

Center Point



April/May
2007

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

Where Are Your Children Going to Spend Their Summer Vacation?

How about right here at the Comstock Community Center! Our state licensed Kids Korner program offers a great summer camp opportunity for children ages 2 1/2 to 6 years old (toilet trained). In addition, we have Camp SummerFun for 6 to 12 year olds. For specific details regarding both camps see page 13 or visit our web site for registration forms. Registration will begin soon so don't wait!

Each week has a different theme and we have plenty to do and see.

Part of our weekly routine includes swimming, daily activities, crafts and field trips.



This year Camp SummerFun will run for 10 weeks from June 11 – August 24 to accommodate the start of school after Labor Day. The Kids Korner Program is currently available and will run until August.



Supporting Your Community is Good Business

The Comstock Center Point newsletter needs the support of local business and organizations. Your ad in the Center Point 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 Center Point, please call the Community Center 345-8556.

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Notes from the Director

Dear Friends and Members:



Spring is finally on the horizon. I am sure that all of you are as anxious as I am to have the sun shine more and the temperature go above 40. Hopefully, by now you have filed your tax papers and maybe received some money back. As the weather improves and people get outside and active again we hope to see more of our friends attending our activities. Winter tends to keep people inside and isolated. Make sure to keep an eye on special activities we have going on and plan to join us.

There has been a lot of activity lately about Comstock politics and school issues. As an independent non-profit 501©3 agency, that receives funds from a millage it is very important for us to remain neutral on most of these issues unless they directly affect us. If you are a resident of the Township, you have a responsibility to know what is going on in your municipality. The best way to keep up with information is to attend meetings. The Township Board meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM; Township Planning Commission meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday's at 7:30 PM; and the Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 4th Tuesday at 4:00 PM; Parks & Recreation Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM. The Comstock Public School Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6 or 7:00 PM (call 388-9384 for more details). These are public open meetings. If you hear about issues that may impact on you as a resident you should make the effort to attend. Don't be misinformed or misled by only a portion of the information. Attend meetings to get the facts from the source.

Mary T. Gustas
Executive Director

Welcome Lorie Peterson



The Comstock Community Center welcomes our new Senior Program Coordinator, Lorie Peterson. Lorie comes to us with over nine years of experience working with seniors through Senior Services in the Kalamazoo. We don't have a picture of her yet so please make a point of stopping in this month for a meet and greet with her. I am sure you will find her very knowledgeable on senior issues.



Happy Belated Birthday to Zoe Philipp!

She is a youthful 92 years old and lives at Comstock Towers. Make sure you give her your best wishes when you see her.



COMSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTER SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Comstock Community Center is currently seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. The Board meets eleven (11) times a year on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Additional meetings are associated with committee assignments and typically meet on a quarterly basis. The terms are for two years.

Individuals who would like more information on this position should call 345-8556 and request the CCC Board Application Packet.

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
- Lorie Peterson, 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

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.
- Norm Shanahan
- Gary Thomas
- Joe VanBruggen
- Joyce Watts



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: May 23rd, 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, April 23 and Monday, May 21**. 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

CRANE'S PIE PANTRY TRIP! Transportation FREE. Lunch on your own with a free piece of pie. We'll team up with Ecumenical Center for this great outing on **TUESDAY, APRIL 17**. Meet here at **NOON** and we'll head over to Crane's in Pennville for some delicious eats and a great homemade dessert! Sign up quick this one is sure to fill up fast as Crane's is a favorite treat!
345-8556!



Partyin' Peeps Lunch: Thursday, April 5 at 11:45



Please call ASAP to reserve your spot! Ticket giveaway prizes and a special appearance by your favorite bunny! Since it's a Peep's lunch I'm sure we'll have some Partyin' Peeps around as well.

