

HELLO  
*January*

## Homestead Property Tax & Home Heat Credit Information

Commission on Aging has held clinics to assist Gratiot County seniors with the preparation of their Homestead Property Tax Rebate and/or Home Heating Credit forms. Due to COVID-19 and the delay in the ability to get the appropriate forms to complete from the state, these clinics will be *delayed*. This decision is not entered into lightly and is made to ensure the safety of our clients, volunteers and staff.

COA is planning to have assistance with tax credits available beginning in February, 2022. Please watch for details in the February issue of your Senior Gratiot Newspaper. If you have any questions, you may contact COA at 989-875-5246. We appreciate your understanding and patience.



## Nutrition Assistant Joins Staff at COA

We are excited to welcome Paula Moeggenborg to the COA Team as our Nutrition Assistant working with the Home Delivered Meals Program.

She and her husband Todd live in Alma and have three grown children all graduates of Michigan Tech University and successfully pursuing their own careers. Paula has worked and volunteered in Gratiot County for over 30 years and you might recognize her most recently as the former manager of the Alma JCPenney. She is very community minded having worked/volunteered for the Alma Highland Festival, been involved in the Alma PTO, Alma Band Boosters, Alma Women's Club, Come Home to Alma Committee and a member of Nativity of the Lord Parish. She is a member of the Gratiot County Community Foundation Board of Directors, the GCCF Distribution Committee and recently joined the Board of Directors for R.I.S.E, formerly know as Women's Aid. Paula is a graduate of Central Michigan University.



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## Snow Removal Service

Winter is coming and snow is on the horizon. The Commission on Aging's Home Chore department is ready to assist the seniors of Gratiot County with shoveling the snow.

Dan and the crew use walk behind snow blowers and shovels to clean your sidewalks, driveways and porches. Unfortunately, they are not able to clean long driveways.

It is easy to take advantage of this service. Just call the COA office, 989-875-5246, on the day you need the snow cleared. Your name will be added to the list for that day. You do need to *call each time* you need the snow removed as snowfall amounts can differ greatly across the county. There is no charge for this service, however donations are accepted and will help cover the costs of the program which will help keep it running. Every effort is made to complete the requests daily, so don't forget to call.



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**Suggested contribution to Senior Gratiot:** **\$20.00 per year** helps to cover the costs of producing and mailing the paper. A great way to remember when to send your donation is to send it on your birthday each year.

**Address Changes:** Senior Gratiot is mailed under a nonprofit automated mail rate and will not be forwarded with a notice to the post office.

**Please notify the COA office using the form at the left each time you request a change to assure we record changes correctly. Thank you. Your assistance with this helps to keep the costs down.**

**Fred Jones**  
**Fred & Jo Jones' Parents**  
**Jo's Senior Friends**  
Jo Jones

### Honorarium

**Jo's Senior Friends**  
Jo Jones

**Gifts received at GRATIOT COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SENIOR ACTIVITY BUILDING AGENCY ACCOUNT:**

Mary Humm

### Memorial

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## Senior Activity Building News & Information

By Jo Jones, Site Manager

Thanks to our Gram's Kitchen crew for the Holiday Dinner! It was enjoyed by all! The Trio (Margaret Metcalf and her talented friends) and Santa's visit brought JOY as we dined together.

The Senior Activity Building Seniors enjoyed accordion music provided by Helen Ann and Lou on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Just for Fun Dulcimer Club fills the Building with music on the second Monday of the month (their new regularly scheduled date each month). The time for the Dulcimers is 2:00 to 4:00 with Mary Humm as the Building representative. Come to hear them January 10<sup>th</sup>.

On December 16th, our cowboy music makers from Midland brought us more holiday cheer. We've missed them during the pandemic.

The Senior Activity Building Board will meet at the Building on the third Tuesday of the month (Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>) at 1:15 p.m.

Our early morning seniors continue to enjoy Linda St. Charles' coffee and conversation at the Building from 8 to 10 each weekday morning. All seniors are most welcome to find a spot around the coffee table.

Our wish for the New Year is that the Commission on Aging will be able to at least keep our Ithaca Food with Friends site open on the current schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30-1:30 at the Senior Activity Building. Whenever this schedule changes, we will try to keep you informed. The phone number is 989-875-2135. Please call in your reservation ahead of time.

