

# Center Point



**April/May  
2006**

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

## **15th Annual BOWL-A-THON** **Saturday, May 6, 2006** **Eastland Bowl, 5570 Gull Road**

Raise a minimum of \$25 (teens/adults) and \$10 (12 years and under) and you will get to bowl three games and shoes free. Both bowlers and non-bowlers raising funds are eligible to win door prizes. Special prizes are awarded from the Top Three individuals raising the most money \$\$\$.

Take this pledge sheet and get your family, friends, neighbors and/or co-workers to sponsor you. Call the Center at 345-8556 to let us know you will be bowling and how many are on your team. Pledge may be turned in before or at the event, or at the Comstock Community Center by May 12<sup>th</sup>.



**All Donations are tax deductible**

<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>Amount Collected</b>

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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 7,000 potential customers, who in turn support your business. To advertise in the Comstock CenterPoint, please call the Community Center **345-8556**.

## Goodbye from Judy Savoy

It is hard to say goodbye to so many friends so instead I will say thank you for the opportunity to grow in such a wonderful community. In the past seven years that I have worked for the Comstock Community Center I have seen this community develop, and have witnessed the incredible generosity of the people in this area. I have decided to take a position with Southern Care Hospice and move down another avenue of learning and experiences.



When you are surrounded by negative and depressing events all you need to do is look to the works that are accomplished through this small but incredible organization. The co-workers I have

had the pleasure of working with, community members, and the individuals who spend their time using and volunteering at the Center are truly amazing in their spirit and dedication. It is apparent good does exist. Good exists in a bountiful measure.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your community, this organization and your lives. It has meant the world to me and I look forward to being a consistent supporter and volunteer in the future.

## 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.**

## Former GM Stamping Plant Attracts New Business

Midlink Business Park, the former GM Stamping Plant in Kalamazoo, Michigan, will welcome its first land-purchase tenant, Purity Cylinder Gases, Inc./Airway Oxygen, Inc. The facility will be located in the park's industrial and distribution zone. Construction is scheduled to begin first quarter 2006.

Purity Cylinder Gases, Inc., a distributor of industrial and medical gases, and Airway Oxygen, Inc., a provider of home medical equipment and supplies, will relocate from a facility on Kalamazoo's Branch Street to a bigger, 14,400 square-foot facility on a 4-acre parcel at Midlink. Purity has seven locations in Michigan and another in Indiana, and Airway Oxygen has 12 locations in Michigan. Chuck Miesch, controller and secretary, says Midlink's "location along the highway and the improvements to the land and roadways made it an attractive choice for us. Midlink is a first-class operation," he said.

## Latin American Dancing Invades Comstock

On February 14th a group of salsa dancing students and volunteers from Western Michigan University joined the residents from Comstock and other parts of Kalamazoo County for an afternoon of great music and dancing. These individuals got everyone dancing to the spicy Latin tunes. I think they may have brought the Fountain of Youth with them. Everyone felt at least 20 year younger. Keep an eye out for future events like this one!



### Center Staff

Mary T. Gustas, Executive Director  
Sue Benson, Office Manager  
Nola Harlan, Account/Data Manager  
Nina Hodge, Interim Facilities  
Mindy Spencer, Sr. Program Coordinator  
Lauren Carroll, Travel Coordinator  
Carolyn Kuester, Volunteer Coordinator  
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Kelly Moore, Child Services Director  
Traci Scarbrough, Prime-Time Coordinator  
Meredith McCurry, Kids Korner Teacher  
Shay Mavis, Kids Korner Teacher  
Jeremy Smith, Kids Korner Teacher  
Melissa Pearson, Kids Korner Teacher

### Board of Directors

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Oscar Roberts  
Norm Shanahan  
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Joe VanBruggen  
Joyce Watts

## Poker Tournaments Continue To Be a Success

The community continues to enjoy the Texas Hold Em' Poker Tournaments at Eastland Bowl. We have received many questions regarding the proceeds from this fund-raiser. After our expenses are paid we usually net about \$1,500 - \$1,900 these funds are used to support the various programs at the center. These programs included: Youth, Children, Seniors, and Family services. The Community Center serves individuals from birth through their entire life. Some of the programs include a pre-school; before and after school program; summer camp; flu shots; meal sites; travel; holiday programs; classes and taxes. Thanks for your continued support.



