



## Report for January 2026

2026 has been a roller coaster thus far – extremely warm one week and then bitterly cold for the next few. The cold weather prompted closing the Center a few days. This has been hard on many of our seniors who rely on the Center for their socialization, meals, and exercise. I keep trying to encourage them by reminding them that winter is only temporary. I'm not sure if you are aware of the policy, or not, but the Center closes when Clio Schools are closed for weather-related situations. We post the closures on TV 12 and TV 5.

The cold weather has created problems for our furnaces. We've had annual check-ups for the past several years with parts replacements as needed, but this year we were hit hard. Two of the units shut down completely on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fortunately, we were closed that day, but temps within the building were heading south of 50. After two service calls, we were back up and running... for a few days. By the middle of the next week, we were back in the mid-60 range. Apparently, my next call fell through the cracks and out of desperation I reached out to the Twp. Office. After some help from Shelly another service call was made. Once again, we were heating – unfortunately it was just for the day. On Friday we were back in the low 50's and I had to close the Center for the day. The repairman came out again. Sort of new furnaces (guesstimated at \$30 to \$50k each) I'm not sure what the long-term solution is going to be.

Part of our "marketing strategy" includes getting non-seniors through our doors as often as we can – it serves two purposes; first, to show off our facilities, and second, to entice them for future use. Consequently, we often open our doors to outside groups for trainings, community input sessions, association meetings, etc. January has been filled with these types of gatherings. AARP Tax Preparation training took place on six days, Applied Innovation held a regional training here, and two condo associations held meetings here. We frequently receive compliments from participants and an occasional, "I'm going to tell \_\_\_\_\_ about this place." It's working! FYI – the State Tax Commission will be holding their Board of Review here on 2/3/26.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to submit a report for December, but I would be remiss if I didn't include kudos to Gary St. Charles and his crew for the fantastic Christmas Day Dinner. We had about 60 participants – many expressing sincere thanks for the opportunity, some with tears. There were lots of hugs and "we'll be back" sentiments shared. Gary is anticipating a group of 100 for this next Christmas.

### Upcoming:

#### Events:

- Senior Winter Games – every day in February. CASC hosts Mini Golf on Tuesday, February 24 at 9:30 and 12:30. We anticipate over 100 participants. Come check it out – it's loads of fun!

#### Trips:

- Saganing Eagle Casino – February 11
- Mystery Dinner – February 19