

# Center Point



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2006

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

## Comstock Community Center Senior Millage Renewal Tuesday, August 8, 2006



Since 1986, Comstock Township voters have approved a special millage to support senior activities at the Comstock Community Center. This year voters are being asked to approve a renewal of the current .5

mill for four years on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. In order for the Center to continue its current level of services to over 3,500 seniors, approval of this millage request is needed. This is only a renewal not an increase.

The millage is used to support services and building expenses associated with the older adults in the community such as: Tax preparation, Flu Shot Clinic, Exercise Classes, Foot Care Clinic, Blood Pressure Clinics, Meal-site lunches, Special Events, Bingo, Cards, Crafts, Emergency and Holiday assistance, Holiday Celebrations, Legal Assistance, Travel and Transportation Assistance.

funds, these programs would face elimination. Residents are currently taxed \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of the taxable value on all taxable property. (For example a home with a market value of \$100,000 and taxable value of \$50,000 would pay \$25.00 a year for .5 mill.)

(If you would like to make a donation to support this effort, please mail it to Tom Crump, Treasurer, 1338 Spruce Brook Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49048, Checks payable to Comstock Senior Millage Committee. The space for this article was paid for by the Comstock Senior Millage Committee.)

Approximately, 93% of the funds to provide these services are paid by the money collected from the .5 mill. Without these

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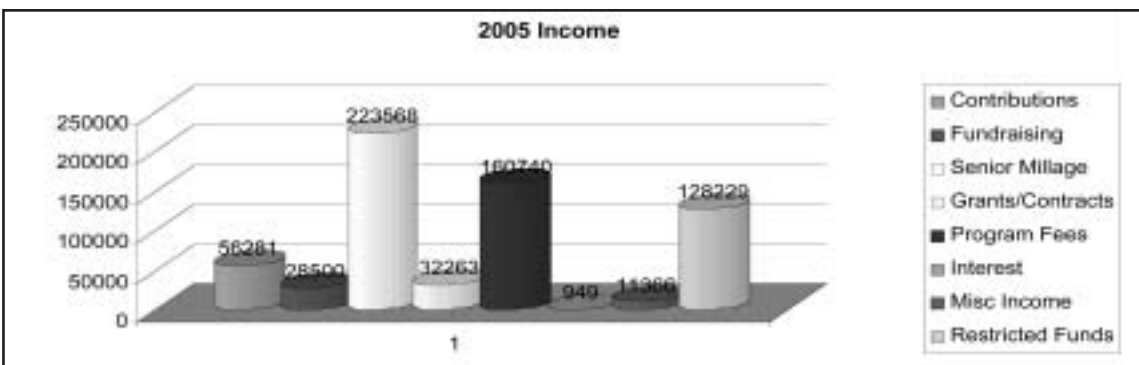
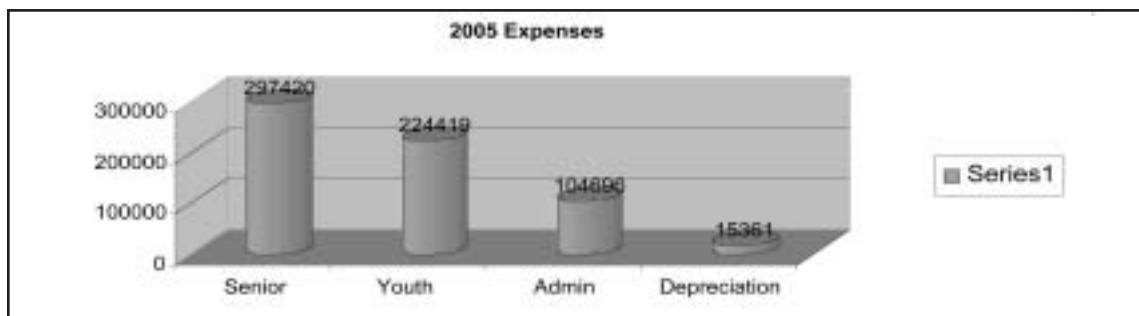
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### Supporting Your Community is Good Business

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**.

