

Center Point



**December 2006
January 2007**

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

25th Anniversary of Comstock Community Center Kids Christmas

This year marks the 25th year of Kids Christmas activities at the Comstock Community Center. The first twenty-three years this activity took place at K-Mart on Gull Road. When the K-Mart closed we were blessed by the willingness of Meijer's on Gull Road to participate in providing shopping and gifts to the 100 children who participate in this event.



At 7:30 in the morning the children and their parents or escorts meet at the Community Center and enjoy breakfast.

Without the assistance of many individuals who escort the children for their shopping trip we would not be able to make this a success. We have volunteers from a variety of places: Boy Scouts, Comstock Public School Honor Society, Western Michigan University Fraternities or Sororities, and of course community volunteers.



The children and their escorts or parents then are transported to Meijer's to shop for their siblings. Each child/escort receives a designated amount for



each brother or sister under the age of 18. Then they shop for the bargain presents.



When they are done they meet at the service desk to sing to the staff and receive door prizes collected from the employees at Meijer's.



After their adventure at Meijer's they return to the Center, wrap gifts and visit with Santa. Who provides them with hats, mittens, and toys for them.

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Supporting Your Community is Good Business

The Comstock CenterPoint newsletter needs the support of local businesses and organizations. Your ad in the CenterPoint supports this community and builds a stronger bond with more than 8,000 potential customers, who in turn support your business. To advertise in the Comstock CenterPoint, please call the Community Center **345-8556**.

Notes from the Director

Dear Friends and Members:



Thank you for helping the Comstock Community Center have another successful year. Enclosed in the newsletter you will find a donation envelope. Please consider a generous tax-deductible donation, as you finalize your giving for 2006.

We are please to announce the receipt of a generous gift to establish an endowment fund for the Comstock Community Center. If you are interested in identifying the Comstock Community Center as a recipient of funds in your will or trust please contact us. We would be happy to help you in determining how such a gift can be established.

If you are a retired Upjohn, Pharmacia or Pfizer employee, the Pfizer foundation will match your gift to us. The Community Center is able to accept donations of stock as well as cash for a match.

On behalf of the staff, board and myself, I would like to wish each of you a happy, safe and blessed holiday season. Regardless, of the holiday you celebrate, November, December and January are months to enjoy with family, friends and to be thankful for that which we have in our lives. May you have a beautiful holiday season and a new year of peace and happiness. Happy Holidays from all of us at the Comstock Community Center.

Sincerely,

Mary T. Gustas

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.



Comstock Community Center Closing Notice

The Community Center will be closed from December 25 – January 2, 2007. The Comstock

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

Preschool Music Teacher

Teach simple songs, rhythm and movement. Music experience and love of working with young children needed. One afternoon a week for 45 minutes.



Receptionist/Front Office



Greet participants, answer phones, register people for classes and assist with various other projects. Need to be a people person! Office experience helpful.

Center Staff

Mary T. Gustas, Executive Director
Nola Harlan, Account/Data Manager
Sue Benson, Office Manager
Mindy Spencer, Sr. Program Coordinator
Judi Dafoe, Travel Coordinator
Carolyn Kuester, Volunteer Coordinator
Joe Gall, Maintenance
Amanda Cross, Youth Director
Kelly Moore, Child Services Director
Traci Scarbrough, P-T Coordinator
Meredith McCurry, K.K. Teacher
Shay Mavis, K.K. Teacher
Jeremy Smith, K.K. Teacher
Melissa Pearson, K.K. Teacher

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ADULT SPECIAL EVENTS

Lunch and Learn:

Thursday, December 7: "Hands on" lunch and learn with Bill, a speaker for Dr. Tom Ostrawski. He will be teaching about muscular "re-education."

Home Cooked Friday Lunch:

You can come expecting a great home cooked meal for \$10 and under. We'll gather together and share a meal as we laugh the afternoon away.

January 26- Swiss baked chicken, baked potato, salad, roll, coffee, water, and a dessert. **BONUS:** Eccentric dress up day too. Get out your gaudiest things and put them together if you want! We'll enjoy our meal and laugh at the crazy combinations!

