

MONTCALM COUNTY SENIOR NEWS



The Commission on Aging is dedicated to promoting active participation among seniors within their communities, addressing feeling of isolation, and fostering a sense of belonging and connection. We would like to inform our senior community that our facility is open from Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM, with the exception of designated closure days. Our center is truly their center! Seniors are always invited to come by for coffee, cocoa, or tea. It serves as a complimentary space for socializing and enjoying card or board games. There is no need for a special event to visit us.

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All Montcalm COA Locations

January 1st



January 19th



DONATIONS NEEDED

THE
COMMISSION ON AGING
IS IN NEED OF

ADULT PULL-UP BRIEFS
IN ALL SIZES

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF
AT ANY OF OUR COA LOCATIONS IN
STANTON, CARSON CITY, EDMORE,
HOWARD CITY, & GREENVILLE

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY
QUESTIONS 989-831-7478

IMPORTANT MEAL PRICING INFORMATION

Due to the rising costs of groceries, we want to inform everyone that starting **March 1, 2026**, the suggested donation for those aged 60 and older will be increased to \$3.50, while individuals under 60 will have a cost of \$7.00. We sincerely appreciate your understanding as we make this necessary adjustment.

Income Tax help by AARP Foundation



Free Tax Help for low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Starting Wednesday February 4, through Monday, April 13.

Continue to page 8 for full detailed information.

We would love to have your
“HEART BURN”
in **February!**



The Stanton CoA
will be hosting a
CHILLI COOK-OFF

KEEP YOUR EYES



PEELED

IN THE UP COMING PAPER
FOR DETAILS



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Montcalm County Commission
on Aging

www.montcalmcountycoromissiononaging.org

See What’s Happening at Your Local Center

(CARSON CITY, EDMORE, GREENVILLE, & HOWARD CITY)

FOOD WITH FRIENDS MEALS ARE SERVED MON THROUGH THURS AT 12 PM
FOR SENIORS 60 AND OVER A \$3.00 SUGGESTED DONATION,

Meal Site Cancellations and Closings
During the school year, meals may be canceled due to poor weather conditions. If the Central Montcalm Public Schools are closed due to bad weather, meals will not be served that Day.
*Meals are not served on Federal Holidays

UNDER 60 IS A \$6.50 CHARGE



MEAL SITE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

TO HELP ENSURE ENOUGH OF THE ADVERTISED MEALS ARE ORDERED, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS PROVIDED AT THE MEAL SITE OR BY CALLING THE COA BY NOON A WEEK IN ADVANCE. PLEASE CLARIFY IF YOU PREFER A TO-GO OR DINE IN.
989-831-7476
OPTION 1

SIGN UP

GREENVILLE SERVED ON WED & THURS FRIDAY THE WEEK PRIOR
HOWARD CITY SERVED MON - THURS MONDAY THE WEEK PRIOR
CARSON CITY SERVED TUES & THURS MONDAY THE WEEK PRIOR
EDMORE SERVED MONDAYS FRIDAY THE WEEK PRIOR

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



HOWARD CITY 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
GREENVILLE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
CARSON CITY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
EDMORE 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
STANTON 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Meal Site Menus

Dine in begins at 12 pm for all meal sites

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
January			1/1/2026
			CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY
1/5/2026	1/6/2026	1/7/2026	1/8/2026
BEEF & BROCCOLI VEGGIE FRIED RICE ORANGE	GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH POTATO SALAD APPLESAUCE	POTATO CRUNCH POLLOCK BROCCOLI RAISIN SALAD POTATO WEDGES ROLL BANANA	MEATLOAF MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS ROLL FRUIT CRISP
1/12/2026	1/13/2026	1/14/2026	1/17/2026
PULLED PORK COLESLAW PICKLED BEETS FRUIT CUP	TURKEY MEATLOAF SWEET POTATOES GREEN BEANS ROLL ORANGE	THREE BEAN CHILI BAKED POTATO BROCCOLI CRACKERS BANANA	GLAZED SALMON BROWN RICE PILAF SALAD GLAZED CARROTS ROLL FRUITED JELLO
1/19/2026	1/20/2026	1/21/2026	1/22/2026
CLOSED MLK JR DAY	SLOPPY JOE SWEET POTATO PUFFS SALAD FRUIT CUP	POT ROAST MASHED POTATOES GLAZED CARROTS ROLL BANANA PUDDING BANANA	BBQ CHICKEN POTOTO WEDGES SPINACH CORNBREAD APPLESAUCE
1/26/2026	1/27/2026	1/28/2026	1/29/2026
BONE IN CHICKEN LEG MAC & CHEESE COLESLAW MIXED VEGETABLES CORNBREAD ORANGE	SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS ROLL PEACH COBBLER	CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP PICKLED BEETS BANANA	PASTA MEATBALLS & SAUCE SALAD BROCCOLI GARLIC TOAST AMBROSIA

See What's Happening at Your Local Center

Greenville Area Senior Citizens Center

715 S. Baldwin, Greenville



FOOD WITH FRIENDS MEALS
SERVED ON WED & THURS AT
12PM

Meal Site Hostess
Diana Farran
Call 616-894-2255
for meal reservations or
cancelations

MARCIA'S PENNY BINGO

SPONSORED BY:
MONTCALM COMMISSION ON AGING

10AM-11:30AM
EVERY WEDNESDAY

BINGO

MUSIC

EVERY THURSDAY 11A-12P



The Center is also available for private party's or event rentals. Call the Center at 616-754-1658 for more information on private rentals.