Ballroom Dance Lessons

Sharon Baxter has had great success starting up Tuesday evening ballroom dance lessons and will be offering two different three week sessions for \$38 each or \$57 for both. Basic Ballroom Dance is from 7-8 pm and a more advanced dance class is from 8:30 - 9:30 pm. Please contact Sharon for more details at 375-4129.



Caregiver Resources/MMAP Counselor



Comstock Community Center has been selected as host location to offer Caregiver Rest, a program of Senior Services, Inc. Caregiver Rest was developed to offer resources, education, support and training to rural caregivers in Kalamazoo County. As caregivers face the difficult challenges of assisting their loved ones, they can now

access much needed information and assistance closer to home. Areas of interest include finances, housing, homecare, insurance issues, caregiver stress, nutrition and health.

Colleen Simpson, Caregiver Resource center manager will be available for telephone calls, appointments and as a topic presenter to civic or service organization as well as the general public. She will be at the Comstock Community Center the third Wednesday of each month. To make an appointment, please call her at Senior Services, Inc. The numbers are 269 978-0085 or 866 200-8877.

Senior Services, Inc has continue for over 40 years to be expert on aging services and issues. Our mission is to enhance and promote the independence and well-being of older adults, the disabled, and those who care for them. Over 21 services and programs are available to meet the needs of the community.

SAFE, SOUND and SECURE:

Wednesday, May 9 from 8am-1:00pm Meet here AT 8am to head over to this free, informative conference. I attended last year and it was very good. FREE LUNCH, transportation \$3. Call to sign up 345-8556

Mother's Day Lunch:

Join us on Thursday, May 10 at 11:45am for our annual Mother's Day lunch. Always a great time with prizes, entertainment, and something special to take home for each person who comes. \$2 call by May 3 to sign up, please. 345-8556

Meet and Greet:

Monday, April 2 and Monday April 9 Comstock Community Center will host a meet and greet for our new Sr. Program Coordinator. Please come welcome our spunky new addition to the staff. Refreshments will be served in the lobby of the office suite. Drop in anytime between 9am and 4pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

Monday 2 & 9: MEET AND GREET with the new Sr. Program Director 9am-4pm

Tuesday, 3: 8:30am Uncle Ernie's Pancake House, Portage Rd.

Thursday, 5: 11:45am Partyin' Peeps Lunch

Tuesday, 17: 12:00pm Crane's Pie Pantry Outing

Thursday, 19: 11:45am Birthday Lunch

Friday, 20: 11:00am Mystery Lunch

Monday, 23: Noon Pot Luck

Thursday, 26: Bingo with Jym from the Laurels of Galesburg

May

Tuesday, 1: 8:30am Out to Breakfast @ Julianna's
Wednesday, 9: 8am Safe, Sound Secure (\$3 transportation, free lunch)

Thursday, 10: 11:45am Mother's Day Lunch

Wednesday, 16: 10a-2p Burnam Brook Active Aging Fair-Come see our display.

Thursday, 17: 11:45am Birthday Lunch

Friday, 18: 11:00 Mystery Lunch

Monday, 21: Noon. Pot Luck

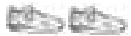
Thursday, May 31: Bingo with Jym from the Laurels of Galesburg

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.

Something new!
Scrapbook your travel memories -- \$2/project
Wednesday, April 4, 2007 1-3pm

Learn three fun ways to showcase your travel photos and postcards. Bring your photos or leave them at home...these projects are easily completed in 2 hours. Share your travel memories with others and display them in colorful ways. Limited to 20 participants each day.

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



Travel with us on a theatre expedition that will include fun and laughter for men and women, blokes and sheilas, roosters and hens, and rams and ewes! Pack an overnight bag with casual clothes and celebrate spring in with us!

Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous
-- Wednesday, April 18 -- \$115/\$125



Take a narrated tour through the Old Town area of Chicago including the Aster Street historic district, North side mansion, 1870s church renovated to it's original magnificence, South

Shore Country Club, and Board of Trade. Lunch provided by the Wasborne Culinary School and supper on the way home in New Buffalo. See the windy city the way it used to be “back in the day.”