## New Senior Program Coordinator

Mindy Spencer is our new senior program coordinator. She began her duties on March 8th and has hit the ground running. She comes to us from South County Community Services, where she served in a similar position. Mindy probably already knows some of you because of joint programs that we have done with South County. She is also a past resident of the community, having attended elementary school in Comstock. Please stop by and give her a big Comstock Welcome. .



that will be presented in its original glory. All details will be the same as they were on Broadway. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see this show right in our community. The tickets are located on the main floor. A great seat is guaranteed. We have a wonderful combination of lunch and the show for \$50. Lunch is at the Fetzer Center at WMU. Gourmet Chefs will prepare a delicious meal and then you will be transported to Miller Auditorium to enjoy an afternoon matinee. **Please 345-8556 call to see if there are any cancellations.**

## AARP TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP tax volunteers are available until April 12th to help those individuals who are senior citizens, disabled or have a low income with filing their taxes. Taxes are being done by appointment only. Please call 345-8556 to make an appointment.



## UNITED WAY GRANTS

Comstock United Way Grant Applications are available at the following locations:

**Comstock Community Center  
Comstock Township  
Comstock Library**

The deadline for submission is **April 3, 2006.**



## Please join Bell's Brewery, Inc. for their 13th Annual Golf Outing

**When:** June 9, 2006 - 11:00 AM  
**Where:** Thornapple Creek Golf Club - 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner, gifts, Bell's Beer  
**Cost:** \$100.00 and additional \$25 donation and match for the Comstock Community Center

## Sold-Out Phantom Of The Opera Tickets\*!

Phantom of the Opera is an incredible performance

## Comstock Community Center Seeks Millage Committee Members

The Comstock Community Center will be seeking a renewal of its 1/2 Mill this year. The millage is used to support the senior programs and services provided at the Center. We are looking for four (4) individuals who can represent the community on this important committee. If you are interested, please call Mary Gustas at 345-8556.

**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!



\$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 you are registering for. (Please do not send cash).

**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.

**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.

**Trip Office Hours**

Comstock Community Center Trip Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm. 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 Lauren Carroll, Travel Coordinator at: 345-8556, ext. 16.

**Warmer weather is just around the corner!  
Join us as we celebrate the sights and sounds  
of spring as we go on the road again!**

~Lauren

**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.

**Tastee Tour – Chicago Style!  
April 5**

Experience the culinary delights of Chicago. As diverse as the city itself! Join us as we experience a behind-the-scenes look at this fascinating and delicious world, from creation to consumption. Meet the professionals. Bakers, caterers, wine experts and specialty food experts. Lunch included prepared by future chefs at renown Culinary School – plus Tasting at all stops! \$98.00/108.00

**Cancellations**

Anyone canceling within 10 days of a trip will be charged the ticket price of the attraction, plus a

**Diana: A Celebration and  
A Tale of Two Women April 12-13**

Admission to Diana a Celebration exhibit at the Dayton Art Institute and see a rare look inside Princess Diana's life. See a dinner theatre Presentation of Annie Get Your Gun, free Chocolates at the Esther Price Chocolates, and admission to the Garst Museum. 1 dinner, 1 breakfast and a nights stay at the Fairfield Inn in Dayton, Ohio. Baggage handling, taxes, tips, room, fees and listed meals \$219.00/\$229.00