Greenville Stamp Club

Contact: Mr. Randy Kerr
Phone: (616) 894-2362
Email: musicman_1935@hotmail.com

Meeting Location: Flat River Library
200 W. Judd Street
Greenville, MI 48838
Meeting Time:
1st & 3rd Saturday at 10:00 am



January 2026 Greenville Area Senior Center

715 S Baldwin St. 616-754-1658

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Happy New Year!	2
5 10:00 a.m.- Monday's coffee 10:00 a.m.-Crafts	6 9:00-Exercise w Mary 10:30-Board Meeting 12 noon-Euchre	7 10:00-1¢Bingo 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Cards	8 10- Sewing 10- Dulcimers 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Cards 5:00-TOPS	9 POTLUCK NOON
12 10:00 a.m.- Monday's coffee 10:00 a.m.-Crafts	13 9:00-Exercise with Mary 12 noon-Euchre	14 10:00-1¢Bingo 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Private rental	15 10- Sewing 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Cards 5:00-TOPS	16 Membership Meeting 10 a.m.
19 10:00 a.m.- Monday's coffee 10:00 a.m.-Crafts	20 9:00-Exercise with Mary 12 noon-Euchre	21 10:00-1¢Bingo 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Cards	22 10- Sewing 10- Dulcimers 12:00-Lunch 1:00-Cards 5:00-TOPS	23
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Howard City Action Center

132 E. Edgerton St., Howard City
Open 5 days a week

Food with Friends
Served Mon through Thurs at 12 pm
Provided through
Montcalm County COA
(Lunch Only)
For seniors 60 and over
a \$3.00 suggested donation
& under 60 is a \$6.50 charge.



The Center is available for private & event rentals. Call Dee at 231-937-5504.

MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO AGES 50 +

Fridays
Music from 9 am—3 pm

We have walkers, adult protective undergarments, and other items available to anyone in need.

Blood Pressure Checks
Every Friday from 9am to noon



Site Hostess
Karen West
Call 616-890-4542
for reservations or
questions

Penny Bingo Every
Tuesday & Thursday
after lunch



Every 2nd Saturday
of every month at 10 am Craft
Day at Tamarack Creek Apts
The community room

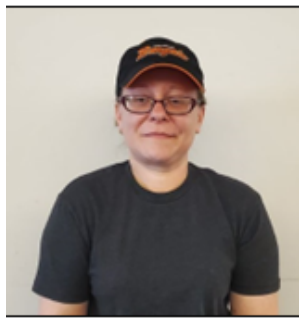
POTLUCK BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
HELD THE 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

\$2 DONATION FOR A POTLUCK WITH A
DISH TO PASS

\$4 DONATION WITHOUT A DISH TO PASS

See What's Happening at Your Local Center

CARSON CITY MEAL SITE

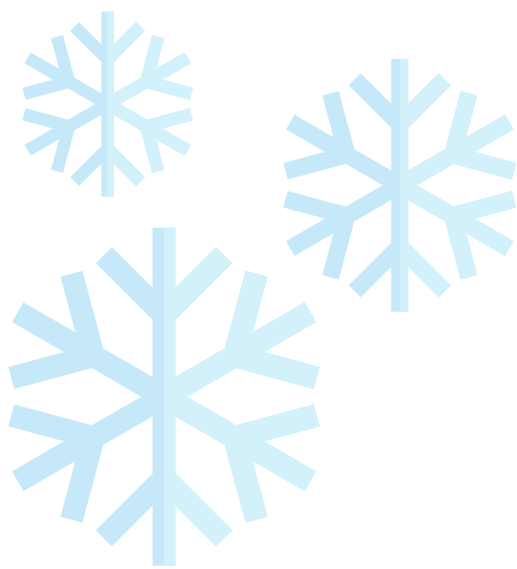


Site Hostess
Mary Miller
Call
989-831-7476
Option 1
for reservations or
questions



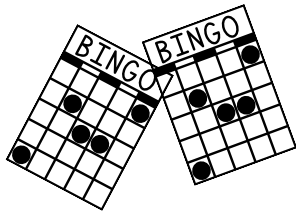
United Methodist Church,
119 E. Elm St., Carson City

