

# Allendale Lifelong Learners



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## Eating in the Fifties

Pasta had not been invented. It was Macaroni or spaghetti. Curry was a surname. A take-away was a mathematical problem. Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere. Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time. All chips were plain. Oil was for lubrication, fat was for cooking. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh. Chickens didn't have fingers in those days. None of us had ever heard of yogurt. Healthy food consisted of anything edible. Cooking outside was called camping. Seaweed was not a recognized food. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Prunes were medicinal. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed!

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had never seen a real one. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughingstock.

The one thing that we NEVER had at our table in the 50's...was elbows, hats and cell phones!!

used in the project were all donated and old Christmas cards were circulated as bookmarks so that the already-used books would not get dog-eared by hapless readers.

Unlike a regular library, this program operated in a less formal way. In fact, there exist several photographs of book women reading aloud to their clients which indicates a great level of care and time dedicated to the project.

From 1935 until 1943 the project helped to reach about 100,000 people with only 1,000 riders employed as book women over the life of the program. The women used their own horses (or sometimes mules) and were estimated to have covered about 100-120 miles per week.

Among the most popular books were Robinson Crusoe and anything by Mark Twain, although some of the horseback librarians said that the children in the mountains were so hungry for reading material that they begged for any books at all to be brought to them.

At the time it was estimated that through lack of public resources and crippling poverty that around 1/3 of all Americans did not have reasonable or convenient access to library reading materials. Just think about it. Say the family car breaks down, there's no money to repair it, and there's certainly no money for books or magazines. Families would have found any number of other things to do instead, which isn't a great spot to be in as a nation and might even contribute to illiteracy rates.

The program met its end along with many other New Deal agencies when the WPA was dissolved in 1943- a function of the fact that war work had rendered the program less relevant since people now had jobs. With plenty of decent-paying positions making military equipment, aircraft, and bombs, the unemployment of the nation was no longer the biggest issue at hand.

Overall, the WPA helped to fund and manage libraries and literacy programs in 45 states and employed nearly 15,000 people altogether. The WPA library programs not only funded the Pack Horse Library Initiative, but also helped to create a houseboat library in Mississippi and the reconditioning of millions of books for service in America's libraries.

## THE REST OF THE STORY...

I believe in the rest of the story.  
I believe there's still ink in the pen....  
and someday all that's hazy through  
a clouded glass will be clear at last.

In the middle of the Great Depression, America was grappling with not only the tightening of just about every single household budget, but the nation was also poorly connected. At the time most rural areas were without basic services like electricity and running water. As such, these remote areas were often devoid of public institutions like libraries. Some of the most isolated areas were nestled in the Appalachian area of Kentucky, among other locations. One of the many public programs initiated by FDR's New Deal was the Works Progress Administration, which funded the Pack Horse Library Initiative. The project hired fierce "book women" (and occasionally men) who were fearless, who loved reading, and who were highly proficient on horseback for the job.

The idea was that books would be delivered by leather saddlebags to places where libraries had not yet been built. Indeed, in many of these remote places, paved roads had not yet even been constructed. This is why horseback travel was needed in light of the lack of roads. The concept of the Bookmobile had only recently been invented, but it was an expensive idea which predicated the service on easy access to paved roads, something which was not common in the U.S. until the 1940s and 1950s.

The alternative to the Bookmobile in these rough rural areas was to reach readers by horseback. Beginning in the early hours each day, the book women would deliver and pick up books to those who in all likelihood had no other means of gaining new reading material. The goal was to create jobs, but also to boost literacy.

The program functioned by effectively making the book women extended employees of a library already operating in their county. The riders were known in their communities which is why they were able to do this tough job without getting shot at!

Trails are hard and riding is dangerous excepting at such points where the Works Project Administration has completed its farm-to-market road program." The books and magazines that were

## From the director's desk...



I'm so excited with the full-ness of the calendar this month!! We have something going almost every day of the week! I love when plans come together and my calendar is a happening place!!

