

Center Point



August/September
2007

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

Kids Korner has new programs opening at Comstock North Elementary!

This school year we are moving our Before and After school program for children in first through fifth grade to Comstock North Elementary! We are also going to have a Kindergarten Wrap-around classroom there for both AM and PM kindergarten children. We are very excited about the move and cannot wait to see everyone! For more information on all of our programs or call 345-7243.

Kindergarten Wrap-around

A half day wrap-around program is offered for Kindergarteners attending Comstock schools. We will work with the schools and teachers, as well as form our own assessments, to further enhance the educational experiences and needs of each individual child. Transportation to and from Kindergarten at Green Meadow Elementary is provided by Comstock Schools. If your child is to receive lunch at either school that is not a problem, they are still able to do so. Your child may also bring a lunch and eat in our classroom.

Before and After care for First through Fifth grade

Children attending first through fifth grade in Comstock Public Schools are welcome to attend our

before and after school program. Transportation is provided to all of three elementary schools and we will be located at North.

Both programs are open from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday through Friday. DHS payments are accepted and we also offer scholarships. There is a discount on multiple children from the same family enrolled in our programs and we also offer care on no school, half day, and snow days.

Have you moved?

Are you receiving multiple copies of the newsletter?

Is the name on your newsletter different than yours?

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail?

Please call **345-8556** or send us your mailing label with the correct information.

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:



Make sure you mark your calendar for the old-fashioned picnic, “**Comstock Ox Roast**”, August 25, 2007, and a Whoop De Do Parade on the same day.

This is a way to bring the community together. There will be food, fun, games and activities for the entire family. The events will be at Merrill Park. The funds raised by the Comstock United Way return to many organizations and activities in the greater Comstock area. The Comstock Community Center is pleased to be able to be a participant in this venture and hopes to see many of you there.

Mary T. Gustas
Executive Director

A message from Dr. David M. Hutton, Superintendent, Comstock Public Schools:

Comstock Senior Residents May Qualify For Tax Relief

Senior residents of the Comstock Public Schools may qualify for tax relief under the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit (MI-1040CR).

Those persons interested in getting the application forms may contact the Michigan Department of Treasury or following the link to <http://www.michigan.gov/taxes> website.

An Alternative Method of Donating

Giving Stock

- Stocks are easy to give. There is minimal time or paperwork involved
- You have control over the size and amount of your gift. Stocks can easily be divided by the number of shares you wish to donate.
- The value can easily be determined and documented different from other gifts you may donate.
- The tax benefits can be greater than a cash gift. Donating appreciated stock provides a double tax benefit for you that can save on your 2007 filings.

Donating long-term appreciated stock to Comstock Community Center not only benefits you but also provides a gift to us that is truly appreciated and helps us achieve our goals and meet our objectives. If you have stock you would like to use as a charitable gift, let us hear from you.

Retired Upjohn, Pharmacia and Pfizer employees who donate stock to Comstock Community Center are eligible for a match from Pfizer.

Comstock Township Board Meetings are available on Cable Access, the Tuesday following the meeting on Channel 21, at 8:00 PM

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

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ADULT SPECIAL EVENTS

AARP Driver's Safety Program:

Take an 8-hour classroom refresher course especially designed for drivers age 50 and over. September 11 & 12 from 12:30-4:30pm. There is a \$12 material fee. Call 345-8556 to register for this 2 part session.

Advanced Screening:

Painless and accurate screenings for carotid artery, abdominal aorta, leg circulation, heart, full lipid blood cholesterol, and EKG. Call 1-800-541-8110 to register or to get additional information. August 22, 8:30am-4:30pm. Must register for an appointment.

Beach Party Lunch:



Join us on August 28 for a special lunch at 11:45am. Have a little beach fun while you enjoy a nice lunch. Senior's cost is on a sliding fee scale, all others join us for \$4.00. Feel free to dress for the occasion. Call 345-8556 before noon one day in advance to reserve your spot.