Food with Friends meals are served on
Tues & Thurs at 12pm

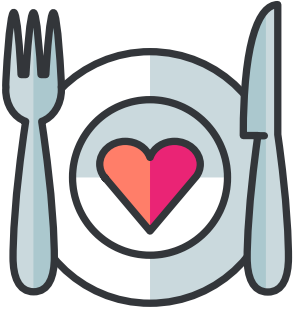
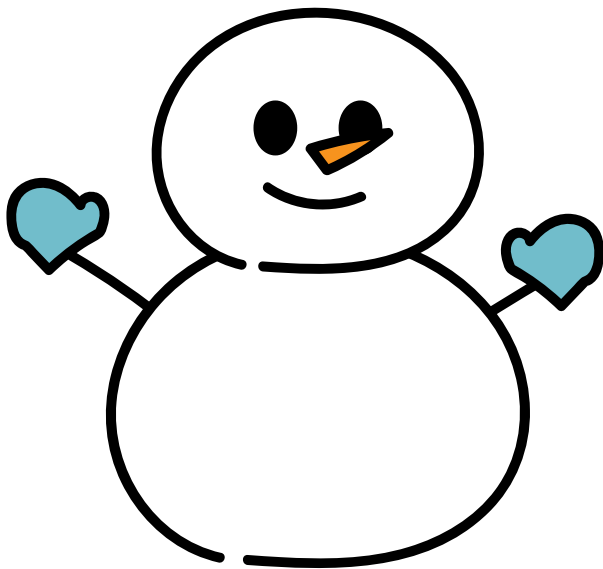


Skip-Bo every Tuesday
11: 00am & 12:30pm

Skip-Bo every Thursday
11:00am



Bingo every Thursday
12:30pm



Kayla from Huntington Bank
will be calling bingo Thurs Jan. 29th
along with giving a presentation on banking fraud
and how to protect yourself and loved ones.

EDMORE MEAL SITE

Curtis Community Center,.
209 W. Sheldon St.,.



Site Hostess
Jane Hagen
Call
989-831-7476
Option 1
for reservations or
questions



Do to unforeseen circumstances,
the Edmore meal site (Curtis Community Center)
will be closed through January 2026.
Please watch for updates in our paper and
social media.
Thank you!

News & Notes from around the county

Sheridan VFW Post

209 Washington St, Sheridan
MI 48884
989-291-9680
1st Saturday of the month-
Swiss Steak Supper 4-6pm
\$13 Adults
\$6 Children 5-12
Euchre- Every Monday at 6pm
BINGO Tuesday & Friday
Early birds begins at 6pm

Stanton American Legion

Taco Tuesday
Burgers Wednesday
1st Friday of the month Fish
2nd Friday of the month Steak
3rd Friday of the month Rib
Nite
4th Friday of the month Swiss
Steak
Please refer to American
Legion 452 Stanton Facebook
or call (989) 831-4114 for more
details and prices.

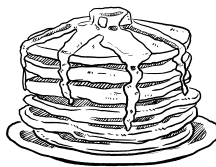
Edmore VFW

Baked and Fried Chicken
Supper every 3rd
Wednesday, 4-6 pm
Adults \$12
Children 5-12 \$5
4 and under Free

BINGO
Monday 6:15 pm. Early Birds
Regular BINGO 7 pm

EDMORE MASONIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ALL YOU CAN EAT!
2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
8AM-1PM
\$10/ADULTS, \$5/ 6-12Y/O,
FREE 5Y/O & UNDER
524 E FORREST ST, EDMORE



THE MONTCALM AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

(Member, Michigan Parkinson's Foundation)

Offers an opportunity for those dealing with Parkinson's Disease either
as the person with Parkinson's symptoms and/or as their caregiver, living
in the Montcalm, Mecosta, Ionia and North Kent County areas to meet
with others experiencing Parkinson's multitude of
daily challenges.

Join us the Third Thursday of the month
At 11:00 AM
Meeting at the 1st United Methodist Church
204 W. Cass St., Greenville, MI
For further information, call 616-334-4084
Or email: montcalmparkinsons@gmail.com

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

Alzheimer's Association
Michigan

Montcalm County Commission on Aging
613 N. State St.
Stanton, MI 48888

Pamela Shock
989-831-7479
pshock@montcalm.us

Visit www.alz.org to learn more about caregiver programs
and resources. To further extend your network of support
visit ALZ connected, our online community, at
alzconnected.org.

Caregivers Support Group

1st Thursday of the month
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Build a support system with
people who understand.

Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted
by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people
living with dementia and their care partners to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs, and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

IN SUPPORT OF CURIOSITY

Various studies show that aging does not limit our ability to learn and grow. In fact keeping interested in learning about and trying new things can actually improve our cognitive health. To keep an open mind, to seek out new experiences, to learn about and try new activities, is key to helping us maintain a healthy mind and body. It is important to be curious.