## 2005 Comstock Community Center Annual Report

Volunteer Statistics by Program	2005(#/hours)	Youth Programs	2005
Administration/Policy Making	16/386	Kids Korner/Prime Time	8,852
Program Planning/Support	51/3141	Summer Camp	2,700
Youth	70/355	Pavillion Drop In- CCC	1,920
Community Projects	363/3986	Kids Christmas	238
Special Events/Fundraising	210/974	Total	13,710
Holiday Programs/Events	988/1972		
Total	1697/10831		
		Senior Programs	2005
<b>Community Hosted Programs</b>	<b>2005</b>	Direct Assistance	23,027
AARP Taxes	291	Classes	2,755
Loaves & Fishes	2,657	Clinics	720
Senior Services Mealsite	2,300	Special Events	872
Emergency Services (KHSD)	17	Travel	750
Well Child Clinic	72	Intergenerational	818
Immunizations	372	Holiday	242
Commodities	1,400	Misc. Activities	1575
Foot-Care Clinic	315	Total	30,759
Cub & Boy Scouts	2400		
Girl Scouts	972	<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUAL IMPACTS</b>	<b>60,321</b>
4-H Club	450		
Community Meetings	2,909		
Total	14,155		



### 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  
 Sue Benson, Office Manager  
 Mindy Spencer, Sr. Program Coordinator  
 Lauren Carroll, Travel Coordinator  
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 Kelly Moore, Child Services Director  
 Traci Scarbrough, P-T Coordinator  
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 Shay Mavis, K.K. Teacher  
 Jeremy Smith, K.K. Teacher  
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## Interested in Playing Pinochle?

From beginner to experienced player. Have fun, meet new people and keep you mind sharp. An active mind improves your memory and improves your health. Organizational meeting Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 1:30 PM at the Community Center.



## FREE Adult Diapers!

The Comstock Community Center has received a generous donation of adult diapers (size Medium) and blue bed pads. If you are in need or know someone who can use them, please call 345-8556 or stop by the Community Center.

## Qigong Workshop/Summer Potluck Saturday July 22

Qigong, pronounced chee gung, in an ancient form of therapeutic exercise designed to help relieve or prevent chronic health problems by strengthening the body's immune system. The workshop will teach two simple routines, and thorough written explanations. The workshop will be Saturday, July 22, 9AM - 12PM at the Comstock Community Center. Bring a dish to pass. Cost is \$40 per person. Make checks payable to Ed Kehoe, P.O. Box 123, Nazareth, MI 49074. For more information call (269) 217-2932.

## 55 Alive AARP Driving Class

June 28 & 29, 1- 4 PM. Sign up for the Driver Safety Class sponsored by AARP. Cost \$10 to cover books. Participants learn about safety issues related to adult drivers. Some insurance companies offer a discount for successful participant completion. Please call 345-8556 by June 23 to register.



## ADULT SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### Qdoba Lunch: Friday, June 2 at noon

Come share a good-time, laughter and a meal. Be sure to bring your coupon for \$1.50 of your meal price to be donated to the center. This is the last Friday of our fundraiser in partnership with the Qdoba on Gull Road. If you would like to ride the center bus over please call to sign up 345-8556, otherwise we'll see you there! (Transportation \$3)

### Diabetes Health Fair June 7, 9am until 2pm

at the Comstock Community Center. Come over and talk with professionals from Rite Aid from about diabetes and how to better control your sugar levels as well as see the latest in diabetes equipment.

### Lunch and Learn:

**Thursday, June 8** - Mt. Everest will be presenting on funeral pre-planning

**Thursday, June 22** - Xango Mangosteen Juice, what is it and what are the benefits of drinking it?

## Saturday June 10 Plus Level Square Dancing

National Square Dance Caller Mr. Page will be here. Experienced Square Dancers Wanted (Plus Level) 7:30 PM, Cost \$6.00 Observers Welcome for Free.

## Parade of Homes: June 10-17

We will be "manning" a home this year at 8711 Camomile Drive, Augusta (House #27). Come on out and take a look around. Parade tickets are \$10 for 4yrs and older which includes the parade catalogue. Monday-Thursday 6-9pm, Friday-Saturday 1-9pm. Please call if you would like to help by volunteering. 345-8556

## Father's Day Lunch: June 15, 12 noon

Enjoy a delicious meal with friends while celebrating our Fathers. Please call by June 8 at noon to reserve your spot. 345-8556.

## Family Style Friday Lunch: 11:45am

**June 16.** We'll eat some homemade food while enjoying great company. Cost \$10 per person... includes BBQ Ribs, potato salad, jello, rolls & pie. Please call by June 9 to sign up. 345-8556

**July 28:** Come on out for some homemade lasagna with salad, rolls and pie. \$6. Please call by July 21 to sign up. 345-8556.

