



Report for February 2026

The 46th Annual Senior Winter Games has come to a close. Nearly 300 seniors from across the county took advantage of 36 activities over 19 days. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals were awarded to the most successful participants, but everyone was a winner! Lots of fun, lots of connection, lots of memories to last a lifetime!

Mother Nature decided to surprise us a few times in February which resulted in Clio Schools closing for the day – consequently, so did we. Typically, we get calls from people on these days thinking that we acted irrationally; however, our policy is that when the schools close for weather-related issues, so does the Center. We can't enrich Senior lives if we endanger their safety, so we err on the side of caution. That being said, valuable services occasionally are cancelled when the Center is closed. One of the recent closures happened on a day when the Michigan Mobile Secretary of State was scheduled to come to the Center. Unfortunately, we had more than a dozen people scheduled to conduct business with MMSoS – most of these people have trouble navigating through the process of getting an appointment with the local branch of the Secretary of State. I have personally made appointments for 2 people who were up against a deadline. We will reschedule as soon as possible.

I think (hope) the furnaces are back to running appropriately... It took a few more visits from Johnson Wood, but we have had consistent heat for the past two weeks. Special thanks to Joe and Shelly for helping us get back on track.

Volunteer AARP tax preparers have completed 2025 tax returns for 72 seniors this month, with an additional 90 scheduled for March. We opened our phone lines in January to begin making tax appointments and quickly compiled a list of over 250 interested. Fortunately, we have been able to whittle the list down, but as of this writing, we still have over 70 on the wait list. These volunteers provide a great service to our seniors which we could never duplicate. Thank you, AARP!

Genesee County has created a task force to evaluate senior services included in the senior millage. Each director was asked to provide input via a 2–3-page report on the needs of seniors. I provided a reflection on my 10 years in this position and addressed areas of insecurity in: socialization, housing, food, medical care, "singleness," transportation, technology, and education. The needs are vast! Once I started the report, I realized that I could write much more, but simplicity seemed to be the best approach. I'd be happy to provide a copy of my report to anyone who is interested.

Upcoming Trips:

- Soaring Eagle Casino – March 11
- Mystery Dinner – March 19
- Antiques Shopping – March 26