Curiosity has gotten a bad rap. According to one old saying curiosity kills cats, who by the way are also supposed to have nine lives. Some people fear that being curious is a threat to what they want to believe. Curiosity might take you a little bit out of your comfort zone, but it can also stimulate your brain, creating new neural pathways, which help to maintain brain health. The brain is a muscle, and like all muscles requires regular workouts. A familiar routine, even if it requires strategic thinking, does not help build those pathways. You can only boost your brainpower by exploring new activities that are outside of your normal routine.




Now is a good time to explore something new. If you've always wanted to learn another language, play a musical instrument, try line dancing, take an exercise class, or learn about something that has always interested you, take the first step and begin to explore. Turn off the TV and read a good piece of fiction, which can stimulate your imagination. You need to stay engaged in life, and to challenge and stimulate your mind if you want to keep your mind and body healthy and active. You need to retain your ability to think deeply, to concentrate, to ask questions and seek answers.

It's a new year, and many of us start the year out with a resolution or two. Why not make a resolution to become more curious. Do yourself and your brain a big favor and discover the joy and benefit of curiosity.

Stanton CoA

January

Activities Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 CLOSED <i>Happy New Year</i> 	2 8:30A-10:30A MORNING MUG 1P GAME DAY
5 OPEN WALK AT MCC 8:30A-10:30A MORNING MUG 11A EXERCISE WITH SCH	6 10A PENNY BINGO 10A FOOT CLINIC 12P MEAL 1P HAND DIP	7 8:30-10:30AM MORNING MUG 10:30AM SENIOR YOGA	8 12P HOT MEAL	9 8:30A-10:30A MORNING MUG 1P GAME DAY
12 OPEN WALK AT MCC 8:30A-10:30A MORNING MUG	13 10A PENNY BINGO 12P MEAL 1P HAND DIP	14 8:30-10:30AM MORNING MUG NO SENIOR YOGA 10:30 AM CRAFTY CORNER	15 12P HOT MEAL	16 8:30A-10:30A MORNING MUG 1P GAME DAY
19 CLOSED 	20 10A PRIZE POT BINGO 11:30A MUSIC W/ FRED 12P MEAL 1P HAND DIP	21 8:30-10:30AM MORNING MUG 10:30AM SENIOR YOGA	22 12P HOT MEAL	23 8:30A-10:30A MORNING MUG 1P GAME DAY
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**Huntington**

Kayla from Huntington Bank
will be calling bingo Tuesday Jan. 13th
along with giving a presentation on banking fraud and how to
protect yourself and loved ones.

PRIZE POT



JAN. 27TH AT 10AM

PLEASE SIGN UP BY
JANUARY 22ND

 Call Kari
989-831-7454



OnStride

Foot Clinic

at the Stanton CoA

January 6th

10 am-12 pm

\$25 For Seniors
\$20 For Veterans



Stanton CoA Yarn Stitch Group

Please join us at the CoA in Stanton on
Wednesdays at 1 pm-2:30 pm.
FYI: The group will be off from
Dec. 4, ‘25 - Feb. 3, ‘26

****Yarn and Monetary Donations are
always welcome and needed.**

\$5
per person
per session



Senior Yoga

Wednesdays at 10:30am

As an alternative when Miss Donna is
off you can always join in Chair Yoga at
The Barefoot Dragon
barefootdragonyoga.com
210 S Main St, Sheridan, MI 48884
(616) 238-5060



Game Day

Friday’s at 1 pm

Bring a friend or family and
enjoy some time together
playing games.

We have:

Chess, Dominos, Skip-Bo,
Uno, Yahtzee, & Cards.

Wii games: bowling, golf, tennis, &
baseball



*The first and third Monday
of the month.
11 am-12 pm
Stretch and Balance
with Sheridan Hospital
*Free of Charge

Every Monday from 11 am-12 pm
Free walking at MCC

 Montcalm Community College

Stanton Commission on Aging Lunches

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MEAL SITE

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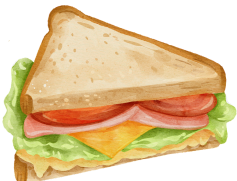
989-831-7476

OPTION 1

Stanton January Meal Site Menu

Dine In Starts at 12pm

- 6th Chili, Salad Bar, & Fruit
- 8th Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, & Fruit
- 13th Potato Soup, Salad Bar, & Fruit
- 15th Sloppy Joe’s, Baked Beans, & Fruit
- 20th Corn Chowder, Salad Bar, & Fruit
- 22nd Breakfast Casserole & Fruit
- 27th Turkey & Rice Soup, Salad Bar & Fruit
- 29th Goulash, Garlic Toast, & Fruit



MUSIC WITH FRED JEFFERY

JOIN US EVERY 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 11:30A-12:30P



The Stanton Commission on Aging invites everyone to come in and enjoy coffee, tea, hot cocoa, & a relaxing start to your day. We will provide your morning beverage and snack Free of charge! We will have newspapers, the morning news on the t.v., and a friendly atmosphere. So, grab a friend, family member, or just yourself and rise and shine with us!



Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30a-10:30a

CRAFTY CORNER

\$10

PER PERSON

**January 14th
at 10:30a**

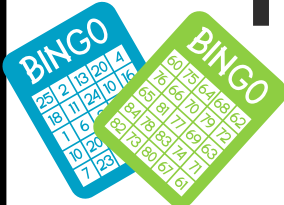
ALL SUPPLIES ARE INCLUDED
CALL KARI BY
TO SIGN UP

989-831-7454

Bird Seed Feeders



PRIZE POT BINGO



We will be holding our monthly Prize Pot BINGO

****Please sign up and pay by
December 19th**

Cost: \$4 per person

Contact Kari 989-831-7454



Income Tax help
by AARP Foundation



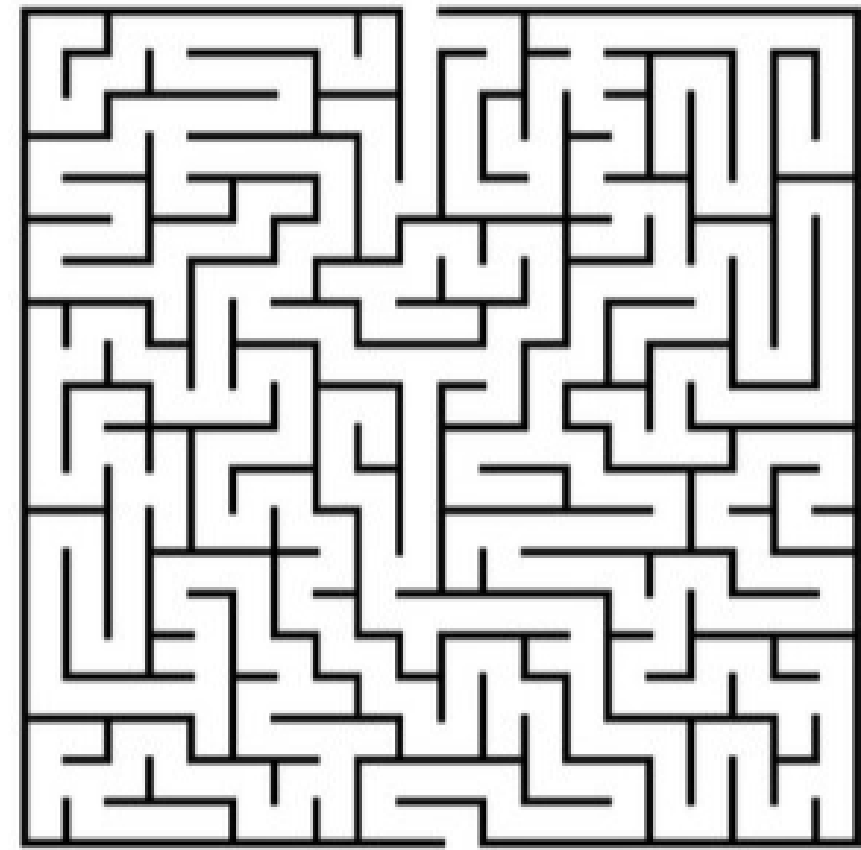
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be offering Free Tax Help for low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Starting Wednesday February 4, through Monday, April 13. IRS approved trained volunteers will be assisting taxpayers at the Montcalm Co Commission on Aging, 613 N State Street, most Mondays and Wednesdays, 9AM to 2:30.

A limited days of appointments will be available at the Flat River Library, in Greenville and also a limited amount of appointments at Reynolds Township Library in Howard City.

Montcalm County area taxpayers may call for an appointment after January 23rd, COA 9809.831.7476, option 2, and ask for the alternate locations if needed.

- To prevent delays, please come prepared with any of the following that may apply to your return.
- *Drivers license or other legal picture ID and Social Security cards for everyone on your return.
 - *New: All requests for paper refunds will face long delays, so please bring a canceled check or other banking information for direct deposit.
 - *Copy of 2024 tax US and Michigan tax or credit returns
 - *For Michigan Home Heating Credit, please bring your bill or receipts dated Nov 1, 2024 through Oct 31, 2025. *Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit for homeowners and renters require both the summer and winter tax bills dated 2025.
 - *For either credit, bring Health Insurance bills showing what you paid, including medical portion of your vehicle PIP unless you don't carry that coverage.
 - *W2 forms from all employers, and also forms NEC and MISC Income.
 - *SSA 1099 form showing Social Security benefits.
 - *1099 R form for distributions from pensions, annuity's and IRA withdrawals
 - *All 1099 forms (1099INT, 1099DIV, 1099B, etc.), showing interest or dividends or any documentation showing original price of assets sold.
 - *All forms indicating tax withheld or income reporting such as W-2G or IRA form 5498.
 - *Dependent care deduction requires provider name, employer ID, etc.
 - *Form 1095 A if you or your family received Marketplace Health Insurance.
- *IF you think you may be able to itemize deductions, bring receipts or canceled checks. *For Prior Years or Amended Returns, or Homestead Credit Filing, or more complicated returns may require longer or additional appointments. Please mention when calling and bring the last year a return was filed. *All taxpayers will be asked to fill out an Interview booklet to help us better serve you. Please ask if you would like this mailed to you when making your appointment.