## Square Dance Round-Up: Friday, July 7, 6:30pm

Help us jump start the excitement our wonderful square dance callers have to get a regular casual dance party going on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. Cookout and calling for anyone interested in a good time. Please RSVP with an approximate number coming in your party by June 30. 345-8556. \$5.

## Adult Apartments Tour: Monday, July 10

Join us as we visit adult apartments and independent living facilities in the area from 8:45am - 4:00 pm. 14 slots only so call early to find out time and sign up. 345-8556. (Transportation \$3 and money for lunch while we're out.)

## Community Reminiscent Quilt Tea Party: Wednesday, July 26, 1pm

Bring in your favorite family quilt and we'll share stories of the past while we sip on iced or hot tea and enjoy the carefully crafted art of each other's memories. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Call 345-8556 by July 19 to sign up.

## August Primary Elections

The Primary election is scheduled for August 8th, 2006. If you wish to vote in this election you must be registered by July 10, 2006. Absentee ballots may be requested until August 5, 2006 by calling 381-2360.

**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, 8:30am - 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.

**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.

***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.

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

**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.

**Look at these great trips for summer – we'd love to have you join us!**

~Lauren

**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 Home/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.

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## Road, River and Rail Thursday, July 6, 2006

Step back into the 1800's as we experience three modes of transportation and early pioneer lifestyles on this very popular tour, which will take us through Southeastern Michigan and Northwestern Ohio. \*\*Southern Michigan Railroad scenic ride \*\*Isaac Ludwig Mill \*\*Mule drawn Miami—Erie Canal boat ride \*\*Included dinner at the Barn Restaurant \*\*Entrance into Sauder Village \*\*Time for shopping \$79.00 members/\$89.00 non-members

## Steel Magnolias, Eggs and Jailbirds, Thursday, August 10

Travel with us to Kosciusko County, IN where we will enjoy wonderful food and theatre. Take a step back into the 19th Century as well as join in a factory tour, which will reflect today's medical world. \*\*Tour Biomet, Inc. Orthopedic implements \*\*Lunch included at the Boathouse Restaurant. \*\*Walk through the Old Jail Museum. \*\*Meet Emma and see her decorated eggs. \*\*"Steel Magnolias" at Wagon Wheel Theatre. \*\*Self-pay dinner at Penguin Point. \$74.00 members/\$84.00 non-members

## Beautiful Vermont, August 20-26

This incredible trip includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinner, a Dinner Cruise on Beautiful Lake Champlain, A tour of the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, A tour of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream

Factory, Admission to Morse Farm – Makers of Real Vermont Maple Syrup, Admission to the Shelburne Museum and Grounds, Admission to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill, a stop at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, New York, guided tour of the spectacular Rock of Ages Granite Quarry, and more! All this for only \$565.00 per person!! (based on double occupancy.) Non-members add \$10.00

## Double JJ Ranch and Golf Resort In Rothbury, Michigan PLUS! Shelby Gem Factory, September 14, 2006

Join us for a Rootin' Tootin' Good Time! Start off this fun-filled day with a visit the Shelby Gem Factory. See how they make their gemstones by starting with the raw chemicals, all the way through the crystallization and continuing on through the cutting, faceting, final polishing, and finally placing the gem in a piece of 14 kt gold jewelry. Next, off to the Ranch! Enjoy a delicious BBQ cook out in Town Square with Hot Dogs and Hamburgers and all the fixin's, with some tasty sides, right down to the corn bread and skillet cobbler! Delight in the sounds of a country singer who will entertain you during your BBQ! Off to Line Dance Lessons in the Dance Hall! The dance instructor will teach your group as many line dances and two steps as your feet will allow! Or just sit back and watch! Stroll down the Old fashioned "Main Street" where you will be treated to an ice cream cone in the Ice Cream Parlor, find a General Store, Arts and Crafts Shop, Video Arcade, Petting Farm, and an Equestrian Center to name a few. What a FUN Day! \$87.00 members/non members add \$10.00


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## Learning Garden Planned For the Center!



