to Walking Levels:**

Minimal walking such as lunch/dinner theatre packages.



Activities such as museums, estate tours, spectator sports, river cruises, walking short distances, up and down bus steps at several stops.



Walking which may include city tours, extended time on your feet such as shopping destinations, amusement parks, airports, outdoor sidewalks, stairs.

**Trip Office Hours**

Comstock Community Center Trip Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00am - 12:00pm. Individuals may sign up for trips, make deposits, or obtain information regarding upcoming trips. We have also implemented Visa or Master Card payment options for your convenience. Other days, you may leave a voice mail for Judith Dafoe, Travel Coordinator at: 345-8556, ext. 16.

**PLEASE NOTE: Deposits**

All trips require a deposit to hold your spot. Day trip deposits are \$30.00 and extended trips are \$70.00. Deposit amounts may vary on specialty trips. Your reservation will be held when your deposit is received.

**Cancellations**

Anyone canceling within 10 days of a trip will be charged the ticket price of the attraction, plus a \$10.00 cancellation fee for day trips or a \$20.00 fee for extended trips. Some specialty trips may have stricter penalties. You will be advised at the time of booking. Emergency cancellation circumstances will require a review by the Executive Director.

**Mailed Payments**

If you find it easier to mail in your registration for a trip, please provide the following information: name, address and phone number of each traveler, and which trip or trips you wish to take. Please send a deposit for each trip for which you are registering. (Please do not send cash).

Mail payments to: Comstock Community Center  
P.O. Box 34  
Comstock, MI 49041

**Health Issues**

Individuals who sign up for trips must be physically able to participate in all activities associated with the excursion. *All participants will be required to complete a health information sheet prior to going on any trip.* These must be on file with Comstock Community Center at least two weeks prior to the planned trip. Comstock Community Center reserves the right to deny participation in activities because of health issues.

**Check the website for Vermont memories! Comstockcc.com -- travel****Look at these great trips for autumn – we'd love to have you join us!****Canyon Country Adventure, October 18-25, 2006** 

Sightseeing at the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley (4-wheel drive guided excursion), Bryce Canyon, Lake Powell cruise, Zion National Park, and Las Vegas tour. Trip includes 10 meals, airfare, and ground transportation. What a photographer's delight! Maximum elevation on tour: 8,300 ft. \$1971 double occupancy/non-member \$10 more.

**???? Fall Mystery Trip ???? , October 24-25, 2006** 

Take a break from the stress of raking leaves to laugh along the way to a surprise destination! "Leave" your leaves at home and join the adventures of an overnight getaway. Includes 4 meals and entertainment. \$155.00 double occupancy/non-member \$165.

## Ozark Christmas/Branson Style, November 27 – December 1, 2006



Head to Branson to see wonderful entertainment that reflects the ambiance of the Christmas season. Enjoy the traditions of the Ozark Mountains as well as wonder food, music, history, shopping and southern hospitality. Trip includes four shows, luncheon cruise, Cavern tram tour and nine meals. \$629.00 double occupancy/nonmember \$10 more

## Chicago at Christmastime, Museums and Shopping, December 9, 2006



Designed for a family oriented day of shopping or plan your own itinerary. Drop-off at museums, art institute, Michigan Ave and a scheduled package pick-up. \$39 member / \$49 non members

## Caribbean Cruise on the Sun Princess, February 8-18, 2007



Escape the winter cold season and sail the Southern Caribbean for 11 luxurious days onboard the "Loveboat". Itinerary including Willemstad, Caracao; Peurto de la Mar, Venezuela; Bridgetown, Barbados; Roseau, Dominica; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; and Princess Cays, Bahamas. Includes roundtrip airfare from Grand Rapids. Passport required. \$1899 double occupancy inside stateroom/\$2269 double occupancy outside stateroom/\$2499 double occupancy outside stateroom with balcony. \$10 more non-members.



## Last Minute Club



If you are spontaneous and are willing to book a trip in less than 60 days, then consider our new idea. Take advantage of last minute special pricing. Each spring, we will offer a trip somewhere sunny and warm. When the best deal pops up, anyone who has prepaid the club fee will be immediately booked for a fun week at the lowest price going...often 80% off the brochure price. Try it, you'll like it!