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



America’s most acclaimed flower show featuring world class exhibits, social events, gardeners 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.



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

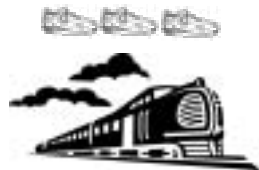


Join Diamond Tours on this motorcoach tri-city event taking you to “The Big Apple” with stops at Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Wall Street, and the Statue of Liberty. Stay at the Boardwalk Tropicana Casino Hotel in Atlantic City and walk along the ocean. See the “City of Brotherly Love” including a guided tour of the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Penn’s Landing, and more. Visit Hershey’s Chocolate World on the way home. Mmmm....

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

Raft and Rail your way through the Wild West Territory.

Attractions include several museums, cog railway to the top of Pike’s Peak, Gold mine tour, Flying W cattle ranch and village, Garden of the Gods, Royal Gorge, Buffalo Bill’s grave, Capital tour, aquarium, and more. Two white water rafting trips optional.



Price includes all transportation, 16 meals, entertainment, and gratuity.

Optional: One half-day rafting trip – level three (beginners welcome)

Optional: One full-day paddle ‘n’ saddle – level four – morning raft with 2-hour horseback ride through the mountains. \$250 deposit due asap.

Final payment due April 30, 2007.

Make, Bake, and Take in Shipshewana – June 14, 2007 – \$88/\$98

Amble down a country path while you soak in the ambiance of days gone by. Hands-on projects like making a birdhouse at the Herb Garden, learning to form a pretzel at Jo Jo’s (including a taste test!), and helping with an authentic Amish meal at a local home. A step-on guide will educate us as we go... Start the summer with some new skills and flavors.

Travel Preview Meeting – August 3, 2007

See the fall and winter trips first at this sneak preview and sing “Happy Birthday” to Judi, our travel coordinator. Be there for birthday cake and ice cream as we celebrate one year of travel together and many more years to go!

Mackinac Island – Oct. 15-19, 2007 – \$499/\$509

Enjoy the colors of autumn as we ferry to Mackinac Island to take a leisurely carriage ride tour of Arch Rock, Lilac Lane, and Ft. Mackinac. 8 meals are included as well as 4 nights lodging in Northern Michigan. Spend some free time in Sault Sainte Marie and cruise through the Soo Locks. Stroll through Old Mackinaw City and capture the 1892 Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse on film! A great time to head north ... the drive to and from will be as scenic as the destination! Join us for this autumn color tour!

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

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. 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!



Earth Day and Spring Project Helpers Needed

Can you give a couple hours of your time

- 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 21st, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Where: Comstock Community Center 6330 King Highway

What: Spring Earth Day Project

Can't make it April 21st? 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!

Volunteers Come Join Us! Do Something Fun and Help Your Community Too!

- Assist with day camp activities for elementary aged children this summer as a Volunteer Counselor-in Training at Camp Summerfun (minimum age 14)
- 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. Contact Carolyn Kuester, 345-8556, Volunteer Coordinator at the Comstock Community Center, if you are interested and can help.



2nd Annual Holiday Funderwear Open House Benefits CCC



Back in early December, Comstock's Merry Brook Neighborhood held its 2nd annual Holiday Funderwear Open House to benefit the CCC.

The open house provided a chance for neighbors to gather again in the spirit of the holidays, including the opportunity to donate under and outerwear for people in need in the Comstock area. Nearly double the number of neighbors attended the event compared to the year before, and the donated items increased accordingly.

Over 200 donated items were collected, including men's and women's hats, gloves, scarves, t-shirts, socks, and of course, underwear. Mary Gustas, Executive Director of CCC, said, "The items were very much appreciated by many individuals and families who visited the Center in December. Thanks to the Open House, we were able to respond to this need for a second year in a row."

