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A newsletter about the
Comstock
Community Center



From the Superintendent

Dear Comstock Community,

Governor Whitmer's recent *Return to Learn* legislation covers requirements for "pandemic learning" during the 2020-21 school year. Working together, state legislators and the Governor agreed on key educational issues just in time for the start of school. In Comstock, we are grateful for these statewide standards.

The *Return to Learn* legislation provides a clear pathway for how Comstock Public Schools will qualify to receive state funding by submitting and adhering to an *Extended Continuity of Learning Plan (ECOLP)*. The ECOLP focuses on student achievement, educational goals, and benchmark assessments. A key provision of the legislation is it allows districts wide discretion for selecting the mode of instruction for students. Options for instruction include at school or other locations; in-person, online, digitally, or by other remote means; or in any combination of options.

Our Board of Education voted to begin the year with a fully virtual instructional mode, and this statewide provision of the legislation supports and affirms our local decision.

Within the ECOLP, districts must declare how they are ensuring equitable access to technology and the internet for all students. The plan must also describe how the instructional format(s) will expose students to the academic standards of the subject matter and content. Furthermore, districts must state how student progress will be graded and evaluated as well as how schools will communicate that progress to students and families.

In compliance with those guidelines, we have distributed Chromebooks and hotspots to ensure all students have devices and access to the internet. We have also included clear expectations that attendance in the virtual classes is required and assignments will be graded.

Importantly, the ECOLP requires each district's Board of Education to reaffirm or re-certify its choice of instructional mode each month. The law is also clear that the Board must provide opportunity for public input prior to the Board's vote. Consequently, the Comstock Board of Education will be including this certification vote on all future meeting agendas and we ask stakeholders to share their input during

the Call to the Audience. Please consult our district's website for specific Board meeting dates and times, as well as related agendas.

Finally, the *Return to Learn* legislation requires our district, in consultation with local health department and school district employees, to develop and examine key local coronavirus metrics. These metrics are intended to provide a data-driven approach to considering the impact of the virus on Kalamazoo County and Comstock Public Schools. Key metrics could include the following:

The trend of COVID-19 cases or positive tests in the county;

- Hospitalizations in the county due to COVID-19;
- The number of deaths in the county due to COVID-19 over the past 14-day period;
- Health care capacity in the county; and
- Testing, tracing, and containment infrastructure in the county with regard to COVID-19.

The new law stipulates that if the district determines it is safe to provide in-person or face-to-face instruction, the district will prioritize offering this opportunity to students in grades K-5. Our Board of Education will be consulting with the Kalamazoo County Health Department and the eight other public school districts to develop and use the same set of coronavirus metrics countywide.

Our Leadership Team, teachers, and staff are pleased and excited to return to school. Regardless of the instructional mode, we are committed to the ultimate success of all of our students. We look forward to the opportunity to serve our students and families in the coming year, and are open to helping our stakeholders grow, develop, and learn in any way we can. It is our privilege to serve Comstock Public Schools!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me either via email, phone call, or personal visit. I can be reached at thoenesj@comstockps.org or 269-250-8906. If you happen to see me at a future school event or in the community, please take the time to say "Hi" and allow me to introduce myself. I look forward to our conversation!

Dr. Jeff Thoenes
Superintendent
"It's a great day to be a Colt!"



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by supporting, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach his/her full potential through education.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an educational community where every person is empowered to reach his/her full potential.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning your schools, the answer is only a telephone call away:
269-250-8907

STORIES OR INFORMATION

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Federal Coronavirus Funds Used to Purchase New Laptops

In the wake of the District's decision to begin the school year with virtual instruction only, the Leadership Team advocated using federal coronavirus funding to purchase brand new laptops for teachers.

Under the guidance of Technology Director, Mark Peeters, and with the support of Financial Director, Michelle Darnell, the district ordered more than 120 laptops.

Volunteers Prepared Chromebooks for Student Virtual Learning

Volunteers worked in shifts in the high school library this summer cleaning, preparing, and packaging Chromebooks for students to use this semester due to the virtual learning taking place this fall.