## Save gasoline...travel by bus!

Did you know that a modern motorcoach is one of the most efficient means of transportation available? Consider that one motorcoach can carry as many passengers as five full-size vans or 14 cars! If we assume that a bus gets seven miles to a gallon, a van – 13 mpg, and a typical car – 20 mpg, then the fuel used to carry 56 passengers 100 miles would equal: 14.3 gallons/ passenger for a motorcoach; 35.7 gallons/passenger for a van; 70 gallons/passenger for a car. Wow! Motorcoaches consume almost 60% less fuel than full size vans and 80% less than automobiles!



## Next Travel Committee Meeting October 17 @ 1pm

## Next Travel Preview Meeting January 17, 2007

### REVERSE MORTGAGES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ONLY

*A Reverse Mortgage is a special US Government Insured program designed for Senior Citizens over the age of 62*

- NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS EVER!
- RECEIVE MONTHLY DEPOSITS TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR PENSION
- PAY-OFF YOUR EXISTING MORTGAGE

- Low Interest Rates
- Get Tax-Free Cash at Closing
- No Credit or Income Requirements

### CALL TO SEE HOW YOU QUALIFY

Jack Barber  
265-492-5301  
800-419-2449

## SENIOR'S EQUITY INCOME, INC.

www.seniorequityincome.com

## Be A Comstock Santa



The holidays are a time for giving and spreading cheer to family, friends and members of our community. It is also a time when we give thanks for our everyday blessings, and look for ways to share those blessings

with others. Your financial and volunteer support of the **Comstock Community Center's** holiday assistance activities spreads cheer and goodwill throughout our community. Please generously support this year's activities.

## Adopt-a-Family or Senior

Would your place of employment, club, group or family be interested in directly assisting a family or senior citizen in need during the holidays?



Holiday family adoptions are a way for you to purchase gifts for a family, make your own holiday food basket or even provide a Christmas tree for a deserving local family. If you, your co-workers, friends or family are interested in adopting for the holidays, please contact **Carolyn Kuester** at the **Center, 345-8556**.

## Kids' Christmas Party



The Community Center and Gull Road Meijer will be hosting the 25th Annual Kids Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2nd. Over 100 1st through 3rd graders

(referred by the schools and human service agencies) are invited to go holiday shopping to purchase Christmas gifts for their brothers and sisters. After shopping, everyone will return to the Center for gift wrapping, special treats and a visit from a "very special guest." You can help bring Christmas joy to these less fortunate children by:

- making a tax deductible cash donation;
- donating new hats, gloves, toys & games; and or
- assisting or chaperoning at the party.

Call **Mary Gustas** at the **Center at 345-8556**.

## Holiday Food Basket Round-up

You can help feed families in your community. From mid November to mid December you can sup-

port this project by donating canned and staple goods. Baskets will be distributed through the VFW with the help of community volunteers.

## Comstock Collection Sites:

Comstock High School, Comstock Northeast Middle School, North Elementary School, East Elementary School, Gull Road Elementary, Powerhouse Gym (Gull Road), Comstock Township Hall & Library, Comstock Community Center, VFW Post 6252, Comstock School Transportation Garage, Sir Roy's Beauty Shop, Lamplighter, Comerica Bank, Kalamazoo Valley Plant Growers, Comstock Post Office.

## Galesburg/Augusta Collection Sites:

Horizon Newspaper and Harding's Market

## Special Donation

Donations of particular items are often needed at the holidays to supplement food pantry orders or Christmas baskets, add items to an Adopt-A-Family package or help with special, last-minute gifts for deserving families or seniors. You can help by donating any of the following (items should be **new** and **not** wrapped):

- toys, games, stuffed animals or books for any age children;
- electronic games, backpacks, sports equipment, nail polish kits, hair accessories or other items for pre-teens and teens;
- socks, slippers, puzzles, lotion, gloves & hats or country music tapes for seniors.
- diapers (disposable type), laundry soap or personal care items.

Contact **Carolyn Kuester** at the **Center at 345-8556** if you have any questions or just bring your donation to the Center at 6330 King Hwy. by **Friday, December 8**.

## *Are you having trouble selling your used vehicle?*

You will receive the retail value of the vehicle as your donation. The Comstock Community Center is looking for a donation. If you have a mini-van or a full-sized station wagon that you would like to donate, please contact us. We will use it to transport our local seniors to and from the Center. Please call Mary at 345-8556.



## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

The Adult Program offers a variety of programs and workshops throughout the year. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, please call us at 345-8556. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Out to Breakfast:** Join us at 8:15 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month for good food and conversation as we dine at area restaurants.