Crocheting Class:

Class series is open to everyone, no experience needed. Instructor will teach beginners the art of crocheting and will work with those with experience on a project. Cost for the class is free and cost of supplies are under \$10. You will need to bring with you to class 1 skein of knitted worsted 4 ply yarn in a light color and one G and H crochet hooks. August 10, 17, 24, 31. Must register by calling 345-8556.

Fair bus trips:

Join us for a couple of trips to the Fair for Senior Day. Allegan County Fair on September 11. Bus will leave at 9am, returning at 3pm. Cost is \$4 for transportation plus the cost of a senior admission. Centerville County Fair on September 19. Bus will leave at 9am, returning at 3pm. Ticket cost is \$5.

Fashion Fun Follies:

Come enjoy this fun event on September 13 from 6-8pm. See our participants show off their self made funny fashions. We will be cooking outside before the show. Cost is \$5 per person including dinner and the show. Past shows have brought us the "cash" mirror sweater and knife-pleat skirt, sweater of cotton balls and a great dinner dress made of menus and silverware. We are looking for men and women to be part of this funny show. If you are interested, please contact 345-8556. The more creative, the more laughs.

Grandparent/Grandchild Day:

Join us on September 15 from 11:30-3pm for a day of good food, games, awards, prizes and a lot of laughs. Cost is \$5 for one grandparent and one grandchild. All additional people are \$2. Call 345-8556 to reserve your spot. It will be a day of great fun!



Grief Support:

Langeland's sponsored group lead by Kathy Nederhoed. Meets on Friday's, September 14, 21, 28. Call Kathy at 343-1508 to sign up.

King's Baseball game:

Ride the bus with a group to the ballgame on August 31. Call 345-8556 to reserve your seat and your tickets. Tickets will be picked up in advance. Ticket prices are \$4 for seniors and \$5 for all others. There is a \$3 transportation fee. Bus leaves the Center at 6:15pm and will return about 10pm.

Knitting Class:

Class series is open to everyone, no experience needed. Come learn to knit or work on a new project. Cost for the class is free and cost of supplies are under \$10. You will need to bring with you

to class 1 skein of knitted worsted 4 ply yarn in a light color and one size 8 or 10 knitting needles. September 7, 14, 21, 28. Must register by calling 345-8556.

Lifeline Screening:

Screenings for Stroke /Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterials Disease and Osteoporosis. Can receive one test or complete series. Call 1-800-324-1851 to register or to get additional information. August 31, 8:30-4:30pm. Must register for an appointment.

Men's Only Lunch:

Join the Men's Only group for lunch on August 15 at 11am. Ride the bus to Hooter's for lunch and then enjoy a men's only stop at D & R Sports a presentation, tour and goodie. Transportation is \$3 and lunch is on your own. Come enjoy the day by calling 345-8556 to reserve your seat.

Music in the Park:

Ride to Plainwell on August 15th from 6:30-9:30pm to listen to a great concert in the park. Bring a picnic or snack or buy popcorn and pop for a small charge at the park. Bring your own lawn chair. Concert is free and transportation is \$3. Must reserve your seat.

Operation Fix-It Mobile Spay/Neutering Program:



Kalamazoo Humane Society mobile clinic will be at the Comstock Community Center on August 22 & August 24. Program offers low-income individuals/families a reduced cost to spay and neuter their pets. Cost is \$20 for male cats, \$30 for female cats, \$40 for male and female dogs. If you think you qualify for this program or want further information, please call the Program Coordinator at 345-1181.

Reits Flea Market:

Take a bus trip to the flea market on September 22. Bus leaves the Center at 9am, returning at 1pm. Shop through the Market, meet for lunch and shop a little more after lunch. Transportation cost is \$3. Must reserve your seat by calling 345-8556.

Senior Happenings, Kalamazoo County Fair:

Take a bus trip to the flea market on September 22. Bus leaves the Center at 9am, returning at 1pm. Shop through the Market, meet for lunch and shop a little more after lunch. Transportation cost is \$3. Must reserve your seat by calling 345-8556.