The Tech Crew, led by Matthew Kregling, enlisted volunteers to place cleaned Chromebooks into plastic bags along with a power cord, mouse, and instructions.

New Tent Signs Designed for School Entrances

Tent signs have been put in place at the entrances to all school buildings. For those entering the buildings, the signs provide clear expectations about the district's COVID-19 safety protocols.

Jason Hall, communications specialist, designed the tent signs. The signs allow the messages to be changed as needed. As a result, they will be usable for years to come to advertise future events.

New Signs Installed

New signage has been installed at the Administration Building and Compass High School. The new designs were created by Jason Hall, communications specialist. Then Sean Gillette, facilities director, installed them. Mr. Gillette also angled the sign posts toward the parking lot making the signs more readily visible to visitors pulling into the lot.

Counseling Team Provides Support

Counselors Dare Coffee and Julie Sorenson provide a host of social and emotional supports for students throughout the district.

If any students, parents, or staff wish to contact Ms. Coffee or Ms. Sorenson, you may email them at coffeed@comstockps.org and sorensonj@comstockps.org.

Board Briefs

REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)

July 13, 2020

- Approved retirement resolutions for:
 - Stacy Costello, Third Grade Teacher
 - David Kramer, High School Woodworking Teacher
 - Mary Jane Craves, STEM Academy Administrative Asst.
 - Brenda Deibler, High School Administrative Asst.
 - Lisa VanDyken, Special Education Paraprofessional
 - Shannon Wonnacott, Compass H.S. Teacher
 - Nancy Prullage, Young 5's Teacher
 - Ann Juzwiak, Second Grade Teacher
- Approved creation of the District's "Return to School Plan"
- Approved the bid from Paragon Interiors in the amount of \$64,803 for remodeling high school bathrooms.
- Set a special meeting for July 20 for working on the strategic plan.

SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL)

July 20, 2020

- Discussed wording and changes/additions to the strategic plan.

REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)

July 27, 2020

- Michelle Darnell, director of finance, reviewed the June financial report.
- Awarded the bid for a walk-in cooler/freezer for

the elementary school to Stafford and Smith in the amount of \$39,400.

- Moved into closed session to discuss negotiations with the Comstock Education Association.

SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL)

August 3, 2020

- Reviewed and discussed the draft of the Return to Learn Plan. The final draft will be brought back for Board approval on August 10.

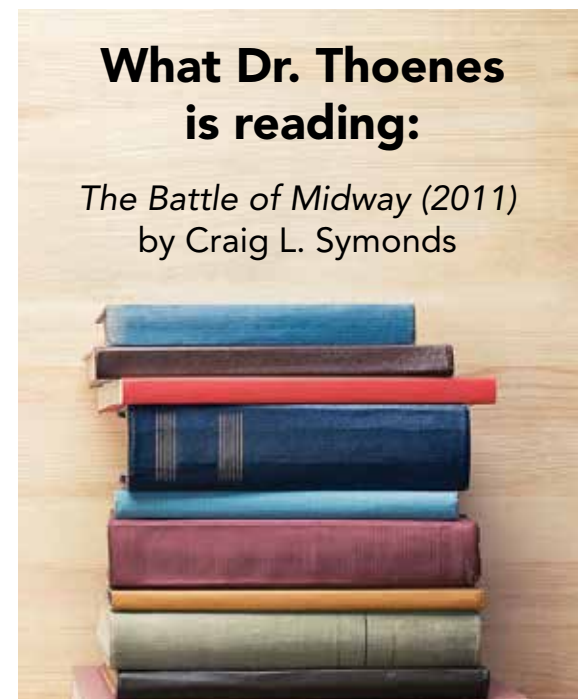
REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)

August 10, 2020

- Approved waiving the Board's policy of only allowing 15 minutes for audience comments.
- Heard comments and answered questions from various people regarding the Return to Learn plan.
- Approved a bid of \$48,878 from Sobie for new flooring in the high school cafeteria and woodshop and auto technology classrooms.
- Voted unanimously to name the football stadium in honor and memory of Dr. Robert P. Hamet, retired superintendent.
- Approved offering all current face-to-face courses as virtual courses.
- Approved a contract with CD Lawn Maintenance and Supply for lawn care and snow plowing services.
- Approved starting school virtually until September 30 and at the September 28 board meeting, a decision will be made on moving forward with instruction starting October 1.
- Moved into closed session to discuss negotiations with the CEA.