**October:** Julianna's (Senior Expo at Fairgrounds)  
**November:** Niko's Express, Comstock

**Bingo:** Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (1:30 p.m. after special events) No fee. Bring a \$1.00 value non-perishable unopened food item in a paper sack. Everyone is welcome!

**Friendship Center Lunch Program:** Enjoy a hot and healthy meal Tuesday- Thursday at 11:45 a.m. for seniors -a donation on a sliding scale. All others join us for a \$3.50 fee. *Call 345-8556 before noon one day in advance to reserve your spot.*



**Monthly Birthday Party:** Join us one Thursday each month at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate that month's birthdays with ice cream & cake, decorations, presents and festivities. *Celebrants must reserve one week in advance, and all others two days prior by calling 345-8556. October: 19, November: 16*

## Classes

**Classes with \*\*\* are \$2 each or buy a punch card 10 for \$20 or 20 for \$38. Use the punches only for the classes you attend.)**



**Exercise:** Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30-11:30 a.m. taught by Jeannie Nichols—light chair and light impact aerobics for everyone at all physical abilities. \*\*\*

**Line Dancing:** Wednesdays 9-10:30 a.m. taught by Shari Rarick.

**Therapeutic Swim Class:** Oct. 24-Dec. 21: 10:00am Easy Does it, 11:00am Joints in motion. \$36. Checks can be made out to Borgess and returned to the front desk-attn: Carol Williams.

**Bell Ringers Choir:** Mondays 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Conducted by Phil Neice. No fee.

**Tai Chi:** Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. and Mondays at 5 p.m. A relaxing form of martial arts that increases balance, strength, circulation and mental alertness. The Arthritis Foundation has certified instructor Ed Kehoe. Ed's oldest student is over 100 years old so no one has an excuse! Please call 345-8556. Fee is \$5 per class.



**Legal Assistance and Information:**  
**Gary Tibble, Attorney at Law.**  
Call Comstock Community Center  
345-8556 for free 15 minute appointments at the Center.

## Mystery Lunches

A meal and unknown adventures! You never know where you are going, but you will have a darn good time doing it. Transportation is \$3 and meal cost on your own (menu) will always have choices under \$10 unless otherwise specified).



*Friday, October 27 (11am-4pm)  
Friday, November 17*

## Texas Hold'em Poker

Learn Texas Hold'em. On Tuesdays at 12:30 (\$Free\$) Watch the card sharks come out to the Center.



## NEW! Play Pinochle

Monday's 3- 6 pm at the Comstock Community Center. All levels of knowledge accepted from beginner to experiences. (\$ FREE)

## Foot Care Clinic

Advance appointments are required for a Registered Nurse to trim your nails, buff calluses, massage those feet and check for trouble spots. **Fee: \$20 for each visit.** Bring a towel with you. Please call 345-8556 to make an appointment.



## NEW TIME! Blood Pressure Clinic

2nd Wednesday and 4th Friday from 1-2pm.

## Center Point Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9:00 am Special Events Committee 10 am Bell Choir 3- 6 Pinochle 5 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Boy Scouts	3 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 8:15 Out to breakfast- Julianna's <b>Senior Expo Fair Grounds</b> 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold'em 1-3 Food Pantry 4- 5:30 Girl Scouts	4 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9-10:30 am Line Dancing 11:45 Lunch and Nutrition Learn: Nutrition 12:30 Tai Chi	5 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 11:45 Lunch and Learn: Diabetic Shoes 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 6:00 4-H Club	6 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7-8:30 AM Kiwanis 9:00 AM Comstock United Way 7:00 PM Square Dancing	7 11-2 pm FREE October Fest Cook-Out
8	9 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9- 5 Foot Care Clinic 10 am Bell Choir 3- 6 Pinochle 5 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold'em 4-5:30 Girl Scouts 7- 9 Ballroom Dance	11 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9-10:30 Line Dancing 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Tai Chi 1-2 Blood Pressure Clinic 5:30 CCC Board Meeting	12 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch	13 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis 9-3 FLU Shot Clinic (Borgess)	14
15	16 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9-3 Commodities 10 am Bell Choir 3- 6 Pinochle 2- 5 Discover Your Story 5 pm Tai Chi 7 Boy Scouts	17 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold Em 1- 3 Food Pantry 4-5:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts Com 7- 9 Ballroom Dance	18 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9-10:30 Line Dancing 2-5 Discover Your Story 9- 1 Flu Shot Clinic (Bronson) 12:30 Tai Chi	19 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Birthday Lunch and Nutrition Lunch & Learn 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry	20 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis 11:00-2:00 Volunteer Recognition	21 10- 12 Aglow 3-5 Box Social/Sock Hop
22	23 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 12:00 pm Potluck 10:00 am Bell Choir 3- 6 Pinochle 5 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Boy Scouts	24 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 8- 11 Well Child Clinic 10:30 exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold Em 1-3 food pantry 4- 5:30 Girl Scouts 7- 9 Ballroom Dance	25 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9-10:30 Line Dancing 12:30 Tai Chi	26 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch & Learn Sojourner House 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 7-9 pm Haunted Forest	27 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis 11:00 Mystery Lunch 1-2 pm Blood Pressure Clinic 7 pm Square Dancing 7-9 pm Haunted Forest	28
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## Polka Pumpkin Fest - Saturday, October 7, 11-2pm