***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.



## The Somerset Collection – Troy April 22



Regal, singular, gracious and resplendent with style, the Somerset Collection represents more than 180 stores – from Gucci to Gap, Cartier to Crate & Barrel, and four prominent department stores – Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Marshall Fields. Somerset Collection is the destination for power walkers, people watchers and power shoppers...like you! Trip Includes: transportation, gift bag and package pick up. \$41.00/\$51.00

## Blossom Into Spring in Chicago - May 6



Designed with your family in mind, this tour allows you to plan your own day. Consider a museum, the Art Institute, shopping, or your choice of the Windy City's many other interesting attractions. Drop off at Museums, Michigan Avenue and Loop. One shuttle and scheduled package pick-up. \$42.00/\$52.00

## New York City May 8–13



Wow! Accommodations at the world-class **New York Helmsley Hotel**, nestled in the heart of Midtown Manhattan and walking distance to Times Square, Grand Central Station, United Nations, the Theatre District and Rockefeller Center. Enjoy 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners, including **Tavern on the Green**. Admission and reserved orchestra seating to the hit **Broadway Musical “Wicked”**. Extensive touring of New York City including: A visit to **Ground Zero/World Trade Center Site**, ferry to **Ellis Island** and the **Statue of Liberty**, Visit to **Top of the Rock**, step on guide for touring of **China Town and Little Italy**. Leisure time in New York City. All baggage handling, taxes and gratuities. \$1,249.00 double occupancy

## Pickles, Dalmatians, County Buildings and Chocolate! May 17



Travel to **Fort Wayne, Indiana** with us if you like sweet things, sour things, green things, red things, black spots, old things, new things and you're not afraid of the law. Join us on this delightful tour where we'll frolic in food, friendship and fun!

**\*\*Tour Sechler & Sons Pickle Factory\*\*** Enjoy lunch and a tour at Old Number 3 Firehouse\*\*Visit DeBrands Chocolate Factory Store\*\*Allen County Public Library and Genealogy Dept.\*\*Tour the beautiful Allen County Court House\*\*Stroll through the Foellenger-Frelmann Botanical Conservatory. \$79.00/\$89.00

## Bells, Music, Socks and Art - Brown County Style! May 22-23



In the early 1900's, Indiana artist T.C. Steele “discovered” Brown County, Indiana. Here was unspoiled beauty and panoramic vistas. Its complete history is rich with a beautiful, symbolic intertwining of artistic endeavors, cultural traditions, magnificent entertainment and genuine hospitality. Highlights include: Handbell concert at the Joybell Theatre, T. C. Steele State Historic Site Tour, Time for shopping, For Bare Feet Sock Factory Tour, Frankie, Annette, Elvis and Me at the Coachlite Theatre. 1-B, 1-L, 1-D. \$249.00/\$259.00 double occupancy.

## Door County Wisconsin plus King Tut Exhibit and Great Lakes Crossing June 12-15



4 days by motorcoach – look what's included! Chicago Field Museum King Tut Exhibit/Door County Tour Guide/Wagon ride through orchards in Door county/Peninsula Sate Park-Eagle Bluff Lighthouse/winery tour with samples/Door County Fish Boil/Piano concert from a schoolhouse/Kohler Design Center/Kohler Family Hoe/American Club Tour/Horicon Pontoon Cruise/Natural Ovens Bakery tour/SS Badger Car Ferry on return/3 nights lodging/3 continental Bbreakfasts/1 lunch/3

dinners/Luggage handling and gratuities on included meals. \$585.00/\$595.00 double occupancy.

Doing our  
part to help  
grow and  
beautify our  
community

*River Street  
Flowerland*

River Street & Market - Comstock  
342-9207  
Open Mid-April thru October

## Spring Project Helpers Needed

Can you give a couple hours of your time to:

- Help a senior with spring yard work
- Assist with nature trail clean-up
- Ready flower beds for planting
- Rake leaves or spread wood chips



Bring your family, friends or just yourself and join us! Great projects for church youth groups, student organizations or other service groups.

