

Center Point



**February/March
2007**

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

A Special Thanks to Everyone Who Helped Make the Holiday Season a Success!

With the support of the many individuals, families, businesses, churches, schools, service clubs and everyone else who shared their time, energy, financial and emotional resources, we would not have been able to share the successes of this years holiday assistance.



We received donations of money, food, toys, personal care items, gift wrapping, chaperoning children, packing food baskets, collecting food, knitting and

crocheting blankets, mittens, gloves, delivering food baskets, and presents to seniors. Through these activities the true meaning of the season came to Comstock and the surrounding area.

Each of you made these things happen:

- **63** Children shopped at Meijer's for their **161** siblings at the Kids Christmas Party
- The Adopt-A-Family Program served **115** families. Through the efforts of **45** businesses, churches and other groups, **31** families, and friendship groups gave money for gift items.



These families received toys, clothing, household items and food baskets.

- **136** families received holiday food baskets in cooperation with the VFW Post 6252 and Boy Scout Troup # 221.
- **36** families were given toys and clothing items through the CCC Holiday Toy Shop stocked with donated items.

- **96** seniors received special holiday baskets and food or gifts from **73** adopters.
- Over **100** residents of the Laurels of Galesburg received small gifts and beautiful lap robes made by the Comstock Township Library Keep America Warm Volunteers.

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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**.

Notes from the Director

Dear Friends and Members:



As you can see from the front page we had another successful holiday season of serving our community. The kindness and generosity and sharing reflects the true sense of community which exist in the Comstock area. Thank you for sharing and caring about your community. The gifts you have provided were truly appreciated.

I believe that as we move into the year 2007 that we will see many changes, new opportunities and growth in the economy. Kalamazoo and Southwest Michigan is moving toward creating jobs in four targeted areas: life sciences, advanced automotive materials and manufacturing, alternative energy and homeland security and defense. Within the State of Michigan, Kalamazoo and Southwest Michigan has gained jobs over the past year and more are expected during 2007. This is a positive sign for everyone that lives in the area. We are blessed with four post-secondary academic institutions available for training or retraining. Perhaps, 2007 is the time to make some changes in your life.

Often times we look to huge events or grand deeds to change the world we live in, when in reality it is often the small acts of kindness or the small steps we take that really change people's lives and the world we live in. As the New Year evolves imagine how many lives can be changed or what great opportunities may result from taking that first small step.

Mary T. Gustas
Comstock Community



Comstock Community Center Closing Notice

The Comstock Community Center closes when the Comstock Public Schools close. If there is a delay due to weather, we will also have a delay in opening. Please listen to Wood TV 8, WWMT TV 3, Wood TV channel 41, or WKZO for announcements of these delays or cancellations. Closing of the Center is for safety reasons. If the weather is bad enough to keeps kids home, we don't want you to take a chance either. If you have questions about this policy, please call **345-8556**.

You may have heard that diabetes causes eye problems and may lead to blindness. People with diabetes do have a higher risk of blindness than people without diabetes. But most people who have diabetes have nothing more than minor eye disorders. You can keep minor problems minor. And if you do develop a major problem, there are treatments that often work well if you begin them right away.

As part of Prevent Blindness America and National Eye Health Month, the Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network is focusing efforts upon the importance of yearly dilated eye exams for people with diabetes. The Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network is a statewide effort to create innovative partnerships to strengthen prevention, detection and treatment throughout all areas of Michigan.

Diabetic eye disease can be detected through a dilated eye examination, which is recommended at least once a year. If discovered in time, severe vision loss or blindness can be prevented. For more information: **1-800-795-7800** or www.diabetesinmichigan.org.

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 Supervisor
- Kelly Moore, Director Youth/Child Services
- Shay Mavis, Asst Director Youth/Child Svc
- Jeremy Smith, P-T Coordinator
- Melissa Pearson, K.K. Teacher

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AARP Tax Volunteers are now available to help those individuals who are senior citizens, disabled, or have a low income with their taxes. Please bring all necessary information with you to your appointment. Please call 345-8556 to schedule an appointment. Persons will be given appointments on a first come, first serve basis.

ADULT SPECIAL EVENTS

Lunch and a Movie: February 27th, 11:30am
(Free popcorn with a soft drink purchase on Tue.)

Join us for a great lunch at the China Buffet on Gull Road before we head next door for a movie. Lunch will probably be about \$8 and you can plan on \$3.50 for the movie cost. If you would like to go sign up in the front office. Please pay Sue your \$3 transportation fee at the time of sign up. Meet here at 11:00 for lunch.