Guests at the Open House enjoyed a potluck of food and beverages for all ages, and holiday music kept everyone mingling. We hope that next year's Open House will continue to be a success in the Merry Brook Neighborhood! If you are interested in creating a Holiday Funderwear Open House event to benefit the CCC in your neighborhood, contact Rayline Manni at 226-9828 or rayline@richandrayline.com.

Volunteer Spotlight

Holiday Family and Senior Adopters

Comstock Community Center wishes to recognize and thank the many businesses, churches, organizations, families and individuals who provided gifts, food baskets and household items for 115 families and 96 seniors during the 2006 holiday season. You are all special—we could not provide this wonderful assistance without your dedicated efforts!!

(Adopters in bold type adopted several families, multiple seniors, conducted an additional food drive or contributed extra gift certificates for additional families.)

Resurrection Life Church/ Richland

Comstock Christian Reformed Church

Girl Scout Troop #489
Alpha Phi Alpha/WMU
Portage Mother's Group
Kalamazoo Jaycees
Richard's Plumbing and Heating
Comstock Alternative Ed. Staff
Kalamazoo Junior Women's Club
You Beautiful Black Woman/WMU

Michigan Education Assn.

Sharp Smile Center

First Presbyterian Church/ Richland

National City Bank/Galesburg
National City Mortgage
Division

Borgess Visiting Nurses

Burnham and Flower Agency

Comerica Bank/Comstock
CHS National Honor Society
CHS Staff

Comstock 4-H Club

Comstock Library

Comstock Schools

Administrative Team

Comstock Township

DENSO Manufacturing

Curves for Women/Galesburg

Eaton Corporation

Galesburg 4-H Club

Galesburg United Methodist Church

Green Meadow Elementary Staff

Dr. Lorraine Hanna and Staff

Julianna's Restaurant Staff

Kalsec, Inc

Kalamazoo Community Church

Kalamazoo Valley Plant Growers

Landscape Forms

NEMS Staff

Kathy Brown-Cook and Friends

Snelling Personnel Services

Sunrise Kiwanis

United Parcel Service

Whitfield's Day Care

WMU Residence Life

Yeo and Yeo, PC, CPA

Sandria Thomas and Family

Tom and Teresa Forton

Denise Wingler

Susan Lampshire and Family

Corey Rutgers

Kim Peterson

Judy Savoy

Rick Jackson and Family

Janice Rustenholtz and Friends

Dawn and Scott Esman

Haven Reformed Church

Fellowship Group

Sue and Steve Bradford

Bunco Group

Tom and Lisa Vandis

Jane Dyer and Family

Ruth Blake and Family

Kathy Crow

David Dart and Family

Ted and Paula Fiebiger

Karen and Michael Fisher

Jon and Sharon Harrington & Family

Rose Johnston and Family

Barb and Don McWethy

Kay and Lamarr Miller

Teresa Rietkert and Family

Marty and Harold Terpstra

Don and Joyce Watts and Family

Girl Scout Troop #495

CHS Student Govt.

Canteen Services

Home Instead Senior Care

Galesburg Shell

Richland Bible Church

Sandi Bloomfield

Tom and Marcia James

Meals on Wheels Program

Senior Services, Inc needs volunteers to help deliver meals to seniors in our community. Call 382-0515 for more information!

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.

April 3: Uncle Ernie's Pancake House, Portage Rd.
May 1: Julianna's, Lake Street

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. April 19th and May 17th*



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: 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, April 20 (11am-3:00pm)
Friday, May 18 (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, April 28. *******

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. April 9 and May 14.



Blood Pressure Clinic

2nd and 4th Mondays from 12:30 - 1:30 pm.



