

Late Bloomers

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Edna Burton Senior Center

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**New Year's Day
January 1**

**Senior Center
Is Closed Wednesday,
December 31 and
Tuesday, January 1**

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Mardi Gras at the Edna Burton Senior Center

Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us on February 21st at the EBSC with a soup and bread bowl dinner. We will be having chili, corn chowder, and broccoli and cheese soups with salad, dessert and beverage. The cost will be \$8.00 per person and we will be serving from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Join us in the fun festivities of Mardi Gras and receive your senior beads (Mardi Gras beads).



Coordinator's Corner – by Annette Beach

Thanks to everyone who made the Christmas Bazaar the success that it was. A big thank you to Pat Reed and everyone who volunteered to keep the senior center running in my absence. Thank you, as always, to Bob Sloan for painting the shelves in the closet, helping to answer phones while I was out on disability and all the other things he does for the senior center. I know it's overdue but a special thank you to John Hagar from Bullfrog's. He donated meals for sending to the homebound on Thanksgiving Day.

Come to the Edna Burton Senior Center to see the new tables that were purchased with money that came from our fundraisers. The goal for our fundraisers now will be to raise money for the bocce court to be installed next summer. Be sure to attend our Mardi Gras fundraiser on February 21st.

This month's shopping trip is to the Meijer store on Monday, January 12th. The van leaves the EBSC at 9:00 AM. Focus Hope will be held on Thursday, January 8th.

Thank You for Your Donations Christmas Bazaar Donations



The Knitting Club (Bev Kugler and Maryann Schlicht) donated 7 felted purses for selling
Aleda Slade, Pat Reed and Janet Clair donated baked goods
Sue Bess donated crocheted dish cloths

EBSC Donations

June Clayton for cat food
Cathy Collins for canned goods
Sheila Kay Passatta for coffee



January Birthdays



David Clasman
Marie Wonzach
Allen Smith
Kelly Burns
Theresa Heller
Graydon Like
Helen Carlton
Aleda Slade
Ruth Reynolds
Bill Hunert
Al Hadd
Wava Bevan
Irva Ousnamer
Cindy Lentine
Jim Vantine

Healing Thoughts



Betty Garr
Bill Honaker
Agnes Oakley

Donation Wish List

For the Center:

Mirror Tiles	Card Stock with Envelopes
Craft Items	Coffee and Creamer
Glue Sticks	New-Old Greeting cards
Display Cases	Artificial Sweetener
Cat food for Peggy the senior center cat	

Computer Program:

Cash donations needed to refurbish and upgrade donated computers.

New for January

Share Your Life History January 5

Chess January 8

Lighted Bottle January 12

Programs for January 2009

Martha Tooley, Program Developer, 248.627.6678 Email: srprogrammer@hotmail.com

Note: Please be sure to register, when specified, for any programs you are interested in attending. We want to avoid canceling a program because no one signed up and later have people come on the day of the event wanting to attend.

Programs below are open to the public of all ages.

Share Your Life History – On Monday, January 5th at 10:30 AM, Alice Churchill will be sharing her sports experience since she retired. She has won numerous awards as a senior athlete. Come join us at the Edna Burton Senior Center as Alice inspires us on how to remain active and have fun. Please register on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678.

Autoharp – If you have an autoharp and would like to learn to play better, please call 248.627.6678. We have formed a group that practices on a weekly basis at the EBSC and welcomes all level of players.

Visiting Eye Doctor – Eye Travel uses portable medical equipment to give each patient a thorough eye exam. When needed, the doctor will write an eyeglass prescription. Most major insurances are accepted. If you wish to see the doctor at the EBSC on Tuesday, January 6th beginning at 10:00 AM, please sign up on the poster at the senior center, or call 248.627.6678. Bring your insurance cards, old eyeglasses, eye drops and/or a list of medications if it's your first visit.

Chess – If you've always wanted to learn how to play chess, we have a teacher who will show you the basics and how the pieces move. Also, if you know how to play and would like to join a group that plays weekly, come to the EBSC every Thursday at 2:00 PM beginning January 8th. Please register for this free program on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678.

Lighted Bottle – Come learn how to make a beautiful lighted wine bottle on Monday, January 12th at 10:00 AM at the EBSC. The cost is \$10.00 which includes all supplies and was due *December 19th*. Please sign up on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678.

Visiting Podiatrist – Dr Tabak of Oxford will treat foot problems such as nail care, trimming, treatment of ingrown nails, calluses, corns, etc. Most treatments are covered by Medicare and BC/BS or AARP. If you wish to see the doctor at the EBSC on Tuesday, January 13th beginning at 9:30 AM, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board, or call 248.627.6678. Bring your insurance cards and a list of medications if it's your first visit.

