

Center Point



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2006

A newsletter brought to you by the Comstock Community Center

A Special Thanks To All Who Helped Make the Holiday Season a Success!

Without the support of the many individuals, families, businesses, churches, schools, service clubs and other organizations who shared their time, energy, financial and emotional resources and

support, we would not have been able to share the success of this year's holiday assistance.

Through the donation of money, food, toys, personal care items, wrapped gifts, chap-

erones for children, packing food baskets, collecting food, knitting and crocheting blankets, mittens, gloves, delivering food baskets and presents to seniors, the true meaning of the season came to Comstock and the surrounding areas.

give us if we missed anyone. I hope that each of you recognize the benefits that have been reaped as a result of your kindness.

Your kindness, generosity and sharing reflects the true sense of community which exists in the Comstock area. It was truly a bright star that was seen during this holiday season. Thank you for sharing and caring about your community. The gifts you have provided are truly appreciated.

In the past we have listed everyone who has made a contribution of any kind to this tremendous outpouring of generosity and joy. We have attempted to recognize everyone's donation. Hopefully, you will for-



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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 Jim 345-3718 or the Community Center 345-8556.

Holiday Heroes!!!

Lori Moore and the Team at WKZO came to our rescue and helped us sell \$1840 in cookbooks. Each cookbook was \$5. and the entire cost went to support our food basket and adoption program for the holidays. We want to thank WKZO as well as every individual that purchased a cookbook. We hope your tummy's are full and your hearts are warm for the new year!

Home Instead Senior Care went out of their way to create an Angel Tree at the Cancer Center of West Michigan and provided the wish lists for over 20 seniors.

Keep America Warm: Myla Stewart of the Comstock Township Library lead the lap robe project. 56 lap robes were made and assembled by . The blankets were dispersed to the main residents of the Laurels of Galesburg, by the C.H.I.K.S. program. The volunteers caroled their way into the resident's hearts while keeping them warm.

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| Helen Burggraaf | Helen Grohs |
| Margaret Struben | Evalyn DeForest |
| Rosemary Oliver | Myla-Jean Stuart |
| Allene Dueweke | Barb Patrick |
| Dot Watson | Hildegard Fichtner |
| Rosetta Stermer | Judy Savoy |

Many Anonymous donors

Southern Care Hospice is looking caring compassionate people to be Hearts of Hospice volunteers. It can be one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have. Make a friendly visit with patients and families, read to patients, run errands or use your special talent ie: baking, knit a blanket or arts and crafts. Contact Sarah Gould 269-342-9308 for more information.

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.

Kids Christmas Continues for 24th Year



We cannot forget the significant outpouring of generosity from all of Kalamazoo County that occurred to make Kids Christmas happen for it's 24th year. Many changes occurred. The

Comstock Community Center had provided Kids Christmas in conjunction with Gull Road K-Mart, for twenty-three years. With the closing of that facility it was necessary to find a new location. In addition donation were down from previous year and we were not sure if the event would be able to take place.

The miracles of the season truly appeared. Without hesitation the management of Meijer on Gull Road stepped up to the plate. I don't think that they realized the emotional fulfillment that comes with this special event until December 3 actually happened and three bus loads entered the store. In addition, as a result of an article in the Kalamazoo Gazette, funds poured in from all areas in the county to insure that Kids Christmas really became a reality.



There were so many faces filled with joy. Particularly, the two youngsters who left Meijer's with new bikes. Thank you Meijer on Gull Road and thank you Kalamazoo County!

Center Staff

- Mary T. Gustas, Executive Director
- Sue Benson, Office Manager
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- Shay Mavis, Kids Korner Teacher
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Holiday Funderwear Open House Benefits CCC!

Twenty people from Comstock's Merry Brook Neighborhood gathered on a wintry evening in early December for a first-of-its-kind gathering to benefit the CCC. Called the Holiday Funderwear Open House, the event provided a chance to neighbors to meet and mingle in the spirit of the holidays, including the opportunity to donate under and outerwear for people in need in the Comstock area.

Over 100 items were collected, including men's and women's hats, gloves, scarves, t-shirts, socks, and of course, underwear. In addition to hanging their donations from make-shift clotheslines, guests at the event created festive cards to accompany their gift bags. Food and beverages for all ages kept everyone mingling while Christmas tunes kept everyone merry. (Or was it the festive hats that kept everyone in the holiday spirit?)

Many thanks to Karen Baty and John Arend for their help with pulling together this first-time event. Thanks also to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for its support through a Small Sparks grant. We hope that next year's Open House will be bigger and better! If you're interested in creating a Funderwear event to benefit the CCC in your neighborhood, contact Rayline Manni at 226-9828

or rayline@richandrayline.com.