Center Point Community Calendar

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2007

DONATIONS**January and February 2007****General Fund Donations**

Joe Van Bruggen

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Louise Whiffin

Memorial for Arnold Semerous

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Borgess Diabetic Outreach Education

Please join us on Thursday April 26 at 12:15 pm and Tuesday May 15 at 11:30 am for some fun, information and goodies about diabetes and you! Find out if you are at risk, if a family member is at risk and steps you can take to control it.

Planned Giving Opportunities

According to recent research shows that people without wills live to an average age of 69. People with wills live to an average age of 79. And people whose wills include a charitable gift live to an average age of 82! Leaving a charitable gift helps you live longer.

The Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006 provides a new tax-free charitable planning opportunity. Under the PPA of 2006, and IRA owner age 70 or older may make a direct transfer from a regular Roth IRA to a charity. The transfer may be up to \$100,000 in one year and the Act provides that this option exist for 2006 and 2007. The new tax law may provide you the means to accomplish your giving goal.

If you itemize your deductions on your federal tax return, gifts of stock qualify as a charitable contribution. In the case of appreciated securities, you may deduct the full market value of the gift, if you have held it for at least one year. You may use the deduction of up to 30% of your adjusted gross income and may carry over any unused deduction for up to five additional years. Consider giving a gift of stock – and avoid the possibility of a capital gains tax.

Who is the Michigan Quality Home Care Coalition?

We are Michigan home care providers, consumers and their families, people with disabilities, elected officials, clergy and representatives of community organizations. We believe quality care begins at home.



That's why we support raising wages and providing health insurance to home care workers so we can cut down on the 35% turnover rate that leaves our seniors and people with disabilities at risk.

Last year, we saw unprecedented success when we fought for and won a raise for 42,000 home care workers here in Michigan. It was the first raise they had seen in over a decade and was a great first step to making the home care program a stable, reliable option for Michigan's seniors and people with disabilities.

Now in 2007, we ask all those concerned with long-term care in our state to join us as we work towards ensuring all Michiganders have access to quality care, while still having the option of staying in the comfort of their own home.

If you would like more information about our coalition, please visit our website at www.mihomecare.org.

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

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

Comstock Township Library Events

The Comstock Township Library will be closed over the Memorial Day Weekend (May 26 -May 28) and will reopen on Tuesday, May 29, with summer hours. During the summer the library will be open 10am - 8pm Monday -Thursday, 10am-6pm Friday, and 10am-4pm on Saturday.

The next Comstock Township Library book sale is scheduled for June 11-23. The book sale room is open during regular library hours but closes _ hour before the library closes.

Young People's Department Events

Spring Story Time Sessions: Registration for the Spring Story Time Session will begin on April 2, 2007. The six-week session begins on April 9 and runs through May 18, 2007. 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

Please Note: Registration for all craft classes will be limited to patrons having a Comstock Township Library Card, or a Michicard or reciprocal borrowing card registered with our library. Please contact the library if you have any questions.

Summer Reading Program:

“Get a Clue @ your library” is the theme for this year’s Comstock Township Library’s Summer Reading Program. Children and teens are invited to register for the reading program beginning June 4. Non-readers can register for the Read to Me Club. “Reporting” and events begin Monday June 11 through Saturday August 11. Flyers with



more detailed event information will be distributed through the Comstock Township Schools in late May and will be available in the library the week of May 28.



Events include a drop-in story time for preschoolers (no craft), puppet show, magic show, comedian, live animals and more. There will be registration for our weekly art activities, since class size is limited. Children and teens will earn novelty prizes for reaching certain goals and earn “tickets” to our end of the summer party. There will also be weekly prize drawings and top reader prizes. Again this year we are partnering with Wood TV/Channel Four and those finishing the reading program will get an entry form for the statewide drawing for tickets to Michigan Adventure, Avalanche Bay Indoor Water Park at Boyne Mountain, a sleepover party at John Ball Zoo, or a trip for four to Disney World Resorts in Florida. Each participating library will send in 4 entries to WOODTV/4 for the drawing.

