



Three Oaks Township Public Library

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FOUNDED IN 1859 – 167 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Hours:

Monday 10 – 5

Tuesday 10 – 6

Wednesday 10 – 5

Thursday 10 – 8

Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 10-2

Sunday closed

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Do You Have a Three Oaks Library Card?

Your library card is your key to books, movies, digital resources, programs, and so much more!

Who can get a free library card?

If you live in or own property in **Three Oaks Village or Township, Chikaming Township, or Weesaw Township**, you're eligible for a free Three Oaks Township Public Library card.

Library cards are issued based on residency. Because **more than 94% of our funding comes from local property taxes**, free library cards are available to residents and property owners within our service area.

What do you need to sign up?

- A valid photo ID
- Proof of residency or property ownership (such as a utility bill or insurance statement)

For anyone under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the application and will be responsible for the account.

Live outside our service area?

You can still enjoy everything the library has to offer! An annual non-resident library card is available for **\$50 per year**.

Reciprocal Borrowing

Three Oaks Township Public Library has reciprocal borrowing privileges with the **Galien, New Buffalo, Buchanan, Eau Claire, and Watervliet** libraries.

Please note that reciprocal borrowing is offered at the discretion of each participating library. While your Three Oaks Library Card may be accepted at these locations, borrowing privileges are not guaranteed.

 Don't have your library card yet? Stop by the library—we'd love to help you get started!

🦎 A Wildly Fun Visit from Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary! 🦎🐍

We had an **amazing time** on **August 5** when the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary visited the library! It was a morning full of smiles, curiosity, and incredible animal encounters. Our guests had the chance to meet a friendly **tortoise** (who we're pretty sure would enjoy a good book! 📖 🐢), a fascinating **alligator** 🦎, a curious **bearded dragon** 🦎, and an impressive **python** 🐍.

This special program is always one of the highlights of our summer, and we were thrilled to see such a wonderful turnout. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event so memorable!

♥️ Until next summer... we'll be counting down the days! ☀️



Beginning May 7, 2026, the library expanded its hours to remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We hope these extended evening hours provide greater convenience for our community and encourage patrons to visit the library during these hours.

However, if attendance during these hours continues to be non-existent - we may be forced to discontinue Thursday evening hours. As responsible stewards of library funding, we must ensure our resources are being used effectively.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of these expanded hours so we can continue offering them in the future.



LIBRARY OF THINGS

WHY BUY WHEN YOU CAN BORROW?



GROUNDING MAT



PORTABLE DVD
PLAY WITH CAR
CHARGER



CD PLAYER



MOBILE HOT SPOT



ELECTRIC
BALLOON PUMP



EMF & DIRTY
ELECTRICITY TEST
KIT



BISSELL LITTLE
GREEN STEAM
CLEANER



STAY SHARP
MEMORY KITS



TONIE BOXES &
TONIES

MORE ITEMS ARE ALWAYS BEING ADDED:

[HTTPS://THREEOAKS.BIBLIONIX.COM/CATALOG/?LOT=1](https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/?lot=1)

Have You Explored Our Library of Things Lately?

If you haven't checked out our **Library of Things** recently, now's the perfect time!  We've added some fantastic new items to our collection, and you might be surprised by what you can borrow. From practical tools to fun gadgets, there's something for everyone!

Take a look and see what's new:

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/?lot=1>

 Borrow more than just books—discover your next favorite thing at the library!

Hit the Road with Michigan's Summer Reading Road Trip Challenge!

The Office of the Governor of Michigan has launched the **Summer Reading Road Trip Challenge** for Michigan readers in **Preschool through 12th Grade!**

 **Ready to get started?** You can pick up **Stop 1** and **Stop 2** challenge sheets at the library today or download them online at **Michigan.gov/SummerReadingRoadTrip**. A **Stop 3** challenge will be released on **July 22**.

 Complete the challenges in **any order**—it's your reading adventure! There's **no purchase or registration required** to participate.

 When you submit your completed challenges at **Michigan.gov/SummerReadingRoadTrip**, you'll automatically be entered for a chance to win exciting prizes and agree to the official terms and conditions.

 **All challenges must be completed by August 19.**

 For complete rules and regulations, visit:

<https://sombgovweb.state.mi.us/SummerReading/Rules.PDF>

Happy reading, and have an amazing summer adventure!   



SUMMER READING - ROAD TRIP -
— OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR —

STOP #1 START YOUR ENGINES!
Start the challenge by choosing what you want to read!