AGLOW

Aglow is a non-denominations Christian Women's Book Study Group. They meet the 3rd Saturday of the Month at the Community Center from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The current book is "From Dream to Destiny: Ten tests you must go through to fulfill god's purpose for your life." By Robert Morris.

For more information contact: Martha Ritchie 623-8849.

UNITED WAY GRANTS

Comstock United Way Grant Applications are available February 3, 2006 at the following locations:

Comstock Community Center
Comstock Township
Comstock Library

The deadline for submission is April 3, 2006.

Comstock Board of Education Meetings 2006 School Year

The Comstock Board of Education will be holding its regular board meetings in the following locations throughout the school year:

Monday, February 13, 2006
Green Meadow Elementary,
6171 MN Avenue
7:00pm

Silent Auction!

Saturday March 4, 2006
5:00 - 9:00 PM
\$10.00 per person

Hot dogs, Chips, Pop, Baked Goods. Many items to bid on. Proceeds to benefit Janice Johnson, who was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) and is in need of a bone marrow transplant to save her life.

Contact Tammy Kaufmann,
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require a review by the Executive Director.

Mailed Payments

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

Guide to Walking Levels:



Minimal walking such as lunch/dinner theatre packages.



Activities such as museums, estate tours, spectator sports, river cruises, walking short distances, up and down bus steps at several stops.



Walking which may include city tours, extended time on your feet such as shopping destinations, amusement parks, airports, outdoor sidewalks, stairs.

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.

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

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.



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.




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Travel Preview

Wednesday, February 15, 2006 2-4 pm

Join us for a look at the trips in store for 2006! Enjoy presentations from tour operators, refreshments and prizes! Call 269-345-8556 ext. 16 to R.S.V.P. - Mark your calendars now!

Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier March 15

Join us once again as we explore the unique floral settings, gardens, landscapes and exciting designs at this magical show of flowers. Stay for the day at Navy Pier, or split your time by spending the afternoon shopping and browsing the Magnificent Mile. Tour Includes transportation, entrance to the Flower and Garden Show, optional shuttle to Michigan Avenue and driver gratuity. \$52.00/ \$62.00

Woodfield Mall and Ikea March 18

Spend the day at the Woodfield Mall, or the wonderful Ikea Store, or do both! Your day includes round trip motorcoach transportation, Shuttle between the two shopping venues, a passport to savings coupon book, shopping bag, and package pick up. \$49.00/\$59.00

San Antonio Getaway "The American Venice" March 20-25

5 days 7 meals- 4 breakfasts 3 dinners highlights: The Alamo, Mexican Marketplace, Tex Mex cooking class, LBJ ranch, Mayan Dude Ranch, salsa dance class. Round trip air, 7 meals, taxes and tips \$999.00/1009.00 per person double occupancy.

Tastee Tour – Chicago Style! April 5

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

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

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

The Somerset Collection – Troy April 22

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

New York City May 8–13th

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

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OVER THE TOP! Accolades To Our Special "SUPER STAR" Santas!

Comstock Community Center would like to extend a special thank you to those area businesses or groups who adopt two or more families during the holiday season. Many of these groups have been adopters for a number of years. It takes extra effort, organization and coordination to adopt several families at the holiday season—these groups go the extra mile to help:

- Kalamazoo Valley Plant Growers
- Eaton Corporation
- Galesburg United Methodist Church
- Landscape Forms
- United Parcel Service
- DENSO Manufacturing
- National City Mortgage Division
- State Farm
- Pfizer Animal Health Division

On behalf of the many families you have helped, a big, heartfelt thank you. We appreciate very much your willingness to reach out to the community!

YOU MADE IT HAPPEN! Christmas Elves 2005

Because of the many people who donated their time, money and effort, these people were able to have a better Christmas in 2005:

- 73 children shopped at Meijers for their 238 siblings at the **Kids' Christmas Party**.
- 112 families (164 adults and 361 children) were served by the **Adopt-A-Family Program**. Through the efforts of 42 businesses and other groups, 28 families and many other donors who gave money and gift items, these families received toys, clothing, household items and food baskets.
- 109 families received **holiday food baskets** in cooperation with VFW Post 6252.
- 97 children were given toys and clothing items through the **CCC Holiday Gift Store** stocked with donated items.
- 125 seniors received special **holiday baskets** of food and/or gifts.
- **Residents of Laurels of Galesburg** received small gifts and beautiful lap robes made by the Comstock Township Library **Keep America Warm Volunteers**.

Do You Enjoy Reading To Children?

Kalamazoo Public Library needs you! The library's "Ready to Read" program sends volunteers into the community to share books with young children. Reading sites include Head Start classrooms and the waiting rooms of various clinics and agencies. The time commitment is 1-2 hours per week on a regular schedule. Books and training are provided. Please call Andrea Enyedi at 553-7885 for more information.