New Release Movie – Come join us at the EBSC at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 16th for a *free* viewing of a new release movie, compliments of Mammoth Video in Ortonville. This month's movie is entitled "The Visitor." When a 62-year-old professor goes to Manhattan to attend a conference, he finds a young couple living in his apartment there. Walter's act of kindness in allowing the pair to stay on opens his life to new experiences, beliefs, and feelings.

Acrylic Painting – "Lake Michigan Shoreline" will be the theme of the acrylic painting that artist Steve Wood will teach on Monday, January 19th. The class meets from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the EBSC. The cost is \$20.00 which includes all supplies. Just bring some paper towels, a plastic plate to mix the paint and a water container to wash your brush. To register, please sign up on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678.

Help Needed – The sewing club is making a lot of useful items for our troops oversea and the homeless in our community. They need more manpower to help make these wonderful products. If you can donate any time for this worthwhile cause, please call Jo at 248.627.4549 for more information.

Future Programs

Valentine's Celebration – Come join us at the EBSC on Saturday, February 7th for a potluck dinner at 5:00 PM. The Mountain Echo Dulcimer Troupe will play Valentine music at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to pass or \$3:00 to go towards the cost of the meat. Please sign up on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678.

Stretch Your Dollar – Come to the EBSC to learn money management and get tips on how to stretch your dollar. This seminar will be on Thursday, February 19th at 1:00 PM. Please register on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678.

Recycling – On Thursday, February 26th at 1:00 PM at the EBSC we will learn how to generate revenue by recycling. By collecting tin cans, glass jars, newspaper, plastic, etc. we can help our community and make money. Please register on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678.

Mountain Dulcimer Lessons – If you are interested in learning to play a mountain dulcimer, please sign up on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678. You do not need to know music in order to play. Beginners' classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons. Classes will start when a teacher is available. Students must pay the club dues of \$5.00 per year.

Caribbean Cruise – The Michigan Association of Senior Centers presents a 7-day Eastern Caribbean Cruise on March 7 - 14, 2009. The tour includes roundtrip flight from Detroit, 7-day cruise aboard the Carnival Liberty with meals, 3 ports-of-call, and is fully escorted. Since space is limited at the group rate, book early to secure your space. Please register on the poster at the senior center or call 248.627.6678 for more information.

Faye's Trips

If you have any questions or suggestions for future trips, please leave a message for me at the EBSC at 248.627.6447.

Greek Town Casino - Tuesday, January 27th - \$24.00 per person. The bus leaves the senior center at 8:30 AM and returns at 4:00 PM. There must be 30 people. Money and reservations are due by January 15th. There are no cancellations or refunds after that date. Participants will receive \$20.00 from the casino.

Chuckle Corner

I walked into an insurance agent's office the other day and he was reading a book. His staff said it was a book about antigravity and he had been reading it all day. He couldn't put it down.

What does a snowman eat for breakfast? Snowflakes!

What does a snowman eat for lunch? Iceburgers!

What does a snowman like on his burgers? Chilly sauce!

What is a snowman's favorite drink? Ice tea!

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Volunteers of the Month – Bill and Yvonne Hunert

Bill was born in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from high school, he was an apprentice tool and die maker. In the middle of his training, the Korean war began. He was a naval reservist and was assigned immediately to serve on a navy destroyer. After the war, he went to college for two years to study tool engineering. He worked as a tool and die designer and retired from General Dynamics. After retirement at the age of seventy he took professional lessons to learn to play the mountain dulcimer, a fretted instrument having three or four stings and played by plucking the strings.

Yvonne attended St. Clement in Centerline, Michigan for grade school and high school. She graduated from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan. Her father was a fire chief and her mother was a teacher and house manager. She has a brother who is seven years younger than she was.

Bill and Yvonne were married in 1956 and have five children: Billy, Sue, Mark and the twins, Ray and Roy. They have always lived in Michigan. At one time, they had a farm in this area with two Tennessee walking horses.

Yvonne says that Ortonville has been very meaningful to them in their senior years. At one time they were the Edna Burton Senior Center King and Queen during Septemberfest. They have enjoyed cards, bingo, potlucks, travel and most especially the people in the area. They teach people how to play the mountain dulcimer and are deeply fond of all those they practice with every week and treasure the people they play for.