Do continue to stay well and safe as we begin our New Year!

## Senior Activity Building Donors

Thank you for the gifts received by the Senior Activity Building from November 13 through December 10, 2021.

Thank you to all of our volunteers named and unnamed who take care of our Building.

### Gifts In Gratitude to SAB

Jo Jones  
Santa & Mrs. Clause

### Memorials

**Dave Thomas**  
Bill & Ella Martyn

**Joyce Beard**  
Food with Friends  
Joyce Raycraft

**Sharon Merchant**  
**Mary Zammeron**  
**Fussy Sitts**

**Ivy Seiler**  
**Mike Mates**  
**Larry Kiser**  
Darvis & Pam LaVoy

**Florence DeVuyst**  
Her Family: Bernard & Linda DeVuyst  
David & Sharon Biggs  
Roger DeVuyst & Tammy Drent

**Greg Siefker**  
Bernard & Linda DeVuyst

**Phyllis Schleder**  
Bernard & Linda DeVuyst

## Commodity Food Distribution Date

Commodities distribution will be on **Monday, February 28, 2022**. Maximum monthly income guidelines are as follows: Single, \$1,383; Couple, \$1,868. Anyone interested in the program must contact Eight Cap at 989-463-5693. Clients may pick up commodities at the Alma Elks, 610 W. Warwick Dr., Alma from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or at the Commission on Aging, 515 S. Pine River St., Ithaca from **12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

**To date, J&J Party Store has donated \$9,432.43 to the HDM program at the COA!**

## Menu

# January

## Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 American Goulash Beets Broccoli Tropical Fruit Wheat Bread	4	5 Beef and Noodles Spinach European Vegetable Tapioca Pudding Wheat Bread	6 	7 Baked Ham Whipped Sweet Potatoes Tossed Salad Citrus Fruit Cup Dinner Roll
10 Smothered Chicken Squash Brussel Sprouts Pears Tomato Juice Wheat Bread	11 	12 Lemon Pepper Chicken Whipped Potatoes/Gravy Peas Cranberry Mousse Wheat Bread	13	14 Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Tossed Salad Peaches Wheat Bread
17 <b>CLOSED</b> 	18	19 BBQ Meatballs Redskin Potatoes Peas & Carrots Berry Fruit Cup Wheat Bread	20 	21 Basil Parmesan Chicken Potato Rounds Broccoli Wheat Bread
24 Chop Suey Brown Rice European Vegetables Applesauce Wheat Bread	25	26 Spanish Chicken Broccoli/Cauli Salad Coleslaw Apple Crisp Wheat Bread	27	28 Pulled Pork Green Beans Corn Mandarin Oranges Hamburger Bun
31 Beef and Noodles Winter Blend Green Beans Fresh Orange Wheat Bread				Milk provided with all meals

Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice, Milk or Juice provided with all meals

To CANCEL your HDM or to order a meal for a Food with Friends site, please call the COA Kitchen, 989-875-5332.

## Senior Gratiot Donors

Jack & Avis Ginther  
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Mavis Lippert  
Janet Schollaert  
Barbara Dewey  
Ronald L. Schultz  
Barbara Kench  
Tim & Marie Luise Higdon  
Lillian Chapko  
MJ Bendele

## Honorarium

**Wanda O'Boyle**  
Tommy & Carol Crow, her Great-Grandchildren

## Greetings from Fulton

By Irene Noffsinger

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Can you believe it is 2022 already? Seems like yesterday we were looking forward to the Millennium. As we enter this New Year, I don't want one more day to go by without saying "THANK YOU" to everyone that supports the seniors at Fulton. I appreciate all of you that attend and all of you that are unable to attend at this time. I look forward to the New Year and hope that we will all be able to be together again.

January 1<sup>st</sup> is National Play Outside Day. Remember those days? It used to be much colder and we used to get a whole lot more snow. We would grab our skates and head for our local ice rink, spending a good portion of the day there with friends. We would head home to eat, then head back out making sure that we were home when the street lights came on. What fun we had! We spent much of the winter skating, sledding, and shoveling snow wherever needed.