Walmart bus trip:

Join us for a trip to Walmart on 9th Street on August 20. Bus leaving the Comstock Community Center at 12:30pm. Shopping from 1-2:30pm returning to the Center by 3pm. Call 345-8556 to reserve your seat. There is a \$3 transportation fee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August:

Tuesday, 7th, 8:15am Out to Breakfast @ Sunnyside, Galesburg

Wednesday, 8th, 8am-8pm Senior Day at the Fair

Thursday, 16, 11:45am Birthday lunch

Friday, 17th, 11am Mystery lunch

Tuesday, 28th, 11:45am Beach Party lunch

Thursday, 30th, 1pm Bingo with Kim from the Laurels of Galesburg

September:

Tuesday, 4th, 8:15am Out to Breakfast @ Uncle Ernie's, Portage Rd.

Thursday, 20th, 11:45am Birthday lunch

Friday, 21st, 11am Mystery lunch

Thursday, 27th, 1pm Bingo with Kim from the Laurels of Galesburg

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 through Thursday 8:30 am - noon. We accept Visa or Master Card payment options for your convenience. Mondays and afternoons, you may leave a voice mail for Judi 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 \$75.00. Deposit amounts may vary on specialty trips. Your reservation will be held when your deposit is received.

Cancellations

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

Mailed Payments

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

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

Health Issues

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

Check the website for recent travel memories! Comstockcc.com -- travel

Look at these great trips for autumn – we'd love to have you join us! Thanks for a great first year of travel ... There are more places to go and things to see ... and always someone new to meet and facts to learn. CU soon...Judi

One day trip to Chicago Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous — Aug 28, 2007 – Red Hatters Welcome!



Tour Old Chicago and experience how the “Chicagoans of Means” used to live, work, and play. Lunch will be served at the South Shore Country Club by the Wasburne Culinary School. Tour an 1870s church, Aster Street historical neighborhood, live board of trade action, and enjoy fine dining on the way home at Hannah's in New Buffalo.
\$115 members/\$125 nonmembers.

Gateway to the West and Abe, too! – Sept. 5-8, 2007

Head West, young man! Experience the history of our country's new frontier as you take a guided

tour of St. Louis and St. Charles. Attractions include a tram ride to the top of the arch, Anheuser-Busch brewery, Mississippi riverfront dinner cruise, and botanical garden. Tour the new Abraham Lincoln museum in Springfield, IL on the way home. All transportation and 8 meals included in the great price of only **\$499.00**. Travel with Carolyn Mack to see the Gateway!

--- Two New Day Trips ---

Thurs. Sept 13, 2007 Crane Sanctuary in Jackson, MI with lunch at Ella's Granary and a tour of Hidden Gardens conservatory and flower arbor. **\$49.00** Thurs. Sept 20, 2007 Phil Smidt's lunch and "Hello Dolly" at the Theatre at the Center -- **\$98.00**

Birch Run Shopping Trip Sept. 15, 2007

The famous Prime Outlet stores (Over 170 shops) and a run to Frankenmuth "Michigan's Little Bavaria" all in one day! 7:30am-10:30pm Shop 'til you drop! **\$49** includes transportation from Centre Medical Supply and back. Pay by 9/01 please to guarantee your spot.

Savannah, GA – Sept. 23-29, 2007

This popular trip to the Belle of Georgia has only a few seats left. Tour historical movie sets, Jekyll Island, St. Simons, and Beaufort, SC. Two buses will be setting out to enjoy some Southern hospitality. **\$539/\$549** includes 10 meals, all transportation, and guided tours.

NCL Hawaiian Cruise – Nov. 10-20, 2007

Enjoy an exciting two night pre-stay in vibrant Waikiki before boarding the Pride of Hawaii to tour six ports of call on three islands. Limited room available. **\$2209** and up includes flight, cruise, and all transfers. Freestyle cruising allows you to dine at your leisure and dress casually or formally. You choose when you cruise NCL! Final payments due August 20, 2007.