ANSWER
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Local

LIBRARY

News



REYNOLDS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

117 W. WILLIAMS ST.
HOWARD CITY, MI 49329
PHONE: 231-937-5575

Walk the Stacks

Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Walk through the library stacks at the Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library from 8:30 to 9 a.m. All ages are welcome.

Line Dancing

Kick up your heels and join us for a fun-filled evening of Line Dancing evening

Every Monday night from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Reynolds Twp. Library Program Center, A \$5 donation per person is appreciated at the door.

Chair Yoga

Every Tuesday Morning

Join us for a Chair Yoga class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Reynolds Twp. Library Program Center.

Cardio Drumming

Every Tuesday Night

Get ready to move, groove, and have fun with Cardio Drumming, Classes will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. This event is open to all ages and the cost is just \$5 at the door. All equipment is provided, so bring your enthusiasm and get ready to drum your way to better health!

Knitting & Crochet Club

Every Thursday

Ukulele Club 1/12

Crafting with Mrs. Cricket 1/14

To register, call (231) 937-5575 or visit us in person at the library c

True Crime Book Club 1/21

Crystal Community Library

101 N Main St, Crystal, MI 48818
(989) 235-6111

January 14, 2026--Movie and Popcorn 3 p.m.

January 16, 2026--Senior Social Bingo 2 p.m.

January 20, 2026--Winter Book Club 1 p.m.

January 21, 2026 --"Let It Snow" Porch sign craft 3 to 5p

January 28, 2026--Painting with Tara 4 p.m.

FLAT RIVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

200 W Judd St, Greenville 616-754-6359

-Gentle Basic Yoga, Saturdays, January 3 & 24 at 11:15am

-Guided Vision Boards for the New Year, Monday, January 5 at 6pm

-Zentangle Take & Make, Tuesday, January 6, pick-up at 12pm & 5pm

-Chair Yoga, Thursday, January 8 at 11am

-Understanding Dementia-Related Behaviors, Friday, January 16, at 10am

-Michigan Lumberjacks and the Old Growth Forest, Monday, January 19 at 6pm

-U.S. Regional Food Trip!, Tuesday, January 20, at 6pm (Pre-registration required and opens on January 6).

WHITE PINE DISTRICT LIBRARY

514 N New St, Stanton

**Please pre-register 989-831-4327 for events

January 7th, Wednesday – Cookbook Club; 6pm

January 8th, Thursday – Advice on Your Device; 3-5pm

January 8th & 22nd, Thursday – Fiber Friends; 1pm

January 15th, Thursday – Chocolate, Coffee & Conversations; 1pm

January 17th, Saturday – Craft Day; (Watercolors); 10am-12pm

January 21st, Wednesday – Book Club (State Read: “Everything I Learned, I

Learned in a Chinese Restaurant” by Curtis Chin); 1pm

January 21st, Wednesday – Movie Night (“Wicked”); 6pm

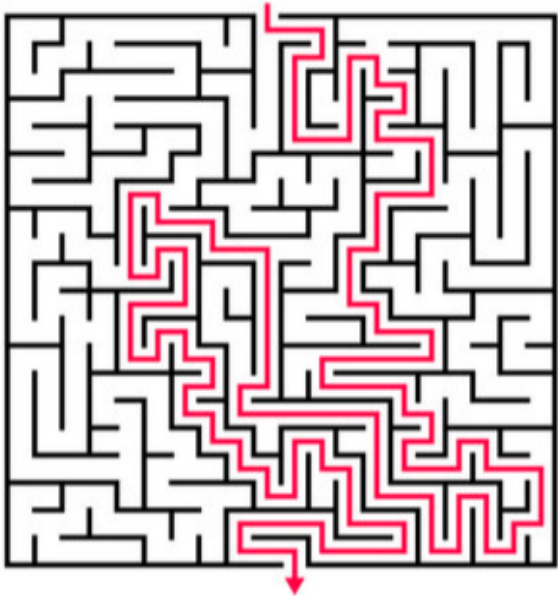
January 22nd, Thursday – Movie Morning; 11am

January 23rd, Friday – Movie Morning; 11:30am

January 28th, Wednesday – Homestead Event (Experience ‘Hygge’, Warm & Cozy); 6pm

*The Library will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st for New Years

ANSWER KEY



Local Food Pantries

***ALPHA FAMILY CENTER**

705 N. Hillcrest St. Greenville, MI – 616-255-2265 for appointment

***BARRIE’S HOUSE FOOD & CLOTHES PANTRY**

8900 W. Colby Rd. Greenville, Mi – (former Turk Lake Methodist Church) – 616-255-9827 – Open from 11 AM to 3 PM Thursdays. Individuals/families can attend once per month for food, but clothing is available every week.