Potlucks

Sign up for the next **Potluck – Monday, February 26 and Monday, March 26.** Quickly becoming a FAVORITE EVENT! Potluck etiquette here is to bring all you could ever need: Plate, Fork, Spoon, knife, beverage and a dish to pass. The center will provide a warm place to gather and a table with a spot to sit. See you and all your friends soon!

Our Common Stories Grant Activities

In October we received a grant from the Kalamazoo Foundation to partner with Ecumenical Senior Center in Kalamazoo on a few different projects, the first of which being a writing workshop with Bobby Taber. The workshop was a huge success and our upcoming plans for February and March include a dessert potluck and outing for Feb. and a trip to Ecumenical on March 23rd for their renowned Friday Fish Fry. The trip in February is free and you can call to sign up. March's fish fry is a cost of \$7 with free transportation. Please come in to sign up and pay. See you soon!



Be our Valentine

Friday, February 16th at noon come on over for a great time of great entertainment and dancing, decorations, pictures and delicious food. This is a great time to get all gussied up, but we'll still love on ya if you come as you are. Come in or Call in to sign up or ask questions. Spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and a drink. \$8



St. Patty's Day

Friday, March 16th at 12:00pm enjoy the glory of Irish tradition with a great corned beef and cabbage dinner. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the comfort of a boiled dinner with corned beef, potatoes, carrots, and a dinner roll for only \$6. Please call 345-8556 to reserve your spot or place a take-out order.



Ballroom Dance Lessons



Sharon Baxter has had great success starting up Tuesday evening ballroom dance lessons and will be continuing in February and March. February will offer two different three week sessions for \$38 each or \$57 for both. From 7-8pm Basic Ballroom dance will be the "Rumba" and a more advanced dance from 8:30-9:30pm will offer West Coast Swing. March sessions will be four weeks long and provide opportunity for Basic Ballroom of "East Coast Swing" from 7-8 and more advanced "West Coast Swing" from 8:30-9:30pm. The cost is \$50 for one or \$75 for both in January. Please contact her with any questions. (269) 375-4129

Caregiver Resources/MMAP Counselor

Colleen Simpson from Senior Services would like to know if there is anyone who would be interested in caregiver support, education or training. If you, or someone you know is responsible for the full time care of another please call and let us know. This service will be invaluable to those with such a heavy responsibility. Call 345-8556 and give us your name and phone number so that we can update you as the services Colleen offers in this new role become more readily available.



DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- Monday, 5:** 9am Special Events Committee meeting
- Tuesday, 6:** Out to breakfast Gigi's, 8:15am
- Thursday, 8:** Dessert Potluck and Outing
- Monday, 12:** Foot Care Clinic
- Tuesday, 13:** Valentine's Mealsite
- Thursday, 15:** Birthday lunch
- Friday, 16:** Valentine's Lunch Celebration \$8
- Monday, 19:** Commodities
- Thursday, 22:** Bingo with Jym from the Laurels of Galesburg.
- Friday, 23:** Mystery lunch 11am-3:00pm.
- Friday, 23:** Ratliff's for fun square dance, everyone 7-9pm \$5
- Saturday, 24:** Poker Tournament
- Tuesday, 27:** Lunch and a movie 11:30am.

March

- Tuesday, 2:** Perkins @ 8:15am
- Monday, 5:** Special Events, 9am
- Sunday, 11:** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
- Monday, 12:** Foot Care Clinic
- Thursday, 15:** St. Patty's Day mealsite, 11:45
- Friday, 16:** Boiled Dinner lunch @ noon
- Thursday, 22:** Birthday lunch
- Friday, 23:** Fish Fry outing to Ecumenical \$7 @ 12:00pm
- Friday, 23:** Ratliff's for fun square dance, everyone 7-9pm \$5
- Saturday, 24:** Poker Tournament
- Monday, 26:** Pot Luck @ noon.
- Thursday, 29:** Bingo with Jym from the Laurels of Galesburg
- Friday, 30:** Mystery lunch 11am-3:00pm

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.