Chicago At Christmastime, Saturdays, November 24, December 1 & December 8, 2007

(Departs from Hardings Market Place 6330 S. Westnedege) Traditional Chicago at Christmastime trips are designed with your pleasure in mind. Drop offs at the Art Institute or Michigan Avenue. **Cost \$39 per person**

Christmas At Oglebay Park and the Biltmore, December 3-8, 2007

Visit America's largest drive-thru lighting display with lodging at Oglebay Resort's Wilson Lodge. Tour Fenton Glass Co. and watch artisans blow glass and paint their wares. Visit Blennerhassett Museum, on to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, a gingerbread competition, Lexington's Horse park, Churchill Downs and much, much more. **Cost \$819 double occupancy.**

St. Petersburg, FL – Feb. 20- March 7, 2008



Escape winter by heading south to Clearwater/St. Pete. 17 days in an oceanfront condo with kitchenette and local transportation to the surrounding restaurants and entertainment. **\$1799 based on double occupancy** includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 8 meals, Tigers baseball spring training game, admission to Strawberry Festival, and all taxes and gratuities. More details at the Trip Preview Meeting August 3, 2007. 1-3 pm.

??? Spring Mystery Trip ??? May 13-14, 2008

\$155.00 double occupancy/non-member \$165.

Next Travel Preview meeting – January 25, 2008

Youth Groups Make a Difference



During the month of July youth work crews from Haven Reformed Church and the Community Collaborative Work Program (CCWP) worked hard on a variety of projects in Comstock, Galesburg and Augusta. They assisted seniors with yard work and painting, spruced up area parks and nature preserves, cleaned and scrubbed at local schools and did indoor and outdoor projects

at the Laurels of Galesburg.

The efforts of the Haven Reformed crews were part of their summer mission project which also included work with Habitat for Humanity, the Gospel Mission and other community agencies. CCWP, a special job readiness program for high school students, is a collaborative effort involving eastern service area school districts, service agencies and local businesses. Their goals are to create student independence, empower positive decision making, learn and practice employment skills and develop a relationship to the community and its residents. The motto of CCWP participants is "Sure We Can"!

Thank you to all of you for participating and making a difference in our communities!

Try It, You'll Like It!



Never volunteered before? Don't have a lot of extra time or want to make a long-term commitment? It's o.k.! There are many volunteer opportunities that are short term or one-time special projects.

Possibilities exist for individuals, families and groups to get involved. Check it out! Call Carolyn Kuester at the Comstock Community Center, 345-8556, or the Volunteer Center, 382-8350.



Seeking Volunteers to be Child Advocates

Every year in Kalamazoo County, nearly 1200 children are abused and neglected. Although this number is staggering, the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) of Kalamazoo County is helping to make a difference. Our CASA program trains volunteers to speak for the best interests of these children, all in the hopes of finding them safe, permanent homes.

However, our program consistently needs additional volunteers to advocate for children in our community. As of 2005, nearly 500 children in Kalamazoo County were removed from their own homes and placed into foster or relative care due to child abuse or neglect.

By becoming a CASA volunteer, you will assist with bringing community awareness to the issue of abused and neglected children in our community and what we, as community members, can do to find them safe, loving, permanent homes. Please do not hesitate to contact Jaime McCrank (CASA Director) at (269) 385-6078 or jlmcrr@kalcouny.com for more information.

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.



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 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Bingo: Every Thursday at 1:00pm. No fee. Bring a \$1.00 value gift in a paper sack. Food items are welcome and must be a non-perishable, unopened item. Please be sure to check the date on your items. Everyone is welcome!

Friendship Center Lunch Program: Enjoy a hot and healthy meal Tuesday- Thursday at 11:45am. Senior's cost is on a sliding fee scale, all others join us for \$4.00. Call 345-8556 before noon one day in advance to reserve your spot.