What Dr. Thoenes is reading:

The Battle of Midway (2011)
by Craig L. Symonds



2020-21 Comstock Public Schools Calendar (Tentative)

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| October 15, 2020 | CHS Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| October 22, 2020 | Comstock Middle School Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| November 6, 2020 | District Provided Professional Development Day | 8:00-3:00 | No Students |
| November 17, 2020 | Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences | 4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM) | |
| November 19, 2020 | Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences | 4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM) | |
| November 20, 2020 | Half Day Students K-12 | | Half Day Students/Teachers |
| November 25-27, 2020 | Thanksgiving Recess | | No Students/Teachers |
| December 10, 2020 | CHS Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| December 17, 2020 | Comstock Middle School Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| December 21, 2020- January 1, 2021 | Winter Recess | | |
| January 19-21, 2021 | Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams) | | Half Day Students/Teachers |
| January 22, 2021 | PD AM/K-12-Records Day PM (End of 1st Sem.) | | No Students |
| February 26, 2021 | Mid-Winter Break | | No Students/Teachers |
| March 4, 2021 | CHS Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| March 11, 2021 | Comstock Middle School Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| March 16, 2021 | Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences | 4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM) | |
| March 18, 2021 | Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences | 4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM) | |
| March 19, 2021 | District Provided Professional Development Day (Counted as Inst. Day 6 hours) | | No Students |
| March 26-April 2, 2021 | Spring Break | | No Students/ No Teachers |
| May 6, 2021 | CHS Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| May 13, 2021 | Comstock Middle School Conferences | 3:00-7:00 | |
| May 31, 2021 | Memorial Day | | No Students/No Staff |
| June 4,7,8, 2021 | Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams) | | Half Day Students and Teachers K-12 |
| June 8, 2021 | Last Day for Students/Records Day PM | | Half Day Students AM/ Staff Records Day PM |

Hazardous Weather Communications



With hazardous weather conditions just around the corner, Comstock Public Schools is encouraging all parents to talk with their children about the possibility of school closing due to bad weather. In the event that school must be closed early on any given day, please have a plan developed with your children so they arrive home safely.

Every effort is made to make a decision to close school by 5 a.m. and to notify the news media immediately. However, the district has no control over how quickly the information is disseminated by the media.

Below is a list of the multiple ways you can be notified of early closings, or school closings:

You may sign-up to follow Tweets at <https://twitter.com/ComstockPS> regarding school closings or go to our website at www.comstockps.org.

Make sure your Infinite Campus portal is current with correct contact information in order to receive ShoutPoint notification.

For the latest school closings, turn your radio or television to the following stations:

CALL LETTERS

98.5 FM, 96.5 FM (WNWN, WFAT)

100.9 FM (WQXC)

903 AM, 1400 AM (WBCK, WRCC)

106.5 FM, 590 AM, 1470 AM (WQLR, WKZO, WQSN)

107.7 FM, 103.3 FM (WRKR, WKFR)

TV 3 WWMT-TV

TV 8 WOOD-TV

TV 4 WOTV

Board Names Stadium in Honor of Former Superintendent

The Board of Education unanimously voted to officially name the high school football stadium the Robert P. Hamet Stadium in honor of longtime Superintendent Dr. Bob Hamet.

Dr. Hamet, who served as superintendent from 1976-2001, passed away on March 11.

“It is our opinion that naming the stadium in his honor serves as an appropriate way to keep his legacy alive in our community,” said Superintendent Jeffrey Thoenes.



High School Sports Restrictions Lifted by Governor

Just after the start of school, Governor Whitmer signed two new Executive Orders which allowed gyms and pools to reopen and for organized school interscholastic sports to be played.