Genetti's Hole In The Wall, March 16, 2007 - \$75/85

Celebrate a guided tour of Northville and the Great Harvest Bread Company. Then enjoy a 7-course family style dinner, serenaded by Tom Marshall. Topped off with an interactive theatre performance "LAW and DISORDER"

A World Record Amish Tour - March 22-24 -- \$359/\$349 

Join us we head to Ohio's Amish country to try and get in the Guinness Book of World Records as the Der Dutchman Restaurant puts on the "World's Largest Buffet" in Holmes County, Ohio. Includes 2 nights in Millersburg, tour of Warther's Carvings, the World's Master Carver of Trains, World's largest collection of antique buggies, tour Coblenz Chocolates, and enjoy authentic Amish cooking/baking. \$50 deposit will hold your reservation and final payment due Feb. 18, 2007.



Mystery Trip ??????, April 11-12, 2007 - \$175/185

Designed for Men and Women... Blokes and Sheila's... Roosters and Hens... Bucks and Does. Activities include: blah, blah, blah and other random stuff in general. Celebrate spring with some theatre, fine food and laughter. And then live happily ever after.

Lifestyles Of The Rich and Famous, April 18, 2007 - \$115/125

Enjoy a guided tour of My Kind of Town and explore places where "Chicagoans of means" used to live, work and play. Lunch at the South Shore Country Club. Experience the world's first and oldest trading floor.

Cincinnati Flower Show - April 24-26, 2007 -- \$439/\$449

America's most acclaimed flower show featuring world class exhibits, social events, gardener's and plant markets. Your trip includes roundtrip deluxe motorcoach transportation, Cincinnati Museum and Omnimax theatre, brunch cruise aboard the Belle of Cincinnati, Newport Aquarium, Oklahoma! Performance at the La Comedia dinner theatre, and more.



Mackinac Island Lighthouse Tour, May 7-11

Call for more details

Atlantic City, Philadelphia and New York, June 2-8, 2007 - \$599/609

Enjoy 7 days and 6 nights of a whirlwind tri-city tour of New York City, Atlantic City and Philadelphia. Guided tour of Manhattan, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Wall Street and more. Then on to Atlantic City - play at the casino, stroll the boardwalk and enjoy the ocean view before you move on to the city of brotherly love Philadelphia. See the sights like Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and Penn's

Landing. There is still more fun to be had on this trip.

Make Bake and Take -Amish Style, June 14, 2007 - \$88/98

Experience hands-on Amish culture by building a birdhouse, learning to make pretzels and enjoy a delicious home cooked Amish meal.



Last Call.... Alaskan Cruise - May 19-26 -- \$1834-\$2434

Cruise out of Vancouver, WA, sail from Whittier and tour College Fjord, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan. Must have a valid passport. Deposit of \$450 due immediately and final payment due Feb. 5, 2007.

Amtrak Trip to Colorado - June 20-26 -- \$910 - \$1087

The bus is almost filled to capacity! This tour of "The Belle of Georgia" promises to stir Southern hospitality in us Yankees. After an up-close view of some beautiful homes, island hop to Jekyll Island and St. Simons to see how America's wealthy lived in days gone by. Also visit Beaufort, SC where many familiar settings from some of America's best-loved movies were filmed.



Savannah - September 23-29, 2007 -- \$539/\$549

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If you signed up for this trip, it's time to place your \$75 deposit to hold your reservation. Join us for a week in the sunny South!

Come Join Us!

Volunteers donated over 10,000 hours of service at the Comstock Community Center in 2006. They planned special events, assisted in the office, helped with youth programs, created a learning garden & much more. Call Carolyn at 345-8556 to see how you can get involved.

**Comstock United Way Grants**

Comstock United Way Grant Applications are available February 5, 2007 at the following locations:

Comstock Community Center
Comstock Township
Comstock Library

The deadline for submission is April 2, 2007

**Introducing "theBLOC"**
Submitted by Rachel Petersen

Calvary Bible Church has a new campus on E. Main. The Sunday services at the E. Main Campus are at 9:00 am Sunday school and 10:30 am Worship Service. Specifically, Youth Ministry at Calvary Bible Church E. Main Campus is going to have its own unique look. Once a month, we will be having BLOC Parties for students to come and hang out, get to know one another and the church, and have fun! These will be meeting in the basement of the parsonage, that we will be calling theBLOC. I am really excited about this new ministry and some of the events that we have planned already.

- February we have Winter Retreats for High School students on the 2nd-4th and Middle School students on the 9th- 11th.
- March 17th will be a March Madness party

We have many more events planned and activities coming up, and we would love for your students to join us!