I hope some of you feel the tug to join up with the Reading/Writing Buddies. We have an entire 2nd grade class ready to be your pen pals!! And you only need to reply to their questions!! We also have some kids who want to show you how good they read! You will never regret time spent helping another person. Call me if you have questions!

We are going through some difficult days with John's mom lately. She had a heart attack in February and is failing in health, due to complications. Unfortunately, unexpected trips across the state may take me away more often than usual. Please be patient as we help her during this time. Thank you for understanding. Until next month...Hugs

Kathy

Call Kathy at 616-843-0572 or email [khanes@allendale-twp.org](mailto:khanes@allendale-twp.org) if you would like more information on the Allendale Lifelong Learners or any of the activities listed in this newsletter.

**READING/WRITING BUDDIES:** We will start a reading and writing program at Evergreen (10690 Learning Lane, Allendale) Elementary on Friday, March 13 at 9:00 AM. This will be a weekly commitment through the end of the year. If you are out of town a time or two, don't let that stop you!! We can make arrangements to see that you're covered. Please call or email to let me know if you are interested in either program. If Friday morning doesn't work for you, please contact Betsy VanderPloeg (616-892-3465) or Beth Voss (616-892-3475) to set up a time that works for you. This is a great way to give back to our schools!!

### **POLICIES:**

- Trips will be rated so that you will know if you are able to participate easily, or not. Look for the star ☆ rating to know if it is light walking (one star), moderate walking (2 stars) or heavy walking (3 stars). It is recommended that if you use a walker or cane, then a 3 star will be too much for you to handle. For our regularly scheduled events, they are all 1 star, unless noted.

## ☺ A Little Bit of this and that... ☺

Give me a sense of humor, Lord—Give me the grace to see a joke.  
To get some humor out of life and pass it on to other folk!

- Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 mins and come out wrinkle free and 2 sizes smaller...
- What is depression? Depression is when you buy a new hula-hoop and it fits you.
- I'm such a thrill seeker, when I see a 'Caution, Wet Floor' sign, I walk faster...
- I think it's adorable they're putting jokes on the side of snacks now. Like listen to this one: Serving size: 3 cookies!
- If you get lost in the woods, find a possum to follow. You'll be back to the highway in no time!
- All of my childhood punishments have becomes my adult goals; eating vegetables, staying home, having a nap and going to be early!
- Frog parking only—all others will be toad!
- I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds!
- If your car is running I'm voting for it!
- Why does a milking stool only have 3 legs?...Because the cow has the udder!
- Mother Nature just be throwing out temperatures like Power Ball numbers—66, 40, 33, 58, 24, 13.
- One gardener to another—So what do you plan on growing this year? Older and crankier!!



Things I'm super good at:

1. Running....Late, that is!
2. Forgetting someone's name two minutes after they tell me.
3. Making plans...then regretting making plans!
4. Thinking of a great comeback—an hour later!
5. Digging through the trash for the food box that I just threw away, because I already forgot the directions!
6. Eating other people's French fries on the way home from the drive-thru.
7. Googling my ailments and then panicking!
8. Forgetting about the laundry—until I'm in bed.
9. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now!"



"the idea behind a kaleidoscope is that it's a structure that's filled with broken bits and pieces, and somehow if you can look through them, you still see something beautiful. and i feel like we are all that way a little bit."

when David faced Goliath he didn't talk about how dangerous Goliath was—he talked about how great God is.

Don't talk fear  
Talk faith.



Accept both compliments and criticism. It takes both sun and rain for a flower to grow.

"Someday you will be faced with the reality of loss. And as life goes on, days rolling into nights, it will become clear that you never really stop missing someone special who's gone, you just learn to live around the gaping hole of their absence. When you lose someone you can't imagine living without, your heart breaks wide open, and the bad news is you never completely get over the loss. You will never forget them. However, in a backwards way, this is also the good news. They will live on in the warmth of your broken heart that doesn't fully heal back up, and you will continue to grow and experience life, even with your wound. It's like badly breaking an ankle that never heals perfectly, and that still hurts when you dance, but you dance anyway with a slight limp, and this limp just adds to the depth of your performance and the authenticity of your character. The people you lose remain a part of you. Remember them and always cherish the good moments spent with them."