Monthly Birthday Party: Join us the 3rd Thursday each month at 11:45am. to celebrate that month's birthdays with ice cream & cake, presents and festivities. Senior's cost is on a sliding fee scale, all others join us for \$4.00. Celebrants must reserve one week in advance, and all others two days prior by calling 345-8556. *August 16, September 20.*



Mystery Lunches: Join us the 3rd Friday of each month. A great meal and unknown adventure! You never know where you are going, but you will have a darn good time doing it. Transportation is \$3 and meal cost is on your own. Menu will always have choices under \$10 unless otherwise specified. You can reserve your seat starting on the first of each month and please pay your transportation fee in advance when possible. To allow for others to enjoy these lunches, you can reserve your seat for every other month. *August 17, September 21 (11am-3:00pm)*



Out to Breakfast: Join us at 8:15am on the 1st Tuesday of each month for good food and conversation as we dine at area restaurants.

August 7: Sunnyside, Galesburg

September 4: Uncle Ernie's, Portage Rd.

October 2: Julianna's, Lake Street

Texas Hold'em Poker: Learn Texas Hold'em. On Tuesday's at 12:30pm (\$Free\$).



Caregiver Resources/MMAP Counselor: Are you interested in caregiver support, education or training? If you, or someone you know is responsible for the care of another please, call 345-8556 for an appointment with a specialist.



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.)**

Bell Ringers Choir: Starts back up in September. Monday's 10-11am. Conducted by Phil Niece. All skill levels welcome to learn or grow. No fee.



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: Starts back up in September. Wednesday's 9-10:30am taught by Shari Rarick.



Tai Chi: Monday's at 5:15pm. 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 and is open to everyone.



Therapeutic Swim Class: Classes offered are "Easy Does It" at 10am and "Joints in Motion" at 11am. Both are Tuesday and Thursday. Cost is \$36 each. Contact Carol Williams at Borgess Health and Fitness with questions (269) 552-2348.

Pastel Painting: Fridays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and September 7. Cost for the class series is \$25 plus supplies. Call Heather 341-9795 to register.



Legal Assistance and Information: Gary Tibble, Attorney at Law.

Call Comstock Community Center
345-8556 for free 15 minute appointments at the Center.

Blood Pressure Clinic: 2nd and 4th Monday from 12:30 - 1:30pm.



Foot Care Clinic: 2nd Monday of the month.



Advance appointments are required for a Registered Nurse to trim nails, buff calluses, massage feet and check for trouble spots. Fee: \$20 for each visit and bring a towel with you. Please call 345-8556 to make an appointment. August 13 and September 10.



Center Point Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7 AA Mtg 11:45 Lunch 7 pm AA mtg	2 7 AA mtg 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry	3 7:00 AA mtg 7:30 Kiwanas 10-12 Pastel Painting 2:00 Travel Preview	4 7:00 PM Square Dance- Cancer Benefit
5	6 Camp Week 8 7 AA mtg 5 Tai Chi	7 7 AA mtg 8:15 Out To Breakfast 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Poker 1-3 Food Pantry	8 7 AA mtg 8 - 1 pm Senior Day at Kalamazoo Fair 11:45 Lunch 7 AA mtg	9 7 AA mtg 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry	10 7AA mtg 7:00 Kiwanas 9:00 Comstock United Way 10-12 Crochet Class 10-12 Pastel Painting	11 10-4 VFW Women's Auxiliary
12	13 Camp Week 9 7 AA mtg 9-4 Foot Care Clinic 12:30 - 1:30 Blood Pressure 5 Tai Chi	14 7 AA mtg 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Poker 1-3 Food Pantry	15 7 AA mtg 11 am Men Only Lunch 11:45 Lunch 6:30 Music in the Park 7 AA Mtg	16 7 AA mtg 10:30 Exercise 11:45am Birthday Lunch 1 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry	17 7 AA Mtg 7:00 Kiwanas 10-12 Crochet Class 10-12 Pastel Painting 11:00am Mystery Lunch	18
19 2-4 4-H Horse Group	20 NO COMMODITIES Camp Week 10 7 AA mtg 12:30- Walmart Trip 5 Tai Chi	21 7 AA Mtg 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Poker 1-3 Food Pantry	22 7 AA Mtg 11:45 Lunch 8:30 - 4:30 Advance Screening 7:00 pm AA mtg	23 7 AA Mtg 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry	24 7 AA mtg 7:00 Kiwanas 10-12 Pastel Painting 10-12 Crochet Class	25 10 - 6 pm OX ROAST - Merrill Park
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16 2- 4 4-H Horse Group	17 7 AA mtg 10 Bell Choir 3- 6 Kids Bell Choir 5 Tai Chi	7 AA mtg 7:30 Operation Fix-it 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Poker 1-3 Food Pantry 4- 5:30 Girl Scouts	7 AA mtg 7:30 Operation Fix-it 9:00 Line Dancing 9- 4 Caregiver Resources 11:45 Lunch 7 AA mtg	7 AA mtg 7:30 Operation Fix-it 10:30 Exercise 11:45am Birthday Lunch 1 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry	7 AA mtg 7:00 Kiwanas 10-12 Knitting Class 11 Mystery Lunch 2- 3 Grief Support	22 9-1 Reits Flea Market
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ATTENTION COMSTOCK MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!