C.H.I.K.S. of Distinction: Comstock Middle and High School students participate in a mentor and mentee program

The Comstock Community Center has received a grant for the **second year** from the **Michigan Women's Foundation** to support a wonderful mentoring program for girls to learn **Confidence, Honor, Independence, Knowledge, and Success**. The program



has encouraged those involved to become confident in situations occurring everyday in school and home life. Many of the girls involved are commenting on the great opportunities the program is bringing them, "I have really enjoyed

being a part of the mentoring program. It has been so much fun getting to know new people and being able to be a part of the freshman's first impression to the high school next year. I think this program has gotten off to a great start and I am looking forward to seeing what next year has to hold for us (Samantha Howell/9th grader)."

C.H.I.K.S. has planned many indoor and outdoor activities for the mentees and mentors such as: assertiveness training, games, pumpkin hollow, a fall festival, Love Your Body Day, a bonfire with S'mores, Michigan's Adventure, Putt Putt Golf, Suicide and Violence Prevention, Healthy Relationship tips, bowling, a tour of the high school, and many more extraordinary events for all to feel a part of something great.

Mentors and mentees start their school year in a whirlwind of new teachers, finding new classrooms, making new friends, and facing new challenges. C.H.I.K.S. makes all of this easier with a group of people who are all starting in the same position but leaving with much, much more. Mentors and mentees end the C.H.I.K.S. program with a certificate for participating in the program, creating a heart-warming feeling of accomplishment with the future full of success!

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.

February: Family Tree on Gull Rd.

March: Sunnyside in Galesburg

April: Lunch Time : Gull Rd.

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 Monday- Thursday at 11:45am for seniors -a donation on a sliding scale. All others join us for a \$3.50 fee. Call 345-8556 before noon one day in advance to reserve your spot.

Monthly Birthday Party: Join us one Thursday each month at 11:30am to celebrate that month's birthdays with ice cream & cake, decorations, presents and festivities. Celebrants must reserve one week in advance, and all others two days prior by calling 345-8556.

Classes

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

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

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

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

Bell Ringers Choir: Fridays 11:00 am. Conducted by Phil Neice. No fee.

Tai Chi: Wednesdays 12:30pm and Mondays at 5pm is 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.

Craft Classes

Glycerin Soap Making: Friday February 17 2pm
So you want to make soap? Good! I'll try my best to tell you how. This pure transparent glycerine soap is biodegradable and made with all natural ingredients. This is very popular among soap crafters. Please call 345-8556 to register. Cost \$20.00.

Quilling – \$15.00 March 24, 2:00 PM

Quilling or paper filigree is the art of rolling thin strips of paper into different shapes and using the shapes to form designs. Quilling has been around since the Renaissance Age, but I was only recently introduced to it. It is fun and easy and I find it to be pretty relaxing. I hope this introduction to Quilling will spark an interest and start your imagination flowing.



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, February 10 11am

Friday, March 10, 11am

Texas Hold'em: Learn Texas Hold'em. On Tuesdays at 12:30pm the card sharks come out to the center. We want you. **No cards on 2/14/06.**



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

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

Foot Care Clinic: Advance appointments are required for a Registered Nurse to trim your nails, buff calluses, massage those feet and check for trouble spots. Fee: \$20 for each visit. Bring a towel with you. Please call 345-8556 to make an appointment.

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

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Center Point Community Calendar

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Transportation Donation

Galesburg Business Association

Contributions - Shortfall

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Elaine Adams
Kenneth & Ada Ashbaugh
Martha Austin
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Doris Lee
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Margaret & James Lynn
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John & Susan Marietta
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February Library Events

The Comstock Township Library will be closed on Monday February 20, 2006 in observance of President's Day.

African Drums and Dancers

Saturday February 11, 2006 1:30 -2:30 pm
Kevin Collins is a respected percussionist who will share his love of African music and dance through a lively, participatory performance. He directs an ongoing African Drum and Dance Troupe in Flint. Open to all ages, no charge.

Bonnie Jo Campbell Writer's Workshop

February 11, 2006: 1:00 – 3:30 pm
Your life is rich and interesting, and you have wonderful true stories to tell. Whether you've been writing for a while or are just getting started, this

workshop will help you get some of your stories on paper. We'll discuss how to choose good subjects and how to shape interesting stories, along with strategies that will keep you writing for years to come. No Charge, pre registration suggested. Call the library at 345-0136 to register.

Find Flakey!

Our snowman friend Flakey has been spotted at several sites around Comstock. Identify the place where Flakey has been and submit it to the Young People's Department. Correct entries for each week will be eligible for a drawing the following Saturday. His picture is in the library photo gallery on the web page! The final drawing will be held Valentine's Day.