## Just to Warm your Heart...

The 77th anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport *Dorchester* and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others was marked by ceremonies at American Legion Posts nationwide in February. .

The *Dorchester* was sunk on Feb. 3, 1943, while transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the ship, killing 672 of the 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard. As those aboard rushed to lifeboats, Methodist Rev. George Fox, Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Dutch Reformed Rev. Clark Poling and Roman Catholic priest Father John Washington comforted the wounded and directed others to safety.

According to an Army.mil article, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney was headed back towards his cabin when someone asked him where he was going.

"To get my gloves," Mahoney replied.

"Here, take these," said Goode as he handed a pair of gloves to Mahoney.

"I can't take those gloves," Mahoney replied.

"Never mind," Goode said. "I have two pairs."

Engineer Grady Clark also witnessed an astonishing sight, the Army.mil article continues. When there were no more life jackets, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Goode did not call out for a Jew; Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later call it "the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains -- arms linked and braced against the slanting deck of the *Dorchester*. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns.

American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services that pay tribute to the chaplains and the other men who lost their lives.

The four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart. Congress wanted to confer the Medal of Honor on them but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by President Dwight Eisenhower on Jan. 18, 1961. It was never given before and will never be given again, according to Army.mil.



***This is what we, who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, can look forward to.***

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.



An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.



A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

◆ MINUTE AND MINUTE SHOULD NOT BE SPELLED THE SAME.

◆ I'M NOT CONTENT WITH THIS CONTENT.

◆ I OBJECT TO THAT OBJECT.

◆ I NEED TO READ WHAT I READ.

◆ EXCUSE ME BUT THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THIS.

◆ SOMEONE SHOULD WIND THIS UP AND THROW IT IN THE WIND!

**TEACHER:**

GIVE ME A SENTENCE USING THE WORDS DEFENSE, DEFEAT, AND DETAIL.

**STUDENT:**

WHEN A HORSE JUMPS OVER DEFENSE, DEFEAT GOES BEFORE DETAIL.

**I'm ready for the week!**

**I got my umbrella, my flip flops, turtle neck, my suntan lotion, my fur coat, my shades, my thermals, my tank top, and my Vick's!**

# Rambling Thoughts

## Comments made in the year 1957:

- I'll tell you one thing. If things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00!
- I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies anymore. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in "Gone With The Wind," it seems every new movie has a swear word in it!
- Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used car!
- If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous!
- Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter!
- If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00 nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store!
- When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage!
- Kids today are impossible! Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls!
- If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it!
- I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas!
- Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president.
- I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now!!
- It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet!
- It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.
- Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress!
- The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on!
- There is no sense going away for the weekend anymore. It costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel!
- No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood!

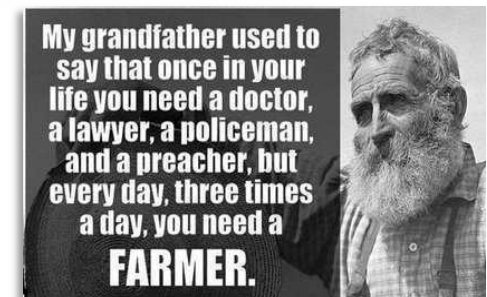
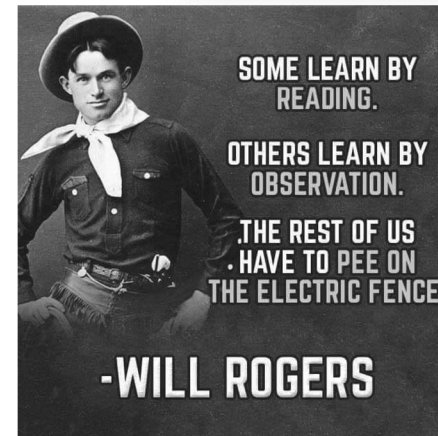
## Things to Ponder:

1. If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?
2. Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
3. Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?
4. What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
5. Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
6. Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
7. Why do British people never sound British when they sing?
8. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
9. When does it stop being partly cloudy and start being partly sunny?
10. When French people swear, do they say, "Pardon my English?"
11. Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?