**When:** Sat. April 22nd, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Comstock Community Center  
 6330 King Highway  
**What:** Spring Earth Day Projects

Can't make it April 22nd? Could you help a different day? Call Carolyn Kuester, Volunteer Coordinator at the Center, 345-8556, and we'll set up a time and a project that works for you!



## Motivated People Needed To:

- assist with Camp SummerFun activities as a VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (minimum age 15)
- help area seniors with yard work, flower planting or other small home projects by joining the YARD GUARD or the FIX-IT CREW
- join our BELL CHOIR—you don't need to read music, a love of music is all that's needed
- be the Center's BUS DRIVER on Thursdays — provide transportation to Center activities for seniors no longer able to drive
- greet visitors, answer phones and assist with other projects in the FRONT OFFICE

Contact Carolyn Kuester, 345-8556, Volunteer Coordinator at the Comstock Community Center, if you are interested and can help.

## Comstock Food Pantry Honored

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes (KLF) was honored to present the Golden Loaf Group Award to The Comstock Community Center Food Pantry. The Golden Loaf Award recognizes outstanding volunteer efforts to end hunger in Kalamazoo County. The Comstock Pantry piloted KLF's



efforts to offer food choices to clients, allowing families in need to select their own emergency food supplies, according to their unique needs and preferences. Choice

food pantries offer clients the dignity of being able to select their own food items, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. At the Comstock Pantry, food is distributed by weight, and clients are able to select items directly from the shelves.. By empowering people to choose their own food, the Comstock Pantry is truly aligned with KLF's core values of respect, dignity, and compassion.

The Loaves and Fishes staff and board applaud the willingness of Mary Gustas, pantry coordinator J.J. Jarrett, and all the Comstock volunteers: Janet Kesterson, Irene Evans, Rita Miskowski, Pearl Doorn, Edna Sipsma, June Hayward, Emma Dowdy, Fran Dingman to take a risk and try something completely new. Comstock's experiment has set a new standard of compassion, and now 9 of 20 KLF food pantries are choice pantries. Other pantries are moving in that direction, to varying degrees. This is thanks to Comstock's pilot efforts.

## RETIREES Great New Hobby

- Quick Start Classes Beginning this April
- Free Lowrey Organ in Your home during Four week class. (O.A.C.)
- NEW fun and easy Adult Music Method



**ONLY \$19.95** (Includes Music)

**Lowrey Fun Center**  
 Portage and Battle Creek  
 Call Jim 269/501-8474

## 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 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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

**April:** Lunch Time Cafe on Gull Rd.

**May:** Julianna's on Lake Street.

**June:** Niko's Express in Comstock.

**Bingo:** Every Thursday at 1:00 pm (1:30pm after special events) No fee. Bring a \$1.00 value non-perishable unopened food item in a paper sack. Everyone is welcome! No Bingo on April 4th.

**Friendship Center Lunch Program:** Enjoy a hot and healthy meal Monday- Thursday at 11:45am 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 11:30am 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.

## 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 10:30-11:30am taught by Jeannie Nichols—light chair and light impact aerobics for everyone at all physical abilities. \*\*\*



**Line Dancing:** Wednesdays 9-10:30am taught by Shari Rarick. \*\*\*

**Therapeutic Swim Class:** Join our Beginning class Tuesdays and Thursdays for eight weeks \$36 at Borgess Health and Fitness. Call Carol Williams at 552-2348 for more information. Next session begins March 7-April 27.

**Bell Ringers Choir: NEW TIME - Mondays 7:00 PM. Need 1 new member, experienced or not. Conducted by Phil Niece call 343-6067.**

**Tai Chi:** Wednesdays 12:30pm and Mondays at 5pm. A relaxing form of martial arts that increases balance, strength, circulation and mental alertness. Instructor Ed Kehoe has been certified by the Arthritis Foundation. Ed's oldest student is over 100 years old so no one has an excuse! Please call 345-8556. Classes are \$5 per session.