An additional ministry that will be happening at E. Main Campus is the Campus Ministry for High School and Middle School students. These are student led Bible studies that meet on a weeknight in a home for students to connect with each other and to learn about God together. Right now, we have students from Comstock, Parchment, and Gull Lake who are regularly involved with Calvary as well as their schools and are ready to get to know other students and connect with them.

If you have any questions about Calvary Student Ministries, you can contact me, Rachel Petersen at Calvary Bible Church, 269-372-1130.

Win Big Money! Raffle of the Year

Here is an opportunity to win with better odds than the lottery. Tickets will go on sale 9:00 AM Tuesday, January 2, 2007 until 10:00 AM Friday, June 1, 2007. Each ticket will be \$100.00 and a maximum of 500 tickets will be sold.

This will be the payout scheduled for the sale of 500 tickets:

First Prize \$10,000
Second Prize \$5,000
Third Prize \$3,000
Fourth Prize \$2,000

Fifth Prize \$1,000
4- 6th Prizes \$500 each
4- 7th Prizes \$250 each



In the event that 500 tickets are not sold the payout schedule will be based on the following percentages:

First prize 20% of total sales
Second prize 10% of total sales
Third prize 6% of total sales
Fourth prize 4% of total sales



Fifth prize 2% of total sales
4- 6th prizes 1% of total sales
4 -7th prizes 1/2% of total sales

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.

February: Gigi's, Gull Road

March: Perkin's, Sprinkle Road

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. February 15th, March 22nd



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: Jan. 9 - Mar. 1:

10:00am Easy Does it at 10am and Joints in Motion at 11am classes will start up again. Both are Tues. and Thurs. and cost \$36 each. Contact Carol Williams at Borgess Health and Fitness with questions (269) 552-2348.



Bell Ringers Choir: Mondays 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Conducted by Phil Neice. All skill levels welcome to learn or grow. No fee.



Tai Chi: Mondays at 5:15 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, February 23 (11am-3:00pm)

Friday, March 30 (11am-3:00pm)

Texas Hold'em Poker

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

*****If you want to play for money, please join us at the poker tournaments on Saturday, February 24 and March 24. *******



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. February 12, March 12



Blood Pressure Clinic

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



Center Point Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7am AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 5:30 Tai Chi 6:30 4-H	2 7am AA meeting 7 am Kiwanis 3-6 Piano 7:00pm Square Dancing <small>Groundhog Day (Candlemas)</small>	3
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18 2 PM 4-H Horse Group	19 7 am AA meeting 8:30 - 2pm AARP Taxes 9 Commodities 10 Bells 3-5 CHIKS 5 Tai Chi 6:30 Boy Scouts <small>Privatize Day Washington's birthday (observed)</small>	20 7 am AA meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Poker 1-3 Food Pantry 4 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scout Committee	21 7am AA meeting 8:30 - 2pm AARP Taxes 9 Line Dancing 11:45 Lunch 7pm AA meeting <small>Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)</small>	22 7 am AA meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 5:30 Tai Chi	23 7 am AA meeting 7 Kiwanis 11 Mystery Lunch 1-3 Blood Pressure 3-6 Piano 7 Square Dance	24 1-6 PM Poker Tournament
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DONATIONS November & December

Senior Christmas

Betty Cleland

General Donations

Eunice Slighly
Joyce Burgwald
AA

Mike & Jan O'Halloran
David Cottle
Robert Renault
T J Hibler
Kay Jones

Mrs Roger Luiders
Donald & Linda Buck
Emma Doudy
Great Clips
Kathy Dilsover
Richard Post

John & Joan Schultz
Don & Joyce Watts

Tammy Mazure & family
Geneva Mills

Art & Eleanor Meintz
Audrey Ludwig
Fred & Maxine Corbus
David & Rita Wakefield
Cheryl & Robert Snyder
Bruce & Nancy Justin
Peggy Billingsly
Auto Tech

Holiday Donation

Rita Miskowski
Leni Marley
Woolf Excavating
Precision Tool
Merna Francis
Gladys Edie
Steve Engberts
Dorothy Connor
Karen Easley
Gaile Somerville
Douglas & Phyllis Shrout
Bill Nuyen
Felix & Irene Czuk
Wioma Boss
JH & Patsy Longfield
BW Maxey
James Hillis
Tom's Greenhouse
Ken's Greenhouse
Joan Stafford

William & Peggy Sutton
Glen & Lilo Brower
Francis Walinga
Joyce Burgwald
Maxine Wilson
Joan Schultz
Edna Sipsma
Terry Lewis
David & Lois Stuck
Catherine Murphy