Potlucks:

Sign up for the next **Potluck - Monday, January 15, 2007.**

Our trial potluck was a HUGE success! 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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Monday, 4: 9am Special Events Committee meeting

Tuesday, 5: Out to breakfast Sunnyside, 8:15am

Thursday, 7: Hands on Lunch and Learn

Thursday, 7: Christmas Extravaganza trip to Noel restaurant and attend the play "Uh oh, Here Comes Christmas!"

Friday, 8: Mystery lunch 11am-4pm.

Monday, 11: Foot Care Clinic



Thursday, 14: Christmas Meal-site with bell choir and carol sing-a-long. Call by December 7 to reserve your spot.

Monday, 18: Commodities

Thursday, 21: Birthday lunch and Bingo with Jym from the Laurels of Galesburg.

25-1st: Closed for the Christmas and New Year's

January

Tuesday, 2: Julianna's 8:15am

Monday, 8: Special Events, 9am

Monday, 8: Foot Care Clinic

Friday, 12: Mystery lunch 11am-3pm

Monday, 15: Pot Luck @ noon.

Wednesday, 17: Travel Preview 1-3pm

Thursday, 18: Birthday lunch

Friday, 26: Swiss Baked Chicken Lunch and Eccentric dress up day

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



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.

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

Look at these great trips for winter & spring – we'd love to have you join us!

Old Fashioned Christmas Extravaganza – Thurs.   Dec. 7. 2006 -- \$45/\$55

Leave the Center at 11:30am with the Victorian Christmas Carolers to enjoy a festive drive to Grand Rapids. Lunch at the Noel Restaurant promises to be a great backdrop for some Christmas photos! Then relax for some Christmas cheer stamping Christmas tags and cards for your holiday gift giving. Warm up with some homemade bread and soup before heading downtown to the Master Arts Theatre to watch the comedy play, "Uh, Oh, Here Comes Christmas!" We'll be home by 11pm to settle down for a long winter nap while visions of sug-arplums dance in our heads.

Chicago at Christmastime, Museums and Shopping, December 9, 2006 -- \$39/\$49

Designed for a family oriented day of shopping or plan your own itinerary. Drop-off at museums, art institute, Michigan Ave and a scheduled package pick-up. Still room for a few more.

Caribbean Cruise on the Sun Princess, February 7-19, 2007



Escape the winter cold season and sail the Southern Caribbean for 11 luxurious days onboard the "Loveboat" with an extended stay in Fort Lauderdale one day before and after. Itinerary

including Willemstad, Caracao; Puerto de la Mar, Venezuela; Bridgetown, Barbados; Roseau, Dominica; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; and Princess Cays, Bahamas. Includes roundtrip airfare from Kalamazoo. Passport required. \$1899 double occupancy inside stateroom/\$2269 double occupancy outside stateroom/\$2499 double occupancy outside stateroom with balcony. \$10 more non-members.



Last Minute Club, March 17-24, 2007



A payment of \$1200 will save your spot on our first annual trip to an all-inclusive warm destination. This new opportunity offers a great value with a surprise element. Deposit is due by January 25th and the destination will be announced by February 6th. Sign up anytime and leave this snow behind!

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!

Next Travel Committee Meeting – December 13 @ 1pm

Next Travel Preview meeting – January 17, 2007 1-3pm Call to RSVP.

Discover what new destinations lie ahead for the summer of 2007!

Outwest, outback, outlaws, east coast, Mexico, canyons and mountains! Trains, planes, and motorcoaches...and maybe a ship here or there...

Julianna's RESTAURANT

Breakfast • Lunch

2105 Lake Street
Kalamazoo

Open: Mon.-Fri. • 5:30am-2:00pm

Saturday • 6:00am-2pm

Sunday • 7:00am-2pm

345-0220

Be A Comstock Santa



The holidays are a time for giving and spreading cheer to family, friends and members of our community. It is also a time when we give thanks for our everyday blessings, and look for ways to share

those blessings with others. Your financial and volunteer support of the **Comstock Community Center's** holiday assistance activities spreads cheer and goodwill throughout our community. Please generously support this year's activities.

Adopt-a-Family or Senior

Would your place of employment, club, group or family be interested in directly assisting a family or senior citizen in need during the holidays? Holiday family adoptions are a way for you to purchase gifts for a family, make your own holiday food basket or even provide a Christmas tree for a deserving local family. If you, your co-workers, friends or family are interested in adopting for the holidays, please contact **Carolyn Kuester** at the **Center, 345-8556**.