Story Time Sessions

Registration for the winter story time session will begin on Monday January 30. The six week session will begin February 6 and end on March 17. There is no charge for story time sessions but registration is required. Session times and ages are as follows:

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

Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. For the Baby and Me session parents will help their toddlers participate in interactive songs, explore board books and small group activities. There will be time after this session for toddlers to play while parents visit with each other.

March Library Events

Library Book Sale

March 13th – 25th, 2006.

The library book sale room opens at 10:00 and will close 30 minutes before the library closes.

Taste of Ireland

Saturday March 4, 2006 1:30 – 2:30pm.

The Celtic Roots will be performing Irish and Renaissance music. They have appeared at many Michigan fairs including the Michigan Renaissance Festival, the Silverleaf Renaissance Festival, and Irish Fest. Join us for some great toe-tapping music. This event is free and open to all ages.

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Information and Referral Services

Need Help? Not sure where to turn? The Comstock Community Center is a source of information and services available throughout the County, from emergency assistance or health care services, to child care, youth programs, counseling and other human services. Please 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 9:00am and 3:00pm. 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, February 20 from 9:00am- 3:00pm.

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 eligi-

bility 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

A Kalamazoo County Community Action Bureau, Outreach Specialist is able to help families and individuals with:


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

An outreach specialist is at the Comstock Community Center most Tuesdays. 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 373-5006 for more information or for an application.

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February 18, 2006

March 25, 2006

July 15, 2006

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\$50 Entrance Fee

Maximum Players: 84

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM Registration & Table Assignment

1:00 PM Tournament Begins

CASH PRIZES

\$500 First Prize

\$300 Second Prize

\$200 Third Prize

\$100 Fourth Prize

\$75 Fifth Prize

\$50 Sixth Prize

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AARP Tax Volunteers are now available to help those individuals who are senior citizens, disabled, or have a low income with their taxes. Please bring all necessary information with you to your appointment. Please call 345-8556 to make an appointment. Persons will be given appointments on a first come first serve basis.

Phantom Of The Opera Tickets Are Almost Gone!

There are only a few tickets left for Phantom of the Opera in all its glory. All aspects of the performance will be the same as they were on Broadway. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the show in our own community.

Seats are located on the main floor. Included in our price of \$50, is lunch, show and transportation. Lunch will be a delicious meal prepared by the chef at WMU Fetzer Center. After lunch you will be transported to Miller Auditorium for a matinee performance. Please call to reserve your tickets today 345-8556. Payment must be made at the time of the reservation. Visa/MC accepted.

St. Patty's Day

Friday, March 17 12:00pm enjoy the glory of Irish tradition with a great corned beef and cabbage dinner. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the comfort of a boiled dinner with corned beef, potatoes and carrots and a dinner roll for only \$6.00. Please call 345-8556 to reserve your spot or place a take-out order.

Hotties for Honeys

Tuesday, February 14 11:45am Celebrate Valentines Day with food, fun, salsa and Hotties from Western Michigan University. A group of salsa dancing, students have volunteered to rev your engines and get you on the dance floor. Join these hot-blooded gentlemen and have a wonderful meal for Valentines Day. Fun music, friends, dancing, and excitement for everyone! The meal will be a tasty buffet provided for you. No fee. Call 345-8556 and reserve your place.

Kids Korner Preschool and Before and After School Care

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enjoy Life Again!

Do you have difficulty with

Balance, Memory, Reaching, Swallowing
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345-9191

303 Balch Street
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343-7100

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Meetings held in the Board Room of the Township Hall:

Township Board - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7:00pm

Planning Commission - 2nd & 4th Thursday-7:30pm
(November & December only-1st & 3rd Thursday)

Zoning Board of Appeals - 4th Tuesday - 4:00pm

Meeting held in Heritage Room of the Library:

Library Board - 2nd Monday - 7:00pm

Meeting held in Local History Room of the Library:

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

Meeting held in the Township Meeting Room:

Parks & Recreation Commission - 2nd Tuesday - 7:00pm

Meetings held at the Comstock Community Center:

Comstock Community Center Board - 2nd Wednesday 5:30pm

Boy Scouts Troop #221 - Mondays - 6:30pm

Boy Scouts Troop #221 Comte. Mtg- 3rd Tues. - 6:30pm

Girl Scout Troop #495 - Tues. after school to 5pm

AGLOW - 3rd Saturday 10:00am-noon

County Center 4-H Club - 1st Thursday 7:00p.m.

AA Meetings - Monday-Friday 7:00-8:00a.m.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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Monday through Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm
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

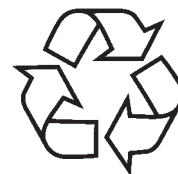
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East Fire Station 381-0804

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



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

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

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

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

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

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