However, it is clear in the executive orders that business is not as usual. Spectators for indoor sports are limited to two guests per athlete. For outdoor sports, school district administrations must either limit the audience to the guests of the participants with each athlete limited to inviting no more than two guests, or limit the total attendance to 100 people or less, including all participants such as athletes, coaches, and staff.

The orders also suggested that teams require frequent hand washing; not allow players to share towels, clothing, or other items they use to wipe their faces or hands; ensure proper cleaning and disinfection of equipment and personal items; and prioritize outdoor practice.

The executive orders allowed contact sports under strict circumstances but left that decision up to school districts and the Michigan High School

Athletic Association (MHSAA).

In response to the executive orders, the MHSAA's Executive Director, Mark Uyl, released a statement within hours of the Governor's announcement. In part, the statement clarified that competition could begin immediately for soccer in all regions of the state and that swimming and diving and volleyball could start indoors statewide on September 9.

Finally, because the new executive orders also removed restrictions on football, Uyl announced a resumption of the sport for this fall. Previously, the MHSAA Representative Council had postponed football to the spring because padded football practice and competition could not happen under Executive Order 160.

However, given the Governor's new directives, the MHSAA Representative Council approved restarting the fall football season in September. There will also be a fall football tournament for schools wishing to participate.

Band Holds Summer Camp

Despite coronavirus restrictions and weather issues, the Comstock High School Band had a successful summer camp with 33 of 52 students attending, according to Band Director, Jason Fritz.

“It took us a little time to get used to our new safety procedures, but everyone did their part,” said Mr. Fritz. “We even had many students using masks on their instruments, which has proven

helpful in reducing the spread of aerosols in several studies.”

Even though it was uncertain when and if the Band of Blue would be able to perform, band members were there to support each other and make the best of the situation, he said.

“I've been very impressed with our students and am proud to see the work they are doing,” he said.

Students Receive Tech Devices for School Year



Traffic lines up as families pick up their students' electronic equipment during Tech Distribution Day.

Because the school year was going to begin with an all-virtual format, Comstock staff sponsored a Tech Distribution Day this summer to provide electronic equipment to over 1700 students.

The Technology Crew, principals, teachers, staff, and volunteers distributed over 1,000 Chromebooks and technology support materials including 150 jetpacks which provide free internet access.

"The volunteers were just amazing and over the top positive," said Mark Peeters, CPS Tech Director. "Many stayed all day when they realized that some of the second wave could not get in. The few parents I saw were so patient and kind. I did not see many because I was stocking boxes of Chromebooks all day. It was a really good but very tiring day."

Comstock Elementary Assistant Principal Courtney Boyce stood in the road at the entrance of the high school driveway for hours to direct traffic. She gave families paperwork to complete and offered advice on the technology distribution process.

For those who could not come to the event, each school will have a supply of Chromebooks to hand out.



CES Assistant Principal, Mrs. Boyce, helped hand out materials and direct traffic.

Comstock Elementary

High School Teacher Handcrafts Barriers



Giving a "thumbs up" for the new protective barriers at the elementary school are Mrs. Watson, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Vorholt, and Mrs. Moore.

CHS woodshop teacher, Ryan Cousins, handcrafted wood-framed barriers for the district's offices. These barriers are designed to keep office staff and administrative assistants safe while talking with visitors in the offices.

Lisa Watson, the Administrative Assistant at CES, described the barriers as beautiful.

"It is amazingly well made and aesthetically pleasing," she said. "I want to thank everyone for being proactive to keep us in the offices safe and healthy."

Community Auditorium Events Open to the Public

Different groups are taping their events with social distancing in place. Their programs will be broadcast at a later time. No audiences are allowed at this time.

October:
20 2-4:30 p.m. - Flu Shot Clinic
in the Colt Center

Comstock Elementary

Construction Continues at CES

Although there are no students in the building, CES is bustling with activity. Construction workers are busily renovating and constructing new classrooms on the second floor.

The outside of the building looks beautiful with new landscaping and shiny new sidewalks and a pristine parking lot.