**Legal Assistance 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, April 21, 11am**

**Friday, May 19, 11am**

## Texas Hold' Em

Learn Texas Hold'em. On Tuesdays at 12:30pm the card sharks come out to the center. We want you.



## Do You Need Work Done On Your Home or Yard, Leaves Raked?

We have groups of volunteers to come out and help. Small repairs, yard work, small painting jobs, windows etc. Please call 345-8556 for Carolyn and let us know what you need done and we will see if we can help you out.

## 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.

## Blood Pressure Clinic

Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 12:30-1:30 pm No Fee.

## ADULT SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### Bunny Lunch

**Thursday, April 13 11:30.p.m** enjoy a yummy dinner in your tummy, entertainment for a giggle, a bunny for a funny and friends to keep you company at this wonderful luncheon. 345-8556 by **noon April 6** to reserve your spot Suggested donation of \$2.



### Mother's Day Luncheon



**Thursday, May 11 11:30 a.m.**

Celebrate the wonders of womanhood with a wonderful lunch, entertainment and gifts. Sign up by **noon May 4**. Suggested donation \$2. Please call 345-8556 to reserve your lunch.

# Center Point Community Calendar

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## Donations - Senior Program

Mary Gregorek

## Donations - General Program

AA

Helen Austin

Craig Boers

Patricia Burton

Philip & Patricia Burton

Maxine Campbell

Barbara Dykema

Bill & Jane Griessel

Jean M. Grimes

Thomas & Margaret Rienzo

Carl & Shirley Kime

Bernard Kuiper

Angea Oviedo

Square One

Charles & Carolyn Tyler

Reinard VanOsterum

Deanna Tree SueWines

Marlene Zupke

## Memorials

Bob Mills

Mary Ten Brink

Donald Cole

Richard & Irene Evans

## Enjoy Life Again!

### Do you have difficulty with

Balance, Memory, Reaching, Swallowing  
or other physical challenges?

Does pain, weakness or fatigue prevent  
you from participating in activities you enjoy?

### Overcome these Challenges.

Talk to your doctor about a referral to  
**Rehabilitation Works**, with the area's  
most experienced team of Physical,  
Occupational and Speech therapists.



## Rehabilitation Works

### 2 convenient locations to serve you.

5555 Gull Road  
(The crossing of N. Sprinkle & Gull Road)  
**345-9191**

303 Balch Street  
(Downtown near Crosstown Pkwy  
and S. Park Street)  
**343-7100**

## THE LAURELS OF GALESBURG

*A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center*



Pictured from left to right are the Laurels of Galesburg Rehabilitation team that took part in Ray's success: Carla Deblecourt (Speech Therapist), Blair Hill (Physical Therapist Assistant), Raymond Erk, Kelli Bailey (Occupational Therapist) and Carol Williamson (Director of Rehabilitation).

## After Just 3 Months, Ray Returns Home To His Wife.

Ray Erk was admitted to the Laurels of Galesburg in April 2005 following a long hospitalization from Battle Creek Health System, in Battle Creek, MI. During the course of the hospitalization, Ray went into a coma, underwent a tracheotomy and was placed on a ventilator. He had suffered a diffuse Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) due to swelling of the brain. The TBI manifested in deficits in his gross and fine motor coordination, speech, swallowing, cognition, impulse control and behaviors. He required extensive total care at the time of admission to the Laurels of Galesburg.

During his stay, he received and participated in intensive physical, occupational and speech therapies.

Three months later, at the time of discharge from the Laurels of Galesburg in July 2005, Ray was able to walk out of the building on his own and returned home with his wife Judith, where he is able to perform basic activities of daily living with his family providing 24 hour supervision. His wife Judith keeps us updated periodically on his progress at home, where Ray is now enjoying playing card games.