## A Doctor was addressing a large audience:

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long- term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said,  
"Wedding cake"



**SAVE THE DATE:** Music at Mid-day at Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. We will go as a group to the **Tuesday, March 17 Music at Mid-day** concert. We will meet at 11:00 AM at Allendale Town Hall and travel by bus downtown to the concert and lunch. This trip is just \$6.00 (cost of lunch) to introduce you to this great concert series, plus learning where to go and what to do, if you want to go again on your own.  
If there is interest, we will schedule more visits to this unique venue.

### **MUSIC AT MID-DAY**

A Free Concert Series in the City  
Concerts (12:15pm - 12:45pm) are free to all.  
An optional \$6 lunch (11:15am - 1:15pm)  
is available before or after the performance.  
Soup, salad bar, bread, beverage, and cookies are served.



### **Spring 2020**

March 10 - Dr. Larry Visser, organ  
**March 17 - Diane Penning, soprano**  
March 24 - River Rogues  
March 31 - MacRaven  
April 7 - No Concert  
April 14 - Jonathan Tuuk, organ  
April 21 - Grand Rapids Christian High Chamber Chorale  
April 28 - Mary Rademacher, jazz vocals  
May 5 - Bruce Robey and Friends

### **WHY I LIKE RETIREMENT**

**Question:** How many days in a week?

**Answer:** 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday.

**Question:** When is a retiree's bedtime?

**Answer:** Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

**Question:** How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

**Answer:** Only one, but it might take all day.

**Question:** What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

**Answer:** There is not enough time to get everything done.

**Question:** Why don't retirees mind being called seniors?

**Answer:** The term comes with a 10% discount!

**Question:** Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

**Answer:** Tied shoes!

### **My Favourite Animal**

Our teacher asked what my favourite animal was, and I said, "Fried Chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favourite animal.

I told my dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA.

He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favourite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. she asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." **Guess** where I am now....

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



- When paying for an activity with the group, please make your checks out to **Allendale Lifelong Learners**. Thank you!
- Please note that if Allendale Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all Lifelong Learners events scheduled for that day will also be cancelled. Here is information on area businesses and individuals who provide classes or events for your needs.
- **SNAP FITNESS**—If you are members of a Medicare health plan, you may have access to the SilverSneakers® Fitness Program. Stop in and see for yourself or visit the website [www.silversneakers.com/snap/](http://www.silversneakers.com/snap/)
- **Silver and Fit** is a program that promotes exercise for the healthy, aging population. If interested, reach out to our professional staff at **Northern PT of Allendale at 616-895-4050** to get set up on your individualized programming.
- **PICKLE BALL-Every Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30** at the tennis courts in the township park in summer and at Life Stream (6561 Lake Michigan Drive) in winter. Not sure if you like to play? Stop by and check it out. There are many friendly people there to help! Equipment is provided.

# All things Michigan



**Logic: An entire winter's worth of snow cannot fall in less than 12 hours.**

**Michigan: Hold my Vernors.**



Have you ever noticed that a lot of the lighthouses in Michigan share a similar design? In the late 1800s an engineer named Orlando Poe was chosen to design lights to make navigating the Great Lakes safer. Some of the lighthouse built under his watch include Little Sable Point (my personal favorite), Au Sable Point at Pictured Rocks, South Manitou Island, and Seul Choix Point, seen here. His designs proved to be strong, inexpensive, and effective - part of the reason his lighthouses are some of the most iconic on the Great Lakes. Now you know~

**Dinner with Friends**—We're trying something new! We've been doing dinner with friends for a few months, but with the Lenten season upon us, we are going to check out some of our favorite Friday night Fish Fry locations. Come to all or come to a few.



We encourage you to try some of these that you might not know about. We will meet at the location on **Friday nights at 5:00 PM**. Let me know you are coming and we will save you a seat. We can carpool for some of these too.

\* Bonus: You don't have to like fish to go to dinner with friends—most places have other options!