Adults are invited to join the Adult Summer Reading program and earn entries for prize drawings.

HOME FOR SALE



Tucked on a half acre wooded country setting yet a few minute walk to the Middle School! Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large living room has brick fireplace with woodburning stove, second brick fireplace in basement just waiting for a family room! Oversize 2 car garage for your workshop!
\$118,900 (7240 East Main)



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492-7570 or ashley@netlink.net
Williams Realty

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**

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FREE HIV **Counseling and Testing** **Wednesday, May 23** **10:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

Offered by Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services. No needles, No appointments, painless and confidential. If you just want information about the transmission of the virus and ways to reduce the risk of infection, please stop by.

CAMP SUMMERFUN (AGES 6 – 12) SCHEDULE

Camp costs have remained the same for another year. Each week costs \$80 and includes the field trip and Thursday cookouts. Parents who need before and after camp care (open at 7:00 AM-closed at 6:00 PM) pay based on the times the service is used. Maximum for both before and after care is \$25.00 per week. This year we are offering the kids the option of a camp shirt for \$5.00.

Scholarship Applications are available upon request and awarded on a limited basis.

Registration forms should be available by mid-April or on the web site at www.comstockcc.com.

Week 1- June 11-16 - Welcome to Camp; field trip to Airway Lanes

Week 2 – June 18-22 – No “I” in Team; field trip to Camp Kidwell

Week 3 – June 25-29 – Hitchhikers Guide; field trip to Grand Rapids Planetarium

NO CAMP July 2- 6

Week 4 – July 9-13 – Holiday Week; field trip to Silver Beach

Week 5 – July 16-20 – Safari Week; field trip to John Ball Zoo

Week 6 – July 23-27- Hollywood Week; IMAX Theatre

Week 7 – July 30 – August 3 – Unsolved Mysteries; field trip ???????

Week 8 – August 6-10 – Around the World in Five Days; field trip Full Blast

Week 9 – August 13-17- Wacky Kids; field trip to Craig’s Cruisers

Week 10 – August 20-24- Summer Fun Olympics; field trip Kayaking

KIDS KORNER CAMP (2 1/2 TO 6 YEAR OLDS)

The Kids Korner camp program is licensed by the state of Michigan and offers a great opportunity for your children. Each week has a different theme and they have plenty to do and see. Part of the weekly routine includes swimming lessons at the YMCA and story hours at the Comstock Library. This summer the children will be visiting Binder Park Zoo, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Both the Grand Rapids and Albion Children’s Museums, going on picnics and many other fantastic places.



You may register for full or half days, three (3) or five (5) days a week and you can choose which weeks your child will attend. Kids Korner accepts Department of Human Services payments and we also offer financial assistance to qualifying families.

Call 345-7243 today for more information and rates. You can also visit the website www.comstockcc.com to see the summer schedule. Registration begins soon, so don’t wait!

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Breakfast • Lunch

2105 Lake Street
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Saturday • 6:00am-2pm

Sunday • 7:00am-2pm

345-0220

The Vaudeville Association Presents

The Comstock Public Schools
Third Annual Student Art Show

April 16, 2007 - May 18, 2007

In the lobby of the
Comstock Community Auditorium
2107 North 26th Street
Comstock, MI

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, April 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 | \$12,740 | \$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 |
|-------|-----|----|

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. **Please Call 373-5100 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

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Phone 269-345-8556 Fax 269-345-9486

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Comstock Township Offices
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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.)

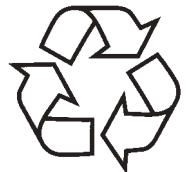
Comstock Township Library 345-0136

- 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

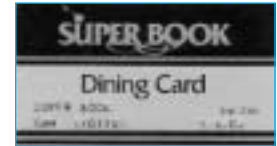


SUPER BOOKS ON SALE AT THE COMSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTER



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 May 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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