It's an afternoon of fun and feast for the family with no fee. Celebrate with brats, dogs, burgers, and a lot of entertainment. Cordially Yours, the Accordion band, will delight you as you shake your booty to the oompah beat. A Tuba Choir and all the October goodies will be there for you to enjoy.



## Flu Shot Season Coming Up

We are preparing early for flu shot season this year. Our dates are set. We have been told that there will be sufficient serum available but the cost of the shot itself has increased. Medicare will continue to pay for 100% of the cost for those who are eligible. The exact cost of the vaccination is still being determined but expect flu shots to be near \$30 and the flu mist to cost around \$25. The mist can only be given to those between the ages of 5-49 years old.



Those who are high risk include; anyone 6-23 months or over 65 years old, if you are pregnant, resident of nursing home or chronic care facility, live with a child under 6 months, pregnant, health care or direct care worker, child 6mo-18 years who takes aspirin on a regular basis, anyone with a heart, lung, kidney, immune deficiency, blood, metabolic disorder or diabetes.

**Look ahead and prepare. Flu Shot Clinics will be held at the Comstock Community Center Friday, October 13, 9am-3pm and Wednesday, October 18 9am-1pm. until further notice.**

## Discover Your Story Workshop

**What:** A FREE workshop to learn what you'll need to know in order to write your life story. With the help of professional writer, Bobbe Taber non-writers and avid alike will get the tools you need to "Discover Your Life Story."

**Cost:** FREE

**Where:** Comstock Community Center

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! FREE Pancake Breakfast

Join the  
Comstock Community Center and  
Comstock Public Schools  
November 18, 2006 • 8:30 am – 11am  
Comstock High School



## River Manor Senior Housing Seeks Three Board Members

- Interested in Senior Housing Issues
- Willing to commit to 4 meetings a year
- Interested in learning about HUD Housing
- Provide an insight into the community

For more information or an application for call  
**Darlene Root**

**River Manor Senior Housing**  
10000 Shadow Lane, Galesburg, MI 49053  
665-5111



**When:** 2-5pm Monday, October 16 and  
Wednesday, October 18.

Shirley Johnson, certified art instructor in the Donna Dewberry one-stroke style will be offering art classes. Please call her for more information at 655-0210.

## Learn To Ballroom Dance



Ballroom dance lessons with Sharon Baxter (269)-375-4129 will start Tuesday, October 10 and run for two four week sessions. Tuesdays - October 10 – November 28, 7-9 PM. Each four week session is \$50 and will teach basics such as the Hustle, East Coast Swing, Rumba, and the Chacha. Get movin' and have fun at the same time...don't you love it when you can trick yourself into exercise?

## SOCK HOP/Box Social

Looking for a great way to have some spunky fun and also help out for the holidays? Saturday, October 21 from 3-5pm we'll be offering you a fabulous opportunity for both! Old fashioned root beer floats, great music, 50's decorations, raffle prizes and most of all help for a good cause. Come on out and enjoy this time of entertainment with us. Period dress is not required but if you're feeling saucy it is welcomed.