***BELDING FOOD PANTRY**

St Joseph’s Catholic Church 409 S. Bridge St. in Belding – 616-794-2145 – Open from 2 to 3 PM Thursdays except holidays. Available to anyone in need.

***BELDING FOOD PANTRY**

Ashley Baptist Church – 10463 Belding Rd in Belding – 616-794-3410 – Open by appointment only.

***BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY**

Greenville Community Church – 6596 Vining Rd in Greenville – 616-225-8055 or visit www.bolpantry.org. hours are 10 AM to 1 PM Tuesdays & Thursdays. Individuals/families can attend once per month.

***GREENVILLE FOOD KITCHEN**

305 S. Clay St. in Greenville – 616-754-3163 – Serves take-out meals from 330 to 5 PM Tuesdays to anyone who comes through the door.

***HANDS OF JESUS FOOD PANTRY**

1220 N. Lafayette St in Greenville – 616-225-9999 – Open 11 AM to 4 PM Fridays. Must bring own boxes and baskets. Name, address, phone number and driver’s license required for service.

***HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY**

1105 Ensley St just south of Howard City – 231-937-5177 – Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 AM to 2 PM for residents within the Tri County Area Schools district.

***HOPE’S PANTRY**

Hope Lutheran Church, 4741 W. Stanton Rd in Stanton – 989-831-5594 or 989-831-4462, Call to set up an appointment.

***LIFE CENTER**

Endeavor Center, 302 W. Main St in Edmore – 989-341-4695 to make an appointment – located in the northwest lower entrance of the Endeavor Center. Food pantry, clothing closet, and foster care pantry.

***CARSON CITY FOOD PANTRY**

St Mary’s Parish, 404 N. Division St in Carson City – 989-584-6044 or email smsjchurch@cmsinter.net Hours are from 10 AM to Noon Tuesdays. Must be resident of the Carson City-Crystal Area Schools district and may come once a month for food. Valid picture ID with address required.

***CEDAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

140 S. Main St. in Cedar Springs – 616-439-4665 – Monday to Thursday from 9 to 11 AM. Clients welcome one time per month with referral from North Kent Connect. Call 616-866-3478 to become a client.

***CHILDREN’S PANTRY**

Encounter Community Church 1213 W. State St in Belding – 616-794-5080 – Open second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 11 AM and 530 to 730 PM

***CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

122 S. Main St. in Crystal – 989-235-2522 – Hours are 9 AM to 11 AM Monday through Thursday.

***LAKEVIEW MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY**

Lakeview Community Church 8980 Howard City-Edmore Rd (M-46) in Lakeview – 989-352-7788 or newlifeumc@cmsinter.net Open from noon to 3 PM Thursdays. Serving the Lakeview Community School district with identification.

***M-46 TABERNACLE FOOD PANTRY**

11098 E. Howard City-Edmore Rd (M-46) in Riverdale – 989-388-8926 – Open from 10 to 11 AM Tuesdays. Driver’s license required. Individuals/families can attend once per month.

***SHERIDAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

4010 S. Sheridan Rd in Sheridan – 616-799-2558 By appointment only.

***SHERIDAN COMMUNITY CARES**

113 S. Main St in Sheridan – 616-835-1286 – Open from 9 AM to 12 PM on second Fridays for residents of Montcalm County. Operated by Sheridan First Congregational Church and Sheridan Community Hospital.

***CROSSROADS COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY**

Church of the Nazarene – 10087 S. W. Greenville Rd in Greenville – 616-754-7605 – Hours are 4 to 6 PM. First and third Wednesdays

***FEEDING AMERICA AT FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**

101 s. Franklin St in Greenville – 616-754-3187 – Last Monday of the month starting at 430 PM for residents of Montcalm and Ionia Counties.

***FEEDING AMERICA BELDING**

850 Hall St, lower parking lot at Belding High School – 616-794-4900 – Open third Friday of the month from 330 to 530PM

***FEEDING AMERICA STANTON**

Montcalm Area ISD 621 New St. Stanton. Call or text 616-824-3632 or email jackymcgill@charter.net – Open first Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM

***GREENVILLE AREA ECUMENICAL FOOD MISSION**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 9844 SW Greenville Rd in Greenville – 616-754-6676 – Hours are 10 AM to Noon Tuesdays and 530 to 730 PM Wednesday. Serving the Greenville Public Schools district must bring two forms of identification.

***SHILOH COMMUNITY CHURCH**

8197 Heth St in Orleans – 616-761-3584 – Pre-register by calling, then pick up on Mondays, 11 AM to Noon. Individuals/families can attend once per month.