- **Friday, March 6—Grand Haven Eagles Aerie 925, 20 N. Second St., Grand Haven** Year-round Friday night's 5-8 p.m. Cost: \$9 small plate \$11 entree. Menu: Perch, pollock, shrimp, and chicken dinners with baked potato, fries, or onion rings, slaw, and a roll.
- **Friday, March 13—Marne Lions Annual Lenten Fish Fry, 1580 Arch St., Marne** Friday nights, February 14 – April 10; 5- 8 p.m. Cost: \$10 adults. Menu: All-U-Can Eat Fish, served with fries & coleslaw...OR...Large beef and bean burrito with tortilla chips. All meals include a beverage and dessert.
- **Friday, March 20—West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, MI** Friday nights, February 28-March 27 4:30-7 p.m. Cost: Adults \$10, seniors and students \$8. Choose from famous fried lake perch, fried shrimp, perch and shrimp combo, baked salmon, or fried walleye. Sides include fries/baked potato, garlic toast, coleslaw, dessert and beverage.
- **Friday, March 27—St. Paul's Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. Grand Rapids** Friday nights, March 13, 20, & 27; 5-7 p.m. Cost: \$9 adults, \$5 children. Menu: Alaskan pollock, fries, coleslaw, rolls and butter, homemade desserts.

- **Mystery Trip dates for 2020:** April 15, June 17, August 19 and October 21. Save the dates!
- **Wednesday, April 15—First Mystery Trip of 2020!!** Sign up soon!
- **Wednesday, April 29—Dinner and a Movie.** Showing 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood', the story of Mr. Fred Rogers.
- **Thursday, May 28—Whitecaps Baseball game outing.** 11:00 game at Fifth Third Ball Park. Cost is just \$20.00 and includes a lunch & beverage voucher.

**Mondays at 11:15 AM**—Exercise class, led by Northern Physical Therapy, at Allendale Township Hall, 6676 Lake Michigan Drive. Class is held each week, and there is no cost to join. Just show up and you will not be sorry you did! Class runs through Monday, April 13.

**Monday, March 2 at 8:30 AM**—Breakfast Club at **Murphy's**. Join us and get a free breakfast if it's your birthday this month. We will meet at 8:30. Arrive early to get your seat!!

**Wednesday, March 4 at 11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH**—We will meet for lunch at Culver's in Allendale. Trivia for prizes if 10 or more are there.

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 AM—WALKING CLUB** at Life Stream Church, 6401 Lake Michigan Drive. Enter at Door A and bring your walking shoes. This is a much better option than walking outdoors, during these winter months. Plus, it's more fun to walk with friends!  
FYI—If you can't join us at 8:30 AM, you can walk at some of the area churches, like Life Stream and Spring Valley, Monday through Friday, during normal office hours, 9AM to 4PM.

**Wednesday, March 18 at 3:00 PM**—Coffee and Crafts Class at the Town Hall. **Sign up by Monday, March 16.** It's **FREE** and anybody can join us! Bring a friend, but make sure they are signed up!

**Wednesday, March 18 at 4:30**—Bunco and BBQ at the Township Hall, first round starting at 4:30 PM. We will stop for supper around 5:30 PM and then play the 2nd round. Prizes for top 2 winners and the *Turkey*. Pay \$6.00 at the door. We will be joined by the Allendale Fire Department and Sheriff's deputies. Always a good time!

**Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 PM** - Supper Club at Mancino's. We will celebrate your March anniversary with a free dessert. Be sure to call to sign up, so we know how many are coming.

**Wednesday, March 25 at 12:00 noon**—We meet at Main St. Pub for our luncheon this month. Come on out and join us as we gather together and share a meal. Order off of a limited menu. **Please sign up by Monday, March 23.**

**5:00 PM—Thursday, March 26—Sound of Music**—Tickets are reserved to see this classic play at a local theatre. Tickets are \$10.00 and must be **paid when you sign up by March 18.** We will stop for supper at Vitale's in Hudsonville before going to the show.