It was Martha Tooley, the EBSC program developer, who first contacted them to set up a dulcimer group at the senior center. One of the center's seniors had built a dulcimer but needed to learn to play it. Martha had heard that the Hunerts had given lessons in playing the dulcimer and had begun a dulcimer club in Indiana, which still exists. Soon, the senior center had a new club, the Mountain Echo Dulcimer Troupe. They don't charge for lessons. The club has performed at various places locally; such as, the Brandon Township Library, Nature's Way group home, Septemberfest, Metamora Town Hall, a tractor club in Lapeer and a church club in Hadley.

Bill and Yvonne volunteer to give something back to the community out of appreciation for all that they have received.

January



Our programming efforts are funded through the Federal Older Americans Act state funds from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B through the Office of Services to the Aging. The Edna Burton Senior Center complies with the terms and regulations of the Title V of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended in Section 504 of the Social Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Reasonable accommodation will be provided upon notification or request.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Suggested Donation for Lunch: Guests 60 plus \$3.00 and under 60 \$4.00</p>			<p>1 New Year's Day EBSC is closed</p>	<p>2 Pork Chop Creole 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>3 7:00 Pinochle</p>
<p>5 Meatloaf 9:00 Artist Club 10:30 <i>Alice Churchill</i> Body Ex-Town Hall 1:00 Senior Yoga 7:00 Euchre</p>	<p>6 Chicken Kiev 10:00 <i>Eye Travel</i> 1 - 3 Bunco 1 - 3 Computer Aides</p>	<p>7 Pepper Steak 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Bingo 3:30 Mt. Echo Dulcimer Trp. 4:45 TOPS</p>	<p>8 Crispy Cod <i>Focus Hope</i> 9:30 <i>Knit/Crochet Club</i> 10:00 Hammer Dulcimer 12:30 <i>Brandon Sr. Ctr.</i> <i>Auxiliary Bd. Mtg.</i> 2:00 <i>Chess</i></p>	<p>9 Macaroni & Cheese 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>10 7:00 Pinochle</p>
<p>12 Tuna Tetrazzini 9:00 <i>Shopping Trip</i> 9:00 Artist Club 10:00 <i>Lighted Bottle</i> 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1:00 Senior Yoga 7:00 Euchre</p>	<p>13 Veal Supreme 9:30 <i>Dr. Tabak, DPM</i> 12:30 Sewing Club 1 - 3 Bunco 1 - 3 Computer Aides</p>	<p>14 Turkey Breast 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Bingo 3:30 Mt. Echo Dulcimer Trp. 4:45 TOPS</p>	<p>15 Pork Chow Mein 9:30 <i>Knit/Crochet Club</i> 10:00 Hammer Dulcimer 2:00 <i>Chess</i></p>	<p>16 Pizza Supreme 10:00 Movie <i>"The Visitor"</i> 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>17 7:00 Pinochle</p>
<p>19 Sloppy Joes 9:00 Artist Club 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1:00 Senior Yoga 1 - 3 Acrylic Painting 7:00 Euchre</p>	<p>20 Mostaccioli 1 - 3 Bunco 1 - 3 Computer Aides</p>	<p>21 Mostaccioli 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Bingo 3:30 Mt. Echo Dulcimer Trp. 4:45 TOPS</p>	<p>22 Mostaccioli 9:30 <i>Knit/Crochet Club</i> 10:00 Hammer Dulcimer 2:00 <i>Chess</i></p>	<p>23 Mostaccioli 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>24 7:00 Pinochle</p>
<p>26 Chicken Cordon Bleu 9:00 Artist Club 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1:00 Senior Yoga 7:00 Euchre</p>	<p>27 Chow Mein 12:30 Sewing Club 1 - 3 Bunco 1 - 3 Computer Aides</p>	<p>28 Mostaccioli 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Bingo 3:30 Mt. Echo Dulcimer Trp. 4:45 TOPS</p>	<p>29 Chow Mein 9:30 <i>Knit/Crochet Club</i> 10:00 Hammer Dulcimer 2:00 <i>Chess</i></p>	<p>30 Chow Mein 1:00 Body Ex-Town Hall 1 - 3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>31 7:00 Pinochle</p>

Senior Services

VAN TRANSPORTATION - Serves seniors 55 or older and adults with disabilities living in Brandon and Groveland Townships. Transportation is available for appointments. Medical appointments are a priority. Call the EBSC two (2) days prior to request transportation. A \$1.00 donation is suggested for each way.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Hot meals are available for homebound seniors and the disabled Monday to Friday. If you or someone you know needs a hot lunch delivered, please contact the Older Person's Commission (OPC) at 248.608.0264.

