

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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March 2018

In and Around Glenn

A Look Back in Time

THE QUEEN'S CONTEST

Fourteen local girls signed up for the first Pancake Queen's contest. This was a big step for Glenn; the young lady who was chosen to be the Pancake Queen would also represent Glenn in the Blossom Festival in St. Joseph. There was a lot of excitement about the upcoming contest and when the night finally arrived, the young women hoping for a chance to be queen were the Misses Wilderine Warren, Natalie Wilkinson, Velma Nuttal, Delores St. John, Susan Nichols, Iva Stahl, Gladys Dornan, Muriel Archer, Dorothy Emerick, Mildred Bushee, Virginia Dean, Marion Hull, Beatrice Collins and Marie Binder. A reception for the contestants was held at the Methodist church a few nights before the competition.

April 23 finally arrived and the church filled up quickly. The excitement was electric. The program got underway at 8:30 o'clock. 8:30 seems like a late time to start, but the farmers had to milk their cows before they could come.

The distinguished judges for the Queen's contest included a Chicago artist from the Chicago Art Institute

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staff, the editor of the Benton Harbor News-Palladium, and the president of the Fruit Growers State Bank in Saugatuck. Walter Bell of Benton Harbor acted as master of ceremonies.

The elimination contest was conducted during several acts of outstanding entertainment. The girls glided across the stage several times to the music of Hendrickson's orchestra, and at the end of the evening the winner was announced. Miss Delores St. John, 17, a dark-eyed brunette, was chosen as Glenn's first Pancake Queen. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt St. John, farmers who lived four miles east of Glenn. The Misses Susan Nichols, 18, and Mildred Bushee, 17, runners up in the contest, would be the Queen's ladies-in-waiting.

~ by Jeanne Hallgren

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



From the Glenn
United Methodist
Church Women:

Stop by our table at
the Winter Market on
March 3rd and 10th.

You may shop our
handmade items and
woodworking pieces.

Hope to see you
there!

Homebodies Quiz

of Western Michigan

Q: What makes Homebodies work?

A: Our Caregivers

Q: Why?

A: Because they are care GIVERS. All of our caregivers know what it's like caring for a loved one, neighbor, or someone from church. In short, they've "been there" and "done that". They have the compassionate spirit to really listen to our client's and their family's needs and respond accordingly.

Q: How are caregivers picked?

A: We listen not only to the potential caregiver's experience, but about what will work best for them and their family. Will days, evenings, nights, weekends work better for them? How far is a comfortable distance for them to travel?

Q: How do we match clients and caregivers?




A: Since no two families are alike, each of their needs are different as well, i.e. help with bathing, meal prep, laundry, medication reminders, rides to appointments or errands. Certain days/times, you tell us and we'll do our best to make it happen. And with the right caregiver.

So, how did you score on our little quiz? Is that what YOU thought Homebodies was all about and how we worked? Well now that you do know, we could use YOUR help in finding more special caregivers like the ones we just described. We're pretty sure some of you reading this know "just the right person" to fit this bill so we can help more people stay in the place they call home, because we all know – There's NO PLACE like Home!

To learn more, give us a referral for a possible caregiver, or a family who needs some help, call us at 269-857-3472, or email us at jean@homebodieswm.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Hope to see you, "in and around Glenn".

Jean and George Waden – owners
Homebodies of Western Michigan

Are you interested in


Local History?

Join us at The Glenn Community Center this Spring as we celebrate local History with three Speakers who will highlight what life was like in our area so many years ago.

April 19; 7:00 pm: "Up the West Michigan Pike" with John Geisler

May 17; 7:00 pm: "Allegan County Civil War Veterans" with Scott Kuykendall

June 14; 7:00 pm: "There's More to Glenn than Pancakes; The Rest of the Story" with Jeanne Hallgren



These events are free to the public while donations are greatly appreciated. Each Presentation will be followed by a short Q & A Session.

The Glenn Community Center 6953 114th Ave. Glenn, MI 49416 (269) 227-2262



33RD CABARET BAND SHOW 2018

SAVE YOUR SEAT!