## Can You Help Make It Happen?

Through a generous grant from Kalamazoo in Bloom, the Comstock Community Center has begun work on a special learning garden. We are **in need of volunteers** who might be able to give an hour or two to help with planting **and perennials** for a section of the bed. If you have perennials that you can divide and give us a portion, that would be perfect! We can even come to your house and divide them if you need help. Read on to find out what this exciting learning garden is all about!

## Layout of the Garden

Basically, the garden would be an English style cottage garden (see diagram above). Part of the garden would be perennials, shrubs and annuals and part of it would be vegetables. Annuals would be planted along the edges of the circular path and in the middle island. The middle would be a sensory garden with herbs and other plants with special smells and textures. There is already a small tree in the proposed garden area that we hope to incorporate into the corner of the garden and place a small bench underneath it.

## Community Involvement

The intention would be to make the learning gar-

den an intergenerational experience with children, adults and seniors working and learning together. Adult and senior volunteers could work with groups of children or youth to plant, maintain and harvest. This would provide the opportunity to learn about gardening together and develop relationships with each other. Sound interesting? Call the Center,

345-8556, to find out more about how you can help or to donate perennials. We're excited about this project—come join us!

JEFF MILLER

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## 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.

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

**July:** Kare's Village Diner in Augusta (the old "Treats")

**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!

**Friendship Center Lunch Program:** Enjoy a hot and healthy meal Tuesday- 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. June 22, July 20.*

## 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 Easy does it Class on Tuesday and Thursday for 6 weeks \$24 for CCC members. Joints In Motion will meet Tuesday and Thursday from May 2-June 22 and also have another 8 week session to follow throughout the summer. \$36.00 CCC members for CCC members at Borgess Health and Fitness. Call Carol Williams at 552-2314 for more information.

**Bell Ringers Choir:** Last practice 6/15 until after Labor Day, call Phil 343-6067 for more information.

**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 June 23 11am*

*Friday July 14 10am - Turkeyville - Lunch & a Play*

## Texas Hold' Em

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



## Pinochle

Learn and Play for fun. Organizational meeting Wednesday, June 7, 1:30 PM at the Center.

## 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

**No Clinics June, July & August.**

## BBQ Rib Dinner, Friday, June 16

Great American BBQ Ribs, Potato Salad, Jello, Rolls and Pie.

11:45 AM – Dine in or Take out

**Friday, June 16, \$10.00 per person**

Must call 345-8556 by June 14th, for reservations



# Center Point Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 food pantry 4 - 4- H	<b>2</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis 7 pm Square Dancing	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9 special events com- mittee 5 Tai Chi	<b>6</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 8:15 Out to breakfast Niko's 10:30 exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold'em 1-3 food pantry 3- 5 Piano lessons	<b>7</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9 Line Dancing 9- 2 Diabetes Health Fair 12:30 Tai Chi 1:30 Pinochle Meeting	<b>8</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 exercise 11:45 lunch & Learn 1 bingo 1-3 food pantry	<b>9</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis	<b>10</b> 7 pm National Caller Square Dancing
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<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Camp Week 2 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 5:00 Tai Chi	<b>27</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 8-11:30 Well Child 10:30 Exercise 11:45 lunch 12:30 Texas Hold'em 1-3 Food pantry 3-6:30 Piano	<b>28</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9 Line Dancing 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Tai Chi 1- 4 "55 Alive AARP Driving"	<b>29</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 exercise 11:45 Lunch 1 Bingo 1-3 food pantry 1- 4 "55 Alive AARP Driving"	<b>30</b> 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis	

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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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## Comstock Community Center March – April 2006 Donation

### Community Fund

Barbara Dykema  
Opal McGinnis  
Philip & Patricia Burton  
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Clyde Dunham  
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### Business Donations

Benteler Automotive  
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### Senior Program

Marilyn Chipman  
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### Emergency Fund