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## April and May 2006 Events at the Comstock Township Library

The Comstock Township Library will be closed on Sat. April 15 for the Easter Holiday and Sat. May 27-Mon May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

### Celebrate National Library Week

April 2-8 at the Comstock Township Library. Adults who stop in and use their Comstock Township Library card will get a special gift while supplies last. Children and teens are also invited to stop in the library during National Library Week and use their Comstock Township Library cards. They will get their name up on our butterfly bul-

letin board, a free packet of microwave popcorn and an entry form for a drawing to be held on Monday April 10.

### Craft Day

Saturday April 8th 1:30 – 2:30 pm: Decoupage Eggs  
Learn to decoupage real blown eggs with delicate tissue paper and punch out designs. All materials provided to decorate an egg. Open to ages 5 and up (including adults), registration is required for this free event.

### Story Time Sessions

Registration for the spring story time session will begin on Mon April 3 through Sat April 8. The six-week session will begin Mon April 10 and end on Thurs May 18. There is no charge for story time sessions but registration is required. Session times and ages are as follows:

- Mon: 10:30-11 am Baby and Me (moms/dads and 12-24 month olds)
- Tues: 10:30-11:15 am 2-3 year olds
- Wed: 10:30-11:15 am 3-5 year olds
- Thurs: 10:30-11:15 am 4-5 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 with each other.

Information on the Library's summer reading program and summer events will be distributed through the Comstock Elementary Schools prior to the end of the school year. Detailed event information will also be available on the library website [www.comstocklibrary.org](http://www.comstocklibrary.org) and informational flyers available in the library in early June.

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## Camp SummerFun 2006

**June 19th ~ August 18th**

Summer is almost here. Have a sneak peak at the new weekly themes and field trips:



<b>Week 1</b>	Welcome week - Airway Lanes
<b>Week 2</b>	Holiday week- IMAX Theatre (last year we saw Willy Wonka in 3D)
<b>Week 3</b>	Safari week- John Ball Zoo
<b>Week 4</b>	Xtreme Sports -Baseball game (no extra skills required)
<b>Week 5</b>	Space Invaders- MSU Planetarium
<b>Week 6</b>	Super Hero - Full Blast
<b>Week 7</b>	Wacky Kids - Craig's Cruisers (ends with a great Talent Show)
<b>Week 8</b>	2006 Olympic Games- Curious Kids Museum/Silver Beach

We are pleased to offer 8 weeks of exceptional fun in the sun for your kids. **Brochures will be available and Registration begins the first week in May.**

## CHIKS



As winter nears its end, C.H.I.K.S look forward to spring as they celebrate being young women possessing: **C**onfidence, **H**onor, **I**ndependence, **K**nowledge and **S**uccess. A highlight this winter for sure was a **1980's** style lock-in. At the lock-in CHIKS were busy with karaoke, make-overs, dancing, crafts, scavenger hunts, and movies just to name a few activities. To start the evening off 3rd degree black belt, Charles Parker showed us a few self-defense moves. Our young women are learning to be strong on the inside, reaching deep personal goals as well as strong on the outside. Keep an eye out for pictures of this event in our next newsletter!

**CHIKS** will continue on with planned activities such as, discussing what life is like for an average teen, taking a look at Substance abuse and planning our annual recognition dinner.

## Clubhouse Kids

**Wacky Wednesday's** continue to be a great success. We are averaging 15-20 kids each Wednesday. We are so pleased to be offering a safe, fun, educational place for your young ones to be after-school. Miss Janice and Kim always have great activities planned from, reading, painting, making cookies, group games and songs to teaching them about manners, respect and responsibility.

**\$5.00 field trips** are to places like Mc Donald's, movies, Chucky Cheese's and such. They are usually the last Wednesday of the month and are a first come first serve basis. We can only accommodate 13 kids per trip.