Sometimes I think it would be awesome to pop back into the simpler times. I'm not sure I would like to be on skates as I would probably look like Olive Oil and end up with broken bones! I think it might be better to leave the skating to the

younger folks.

As you know, we have plenty of books. Please come in when we are open and browse. Books may be taken or left for you or for someone else. For everyone that donates books to make this possible, Thank You!

Come join us for lunch. We have a good time and it is good for everyone to meet and visit over lunch. We are open from 11:30-1:30. Please remember to call ahead and reserve your lunch!



### Food with Friends

#### Breckenridge Site

Breckenridge Masonic Temple  
122 E. Saginaw St., Breckenridge  
Phone: 989-842-3338  
Site Manager: Lori Chvojka

#### Fulton Site

Fulton Township Hall  
3425 W. Cleveland Rd., (M-57)  
Perrinton  
Phone: 989-236-5019  
Site Manager: Irene Noffsinger

#### Ithaca Site

Senior Activity Building  
1011 E. North St., Ithaca  
Phone: 989-875-2135  
Site Manager: Jo Jones

# Memorials

## Commission on Aging

### **Shirley Cole & Janice Cole**

Lawrence & Marcella Childers  
Families

### **Phyllis Schleder**

Eric & Linda Johnson

### **Greg Siefker**

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Joyce Vibber  
Larry & Janice Galgoci  
Tony & Jody Siefker  
Oscar C. Rulapaugh

### **Alfred Silhavy**

Judy Brown  
Betty Apple

### **David Norris**

Mom & Family

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Gilbert Kremsreiter  
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Maynard Allen Family  
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Mid-Michigan District Health  
Department  
Ruth Meyers  
Char Schmidt  
Deborah Bannister  
Joyce & Dan Graham

### **Leona Martin**

Her Family

### **Lucille Kosnik**

### **Mike Vernon**

### **Greg Siefker**

### **Keith & Jean Hallock**

### **Lynn Dicken**

### **Ione Hull**

### **Joyce Beard**

Gene & Pat Pitcher

### **Joan Cook**

### **Laura Allen**

William & Linda DeVuyst

### **Dave Thomas**

Dennis & Linda Kellogg

### **Williard & Nellie Litwiller**

Robin Litwiller

### **Joan Cook**

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Gary & Carol Cumberworth

### **Phyllis Schleder**

Bob & Linda Monroe

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### **Greg Flegel**

### **Marlene Kinney**

### **Sharon Fish**

### **Bob Greenhoe**

Darvis & Pam LaVoy

### **Matilda (Tillie) Boeskool**

Russ & Joneen Wight

### **Al Silhavy & Sister,**

### **Dorothy Rhines**

JoAnne Hayward

### **Marilla Parfitt**

Larry & Marian Christensen

### **Mary Anita Hoxie**

Brenda Berndt

### **Marcel Evitts**

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Patty Reeves  
Phyllis & Wayne Henney  
Colene Moore  
Millie Reeves  
Judy Brown

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### **Dan Freed**

### **Jerry Freed**

### **Alverta Freed**

Doris LaPaugh & Family

### **Jim Whitaker**

Carol Reeves  
Kathryn & Cindy Thomas

### Home Delivered Meals

### **Bill O'Boyle**

Tommy & Carol Crow, his Great-  
Grandchildren

### Senior Gratiot

### **M. Duane Grover**

### **Bernie Leiter**

Bernice Grover

### **Teresa & Carl J. Peterson**

Shirley Frederick

### **Mr. Alfred Silhavy**

Madelyn Wood & Family

### **Richard & Sandra Flegel**

Ronald Littell

### **Ray & Edith Webber**

### **Ed & Vallie Shank**

### **Ryan LaVoy**

Darvis & Pam LaVoy

### **Alica Gauthier**

### **Harry Scott**

### **Ellen Keller**

Trent & Janet Wilhelm

### **Eldon Helman**

Janice Helman

### **Greg Siefker**

Carol Siefker

### **Duane C. Pendell**

### **Muril L. Cooper**

### **Betty J. Cooper**

### **James R. Kimmel**

### **Robert Crist**

### **Joyce Beard**

Larry & Mary Cooper

### Food with Friends

### **Lucille Rita Kosnik**

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### Home Delivered Meals

Bob & Linda Monroe  
J & J Party Store & Customers

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