



# Community Ties North

## January 2026 Newsletter



### Headlines

December offered us many opportunities to celebrate. We had a party at CTN that included Christmas Karaoke and homemade snacks. We enjoyed a hayride and pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus thanks to Windy Hill Tree Farm. The lights were beautiful at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and the Bavarian Inn Shops, so we made a few trips to both so everyone could enjoy them.

We also helped choose the winner of the company wide Decorative Door competition. Of course, every door was festive and deserved a special prize, but there could only be one winner. Congratulations to Community Ties South!

Our crafting talents were on display around our building as we made Santa gnomes, cut out snowflakes, painted paper plate snowmen, and many more items.

We hope everyone enjoys their winter break and we are excited to see everyone back at CTN starting January 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Meet the Staff



Darshay is an Activity Aide at CTN. Her favorite thing about her job is seeing people open up and make progress. She has an Associates of Arts in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Applied Science with a Concentration in Health & Human Service Case Management. Her career goal is to work with young people. She is most proud of receiving her degrees and her Cosmetology license. In her down time, she likes to read, write, crochet, do hair and make-up, and spend time with her 3 children. Her favorite athlete was Kobe Bryant, and her bucket list includes skydiving.

### Special Activities Offered

Elvis Concert  
Bavarian Inn Shops  
Cultivate Coffee & Tea  
Thrive on Thursday  
Flint Farmers Market  
Zehnder's Snowfest  
Pride and Country Village  
Humane Society of Bay County  
Bay County Historical Society  
Winter Scavenger Hunt  
Science experiments  
Cardio Drumming  
Line Dancing

If there is an outing that requires money, we will send a note home.

### Program Closures

Jan. 1 & 2 – New Years holiday  
Jan. 16 – Staff meeting  
Jan. 19 – MLK, Jr. Day

### January Birthdays

Michael      Latoya  
Abigail      Kenny

### Contact Us

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us. We would love to help!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			New Year's Day 1	2
Outings are subject to change due to weather, staffing, and what individuals choose to participate in each day.			SCCMHA and CTN Closed 	CTN Closed 
5	6	7	8	9
Center Courts Volunteers of America Cardio Drumming 12:30pm CTN - Cultural Day	Bavarian Inn Shops Modern Explorers Guild Dow Memorial Library CTN - Writing skills	McNally House Menards - window shopping Bay City antique shops CTN - Diamond craft	Grace Exchange Bronner's Midland Mall - walking CTN - Line dancing	Elvis Concert 
12	13	14	15	16
SVSU Museum Frankenmuth Library Vista Center CTN - Pen craft	Center Courts Zael Memorial Library Custom Creatures CTN - Money management	McNally House Birch Run antique stores Beauty Day-Bath & Body Works CTN - Cardio drumming	Grace Exchange Cultivate Coffee & Tea Flint Farmers Market CTN - History Day	CTN Closed 
MLK, Jr. Day 19	20	21	22	23
SCCMHA and CTN Closed 	Center Courts Grocery Shop/Cooking Class Vista Center CTN - Coffee & tea social	McNally House Frankenmuth Fudge Kitchen Cultivate Coffee & Tea CTN - Snow globe craft	Grace Exchange Thrive on Thursday CTS for cards & games CTN - Science experiments	Beauty Day - Sephora Bridgeport Library Church of God - quilting CTN - Euchre & card games
26	27	28	29	30
Center Courts Hobby Lobby Barnes & Noble CTN - Chair yoga	Pride and Country Village Bridgeport Library Modern Explorers Guild CTN - All About Sports	McNally House Zehnder's Snowfest Grocery Shop/Cooking Class CTN - Hershey craft	Grace Exchange Humane Society of Bay Co. Bay Co. Historical Society CTN - Melted Snowman craft	Thomas Twp. Library Custom Creatures Church of God - volunteer CTN - Winter Scavenger Hunt