FOCUS HOPE - The Focus Hope Food for Seniors program provides free food to those 60 years of age or older on the second Thursday of each month. Eligibility is determined by income. Please call the Edna Burton Senior Center for an application.

COMMODITIES - Food for senior citizens and low income individuals is available the second Tuesday of March, June, September and December. Please come to the Edna Burton Senior Center to sign up.

OAKLAND COUNTY DISCOUNT DENTAL PROGRAM This is for all Oakland County residents (no age, income or health restrictions). Cost to enroll: \$6.95 per month or \$69.00 a year. **To Join:** call customer service at 1.866.498.7914 Mon. to Thurs. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Oakland County Board of Commissioners
1200 North Telegraph Road
County Service Center, Building 12 East
Pontiac, MI 48341-0421

LOW COST HOME IMPROVEMENTS LOANS - Low to 0% loans are available for home improvements. Also, there is now a free down payment program for first time buyers. Call the Clerk, Jeannie McCreery, at 248.627.2851 for details and application.

ELDER LAW OF MI, INC. - Nonprofit, this is the Legal Hotline for Seniors 1.800.347.5297 - Elder Law Answers - National Network - Elder Law Information about Medicare planning and nursing home rights. Find lawyers nationwide at <http://www.elderlawanswers.com>. Elder Link Services (phone service connects older adults, their families and other interested parties to information and referrals for older adult services. Phone: 248.592.2240
 Address: **655 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48322**



BOOKS BY THE BAG - The "Friends of the Library" provides the loan of books, and also CDs, audio tapes, tape recorders, magnifying glasses, and large print books, which can be delivered free of charge to your home if you are homebound even for a short period of time. A library card is necessary to borrow these items. Call the Brandon Township Library at 248.627.1461 for ordering and delivery.

Senior Citizen Websites:

- www.miseniors.net**
Michigan access to services for seniors
- www.aarp.org**
American Association of Retired Persons
- www.ssa.gov**
Social Security Online
- www.hcam.org**
Health Care Association of Michigan
- www.aoa.gov**
Administration on Aging
- www.brandontownship.us**
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Cost to join: none

For more details or to apply: Call 1.866.755.6479 or visit the program's website at www.michigan.gov/mdch

Medical Loan Closet - The Edna Burton Senior Center in cooperation with the Brandon Township Fire Dept. has durable medical equipment, such as walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and bath stools available for loan. Please return them clean and in proper working order.



Late Bloomers Classified Ads - Deadline for want ads is the 6th of each month for next month's issue. Cost for an ad is \$5.00 for each issue, payable in advance. Make checks out to the Brandon Senior Board. For more information, please contact the Brandon Township Clerk's office at 248.627.2851 or email to jmccreery@brandontownship.us.

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Happy New Year



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To be removed from the mailing list, please call 248.627.6447

Individuals and organizations may make contributions which help ensure continuance of programs and services. Donations should be forwarded to the Brandon Senior Auxiliary Board. The Township of Brandon does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or recipient of service pursuant to the Federal Civil Rights of 1964, the Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act, the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM. Public is welcome.

Phone Numbers	
Social Security	800.772.1213
City Nurse, Pontiac/Oakland	248.683.1770
Legal Aid - Free service for 60+	248.569.9658
Medicare Hotline	800.365.5899
Lighthouse North	248.920.6100
Ortonville Community Emergency Fund & Food Pantry	248.627.3965
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA)	248.209.2600
Older Person's Commission (Hot lunch meals delivered)	248.608.0264
Brandon Township Numbers	
Brandon Fire Department	248.627.4000
Sheriff - Substation	248.627.4911
After 5:00 PM	248.858.4911
Supervisor Kathy Thurman	248.627.4918
Clerk Jeannie McCreery	248.627.2851
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The emailed version for January features photos of the waiting for word from Fred.

If you would like to volunteer to email the newsletter with photos, please contact Fred at newsletterfred@gmail.com.

Helpful boklets are available at the EBSC

Government Websites
Brandon Township - http://www.brandontownship.us/
Groveland Township - http://www.grovelandtownship.net/
Ortonville Village - www.ortonvillevillage.com
Oakland County - http://www.oakgov.com/index.html
Oakland County - Seniors http://www.oakgov.com/seniors/
OLHSA - Older Adult Services http://www.olhsa.org/oak_older_adult_services.asp
Michigan State - http://www.michigan.gov/
Michigan State - Seniors http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors
Winter Protection Help for Michigan Seniors http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors/0,1607,7-234--181901--,00.html

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