Mary Gustas

### Memorials

#### Bob Mills

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Burger King  
Maxine Campbell  
Cheshire Hills Golf Course  
Civic Theater  
Comstock Beer Service  
Comstock Lion's Club  
Comstock Motor Court  
Crestview Golf Course  
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Finley's American Grill  
Aden & Merna Francis  
Galesburg Ford  
Galesburg Harding's Market  
Galesburg Hardware  
Galesburg Shell  
Gil's Market  
Comstock Girl Scouts  
Phil Gray  
Gull Road Cinema  
Gull Road Hair Center  
Hairmasters  
Brittany Head  
Louis Howard Inc  
Hickory Ridge Golf Course  
Hungry Howies  
Indian Run Golf Club  
Carol Jennings  
Kalamazoo 10 Theater  
Kalamazoo Kings  
Kalamazoo Nature Center  
Kare's Village Diner  
Klooster Greenhouses  
Kate's Korner Kupboard  
Koffee Klutz  
Landscape Forms  
Laurel's of Galesburg  
Lea's Hairstyling Studio  
Lee's Fun & Adventure  
Loyals Builders  
Lunchtime Café  
Main Street Shoppe  
Shannon Mavis  
Mark Ransom Tire Brokers  
& Service  
Martinis Pizza  
Menards  
Kelly Moore  
Christian McPherson  
Generva Mills  
Old Country Buffet  
One Way Products  
Pineview Greenhouses  
Pipers  
Pizza King  
Prairiewood Golf Course  
Courtney Pulka  
Putt Putt Golf & Games  
Qdoba  
Quality Greenhouses  
Quality Meats  
Ravines Golf Course  
Martha Ritchie  
Riverside Greenhouse  
Ron Wood's Used Cars  
Salut Fine Wine & Food  
Schafer's Flowers  
Liz & Harry Snyder  
Susan Steinman  
Subway Subs  
Sunny Side Family Restaurant  
TNT Building Services  
Taco Bell  
Terpstra & Sons  
Greenhouse  
The Ample Pantry  
Joe VanBruggen  
Jackie Wahl  
Ryan Wright  
Dylan Wright  
Kayla Wright  
Charles Way  
The Prairie's Golf Course  
WalMart  
Watts Construction  
Westrate Greenhouses

### WISH CORNER

We would be pleased to have anything on this list donated. The items will probably change in each edition and are for all the various programs at the Center.

- Colored Paper 8 1/2 X11
- Construction Paper
- Golf Cart for Nature Trail
- Ink Pens – black or blue
- Lawn Mower



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

### Library Book Sale

June 12-24, 2006. The book sale room will be open during regular library hours, but will close 1/2 hour before regular library closing times.



### Summer Reading Program

June 12 – August 5. Registration for events and the Young People’s Reading Program begins June 5th, activities begin June 12. There will also be a summer reading program for adults. Please call the library for details.

### Ahoy Mates!



Join Captain Myla and Captain Elaine at the Comstock Township Library for the Young People’s 2006 Summer Reading kick off party Saturday June 10th, 10:30 am repeated at 1:30 pm. Come dressed as your favorite pirate, learn to talk

like a pirate and register for the summer reading program. Games, Prizes, and more! You can earn prizes in our weekly drawings and small prizes at set reading levels by reading this summer.

### Mondays: June 12 – July 31

10:30 – 11:15 am Story times for 3-5 year olds. Drop in for a fun filled session of stories, finger plays, action songs and more. Geared toward preschoolers, these sessions are open to the whole family. There will not be a craft time after the session.

1:30 – 3:30 pm Teen time. Join us for a short book share time, where teens in grades 6-12 are invited to share what book they are currently reading. The rest of the time will be open time where teens can play the Dread Pirates Board Game, enjoy snacks or participate in a weekly planned activity. Registration is required and begins the week before the scheduled activity. Teens must be participating in the reading program to register.

Activities are as follows:

- June 12:** Make a Dessert Pizza
- July 10:** Locker Pockets
- June 19:** Origami Photo cube
- July 17:** Sun charms (Simple scarves)
- June 26:** Food Challenge
- July 24:** Knitting 101
- July 3:** Image Transfers
- July 31:** Sudoku Games

### Craft Days:

1:30 – 2:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays there is a free craft program, which is repeated on Thursdays. Registration is required and class size is limited. You must be participating in the reading program to register. Craft classes are for ages 5 and up.

**June 13 & 15,** T-shirt Painting. Class limited, registration begins June 5.

**June 20 & 22,** Paint a Pirate ship. Class limited, registration begins June 12.

**June 27 & 29,** Make a pirate island. Class limited, registration begins June 19.

**July 11 & July 13,** Make a shell animal. Class limited, registration begins July 3.

**July 18 & 20,** Make a tribal mask. Class limited, registration begins July 10.

**July 25 & July 27,** Sand Art picture. Class limited, registration begins July 17.

**August 1 & 3,** Treasure box. Class limited, registration begins July 24.



### Wednesday Specials:

**June 14:** Pippin Puppets 1:30 – 2:30 “Pirates in the Pool”

**June 28:** Knight scare Authors present “Real Heroes Read” 1:30 – 2:30

**July 12:** John Ball Zoo traveling animals 2:00 – 2:30 pm.

**July 26:** Ventriloquist and funny man Virgil Norgrove 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

**August 2:** Kalamazoo Nature Center Presents “Nature Detective” 2:00 -3:00 pm

The more you read the more tickets you will earn for playing games and redeeming prizes at our reading party on August 9, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