Comstock Community Center is proud to announce that we have

received a renewal grant from the Michigan Women's Foundation's, Young Women for Change to continue the C.H.I.K.S. female mentoring program for middle school and high school girls.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that we have also received a three-year grant the Kalamazoo Community Foundation and a one-year grant from the John E. Fetzer Institute to begin and support the D.U.D.E.S. male mentoring program for middle school and high school boys.



The C.H.I.K.S. program will be facilitated by Shay Mavis, the Assistant Director of Youth & Children Services and the D.U.D.E.S. program will be directed by a male facilitator.

Both programs will focus on character and relationship building as well as preparation for future schooling and life choices. The programs will meet twice a month after school. Both programs will begin recruitment for mentors (10th-12th grade) and mentees (7th-9th grade) starting in late September or early October, so be sure to look for signs, advertisements and listen for announcements! If you have any questions or would like an application please contact Shay at 345-7213 or youth@comstockcc.com.

Congratulations our Senior Hula (& Hooper) who won the 1st place Marchers of the Do Dah Parade! Wait till you see what they are doing next year!



The Learning Garden was another great success this year. As you can see everyone pitched in to make it look great! Thanks to the many donations and volunteer assistance in making it a beautiful educational entryway to the Center.



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

August Events at the Comstock Township Library

Young People's Department Summer Programs

The Young People's Summer reading program and weekly activities end on August 11. All reading logs must be turned in by 3:30 on August 11.



End of the Summer Reading Program Party:



Wednesday August 15, from 1:30 – 3:30, is our Summer Reading Party. Rain or shine, we will have activities for children of all ages. Weather permitting we will have an inflatable slide and inflatable

maze, inside activities include a ball toss, bouncers for younger children, face painting, popcorn and more.



Children who have read this summer may pick up the tickets they have earned when the party starts at 1:30. Tickets will be available for 25 cents for those who did not participate in the reading program or need extra tickets. This is a fun party, so save the date!

September Events at the Comstock Township Library

Book Sale Dates:



September 10-22, 2007. The book sale room will be open during regular library hours, but will close 1/2 hour before regular library closings times.

Fall Story Time Sessions:

Registration for the Fall Story Time session will begin on Monday, September 10. The six-week session will begin September 17 and end on October 25. There is no charge for story time sessions but registration is required and class size is limited. 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 3-5 year olds
Wed: 10:30 – 11:15 am 2-3 year olds
Thurs: 10:30 – 11:15 am 2-3 year olds



Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. For the Baby and Me session parents will help their toddlers participate in interactive songs, explore board books and small group activities.

There will be time after this session for toddlers to play while parents visit with each other.