Kids' Christmas Party



The Community Center and **Gull Road Meijer** will be hosting the **25th Annual Kids Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 2nd. Over 100 1st through 3rd graders (referred by the schools and

human service agencies) are invited to go holiday shopping to purchase Christmas gifts for their brothers and sisters. After shopping, everyone will return to the Center for gift wrapping, special treats and a visit from a "very special guest." You can help bring Christmas joy to these less fortunate children by:

- making a tax deductible cash donation;
- donating new hats, gloves, toys & games; and or
- assisting or chaperoning at the party.

Call **Mary Gustas** at the **Center** at **345-8556**.

Holiday Food Basket Round-up

You can help feed families in your community. From mid November to mid December you can support this project by donating canned and staple goods.

Baskets will be distributed through the VFW with the help of community volunteers.

Comstock Collection Sites:

Comstock Collection sites: Comstock Northeast Middle School, North Elementary School, East Elementary School, Comstock Township & Library, Comstock Community Center, Sir Roy's Beauty Shop, Comerica Bank, Kalamazoo Valley Plant Growers, Comstock Post Office, Eastland Bowl, and Galesburg Harding's Market.

Galesburg/Augusta Collection Sites:

Horizon Newspaper and Harding's Market

Special Donation

Donations of particular items are often needed at the holidays to supplement food pantry orders or Christmas baskets, add items to an Adopt-A-Family package or help with special, last-minute gifts for deserving families or seniors. You can help by donating any of the following (items should be **new** and **not** wrapped):

- toys, games, stuffed animals or books for any age children;
- electronic games, backpacks, sports equipment, nail polish kits, hair accessories or other items for pre-teens and teens;
- socks, slippers, puzzles, lotion, gloves & hats or country music tapes for seniors.
- diapers (disposable type), laundry soap or personal care items.

Contact **Carolyn Kuester** at the **Center** at **345-8556** if you have any questions or just bring your donation to the Center at 6330 King Hwy. by **Friday, December 8**.

Merry Christmas

Be a "Friend Of The Center"

Enclosed is my/our contribution in the amount of:

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$ other

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Check here _____ if your gift is to be anonymous.

Signature: _____

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.

December: Sunnyside, Galesburg

January: 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. December: 21, January: 18*

Classes

Classes with * are \$2 each or buy a punch card 10 for \$20 or 20 for \$38. Use the punches only for the classes you attend.)**

Exercise: Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30-11:30 a.m. taught by Jeannie Nichols—light chair and light impact aerobics for everyone at all physical abilities. ***



Line Dancing: Wednesdays 9-10:30 a.m. taught by Shari Rarick.

Therapeutic Swim Class: Jan. 9 - Mar. 1: 10:00am Easy Does it at 10am and Joints in Motion at 11am classes will start up again. Both are Tues. and Thurs. and cost \$36 each. Contact Carol Williams at Borgess Health and Fitness with questions (269) 552-2348.

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

Tai Chi: Mondays at 5:15 p.m. A relaxing form of martial arts that increases balance, strength, circulation and mental alertness. The Arthritis Foundation has certified instructor Ed Kehoe. Ed's oldest student is over 100 years old so no one has an excuse! Please

call 345-8556. Fee is \$5 per class.



Legal Assistance and Information:

Gary Tibble, Attorney at Law.

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

Mystery Lunches

A meal and unknown adventures!

You never know where you are going, but you will have a darn good time doing it. Transportation is \$3 and meal cost on your own (menu) will always have choices under \$10 unless otherwise specified).