## Camp SummerFun 2006 New and Improved

**June 19th ~ August 18th**

8 Great weeks of Adventures and Activities to enjoy this summer



Camp SummerFun has never looked better! New themes and trips this year!

Join us for 8 weeks of adventure, for kids in grades 1-5 (6-11 yr olds). Camp combines activities, fun in the sun and swimming with a field trip at the end of each week. The majority of the time, kids will be located at River Oaks Park and then at Robert Morris Park for swimming and other activities.

Monday through Thursday activities occur from 9am-3pm. Cost for camp is \$ 80.00 a Week and includes the field trip. Before and After care is available at an extra cost. Advanced registration is required.

Week 1—June 19-23  
Welcome to Camp -  
Field Trip: Airway  
Lanes



Week 2—June 26-June 30 Holiday  
Week - Field Trip: IMAX Theatre



Week July 3-7  
No camp/closed

Week 3—July 10-14  
Safari Week - Field Trip: John Ball Zoo

Week 4—July 17-24  
Xtreme Sports Week - Field Trip: Kayaking

Week 5—July 24-28  
Space Invaders Week - Field Trip: MSU  
Planetarium

Week 6—July 31-Aug. 5  
Super Hero Week - Field Trip: Full Blast

Week 7 August 8—12  
Wacky Kids Week - Field Trip: Craig's Cruisers

Week 8 August 14-18  
Olympic Games - Field Trip: Curious Kids  
Museum/Silver Beach

For more information contact the Comstock  
Community Center (269) 345-8556

## KIDS KORNER SUMMER CAMP

Serving children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old.

June 5 – Sunshine & Ice  
Cream

June 12 – Wild, Wild West

June 19 – We're Going to  
the Zoo

June 26 – Commotion in  
the Ocean

July 6 – Ahoy Pirates

July 10 – Let your  
imagination soar!

July 17 – Up, Up and Away

July 24 – Blast Off

July 31 – Rainforest Rumble

August 7 – Under Construction

August 14 – Camping in our Big Backyard

August 21 – Messy Kids



5 full days a week (7 AM – 6PM) \$110 /wk

3 full days a week (7 AM – 6PM) \$ 85/wk

5 half days a week (morning or afternoon)\$ 75/ wk

3 half days a week (morning or afternoon)\$ 50/wk



Program includes group time, crafts, songs, drama, sports, games, outdoor play, field trips to local attractions, swimming lessons and story hour at the Comstock Library.

Our program is licensed with the State of Michigan and serves children 2 - 5 years old (toilet learned) For more information and a registration form please call 345-7243.

## Cemetery News

Comstock and Maple Grove Cemeteries have great historical value to the Township and the larger Kalamazoo Community. Many of the graves date back to the early 1800's and include veterans from the War of 1812, the Civil War, and those who have served more recently. Efforts are being made to preserve and maintain the history that can be found there. Some Comstock residents have become involved in transcribing the information from the very old headstones and seeking funding sources for restoring those stones that have deteriorated with age and weather. An important part of preservation is the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the cemeteries. For this reason some changes have been made to Comstock Township's cemetery ordinance.

At the May 1, 2006 meeting of the Comstock Township Board amendments were adopted to the cemetery ordinance. These amendments were adopted to improve the maintenance of the cemetery.

One of the amendments prohibits the placement of bird or animal feeders in the cemetery. These attract animals that leave dropping on headstones. Another amendment prohibits the sprinkling of remains in both Comstock and Maple Grove Cemeteries. This practice also attracts animals that create problems. Remains may be buried in the cemetery. If you would like to make arrangement to bury remains, please contact the Clerk's office.