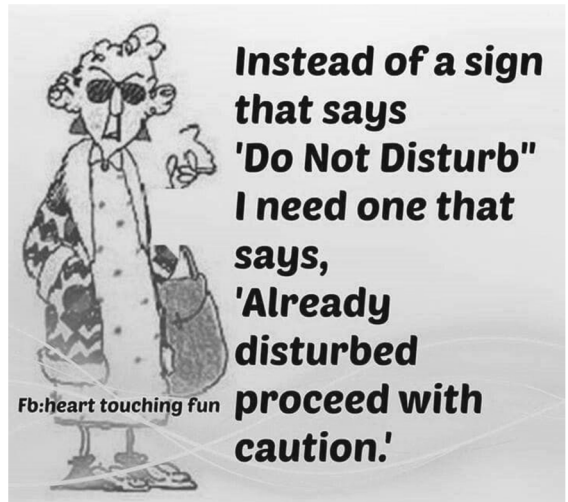
Please call, text or email if you plan to attend any of the activities listed above. Call Kathy at 616-843-0572 or email [khanes@allendale-twp.org](mailto:khanes@allendale-twp.org).

## DID YOU KNOW??

Just some random information—in case you have an inquiring mind!

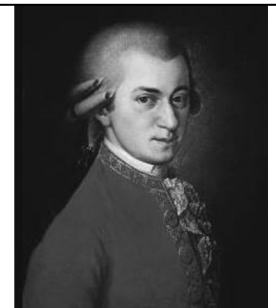
- ♦ My wife said I never listen to her, or something like that.
- ♦ Is there ever a day that mattresses are NOT on sale?

In 1964 a group of high school kids skipped class to go see the Beatles. They didn't get into the concert but while they were driving Ringo pulled beside them and snapped their picture. When they told their friends no one believed them. Fast forward 50 years and Ringo publishes a book of his photographs. They were in it. They reposed the shot as they look today.



So if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

If you ever feel bad about procrastination, just remember that Mozart wrote the overture to Don Giovanni the morning that the opera premiered.





# March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8:30 AM—Breakfast Club at Murphy's. Join us and get a free breakfast if it's your birthday this month. No walking today. 11:15 AM— Exercise class at town hall	3	4 11:30 AM—Lunch Bunch. Meet at the restaurant we choose. Call if you would like to carpool. 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream	5	6 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 5:00 PM—Dinner with friends	7
8	9 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 11:15 AM— Exercise class at town hall	10 Find a Phone Booth Day—They are on the “endangered” species list. If you find one, send me a picture!	11 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 12:00 Noon—Potluck Lunch. Bring table service and a dish to pass or omit the dish and pay \$5.00	12	13 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 9:00 AM—Reading Buddies at Elementary 5:00 PM—Dinner with friends	14
15	16 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 11:15 AM— Exercise class at town hall	17 11:00—Music at Mid-day. We will meet at the town hall and go from there. \$6.00. See page 14 for details.  St. Patrick's Day	18 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 3:00 PM—Coffee and Crafts 4:30 PM—Bunco and BBQ at town hall.	19 5:00 PM—Supper club. Meet at the restaurant or carpool. Free dessert if you have an anniversary this month and join us. First Day of Spring	20 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 9:00 AM—Reading Buddies 5:00 PM—Dinner with friends	21
22	23 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 11:15 AM— Exercise class at town hall	24 National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day!	25 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream  12 Noon—Catered Lunch. Meet at Main St. Pub and enjoy a delicious lunch and always interesting entertainment.	26 5:00 PM—Sound of Music at JPAC. 7:00 PM—Newsies at CFAC	27 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 9:00 AM—Reading Buddies 7:00 PM—Newsies at CFAC 5:00 PM—Dinner with friends	28 3:00 PM—Newsies at CFAC
29	30 8:30 AM—Walking at Life Stream 11:15 AM— Exercise class at town hall	31	April 1 11:30 AM—Lunch Bunch at Pizza Ranch	Monday mornings at 11:15AM—Exercise class with Northern Physical Therapy. Increase balance, coordination and stretching. This is a Free class and will meet at the town hall!! Come check it out! Classes will run through April 13.		