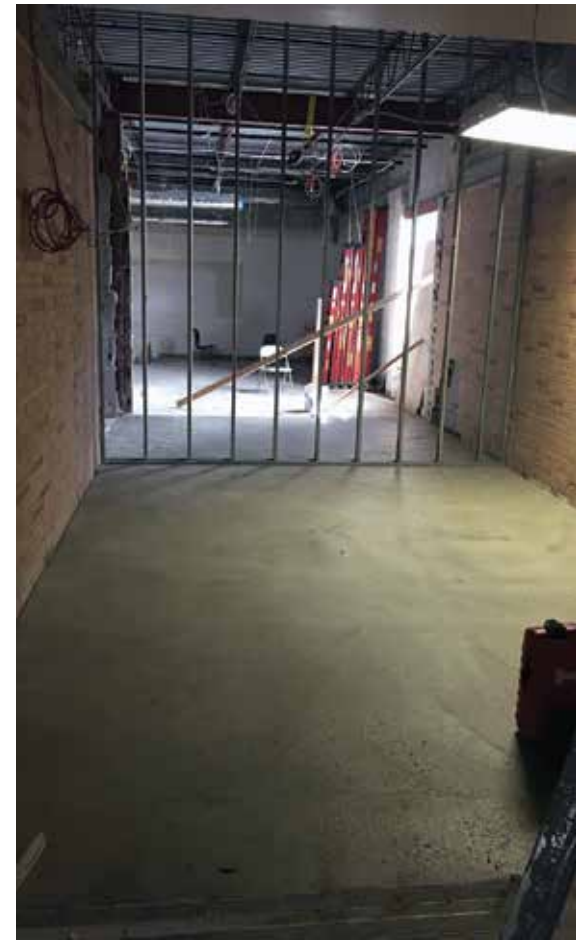
While staff can hear the construction and see the workers, they are not allowed to peek inside, but Superintendent Thoenes was able to go in wearing a hardhat to snap these pictures.



The inside of a future classroom.



This will be an upstairs classroom and hallway.



This area used to be a stairwell but now it will be classroom space.



Comstock Elementary School

Comstock Elementary

CES Has Unique Start

With school starting virtually this year, Comstock Elementary School teachers prepared for virtual classes by getting their workspace decorated, learning about new technology, and setting up a virtual classroom.

The first week of school the hallways were empty, but little voices could be heard from the classrooms as teachers talked to students via the computer. The front office area and all the staff in the building worked really hard to get families and students connected via the Colt Communication Center. It was a very unique start of the school year.



Ms. Nickelson's classroom was set up for the virtual start of the year.



The first day of school was a virtual event.

CES Hosts Socially-Distanced Kindergarten Orientation

Before school started, all of the kindergarten teachers and Mrs. Johnson, the young fives teacher, met families in the CES parking lot for a socially-distanced face-to-face orientation for the start of the school year.

The teachers kept it fun and light and were excited to see students face-to-face. Each teacher decorated her car and met families in the parking lot. There were many happy faces and lots of excitement.



The Young Fives and Kindergarten team are Mrs. VanSparrentak, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Flegal, Miss Buscher, Mrs. Laning, Miss Reilly and Mrs. Johnson.



Mrs. Richards, kindergarten teacher, greets parents and students at the socially-distanced orientation in the CES parking lot.

COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

Girls JV Volleyball

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| Thu, Oct 1 | @ Parchment Tri w/Olivet | 5:00PM |
| Sat, Oct 3 | @ BCS Tourney at South Haven | 9:00AM |
| Wed, Oct 7 | @ Niles High School | 5:00PM |
| Mon, Oct 12 | @ Lawton Community Schools | 5:30PM |
| Thu, Oct 15 | @ Olivet Tri w/Jonesville | 5:00PM |
| Mon, Oct 19 | vs. South Haven High School | 5:00PM |
| Thu, Oct 22 | vs. Quincy High School | 5:00PM |
| Mon, Oct 26 | @ Michigan Lutheran HS | 5:30PM |