Mystery Lunch Procedure Change In the past year Mystery Lunches have become a "hot" item. Due to the high demand for slots on these trips the dates of upcoming trips will not be available until newsletters are printed and out. If you would like to sign up for one please call as soon as possible after receiving your newsletter. Newsletters come out on a bi-monthly basis and you may sign up for two at a time. However, if you choose to sign up this way, the second month will put you on a stand-by basis. At the beginning of that month in the newsletter, your name will be added to the list if there are spots available. This method should allow for everyone to go on a trip at least once per newsletter printing and also allow enough time for making arrangements if your stand by status is updated to "Party On." If you have any questions on this new procedure please call me and I will be happy to answer them. 345-8556. It's party time! -Mindy

Friday, December 8 (11am-4pm)

Friday, January 12 (11am-3pm)



Texas Hold'em Poker

Learn Texas Hold'em. On Tuesdays at 12:30 (\$Free\$) Watch the card sharks come out to 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. December 11, January 8

Blood Pressure Clinic

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



Center Point Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7-8:30 am Kiwanis 2:30- 6 Piano 7:00 pm Square Dancing	2 7:30 am Kid Christmas
					8 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis 9:00 Comstock United Way 11:00 Mystery Lunch 2:30-6:00 Piano 5-8:00pm Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner	9
				7 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 5:30 Tai Chi 7:00 Pm 4- H		
			6 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9-10:30 Line Dancing 11:45 Lunch 6:30 4-H Club 7:00 pm AA meeting			
		5 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 8:15 Out to Breakfast 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold'em 1-3 Food Pantry 4-5:30 Girl Scouts				
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	18 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9- 3 Commodities 10:00 AM Bell Choir 3-5 CHIKS 5 pm Tai Chi 6:30 Boy Scouts	19 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold Em 1-3 food pantry 4-5:30 Girl Scouts	20 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9-10:30 Line Dancing 7:00 pm AA Meeting	21 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 5:30 Tai Chi <small>Winter Market Schedule</small>	22 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis 1-2 pm Blood Pressure Clinic 2:30 -6 Piano 7 pm Square Dancing	23
17 4-H Horse Club						
24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>	25 CLOSED 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 CLOSED 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting	27 CLOSED 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting	28 CLOSED 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting	29 CLOSED 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting	30
31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>						

DECEMBER

2006

Center Point Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 CLOSED <small>New Year's Day</small>	2 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 8:15 Out to Breakfast 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Cards 1-3 food pantry 4-5 Girl Scouts	3 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	4 7-8 AA meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 5:30 Tai Chi 6:30 4-H Meeting	5 7-8 AA Meeting 7-8:30 Kiwanis 2:30 - 6 Piano 7:00 Square Dance	6
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21 4-H Horse Group	22 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10 Bell Choir 3-5 CHIKS 5:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Texas Hold Em 1-3 Food Pantry 4-5:30 Girl Scouts	24 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9:00 Line Dancing 7:00 AA Meeting	25 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1-3 Food Pantry 5:30 Tai Chi	26 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 7:30-8:30 Kiwanis 12:00 Swiss Baked Chicken 1-2 Blood Pressure 3-6 Piano 7:00 Square Dancing	27 1-6 Poker Tournament
28	29 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:00 Bell Choir 3-5 CHIKS 5:00 pm Tai Chi 7:00 Boy Scouts	30 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 10:30 Exercise 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Cards 1-3 Food Pantry 4-5:30 Girl Scouts	31 7-8 a.m. AA Meeting 9:00 Line Dancing 7:00 AA Meeting			

JANUARY

2007

Donations September October 2006

Community Donations

Father Cottle
Phil & Patricia Burton
Square One Dance
Jan Dokey

Holiday Donation

Jan O'Halloran
Betty Locker
George & June VanAmeyden
Penny DeGoode
Emilie Garity
Frances Dingman

Kids Christmas

Wolfgang & Erica Kloth
John & Joan Schultz

Memorial Violet VanSickler Emergency Fund

Phillip Gray

Memorial Violet VanSickler

Maxine Campbell
Dorothy Connor
Miriam Shannon

Memorial Joyce Williams

Maxine Campbell
William & Joyce Hahn
Carl & Arlene McEwen

Memorial Jack Rose

Gwen Mills

Yarn Wanted

A small group of knitters has been knitting for the needy since 2003. During this time we have knitted 3,560 hats and mittens that have been distributed throughout the area. You are invited to donate yarn, volunteer to knit, or identify locations that may need our hats and mittens.