MARCH 16, 17 & 23, 24 @ 7:00PM

Griswold Auditorium

All Seats Reserved

Saturdays \$30.00

Fridays \$25.00

Proceeds benefiting Wings of Hope Hospice, Forever Curious Children's Museum & Allegan Area Arts Council

**Reserve your seats now at Wings of Hope
530 Linn Street, Allegan, or call 269-686-8659**



night of **HOPE**

ANNUAL AUCTION

Save the Date

May 19th, 2018

Proceeds benefiting Wings of Hope Hospice
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Join The Celebration!

The Friends of the Blue Star Trail are in the early planning stages for an event to celebrate the Blue Star Trail and the completion of the mile long section in Saugatuck Township along Blue Star Highway. The celebration will be held on May 20, at 1:30 pm and will begin in the parking lot of the Saugatuck Christian Reformed Church at the south end of the trail.

Joining the Friends in the celebration is the Saugatuck Douglas Elementary School PTO as part of its annual "Screens Free Week" which encourages children to put aside their personal devices in favor of other pursuits including outdoor activities. Kids and their families will be taking part in the festivities by walking and/or biking from the church to the fire station and back.

The general public is invited to join the celebration and enjoy the new section of the Blue Star Trail. Details will be announced in April.



Blue Star Dreaming

A trail through the trees is a magical thing, a linear refuge from life's strum and drum. It's an invitation to walk, jog, bike, hike, and ski. Peacefully without cars, trucks, or motorcycles.

Trails are born of dreamers such as the visionaries who saw such a trail connecting South Haven to Saugatuck. They named their dream the Blue Star Trail, a twenty mile ribbon along the Lake Michigan shoreline, parallel to Blue Star highway. It would connect to the Beeline Trail north to Holland, to the Van Buren Trail south to the state park, and to the Kal Haven Trail east to Kalamazoo. And beyond.

And the appeal of such a trail? They knew that once you learn, you never forget. How to ride a bike, that is. Never forget the wind in your face. The thrill of speed. The ache of leg muscles. The laughter of friends. Biking is a pursuit with no age barrier. When you're 78 you're 12 again. For a little while anyway.

You can ride for an hour or several or make a day out of it. Start with a pile of pancakes in South Haven. Stop at the general store for a candy bar or a farm stand for fresh fruit. Bring the kids and picnic at a lakeside park. End in Saugatuck with a cold one on hot day, or a hot one on a cold day. You get the idea. Pancakes, burgers, beer, pop—the rewards of stretching your muscles, expanding your lungs, burning calories. Keep riding to Holland and really feel good about a very fit you. And the only carbon product you leave behind is your breath.

More so, it would be a place for a daily constitution or to push a pram in that first burst of Spring. Or clip on a pair of x-country skies and make fresh tracks under an ice blue winter sky, and maybe, just maybe, feel the tingle of a hoar frost on your skin.

Dreams such as this take work. And workers named The Friends. Friends of the Blue Star Trail who are neighbors. Talented, dependable, hardworking, patient neighbors dedicated to the dream. They like to play and party too—like their high profile summer social events: the Lakeshore Harvest Country Bike Tour which brings hundreds of riders from around the Midwest to tour the scenic lakeshore farms and orchards. And the annual Toast to The Blue Star Trail cocktail party. The clink of glasses. The fast-emptying platters. The crumbled napkins and cross-hatched toothpicks. All fueling the din of happy chatter among friends, neighbors and supporters, all sharing the dream.

The Blue Star Trail is a legacy project, something that will endure into future generations. Building a legacy takes time, patience, and a willingness to defer the satisfaction of a completed project. And luck. Another way to say it is, this is one tough, long-term development.

But the dream of twenty miles has begun with the first mile.



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Mark Your Calendars...

March 1	GCC Board
March 3	Winter Market
March 10	Winter Market
April 19	Local History Event
May 17	Local History Event
June 14	Local History Event

DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER:
March 15, 2018

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

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

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