## Comstock Community Center August - September 2006 Donations

### General Donation

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Char Fuller • Sandi Scrote  
AA • Phil and Patricia Burton

### Lawn Tractor Donation

Janet Corstange

### Flower Garden Donations

Flower Garden Donations • Kalamazoo Foundation  
Linda Whitlock • Gail Walters • Steve Engberts

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**6130 King Highway**  
**Comstock Michigan 49041**  
**269-345-0136**  
**www.comstocklibrary.org**

## October Events

Teen Read Week is October 16 – October 21st. Teens are invited to stop in, show us their Comstock Township Library card, and enter a drawing for their favorite pirate, Orlando Bloom or Johnny Depp. The lucky winner from each drawing will take home the Pirates of the Caribbean throw on display. We haven't forgotten the guys! If you are not interested in the throw, enter the drawing

for the Dread Pirate board game. Contest open to Comstock Township teens in grades 6-12.

Teen Money with Professor Moneybags: Monday, October 16 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Teens: take a giant step towards real life by learning about the big 4- checking, credit, banks and budget. Join us for pizza, prizes, and insights into navigating the real world of money. Registration is required for this hands-on free workshop, which includes a workbook to take home. Call 345-0136 to register beginning October 9th.

Halloween Craft: Saturday October 28 10:30 and 1:30. Join us and make your very own foam 3-D haunted house. Registration starts on October 16th for this free event, class size is limited.

### Computer Training Classes at Comstock Township Library Survey Questions

1. Would you be interested in attending a computer class at the Comstock Township Library? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_
2. What time of day works best for you? Morning (after 10 am)\_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Evening\_\_\_\_\_ Anytime\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which would you prefer? Weekday\_\_\_\_\_ Weekend\_\_\_\_\_ No preference\_\_\_\_\_
4. Would you prefer a workshop that meets one time? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ Could meet more than once\_\_\_\_\_
5. Would you be willing to pay for a computer class? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_
6. If you answered "yes" how much would you be willing to pay for a class? \$5.00\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00\_\_\_\_\_ Other amount?\_\_\_\_\_
7. Please check all the classes you would be interested in attending:  
 Basic computers (email, search engines, computers in the library)  
 Using eBay  
 Genealogy  
 Resume preparation  
 Microsoft Word  
 Microsoft Excel  
 Microsoft Publisher  
 How to keep yourself safe on the Internet  
 Virus protection & how to get free updates  
 Keeping your privacy on the Internet
8. Other topics you would like a class for: (List below)

Please return form to: Comstock Township Library  
PO Box 25  
6130 King Highway  
Comstock, Michigan 4904

## Kids Korner Programs now enrolling for the fall 2006-2007 school year!

Do you need child care or preschool for your 2 1/2 to 12 year old child? If so call Kids Korner at 345-7243 to enroll today. Our licensed programs offer preschool to children ages 2 1/2 to 5 (toilet learned), wrap-around for your half day kindergarten, and before and after school care for children in grades first through fifth at all three Comstock Public Schools.



Our pre-school and wrap-around program is nearly full and the children have

begun another busy year of learning. The child-centered, child-directed learning environment enables children to learn while doing hands-on activities and promotes an individualized education philosophy. In addition to learning the skills necessary to be successful in kindergarten and beyond, the children at Kids Korner also benefit from weekly trips to the Library for story hour and project, music and movement with a retired teacher, and swim lessons at the YMCA. You may choose from full or half days, and three or five day schedules.

Our before and after school program for children in first through fifth grades offers a place for your child to get on the bus in the morning and return in the afternoon for snack, projects, small group games, homework assistance, and other activities. It is also a place for your child to make friends with children from one of the other elementary schools before making that big step to middle school. You may choose morning or afternoon care, or both, and three or five day schedules depending on your child care needs.

Kids Korner is open Monday through Friday 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Department of Human Services (DHS) assistance is accepted and child care grants are also offered based on family size and family income. Call 345-7243 for more information or to enroll your child today!

### Enrollment Is Now Open For Fall 2006!

Comstock Community Center, Kids Korner offers pre-school for ages 2- 5 (toilet learned), Kindergarten Wrap-Around and before and after school care for grades 1 - 5. The programs are open from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday through Friday.

# Julianna's

## RESTAURANT

**Breakfast • Lunch**

# 2105 Lake Street Kalamazoo

**Open: Mon.-Fri. • 5:30am-2:00pm**

**Saturday • 6:00am-2pm**

**Sunday • 7:00am-2pm**

# 345-0220

## Vehicle Storage



A commercial vehicle/semi may not be parked or stored on residentially used property unless the vehicle (1) does not exceed one ton in capacity and is owned or operated by someone residing on the premises, or (2) the vehicle is owned or operated by a public utility for emergency or on-call purposes.