Please contact:
Penny Weller
Busy Hands Are Happy Hands!
Phone (269)345-7240
Email: penny_weller@hotmail.com

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 Community Center Awarded Beacon of Light



On Monday, November 13, 2006 the Comstock Community Center Food Pantry received one of twelve statewide awards presented by the Food Bank Council of Michigan. The agencies that are awarded the Beacon of Light awards embody the mission of "Providing Hope and Help to Hungry People in Michigan." The Comstock Community Center was nominated by Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes for being the first pantry in Kalamazoo County to switch to a "choice" system to offer clients the dignity to select their own food items that their family needs most. As a result of this change ten of 21 pantries in Kalamazoo County have switched to the choice system.

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

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Saturday, December 23, and Monday, December 25, for the Christmas Holiday, and on January 1, 2007 for the New Year's Holiday.

Lap Robe Display

Keep American Warm Lap robes will be on display in the library November 27 – December 7. The lap robes will be donated to the Comstock Community Center for the Senior Holiday Baskets on December 8th. Yarn, knitted and crocheted rectangles, finished robes, and felt robes have been donated by Evelyn DeForest, Allene Dueueke, Hildegard Fichtner, Helen Grohs, Rosemary Oliver, Barb Patrick, Rosetta Stermer, Margaret Struben, Myla-Jean Stuart, Dot Watson and other anonymous donors. Barb Patrick and Myla Stuart, both library employees, assembled donated rectangles as well as finished lap robes. For more information on participating please contact the library.

Book SALE!

2006 Book Sale Dates: December 4-16, 2006. The book sale room will be open during regular library hours, but will close 1/2 hour before regular library closings times.

Holiday Craft Classes

Holiday Craft Classes for children of all ages: Foam Ginger Bread Houses. Saturday, December 9, at 10:30 am, repeated at 1:30 pm, and Saturday, December 16, at 10:30 am. Join us and make your very own foam 3-D Gingerbread House that will last forever! Registration begins November 27 for this free event, class size is limited.



Cookies and Stories with "Mrs. Claus"

On Tuesday, December 19th or Wednesday, December 20th at 10:30 am. Take a little time this hectic season for a preschool date with "Mrs. Claus". Santa may be very busy this season but "Mrs. Claus" will read a story or two while children munch on gingerbread men cookies, and then later

decorate their own foam gingerbread magnet to take home. Class size is limited so registration is required for this free event. Registration begins December 11.

Happy New Year 2007!! Coming in January 2007

Winter Break Crafts:



Wednesday, January 3, at 1:30 pm or Thursday, January 4, at 10:30 am.

Take advantage of the winter break and join us in decorating sweatshirts with a wintry theme. You supply a pre-washed sweatshirt (no fabric softener) and we'll supply the snowflake or snowman stamps and fabric paint. Registration is required for these free craft classes. Craft classes are open to all ages, but children 5 and younger need to bring an older helper. Registration begins Tuesday December 26. Sample crafts will be on display mid-December.

Let it Snow:

For every day it snows 3" or more between January 2 and February 28, as reported by Channel 3, we will draw one child's or teen's name from our "check out" drawing box to receive a prize. To enter the drawing, just fill out the drawing form when you check your materials out. (Limit: one form per day, form only available to those checking material out). Every time it snows three inches or more we'll also add a layer of snowflakes to the bulletin boards with Miz Elaine and Miz Myla on it. Will it snow enough to bury them?

Registration for the 2007 Winter Story time



Session will begin on Monday, January 8. Story times will begin on Monday, January 15, and run through March 9, 2007. Session times are:

- 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

The library website has information on all coming events and a photo gallery. Check it out!

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



January 27, 2007
February 24, 2007

March 24, 2007
April 28, 2007

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



Schedule

12:30 PM	Registration & Table Assignment
1:00 PM	Tournament Begins

CASH PRIZES

\$500 First Prize	\$75 Fifth Prize
\$300 Second Prize	\$50 Sixth Prize
\$200 Third Prize	\$50 Seventh Prize
\$100 Fourth Prize	

All proceeds go to benefit Comstock Community Center programs

From the Comstock Township Assessor's Office

As part of the current year fiscal appropriations, the Michigan Legislature has provided funds for the Michigan Department of Treasury to conduct a Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption audit. This audit is being done to ensure taxpayer compliance with the Principal Residence Exemption, being owner occupied parcel or contiguous parcels qualify for the exemption, as well as some agricultural parcels.

