

Our Mission

The Glenn Community Center is a non-profit civic organization, organized in the community to promote activities that are recreational, charitable and educational in purpose.

We are an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. Contributions are tax-deductible.

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February 2018

In and Around Glenn

A Look Back in Time

A WINTER OF FUN AND FUND-RAISING

Several penny suppers were held in the Methodist Church as a way to raise the necessary funds needed to finance the festival. Another popular fund-raiser was the Amateur Show. These events were well attended; television hadn't found its way into homes and the winters were long. Getting together with friends for any event was welcomed.

The church was packed on the night of the first amateur show. The young people of the community were eager to participate. The results of the first show were: Winnie Ascher, first place for her acrobatic stunts; Carla Newman, second for her recitation in Dutch Costume; and third place went to Charles Tourtellotte and Stanley Black for a violin-harmonica duet. Several students also took part in the show.

The Penny Suppers were very popular and continued through the winter. The second amateur show was held on February 24, just two weeks from the date of the first. The winners on that night were: First prize to Marilyn Foster, accordion solo; second to Connie Ridley, accordionist; and third to Mary Lou Cogdal, Junior Harris and Gordon Marshall, clarinet trio.

What would a festival be without a queen? News items went out seeking girls between the ages of 17½ and 22 years who would like to participate in a Queen's contest.



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We have good news to share!

Allegan County: The County will assume ownership of the 12-mile segment of the Blue Star Trail (once constructed) in Ganges and Casco Townships. This portion of the Trail will become a part of the County Parks system with funding for maintenance provided by Friends of the Blue Star Trail.



Saugatuck Township: The Township will be responsible for the Blue Star Trail where it will use an available third lane to pass over the MDOT I-196 bridge at Exit 36 in Ganges. They will own and maintain the Trail within their jurisdiction. The first mile of the Trail was completed last summer in Saugatuck Township. The next segment will connect the north end of the current Blue Star Trail segment to the existing Beeline Trail, which runs from Saugatuck to Holland.

Saugatuck: Our Friends of the Blue Star Trail leaders recently met with the Mayor to discuss options to work together to address several concerns. We look forward to the opportunity to jointly develop viable solutions.

Save the dates:

May 20 – Blue Star Trail Grand Opening / Dedication

June 11 – A Toast to the Blue Star Trail

September – Lakeshore Harvest Ride.

Winter Market

At The Glenn Community Center
6953 114th Ave. in Glenn

- Local Vendors
- Sweets, Jams, Jellies & Honey
- Arts & Crafts
- Local Authors & Historian
- Handmade Items

Saturdays 9:00-3:00

February 24th

March 3rd

March 10th

*Breakfast & Lunch served from our
commercial Kitchen; \$4.00.*

Questions? (269) 227-2262 or glenncommctr@gmail.com

*Thank you for all you do to support
the Blue Star Trail. With your
active help, it is becoming a reality.*



Blue Star Trail
Walk. Run. Bike. Ski.



Forever Curious Hosts Annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser

The charitable evening promises theatrical intrigue, delicious food and fun.

Forever Curious Children's Museum will host its annual murder mystery dinner theater in February. All members of the community are invited to put on their detective hats and help solve a head-scratching crime.

This year's production is *Mother Goose's Grim Tales (Definitely Not For Little Children!)*, a rollicking tale of wayward characters and dastardly deeds. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Allegan.

Ticket prices are \$35 per individual; \$60 per couple; and \$200 for a table of 8. Table discounts are also available for teachers and service personnel. Must be 21 or older to attend.

The ticket price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and coffee, as well as the show. A cash bar will be available.

Tables compete against one another to solve the crime first. Extra clues can be purchased for a small fee, and the winning table will receive a prize.

All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Forever Curious Children's Museum, located in downtown Fennville.

To purchase your tickets, please visit www.forevercuriousmuseum.org, email info@forevercuriousmusem.org or call [269-561-8494](tel:269-561-8494).

FCCM is a 501(c)3-certified nonprofit organization dedicated to providing children of all ages and abilities with diverse opportunities for hands-on learning in a safe, welcoming environment.

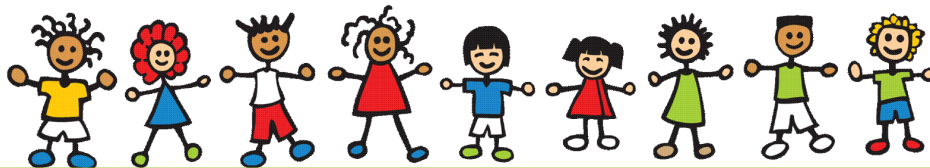
Contact:

Wendi Onuki, Executive Director

[269-561-8494](tel:269-561-8494)

wendi@forevercuriousmuseum.org

www.forevercuriousmuseum.org



Glenn Public School is now participating in the AmeriGas School Days program. If you are an AmeriGas customer, please consider donating your receipts to the school. For every gallon purchased, the school will receive \$0.02. Simply drop off receipts at the school.

Questions? Call [269-227-3411](tel:269-227-3411).

Thanks for your support!



**CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS!**



*Pssst...want to be in on a
little secret?*

Like to know the key to happiness? It's volunteering at Al-Van Humane Society!

No, really - we even have data to back it up, and who can argue with data? Researchers studied a large group of American adults in order to determine if a relationship exists between volunteering and happiness. Turns out, the more people volunteer, the happier they are. Those who volunteered on a weekly basis rated themselves "very happy," 12-16% more so than those who did not volunteer. Here's a few more reasons you should consider becoming a volunteer at Al-Van today:

- You could experience a feeling of euphoria and energy, known as the "helper's high" from being a part of our important mission.
- Everyone needs fun ideas to get out of the house and away from cabin fever during these winter months.
- Network and make new friends, both the 2-legged & 4-legged variety.
- Keep that New Year's Resolution to be healthier by making a shelter dog your walking companion and accountability partner.
- Gain experience that you can reference on a job or college application.
- Gain knowledge about your community, animal welfare, and available resources in your area. You know what they say – "knowledge is power."

Not only does volunteering with Al-Van directly benefit the shelter animals and YOU, it also seriously impacts your communities of Allegan & Van Buren counties. By joining our team of volunteers, you become a vital piece of our mission to serve homeless animals, reduce pet over-population through education and help with adoptions, amongst other things. That means you can literally become part of the solution to issues in your own community – how cool is that?!

Friends, this is just a small glimpse of the ways in which AVHS and our community needs YOU to join our team of volunteers. If you would like to be a part of our meaningful (and fun!) cause, please fill out a volunteer application at www.al-van.org or e-mail Jessica at volunteers@al-van.org.





Homebodies Happenings

“There’s NO Place Like Home”

Over the past 19 years, these are just some of the reasons Homebodies believes this is so....

- ✓ Everyone is more comfortable in their own familiar surroundings
- ✓ Caregiving is one-on-one
- ✓ Caregivers have the time to get to know you – as person
- ✓ Your safety, needs and interests are our top concerns
- ✓ Homebodies comes when you need us, **Once a Day, Once a Week, or Once in a While**
- ✓ Families depend on Homebodies caregivers to be their eyes and ears for their loved ones
- ✓ Our caregivers do what needs to be done – and then some
- ✓ From a preemie to 103 year old and every age in between, Homebodies have been there for them
- ✓ Homebodies caregivers supplement your PT and OT exercises
- ✓ Healing from a surgery is much more relaxing in your own home
- ✓ Caregivers are fewer than in a facility
- ✓ Homebodies provides the safe assistance needed for your loved one’s independence at home
- ✓ In good weather, our caregivers get you outside for walks or wheelchair rides
- ✓ Home cooking is ALWAYS better
- ✓ Your home – your rules

We are happy to talk with you about your loved one’s situation to see how Homebodies can care for them in their home. Call or email us at **269-857-3472** or

jean@homebodieswm.com.

Hope to see you “In and Around Glenn”

Jean and George Waden – owners

AL-VAN HUMANE SOCIETY'S FUR BALL 2018



TOP CHEF

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7-11 PM

MOOSE LODGE, SOUTH HAVEN

CROWN SOUTH HAVEN'S "TOP CHEF"

In a blind tasting of 4 delicious plates, your vote decides who will be crowned "Top Chef" in this culinary competition. Silent auction & tail waggin music round out a pawfect evening!

WHO WILL UNLEASH THE PURRFECT DISH?



Restaurant/Chef:

Taste

Joel Gesiakowski

Sophie's

Carl Baker

Clementine's

Gregg Ruppert

Kitchen 527

Jay Marcoux



Tickets \$100. Purchase at AVHS, Rescued Treasures or Decadent Dogs.

All proceeds benefit our no kill animal shelter.

KIBBLES & BITS



All four South Haven restaurants participating in the Fur Ball 2018 Top Chef cooking competition on February 24th will be offering a special "Al-Van Kibbles & Bits" menu item at their restaurants for a limited time only - January 8 to February 8.

For each Kibbles & Bits sold, \$2 will be donated to Al-Van's no-kill animal shelter, caring for the hundreds of homeless animals in need. Here's your chance to support a great cause & taste great food from the area's top chefs. Be sure to try all 4!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AL-VAN HUMANE SOCIETY'S FUR BALL FUNDRAISER, FEBRUARY 24. TICKETS ON SALE NOW. CALL 269-637-5062 TO RESERVE YOURS TODAY.

OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS

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Mark Your Calendars...

February 1	GCC Board
February 24	Winter Market
March 3	Winter Market
March 10	Winter Market

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:
February 15, 2018

*We reserve the right to edit or not publish
articles if content is inappropriate or there is a
lack of available space.*

The Glenn Community Center is supported by
contributions from YOU and they mean a lot!

GLENN COMMUNITY CENTER Annual Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ OR

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Home E-mail: _____

Check Membership type:

☐ Single \$5.00 ☐ Family \$10.00 ☐ Patron \$25.00

☐ Charter \$50.00 ☐ Premier \$100.00 ☐ Other: \$ _____

Please mail payment to:

The Glenn Community Center, PO Box 224, Glenn, MI 49416

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