## Fences



Comstock Township does not require a building permit for a fence, but there are still height and placement restrictions. Please contact Comstock Township Hall for questions and/or the fence ordinance.

### COMSTOCK PARKS & RECREATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE 7TH ANNUAL HAUNTED FOREST



**Where: "SPOOKTACULAR" ROBERT MORRIS PARK**  
(8415 East 'H' Avenue)

**When: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 & 28**  
**7:00-9:00 PM**



**Who: EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Cost: Adult with non-perishable food item \$3.00; without \$4.00**  
**Children (6-14) with non-perishable food item \$2.00; without \$3.00**  
**Under six (6) years old: FREE**

All non-perishable food items are donated to the VFW-Community Center  
Holiday Food Baskets & Emergency Food Pantry

**PARENTS, PLEASE USE YOUR OWN DISCRETION! SOME SCENES MAY BE  
CONSIDERED GRUESOME AND NOT APPROPRIATE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.**



You may prefer to visit **"PUMPKIN HOLLOW"**, provided by Comstock Community Center with scenes for younger children and the faint of heart.

Haunted Forest scenes presented by WMU Fraternity & Sorority Chapters

Pumpkin Hollow presented by Comstock Community Center Kids Korner.  
For more info call Comstock P&R Office @ 269-343-8212

**Information and Referral Services**

Need Help? Not sure where to turn? The Comstock Community Center is a source of information and services available throughout the County, from emergency assistance or health care services, to child care, youth programs, counseling and other human services. Call 345-8556 for information and referrals.

**Federal Commodities Food Distribution**

The Kalamazoo County Community Action Bureau offers a variety of Federal foods every other month at the **Comstock Community Center**. Applicants who financially qualify can sign up on the next distribution day, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or on Tuesday at the Comstock Community Center. **Applicants should bring current proof of income, proof of local residency, proof of family size, and Social Security numbers for all household members.** The Federal Food Program generally offers items from all food groups and is intended to supplement the food supply of individuals and families who have modest income.

**NEXT COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION**

**Monday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

**ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

**Under 60 Years Of Age**

Based on 130 percent of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$12,103	\$1,009	\$233
2	16,237	1,354	313
3	20,371	1,698	392

For each additional family member add:  
4,134      45      80

**60 Years Of Age And Older**

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$14,896	\$1,241	\$287

**Immunization Clinics**

Children from **two months to 18 years** of age can receive immunizations at Comstock Community Center. Bring immunization record. Fees based on ability to pay. 4th Tuesday of each month. Call **373-5203** for information.

**Well Child Clinics**

Children from **birth through 18 years of age**, without Healthy Kids or MICHild, who live in Kalamazoo County, and whose family meets eligibility requirements, may come to the **Well Child Clinic**. Complete head-to-toe physicals are done **free of charge** at Comstock Community Center. **Clinics held 4th Tuesday of each month.** Please Call **373-5116** to schedule an appointment.

**Vision and Hearing Screening appointments** can be made by calling **373-5031**.

**MICHild/Healthy Kids Health Insurance for Children**

is for families who are at or below 200% of poverty (family of 4 with annual income of \$32,900 or below would qualify & whose children are under the age of 19. Cost \$5 per family per month. For applications & information, call 373-5064. Spanish speaking assistance available.

**Assistance Service**

My name is **Patsy Burnett** and I am the Human Service Specialist (Outreach Worker) housed at the Comstock Community Center on Tuesdays. I am available to take your calls/walk-ins on most Tuesdays from 1:00 – 4 p.m. It is best to call ahead to make sure I am in.

I am able to assist with:

- Ongoing and Emergency Assistance
- Education and Head Start Enrollment
- Home Weatherization Programs
- Home Owners Rehabilitation Services
- Employment and Training Referrals
- Commodities Distribution

Please call **373-5066** for information or for an appointment.

**Head Start Enrollment**

Kalamazoo County Head Start/School Readiness program offers no-cost pre-school for three and four year olds from low-income families. Services offered include transportation, meals, programming for special-needs children and more. Call 373-5066 for more information for an application.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### Meetings held in the Board Room of the Township Hall:

**Township Board** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7:00pm

**Planning Commission** - 2nd & 4th Thursday-7:30pm  
(November & December only-1st & 3rd Thursday)

**Zoning Board of Appeals** - 4th Tuesday - 4:00pm

### Meeting held in Heritage Room of the Library:

**Library Board** - 2nd Monday - 7:00pm

### Meeting held in Local History Room of the Library:

**Comstock Trailway Team** - 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
(Contact Lawrence Renuart at 382-6448 for information.)

