

JANUARY 2026

MONTCALM COUNTY SENIOR NEWS



613 N. State St
Stanton, MI 48888

989-831-7476



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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CLOSED

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



IN THE UP COMING PAPER
FOR DETAILS



Type in:
Montcalm County Commission
on Aging

www.montcalmcountyccommissiononaging.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

1/1/2026

CLOSED
NEW YEARS DAY

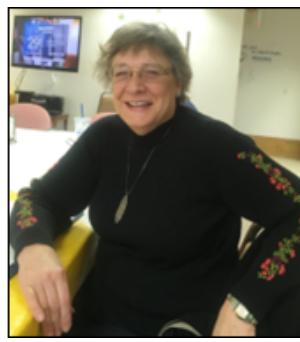
January

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 POTATO 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

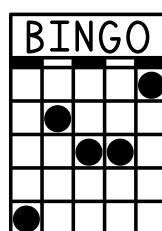
715 S. Baldwin, Greenville



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

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

MARICA'S PENNY BINGO
SPONSORED BY:
MONTCALM COMMISSION ON AGING
10AM-11:30AM
EVERY WEDNESDAY



MUSIC
EVERY THURSDAY 11A-12P

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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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

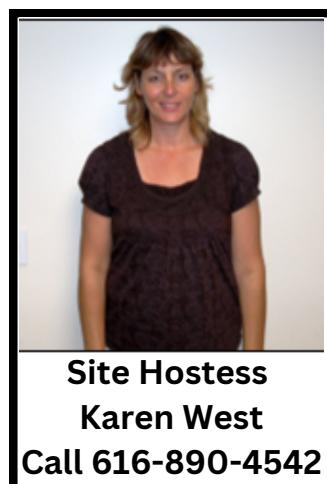
Contact: Mr. Randy Kerr
Phone: (616) 894-2362
Email: musicman_1935@hotmail.com

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



Howard City Action Center

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



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



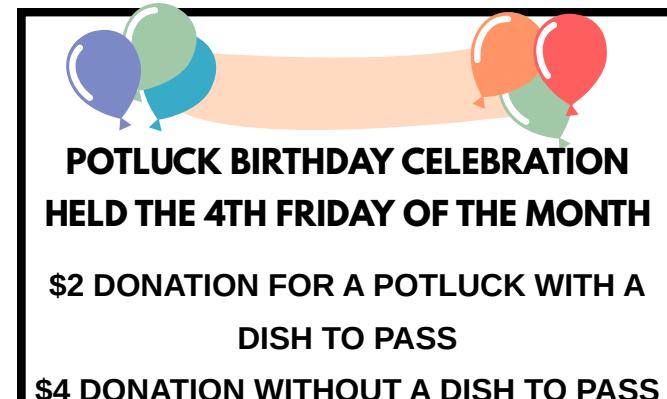
The Center is available for private & event rentals. Call Dee at 231-937-5504.

MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO AGES 50 +

MUSIC FRIDAYS
Music from 9 am-3 pm

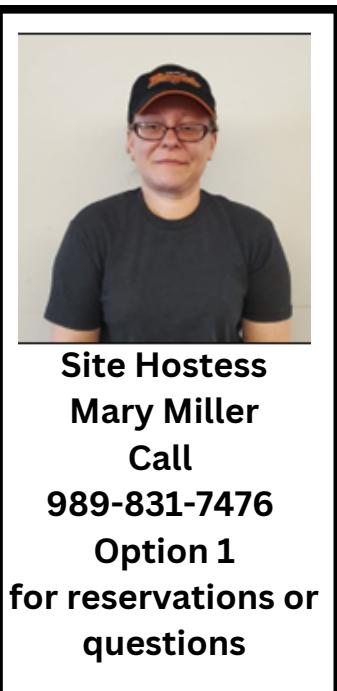
We have walkers, adult protective undergarments, and other items available to anyone in need.

Blood Pressure Checks
Every Friday from 9am to noon



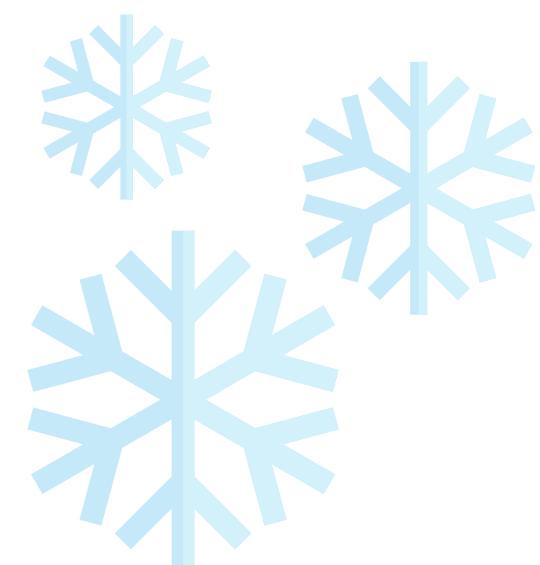
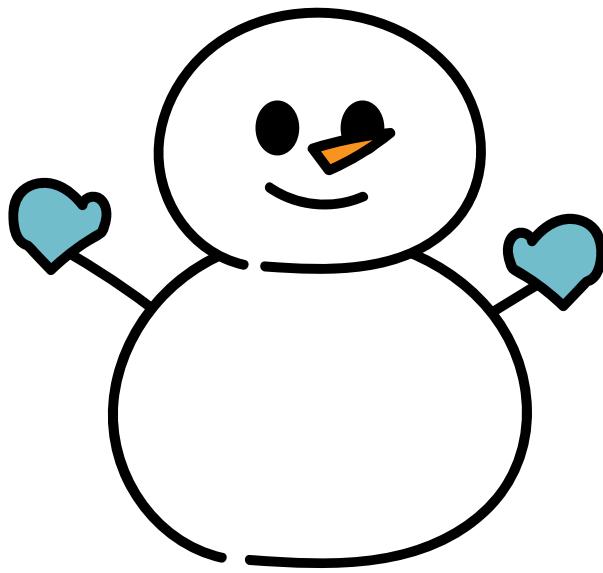
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CARSON CITY MEAL SITE