There are also some items of the ordinance that have not changed, but we all need reminding of, such as:

- All plantings must first be approved by the Clerk
- No glass containers are permitted in the cemetery
- No portion of the grave can be defined by fencing, edging, stone, coping or railings. All of these items create significant maintenance problems

Please be aware items may be removed from graves for maintenance purposes. The ordinance authorizes the Township Clerk to remove any and all litter, items that cause maintenance problems and damaged and unsightly items such as:

- Emblems
- Displays
- Decayed or deteriorating matter

Anything removed other than flowers and broken items will be stored for 90 days. If they are not claimed within 90 days those items will be disposed of. The Township Clerk and maintenance staff work

hard to maintain the cemeteries to have a beautiful, quiet and respectful place for people to visit graves, and to provide information for those doing historical research or genealogy studies. Please help by keeping your graves free of clutter and respectful in appearance for all those visiting the cemeteries.

If you have any questions or need information regarding the cemeteries, please contact Anna Goodsell, the Township Clerk at 381-2360.

## From the Assessors Office ...

The Assessing Department is continuing the yearly re-appraisal in the southern portion of the township, mainly sections nineteen thru thirty-six. Aaron Mitchell, field technician will be conducting the neighborhood re-appraisals daily, this spring through the summer. He will be asking information on the house, taking its measurements and photos. Aaron will have proper identification and will be leaving his cards and door hangers when no one is home. If you have any questions you can call the office at 269 381-2360.

You can now find information on your home at the township web-site [www.comstockmi.com](http://www.comstockmi.com), click on Tax and Parcel data, then at the bottom of the page click Continue.... The IS page will come up and under Assessing click on Property and Tax search using name, address or parcel id number.

Just a note...If you are thinking about splitting or combining your property, the Michigan State Land Division Act of 1967 & 1997 requires that an application be completed and filed, before the land division occurs. The forms and any information you may need can be obtained from Township Office. This law applies to line adjustments, land gifts and lot combinations also.

## News from the Treasurer's Office:

Your summer tax bill this year will reflect a transfer of the millage collected for Kalamazoo County. The amount of millage collected on the summer tax bill will be 3.1248 mills, with 3.0114 mills remaining, to be paid on your winter tax bill. The total millage for the County has not increased; it is merely a shift of 1.5624 more mills being paid in the summer rather than the winter. Beginning in 2007, the entire County millage will be collected in the summer.

Tax bills should arrive at your home or business on July 1, 2006. If you have not received your bill within one week of that time, please don't hesitate to call our office and request that a duplicate bill be sent.

## 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 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	\$12,103	\$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 Enrolling for FALL 2006

Apply now – Only 300 slots left!. Kalamazoo County Head Start is a free pre-school program for income eligible families with children age 3 or 4 by 12/21/2006. Half day and full day classes offered 5 days per week thru-out the County. We serve special needs (disabilities). Not potty trained, OK. Applications are available at the Comstock Community Center or call 373-5066 for CAB Office at the Nazareth Complex, 3299 Gull Road. Operated by the Kalamazoo County Community Action Bureau.

## 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.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

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

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

**Tim Hudson**, Supervisor  
www.comstockmi.com  
**Chad Meints**, Treasurer  
cmeints@comstockmi.com  
**Anna Scott-Goodsell**, Clerk  
agoodsell@comstockmi.com

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

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

### Comstock Township Parks & Recreation Commission

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

## HELPFUL INFORMATION WHOM TO CALL

### Who to Contact:

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



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

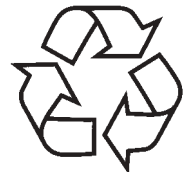
**Central Fire Station 345-2113**

**North Fire Station 349-5282**

**East Fire Station 381-0804**

### Compactor & Recycling Station Information 381-2360

- April 1 - November 30  
Tues. & Thurs. 11am-6pm -  
Sat. 8am-4pm
- December 1 - March 31  
Tues. & Thurs. 11am-4pm -  
Sat. 8am-4pm



(Covered loads are required when entering the station.)

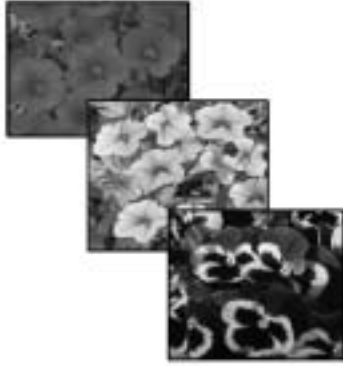
### Comstock Township Library 345-0136

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

### Comstock Community Center 345-8556

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

**Comstock Community Auditorium 388-9381**



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