Girls Varsity Volleyball

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| Thu, Oct 1 | @ Parchment Tri w/Olivet | 5:00PM |
| Wed, Oct 7 | @ Niles High School | 6:00PM |
| Thu, Oct 8 | @ Constantine Mini Tourney | 6:00PM |
| Sat, Oct 10 | Comstock Varsity Invitational | 9:00AM |
| Mon, Oct 12 | @ Lawton Community Schools | 6:30PM |
| Thu, Oct 15 | @ Olivet Tri w/Jonesville | 5:00PM |

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| Mon, Oct 19 | vs. South Haven High School | 6:00PM |
| Thu, Oct 22 | vs. Quincy High School | 6:00PM |
| Sat, Oct 24 | @ BCS Conference Meet - Bridgman | 9:00AM |
| Mon, Oct 26 | @ Michigan Lutheran HS | 6:30PM |
| Wed, Oct 28 | @ Bangor Quad w/ Martin & Watervliet | TBA |
| Mon, Nov 2 | MHSAA District - Comstock High School | TBA |

Boys Varsity Football

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| Fri, Oct 2 | @ Lee High School | 5:30PM |
| Fri, Oct 9 | @ Buchanan HS | 7:00PM |
| Fri, Oct 16 | vs. South Haven High School | 7:00PM |
| Fri, Oct 23 | vs. Decatur High School | 7:00PM |

Girls Varsity Golf

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| Thu, Oct 1 | @ KVA Conference Tourney - Rain Date | TBA |
| Mon, Oct 5 | @ MHSAA Regional - Hawkshead | TBA |

Boys Varsity Soccer

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| Thu, Oct 1 | vs. Constantine High School | 7:00PM |
| Mon, Oct 5 | vs. Berrien Springs HS (rescheduled from 8/26/2020) | 5:00PM |
| Wed, Oct 7 | vs. Bridgman Public Schools | 5:00PM |
| Thu, Oct 8 | vs. Coloma High School | 5:00PM |
| Mon, Oct 12 | vs. Battle Creek Academy | 5:00PM |
| Wed, Oct 14 | MHSAA District Quarter - Oct. 14-16 | TBA |
| Mon, Oct 19 | MHSAA Semi - Oct. 19-20 | TBA |
| Wed, Oct 21 | MHSAA District Final - Oct. 21-24 | TBA |

Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country

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| Thu, Oct 1 | @ Loy Norrix HS (at Linden Grove) | 5:00PM |
| Sat, Oct 3 | @ Cancelled - Otsego Invitational | 8:00AM |
| Tue, Oct 13 | @ BCS Bridgman Jamboree | 5:00PM |
| Sat, Oct 24 | @ Kalamazoo Christian Invitational | 10:00AM |

Comstock Township Library Events

Follow us on Facebook or visit our online calendar for more information regarding programs:

<https://comstocklibrary.evanced.info/signup>

The Library is open:

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

When you visit, freely browse the shelves to choose and check out materials or pick up held items, but enjoy those items outside the library. To stay open and maintain a safe community environment, we must adhere to many state and health requirements. When you visit the library you must:

- Wear your face covering
- Limit your visit, including computer time, to 1 hour
- Practice social distancing

Curbside service is available! Call us at 269-345-0136 to place an order or place holds through our online catalog and call us after you receive notice that your holds have arrived. Ring the library's doorbell when you come to get your items and we'll bring them out to you checked out and ready to go.

Our Homebound Service provides library materials to Comstock Township residents who are unable to visit the library. Restrictions apply and an application form must be filled out and

approved before starting service. Please call the library at 269-345-0136 to speak with a librarian for more information or to apply for service.

Did you know you can now check out up to ten DVDs on a library card? Both adult and youth library cards can be used to check out media items.

Visit our website at www.comstocklibrary.org to sign up for our eNewsletter so you can stay current with all the latest library news and events.

Adult Programs

Michigan Author Quiz for Adults, October 1 - 9: The library is adding more Michigan authors to our collection every day! How many do you know? How many have you read? Find out by taking this online quiz. Maybe you'll even find a new favorite! Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website on October 1 for a link to the questions. Let's keep it honest -- no help from outside resources (like Google) please! The quiz will close on October 9; if there is a tie, those contestants will be entered into a raffle and a winner will be randomly drawn. The grand prize winner will be announced the week of October 12. Good luck!

CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

The library will also close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, and remain closed on Thursday, November 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Virtual Quilt Show, October 12 - 23: We're taking our annual quilt show online! Check out some stunning quilts made by Michigan crafters and vote for your favorite. Email tady@comstocklibrary.org with your name, a photo of your quilt, and any facts you would like to share about it (who it was made for, what inspired you, etc.). Submissions will be open until October 9. Check out our Facebook page and our website on October 12 for a link to the show. Voting will close October 22 and the winner will be announced on October 23.

Adult Pick-Up Crafts: Quote Wall Art. Turn an inspirational quote into a watercolor work of art. Spoiler alert! It's not real watercolor, but nobody will be able to tell the difference, and it's so easy you'll want to make more! This adult take-home craft kit includes instructions and all materials. There will be an instructional video posted on YouTube. Go to youtube.com and search for "Comstock Township Library" to find the instructions. Registration is required for this free craft and begins October 12 on our website. Go to Programs and it will be under "Upcoming Events." You may also register by calling 345-0136. The

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number of participants is limited. Participants can pick up their crafts the week of October 19.

Michigan's Most Haunted Locations with Chad Lewis, October 20, at 2 p.m. on Facebook Live!

This presentation takes the audience on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in Michigan. It covers the entire state from a mysterious ghost light of the UP to a cursed statue in Ann Arbor, from phantom creatures prowling the woods to back road creatures; no place in Michigan is without its own haunting. Complete with photos, case history, eyewitness accounts, ghost lore, and directions, this unique presentation encourages you to visit these places for your own ghost story. This presentation will be available to watch live on Comstock Township Library's Facebook page and will be recorded to watch at your leisure. Call 345-0136 for further information.

Trivia Contest for Adults, November 9 - 20:

Show off your knowledge in an online trivia contest! Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website on November 9 for a link to the questions. You can play alone or as part of a team, but please limit your teams to no more than four people. And let's keep it honest -- no help from outside resources (like Google), please. The contest ends on November 20; if there is a tie, a tie-breaker question will be sent to those players on November 21 and the grand prize winner will be announced on our Facebook page on November 23. Good luck!

Decluttering 101, Tuesday, November 10, at 2 p.m. on Facebook Live!

Join Susie and Kate of Moxie Life Organizing to learn some tips and tricks and products to manage your life. This presentation will be available to watch live on Comstock Township Library's Facebook page and will be recorded to watch at your leisure. Call 345-0136 for further information.

Adult Pick-up Craft: Wood-Slice Snowman Ornament. Make a beautiful winter ornament inspired by nature for your tree or your door! This adult take-home craft kit includes instructions and all materials. There will be an instructional video posted on YouTube. Go to youtube.com and search for "Comstock Township Library" to

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Youth Programs

Storytime on Facebook LIVE: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. - Join Ms. Liz and Ms. Sue every Thursday morning for a fun online storytime. You can watch our storytimes without a Facebook account. Just keep scrolling down the page until you see the LIVE video appear.

Monthly Youth Craft: Pick up a new take-home youth craft on the first of the month. Please make sure you're also checking out books to support the library.

STEAM at Home on Facebook LIVE: Wednesday, October 14, and Wednesday, November 25. Ms. Traci will be showing you cool experiments you can recreate at home! Pick up one of our STEAM take home kits to follow along (while supplies last).

Virtual Magic Show & Magic Class with Cameron Zvara: Saturday, October 17, at Noon. Cameron Zvara brings his Comedy Magic Show to your living room! Get ready for mind blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and audience participation. You don't want to miss out! Registration is required. Prior to the performance, you will need to download the Zoom application and watch out for an email from Ms. Liz for the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Monday, October 26 - Saturday, October 31, all day: Drop in for trick or treating at the Youth Desk! We'll have candy and Halloween treats to pass out to all little ghosts and ghouls.

Monthly Teen DIY Project: Sixth-Twelfth graders, pick up your monthly take home project on the first of the month! No registration is required, but we do ask that those picking up projects support the library by checking out materials. Don't have a Comstock library card? Most patrons qualify for a free card!

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