***ST CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

GOD’S COMMUNITY KITCHEN MEALS

505 S. Lafayette St (use the Activities Building entrance off Benton Street) – 616-754-4194 – Serves take-out meals from 11 AM to Noon Saturdays.

***ST JOSEPH THURSDAY SUPPER**

St. Joseph church (gym/kitchen) 409 S. Bridge St in Belding – 616-754-2145 – Serves take-out meals from 4 to 5 PM on first and third Thursdays to anyone in need.

***TRINITY CHURCH**

415 N. Mill St. in Stanton – 989-831-5728 – Hours are 1030 AM to Noon, first and third Wednesdays. Serving Stanton, Sidney, McBride and Entrican. Individuals/families can attend once per month.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Thank you

The Commission on Aging would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has generously contributed to this year's Blessing Bags, including individual community members along with the various organizations throughout Montcalm County. Your kindness is truly invaluable and has a significant impact on the lives of many. We are thrilled to announce that 500+ Blessing Bags have been assembled for seniors in Montcalm County, marking the highest number we have ever been able to distribute!

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in our events and activities, as well as those who visit our Congregate Meal sites. Your involvement is the driving force behind our passion land dedication. We are genuinely grateful for each and every one of you.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Sincerely,
Pamela Shock
Director



UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025

Two days of fun, friends, food, and ugly sweaters!
Thank you to everyone who came, participated, and helped us enjoy the holiday season.
You are the best!



Day 1
Ugly Sweater Winners

1st Nan Tissue
2nd Joanne Peeples
3rd Jaye Christensen



Day 2
Ugly Sweater Winners

1st Gary Hunt
2nd Roxanne Niner
3rd Jacky McGill

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Montcalm County Commission on Aging
989-831-7476

Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals/Meals on Wheels, Transportation/Wheelchair Transportation is available, Senior Center Activities, Special Events and Senior Trips, SHIP, Homemaker Services, Personal Care Services, Caregiver Respite Services, Friendly Visitor, Volunteer Opportunities, Caregiver Support Group

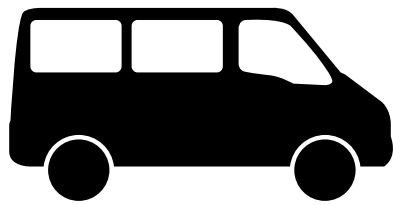
We have many volunteer opportunities:

Friendly Visitor
Crafts Volunteer
Yarn Stitching Volunteer



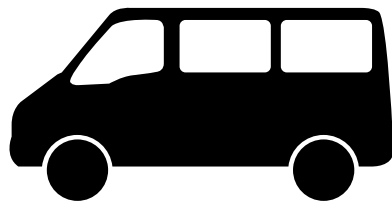
Commission on Aging – Transportation Program

The Commission on Aging offers a transportation program with volunteer drivers to assist eligible seniors getting to their medical appointments. Drivers will pick you up at your home, take you to your appointment, and return you home afterward. Wheelchair-accessible transportation is also available.



Eligibility

- Montcalm County residents
 - Age 60 and older
 - Must meet other program requirements
- Hours of Service
- Monday–Friday
 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



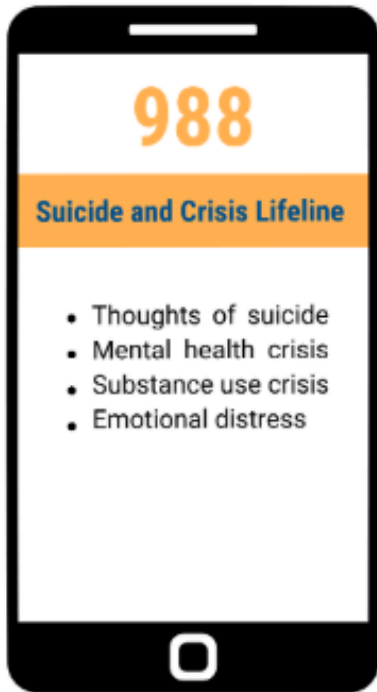
Important Information

- Transportation is based on volunteer availability.
- At least a 5-7 business day notice is needed for scheduling purposes.
- This service does not provide emergency transportation or trips to the emergency room or urgent care.
- Please have alternative transportation options available in case a volunteer is not available.



To Schedule a Ride: Call 989-831-7408

Help is 3 Numbers Away



CoA Phone Tree Menu

When you call 989-831-7476 you are presented with options to choose from. Here’s the list.

- Option 1- Meal Program-Carrie or Arletta
- Option 2–Office Assistant- Joanna
- Option 3 – Direct Services Coordinator– Tori
- Option 4 – Transportation and Volunteers– Erika
- Option 5 – Confidential Admin Assistant- Debbie

- Option 6 – Activities/Trips/Events- Kari
- Option 7 – Director- Pam
- Option 8-Case Management-Robert or Jen
- Option 0-Operator