Carol Howes
Emma Dowdy
Sally Pearson
Lee Maher
Karlina Lewis
Janice Jarrett
Special Machining
Kalamazoo Industries
Kay Dunfield
Fran Galow
Deb Cornnell
Tibble Law Offices
Vera Metcalf
Stacy Robbins
Henry Boer
Daniel Kavanaugh, DDS
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Shirley McCarty
Ann Kimble
Mary Meltzer
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Dolores Linstead
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Joann Roe
Marlene Zupke
David & Carol Hutton
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Curtis & Carol Miller
Roto Rooter/ Dale W Hubbard Inc
Sportel Greenhouses
Rolland Preuss
Sandra Amb
George & Betty Srackangast
Phil Gray
Galesburg-Augusta United Way
Quality Greenhouse Inc
Americo Maset
Arcadia Entertainment
TOPS MI 539 Comstock
Charlotte Courter
Doris Melotti
Madalene Martin
Fran Dingman
Wenke Greenhouse
Lilly Kirkwood
George Briggs
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Phillip & Shirley Marle
David Williams
Kay Dunfield
Stephen & Patricia Burton
Georgette Stanaszak

Memorial for Christmas for Joani Siwik

Roy & Sandra Howard in honor of
Christine Siwik
Roy & Sandra Howard in honor of
Ed Siwik

Kids Christmas

Barb Howard
Dorothy Rogers
John Marietta
Comstock Motor Court
Jim Srackangast
Borgess Medical Center
Kimberly Saunders
Boers Comstock Service
Darrell & Ann
Louise Vandelaare
Michael Crandall
Mary Hamilton
Don & Joyce Watts

Adopt a Family

Eaton Employees
Steve Keto
Comstock Bridge Group
Comstock United Way
Marilyn's Mechanical
William Heyd
Pfizer Animal Health
Phil Gray

Food Baskets

Comstock Reformed Church
Diane Cooper
Patti Chimiel

Memorials: Violet VanSickler

Jeff Bell
Violet VanSickler Estate

Memorials: Eleanor Westrate

Roy Sharp
Mr & Mrs Donnie
Evelyn VanDyk
Doug & Phyllis Shrout
Sharon Shelton
Evelyn Sipsma
Pearl Doorn
John & Bernadine Dykstra
RJ & Shelby Wagonmaker

Memorials: John Lenting

Arnold & Barbara Hardin

Memorials: James Melvin

Barbara Melvin

Memorials: Joyce

Williams
Roy Williams

Comstock Co-operative Preschool



Parents and children learning together

The Comstock Cooperative Preschool offers a unique environment for your 3 or 4 year old to learn and grow. Parents actively participate in our half-day program, which is led by an established teacher whose patience and enthusiasm are unrivaled.

Comstock Co-op Preschool is located near Borgess Hospital, and is just a short drive from downtown Kalamazoo, Comstock, Parchment, or Richland.

Enroll for the current school year or plan a visit to prepare for Fall 2007. For more information, please call us or visit our web site.

342-5054

www.comstockpreschool.com



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

Events in the Young People's Department

Winter Story Time Sessions

Winter story time sessions will run through Mar. 9, 2007. Call the Young People's Department for late registration information. Session times and ages are as follows:

Mon: 10:30-11am Baby and Me (moms/dads and 12-24 month olds)

Tues: 10:30-11:15 am 3-5 year olds

Wed: 10:30-11:15 am 2-3 year olds

Thurs: 10:30-11:15 am 2-3 year olds

Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. For the Baby and Me session parents will help their toddlers participate in interactive songs, explore board books and small group activities. There will be time after this session for toddlers to play while parents visit.

February 3, 2007

Get ready for Valentines Day. Make a gift for your best friend, your mom, grandma, or maybe just for yourself. Join us on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10:30 am or 1:30 pm, and decorate a heart shaped canvas tote (8.5" x 7") with fabric paint and stamps. Registration for this free event begins Jan. 29. Class size is limited.



February 10, 2007

"Who loves ya baby?" Teens are invited to join us for a pamper yourself session on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 1:30 pm. Explore the wonderful world of chocolate, have fun with chocolate fondue, and top it all off with a hot fudge Sundae. Not pampered enough? You can also try homemade spa treats like cucum-

ber masks and make and take bath salts. Ok guys...get with the program! What would impress a girl more than making her a special treat? Sign up! This craft is open to teens in grades 6-12. Registration begins Jan. 29 for this free event. Class size is limited.