## Kids Korner Preschool and Before & After School Care

The school year is in full swing and the kids are busy little bees learning about the world around them. But it is not too late to enroll your child today. Conveniently located at your Comstock Community Center, Kids Korner offers preschool for ages 2 1/2 to 5 (toilet learned) and before and after school care for grades K through 5. The programs are open from 6:30AM to 6:30PM Monday through Friday.



Kids Korner is a licensed preschool that encourages children to learn through experience. In addition to actively learning developmentally appropriate skills, children enrolled in our program have the benefit of weekly swim lessons at the Maple St. YMCA with certified swim instructors; weekly story hours at the Comstock Library; and a volunteer visits every week to do music and movement with the children. We also take field trips to neighboring businesses to help children learn about other people, places, and things in their community.

The Before and After School program offers care for children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. It is a structured program in which children have the ability to receive homework assistance, do crafts, play games, and play outside. Children also have the opportunity to meet and interact with kids from other schools. We offer care on half-days and no-school days as well as on Winter and Spring Break.

Kids Korner offers full and part time schedules and we accept Department of Human Services (formerly FIA) payments. Childcare scholarships are also available.

If you would like to know more about our program please call 345-7243 or stop in and visit us at the Comstock Community Center.

Don't forget the Comstock Community Center has summer programs available for children ages 2 1/2 to 12 years old also. More information will be coming out in the next newsletter.

## Clerk's Corner

Tuesday, May 2, 2006 will be another opportunity to exercise your right to vote. In the Comstock and Gull Lake School Districts, new School Board Members will be chosen.

In Galesburg-Augusta School district in addition to voting for School Board Members, there will also be three questions regarding bond issues. If you would like more specific information regarding the bond issues, please contact Galesburg-Augusta Schools at 484-2000.

In order to vote in the May 2, 2006 Election you must be registered to vote by April 3, 2006. If you are not sure you are registered to vote, please call the Township Office at 381-2360 to verify your status.

The polls will be open from 7 am until 8 pm on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. If you are unsure in which precinct or school district you reside or where your precinct is located, please contact me. I would be happy to help you!!

Anna Goodsell, Clerk  
Charter Township of Comstock

## Comstock Township Vehicle Storage Ordinance

requires all vehicles on your property must be street operable, properly plated and insured. If the vehicle does not comply with the above, it must be stored. Any questions you may have regarding this information, please contact Comstock Township Office at (269) 381-2360.



Now that spring is coming and the snow is melting, please remember to pick up all of the litter that is in your yard to avoid getting an ordinance violation and to keep our Comstock Township neighborhoods looking nice. If you have any questions regarding this ordinance or any other ordinance, feel free to pick up a copy from our office or call our Ordinance Officer, Dan Crandall at (269) 381-2360



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.

## Price Week at the Compactor



APRIL 25, 27 & 29

Spring hours for the compactor begin on April 1st and are as follows:

Tuesday & Thursday – 11:00am – 6:00pm  
Saturday – 8:00am – 4:00pm

## Ordinance Requirements



### GARAGE SALES!!!

Remember it's illegal to display any garage sale signs in the public right of way. They are to be displayed only on private property and with the owners permission! Offenders may be ticketed for littering!

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## 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, April 17 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 **Mary Suarez** 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 9:30 a.m. – 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 Tuesday - 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.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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## 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

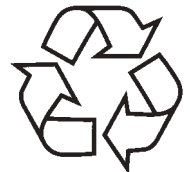
**Central Fire Station** 345-2113

**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.)

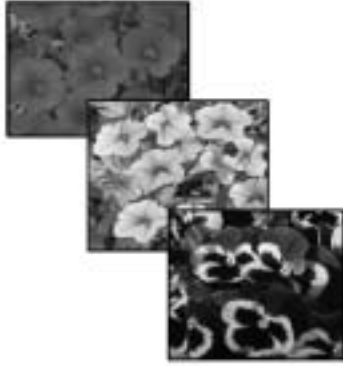
**Comstock Township Library** 345-0136

- 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

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**Comstock Community Auditorium** 388-9381



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