



## Report for March 2026

The weather has calmed down a bit and participation has ramped up a bit as the “more-tolerable” days are upon us. We are half way through the County’s fiscal year, but are at the point where they evaluate our successes. I’m proud to say that we have met (and exceeded) every goal. The general criteria for our success are: participants must be over 60 and Genesee County residents – the minimum threshold for our funding level is 1,000 participants. At the end of March, we had 1,077 participants. However, you may be interested in the overall participation number which stands at 1,265 with several from the neighboring counties who regularly take advantage of our facilities. Additionally, we are evaluated on our educational programs, health programs, and social services - I’m also proud to say that we exceeded these offerings by as much as 90%. We are a “happening” place.

I reported last month about the AARP tax preparers and was happy to share how much they have helped our community. Today, I am blown away by the overall number of participants who have been served... 4 AARP volunteers have prepared over 216 returns! Many of the recipients are new to the Center and we take every opportunity to make them feel comfortable and introduce them to our fantastic facility and programming. Marketing 101 – word of mouth and personal experience make all the difference in the world. Thank you, AARP volunteers!

I generally report on things that have happened, but I would be remiss if I didn’t give you a heads-up on two events that are coming in May and June, both of which are fund-raisers. In addition to the County millage and the MTA grant, the Center has to raise about \$60,000 annually to offset costs. On May 2 we will hold our annual rummage sale and on June 13 we will host our annual car show. Both events are free, but are filled with opportunities for our community to be a bit generous and help us meet our financial goals. Please spread the word, bring your friends and come join us.

Facebook is helping us promote the Center; however, we have an old Facebook (which we can’t delete) and a new Facebook page, which I’m hoping you can help us push out into the community. Please scan the QR code, like us, and share with your friends. We have great volunteers taking pictures and posting regularly, I’m sure there is something that you or your friends will find intriguing.



### Upcoming Trips:

- Saganing Eagle Casino – April 8
- Mystery Dinner – April 16
- Kewadin Casino – April 21 & 22