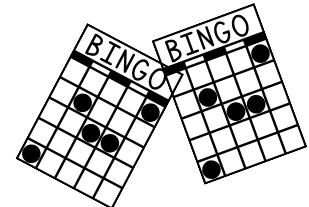


United Methodist Church,
119 E. Elm St., Carson City

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.,



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.

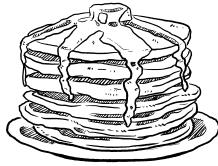
Edmore VFW

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

Januairy

Activities Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 	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 	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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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.

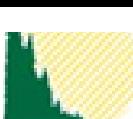
11 am-12 pm

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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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

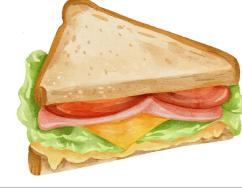
15th Sloppy Joe's, Baked Beans, & Fruit

20th Corn Chowder, Salad Bar, & Fruit

22nd Breakfast Casserole & Fruit

27th Turkey & Rice Soup, Salad Bar & Fruit

29th Goulash, Garlic Toast, & Fruit



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



BINGO



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

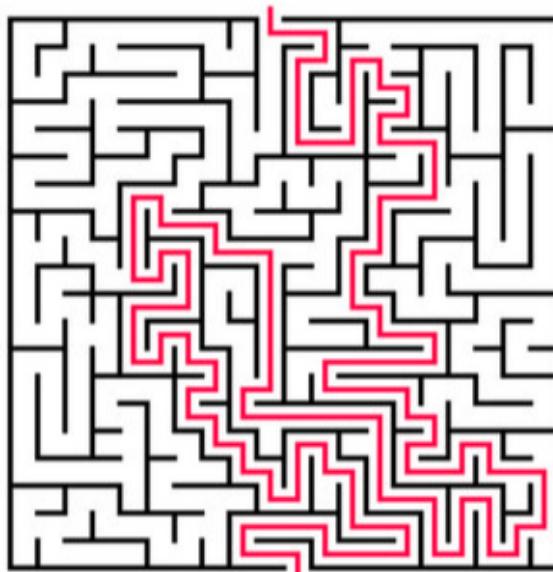
January 22nd, Thursday – Movie Morning; 11am

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 3:30 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 smjschurch@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 5:30 to 7:30 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 4:30 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 3:30 to 5:30 PM

*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 5:30 to 7:30 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 10:30 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 and 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

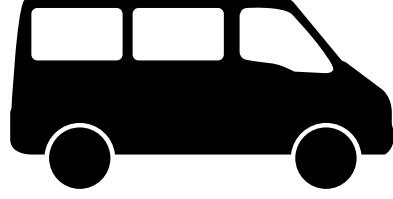
We have many volunteer opportunities:

**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.

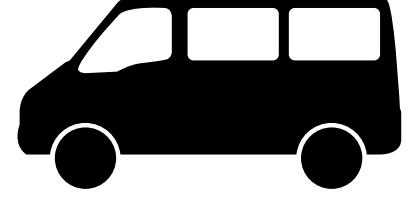


Eligibility

- 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.



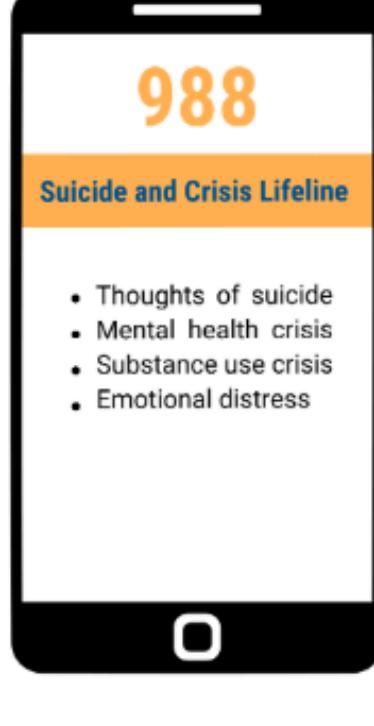
Important Information

- 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