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



Operation Fix-It Mobile Spay/Neutering Program

At the

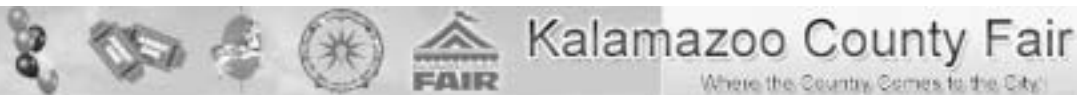
At Comstock Community Center Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 18, 19 and 20, 2007



The Kalamazoo Humane Society operates a 30' mobile spay/neuter clinic in an effort to reduce pet overpopulation in Kalamazoo County. The goal of the program is to spay or neuter pets that would have remained unaltered due to the limited financial resources of their owners.



Operation Fix-It offers assistance with spay/neutering the pets of low-income individuals/families at a reduced fee of \$20 for male cats, \$30 for female cats \$40 for male and female dogs. Operation Fix-It days are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week at various locations in Kalamazoo County. If you think you may qualify for the program, or want further information, please call 345-1181 the KHS Operation Fix-It Program Coordinator.



KALAMAZOO COUNTY FAIR - SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, August 8, 2006

Door Prizes all day

8:00 - 9:30	Free Breakfast – Hazel Gray Building Donated by Julianna's Restaurant
8:00 - 12:00	Visit Vendor Exhibits - Hazel Gray Building
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00 - 2:00	Celery City Cloggers – CC Building- Room A
2:00 - 3:00	Bob Lowe, Green Valley Boys, CC Building- Room A
3:00 - 5:00	Bingo, CC Building- Room A or Bus Trip to Avalon Farms
5:00 - 5:30	Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Ice Cream, CC Building- Room A
6:00 - 7:15	4H Fashion Show, CC Building- Room A

Summer Fun and Kids Korner Summer Camps

Camps here at the Comstock Community Center are sadly nearing the end of the summer. We have seen many cool things, been lots of great places, played lots of new games, met new friends, seen a few old ones, and that was just the counselors!

The children had even more fun! We have had so much fun with all the children and will miss each of them as they begin another school year. Please come back next year and join in the summer excitement!

On August 22 from 9-11 AM both camps will be hosting a Trike-A-Thon event to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. It is a great cause and we hope to raise a lot of money for them. Please help us by making a monetary donation and supporting the children as they join in the fight against deadly diseases and help make a healthy tomorrow possible for children of St. Jude.

Preschool and Childcare

Our preschool and childcare program, serving chil-

dren ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old, will continue to be offered at the Comstock Community Center. You may choose full or part time schedules and your child will benefit not only from our developmentally appropriate curriculum but also weekly swim lessons, library trips and music class! We also offer half day programs for children who attend CHIRPENS.

Kindergarten Wrap-around

A half day wrap-around program is offered for Kindergarteners attending Comstock schools. We will work with the schools and teachers, as well as form our own assessments, to further enhance the educational experiences and needs of each individual child. Transportation to and from Kindergarten at Green Meadow Elementary is provided by Comstock Schools. If your child is to receive lunch at either school that is not a problem, they are still able to do so. Your child may also bring a lunch and eat in our classroom.

Before and After care for first through Fifth grade

Children attending first through fifth grade in Comstock Public Schools are welcome to attend our before and after school program. Transportation is provided to all of three elementary schools and we will be located at North.

All three programs are open from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday through Friday. DHS payments are accepted and we also offer scholarships. There is a discount on multiple children from the same family enrolled in our programs and we also offer care on no school, half day, and snow days.

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HALF OFF*

BREAKFAST ENTREE



Julianna's
RESTAURANT

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Kalamazoo
345-0220

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HOURS

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Saturday: 6:00am-2pm • Sunday: 7:00am-2pm

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website: www.knottslanding.biz

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. (until supplies last) 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.

**NO COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
IN AUGUST 2007**

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 - No Summer Meetings
- Girl Scout Troop #495 - No Summer Meetings
- AGLOW - 3rd Saturday 10:00am-noon
- County Center 4-H Club - No Summer Meetings
- 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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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

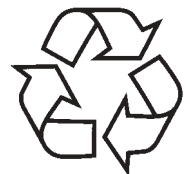
Central Fire Station 345-2113

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



**Come join the fun at the
Ox Roast, August 25, 2007
Activities begin at 10:30 AM**



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