### Meeting held in the Township Meeting Room:

**Parks & Recreation Commission** - 2nd Wednesday - 7:00pm

### Meetings held at the Comstock Community Center:

**Comstock Community Center Board** - 2nd Wednesday 5:30pm

**Boy Scouts Troop #221** - Mondays - 7:00pm

**Boy Scouts Troop #221 Comte. Mtg.** - 3rd Tues. - 6:30pm

**\*Girl Scout Troop #495** - Tues. 4:00 - 5:30pm

**AGLOW** - 3rd Saturday 10:00am-noon

**County Center 4-H Club** - 1st Thursday 7:00p.m.

**4-H Horse Group** - 3rd Sunday 2:00 PM

**AA Meetings** - Monday-Friday 7:00-8:00a.m.

**Kiwanis** - Friday 7-8:30 AM

## STAY CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

### Comstock Community Center

6330 King Hwy., P.O. Box 34, Comstock, MI 49041  
Phone 269-345-8556 Fax 269-345-9486

**Mary T. Gustas**, Executive Director  
execdir@comstockcc.com

### Comstock Township Offices

6138 King Hwy., P.O. Box 449, Comstock, MI 49041  
Phone 269-381-2360 Fax 269-381-4328

**Tim Hudson**, Supervisor  
www.comstockmi.com

**Chad Meints**, Treasurer  
cmeints@comstockmi.com

**Anna Scott-Goodsell**, Clerk  
agoodsell@comstockmi.com

### Comstock Township Library

6130 King Hwy, P.O. 25, Comstock, MI 49041  
Phone 269-345-0136 Fax 269-345-0138

**Meg King-Sloan**, Director  
http://www.comstocktownshiplib.org

### Comstock Township Parks & Recreation Commission

6133 King Hwy., P.O. Box 449 Comstock, MI 49041  
Phone 269-343-8212 Fax 269-381-9765  
Monday through Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm  
www.ComstockMI.com  
parksinfo@ComstockMI.com

## HELPFUL INFORMATION WHOM TO CALL

### Who to Contact:

**Comstock Township Office**  
381-2360  
Monday through Friday  
8am-5pm



**Robert Morris Park -**  
Seasonal 343-0082  
Call Parks & Rec. office for dates & times  
343-8212

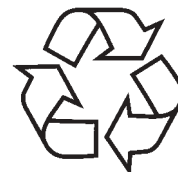
**Central Fire Station 345-2113**

**North Fire Station 349-5282**

**East Fire Station 381-0804**

### Compactor & Recycling Station Information 381-2360

• April 1 - November 30  
Tues. & Thurs. 11am-6pm -  
Sat. 8am-4pm  
• December 1 - March 31  
Tues. & Thurs. 11am-4pm -  
Sat. 8am-4pm  
(Covered loads are required when entering the station.)



### Comstock Township Library 345-0136

- Spring/Summer Hours  
Mon.-Thurs. 9am-8pm; Fri. 10am-6pm;  
Sat. 10am-4pm
- Fall/Winter Hours beginning day after Labor Day  
Mon.-Thurs 10am-9pm;  
Fri. 10am-6pm; Sat.10am-4pm

### Comstock Community Center 345-8556

- Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Comstock Community Auditorium 388-9381**

## Holiday Donations Needed

Help us get ready for the 25th Annual Kids Christmas, Family Adoptions and Holiday baskets for Seniors and Families. Your assistance with a tax deductible cash contribution helps us provide: hats, gloves, games, toys, personal care items, food, clothes and gifts for many of those less fortunate in our community (Comstock and Galesburg/Augusta). Your generous outpouring of support in 2005 allowed us to assist 221 families, 125 seniors, and over 300 children. Please consider a generous donation again this year to make the holidays joyful for everyone.

# Merry Christmas

Be a "Friend Of The Center"

Enclosed is my/our contribution in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25      \_\_\_\_\_ \$50      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100      \_\_\_\_\_ \$ other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here \_\_\_\_\_ if your gift is to be anonymous.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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