March 17, 2007



Need some good luck for a change? Saturday, Mar. 17, at 10:30 am or 1:30 pm, make a Leprechaun cottage to tempt those little fellows to hang around your house. If you don't need any extra good luck you could always eat the results. Make a graham cracker house and decorate it with all types of green edible goodies. Registration begins on Mar. 12th for this free event.

Please Note: Beginning in April 2007 registration for all craft classes will be limited to patrons who have a Comstock Township Library Card. Michicard family cards and reciprocal card holders are eligible to register for library classes. If you do not have a Comstock Township Library card contact the library for information on how to obtain your card at 345-0136.

Kalamazoo County Advocates for Seniors Issues

Invites your participation in
SENIORS, SCAMS and SCARES

Monday, February 19, 2007

1:30 PM

Portage Senior Center

320 Library Lane

Portage, MI

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



February 24, 2007

March 24, 2007

April 28, 2007

**Located at *EASTLAND BOWL*
5570 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI
\$50 Entrance Fee
Maximum Players: 84**



Schedule

12:30 PM
1:00 PM

Registration & Table Assignment
Tournament Begins

CASH PRIZES

\$500 First Prize
\$300 Second Prize
\$200 Third Prize
\$100 Fourth Prize

\$75 Fifth Prize
\$50 Sixth Prize
\$50 Seventh Prize

All proceeds go to benefit Comstock Community Center programs

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.



IS THERE A METH LAB COOKIN' IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



Community Awareness About Methamphetamine Contamination

Please join us at the
Comstock Community Center
Thursday, February 22, 2007
7:00 PM

Many people may be unaware that they're living near a meth lab. Meth labs turn up in houses, sheds/barns, apartments, trailers, campers, cabins and hotel/motel rooms – even the backs of pickups and trunks of cars.

Many of the contaminants present during meth's cooking process can be harmful if someone is exposed to them. These contaminants can cause health problems including respiratory (breathing) problems, skin and eye irritation, headaches, nausea and dizziness..

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services (KCHCS), Environmental Health Bureau wants to educate the communities about methamphetamine contamination, its affects, how to clean it up, what to look for, and how to fight back against meth cooks in their communities!

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.



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RESTAURANT

Breakfast • Lunch

2105 Lake Street

Kalamazoo

Open: Mon.-Fri. • 5:30am-2:00pm

Saturday • 6:00am-2pm

Sunday • 7:00am-2pm

345-0220

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.

NEXT COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Monday, February 19 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	\$12,740	\$1,062	\$245
2	17,160	1,430	330
3	21,580	1,799	415

For each additional family member add:

4,420	369	85
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60 Years Of Age And Older

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$15,680	\$1,307	\$302
2	\$21,120	\$1,760	\$407

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. **Next clinic is scheduled for February 27.** 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

Human Service Specialist, Patsy Burnett, (Outreach Worker) housed at the Comstock Community Center on Tuesdays. She is available to take your calls/walk-ins on most Tuesdays from 9:00 – 12:30 p.m.

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 (in most areas), 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.
AA Meetings - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Comstock Township Parks & Recreation Commission
269-343-8212

HELPFUL INFORMATION WHOM TO CALL

Who to Contact:

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

Robert Morris Park -
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.)

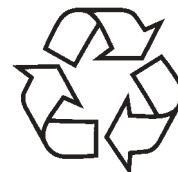
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- Spring/Summer Hours
Mon.-Thurs. 10am-8pm; Fri. 10am-6pm;
Sat. 10am-4pm
- Fall/Winter Hours beginning day after Labor Day
Mon.-Thurs 10am-9pm;
Fri. 10am-6pm; Sat.10am-4pm

Comstock Community Center 345-8556

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

Comstock Community Auditorium 388-9381



SUPER BOOKS ON SALE AT THE COMSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTER



Have you had trouble trying to find the great bargain Super Book? Look no further. The Comstock Community Center now has Super Books available. The books are \$39.00 and for an extra \$1.00 you will be able to purchase the bonus book too!

We will continue to sell them until March 15, 2007. Tell your friends and neighbors to get their books now. Purchasing them in February provides you with 12 months of bargains. Most of the coupons expire in March 2008.



Proceeds from the sale of the books will go to support various programs at the Comstock Community Center. Thanks in advance for your support.

The Comstock Community Center accepts   for payment of the super books!

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