Tax Management Associates will be conducting the audit. Please be aware that they may contact you by letter for follow-up or supplemental information.

Should you have any questions on whether you qualify or not, please contact our office at 269 381-2360 ext 19.

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 lot line adjustments, land gifts and lot combinations also.

Comstock Parks & Recreation Thanks

We would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for their contributions to our 7th Annual Haunted Forest at Robert Morris Park. It was because of your participation, our event was such a success!

Comstock Community Center
V & V Quality Meats - Wynn Road
Virginia Hudson
Nancy Reed and Family
The Munn Family
Mark Rinehart
Doug Gardner
Judy and David Joling
Toni McCulloch
Charlie McPeck
Bob Van Fulpen

A **VERY** special Thank You to **Dick McCulloch, Mark Rinehart, Nancy Reed and Norm Behm.** Thank you to everyone that attended. We appreciate each and every food item for the Comstock V.F.W.!

Thanks for the beauty!

Thank you to the following people for the beautiful mum plants and corn stalks that are decorating our bridge on River Street.

Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Dick and Don's Greenhouses
Dave and Sue Fritz
Michael Schwartz II
Marlene and Darla Russon

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Everyone is invited to Comstock Parks & Recreation's 2nd Annual Holiday Lighting Festivities. It will be held on December 2, 2006 at Merrill Park, 5017 Comstock Avenue at 6:00pm. Come and enjoy the lights, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and enjoy performances by:

Comstock High School Choir	6:00pm
The Sweet Adeline's	6:30pm
The Salvation Army Band	7:00pm
The First Free Will Baptist Choir	7:30pm

The event is free and concession items will be available. Please call the Parks & Recreation office at 343-8212 for more information.

C.H.I.K.S of Distinction



Confidence, Honor, Independence, Knowledge and Success! There is no better way to describe the talented group of young women participating this year. CHIKS have learned so much about emotions, self-respect and making healthy lifestyle choices already. We took a trip together to Airway Lanes for some bowling, pizza and pop. CHIKS have been giving back to their community as well. In October, they volunteered at Pumpkin Hollow passing out candy for the little ones. In November, they put on their gloves, got their rakes out and helped a local senior with leaf raking. In the months to come, CHIKS will be learning about: honesty, love, compassion and one of my favorite topics, Internet Chat-rooms. We are looking forward to movie nights, square dancing, and beauty day, proper etiquette training followed by a fancy dinner. The greatest joy is watching the growing relationships between Mentors and Mentees, youth learning from each other!



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, December 11 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
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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

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 – 12:00 p.m.

I am able to assist with:

- Ongoing and Emergency Assistance
- Education and Head Start Enrollment
- Home Weatherization Programs
- Home Owners Rehabilitation Services
- Employment and Training Referrals
- Commodities Distribution

Please call **373-5066** for information or for an appointment.

Head Start Enrollment

Kalamazoo County Head Start/School Readiness program offers no-cost pre-school for three and four year olds from low-income families. Services offered include transportation, meals, programming for special-needs children and more. Call 373-5066 for more information for an application.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Meetings held in the Board Room of the Township Hall:

Township Board - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7:00pm
Planning Commission - 2nd & 4th Thursday-7:30pm
(November & December only-1st & 3rd Thursday)
Zoning Board of Appeals - 4th Tuesday - 4:00pm

Meeting held in Heritage Room of the Library:

Library Board - 2nd Monday - 7:00pm

Meeting held in Local History Room of the Library:

Comstock Trailway Team - 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
(Contact Lawrence Renuart at 382-6448 for information.)

Meeting held in the Township Meeting Room:

Parks & Recreation Commission - 2nd 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

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execdir@comstockcc.com

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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

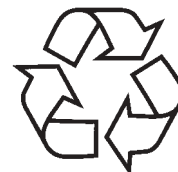
Central Fire Station 345-2113

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



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 will have Super Books with dining cards will be available on December 6, 2006, just in time for Holiday Gifts. The books will be available for \$39.00, for an extra \$1.00 you will be able to purchase the bonus books for surrounding counties too!

We will continue to sell them until March 15, 2007. Tell your friends and neighbors to get their books now. Purchasing them in December provides you with 14 months of bargains. Most of the coupons expire in March 2008.



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

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