- 1 Read a book set in the summer
- 2 Read a book about a place you haven't visited yet
- 3 Reread a favorite book
- 4 Write about your favorite summer adventure
- 5 Start a summer journal and complete four entries

For rules and regulations, please visit:
sombgovweb.state.mi.us/SummerReading/Rules.pdf (No purchase necessary)



SUMMER READING - ROAD TRIP -
— OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR —

STOP #2 EXPLORE MICHIGAN
Read Michigan authors and learn about Michigan history!

- 1 Read a book or short story by a Michigan author. Choose someone that lives in Michigan or grew up here.
- 2 Read a book or short story that takes place in Michigan. (Bonus: Find that place on a map.)
- 3 Read a book outside while you enjoy the Pure Michigan summer. (Bonus: do this task at a state forest, park, or recreation area)
- 4 Learn more about Michigan history by visiting a Michigan history museum or by exploring the Michigan History website (<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/michigan-history>). Write about three new things you learned.
- 5 Add four more entries to your summer journal. Consider visiting a Michigan historical marker and writing about what happened there. (<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/historical-markers>)

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with Microsoft Office

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Service Available

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Local History Room

Inter-Library Loan
<http://www.mel.org/>

Renew your items,
reserve items, or make
requests at our online
[catalog](#):


[https://threeoaks.biblionix.
com/catalog/](https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/)

Upcoming Events at the Library:

- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Adult Drop-In Color-Me Happy-Hour, 1:00 – 2:00. Coffee, coloring sheets, and colored pencils will be provided for this adult only activity.
- Every Thursday: Story Time for all ages, 4:30 – 5:00.
- Monday, June 1 - August 31, Summer Reading for teens through adults! Stop in to pick up your America's 250th Bingo card.
- Monday, August 10, Second Monday Book Club, 2:00. Book: "The Heartsong of Charging Elk" by James Welch.
- Monday, August 10, FINAL FREE Dinosaur Movie Monday, "Walking with Dinosaurs – the Movie" 1:00. Bring a snack and a friend! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Tuesday, August 11, FINAL Summer Reading for children under 12. Drop-in between 11-1 for reading fun! Collect the trading card for the dinosaur of the week. No pre-registration needed.
- Tuesday, August 11, 5:00, Library Board Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting.
- Thursday, August 27, Friends of the Library Meeting, 6:00. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Take and Make Craft Bags for children are available.
at the Checkout Desk every day.

Follow us on (<http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary>) and check
our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org
for all the latest information and events.

An Update About Tutor.com

After careful consideration, we've made the difficult decision to discontinue our Tutor.com service, effective **August 1, 2026**.

Over the past two years, the service has not been used by our patrons at all, and the cost of providing it has nearly tripled. To make the best use of our resources, we've decided it's time to invest in services our community will use and enjoy.

💡 We'd love to hear from you! What programs, resources, or services would you like to see at the library? Share your ideas with us—we're always looking for new ways to serve our community! 😊

🩺 Check Your Blood Pressure at the Library! ❤️

Berrien County Health Department and the American Heart Association have placed a free blood pressure kiosk right here at the library! The kiosk will be available here for the next few weeks before traveling to other libraries throughout Berrien County, so be sure to stop by while it's here. 📄

It's quick and easy to check your blood pressure and monitor your readings over time, helping you stay on top of your heart health. 📈

Free blood pressure logs are also available to record your readings and take with you to share with your healthcare provider at your next appointment. 📄 🧑🏻‍⚕️

Take a few minutes during your next library visit to check in on your health—we're happy to offer this convenient community resource! 💙



🐦 ✨ Have You Met Our Newest Library Ambassadors? ✨ 📄

Please give a warm library welcome to **Sherlock Honksalot** and **Miss Marple**! 🐦 💙 These adorable new friends have joined **Mr. Warren**, our beloved stuffed mustang in the Children's Department, as official library ambassadors. They're always ready to greet visitors, pose for photos, and add a little extra fun to your library visit. 📖 😊

The next time you're at the library, be sure to stop by, say hello, and see if you can spot all three of our furry (and feathery!) friends! 👀 💖

⚡🔍 **New in Our Library of Things: EMF & Dirty Electricity Test Kit!**



Curious about **electromagnetic fields (EMFs)** and "dirty electricity"? Our **Library of Things** now has a **Dirty Electricity & Electromagnetic Field Test Kit** available to borrow!

📖 Inside the kit, you'll find the book **EMF Practical Guide**, which explores what EMFs are, explains the science behind dirty electricity, and shares practical tips for reducing everyday exposure.

🛒 The kit also includes:

- 📖 An **Erickhill EMF Tester** with an instruction manual
- ⚡ A **Stetzerizer Microsurge Meter** with an instruction manual
- 🔌 **Four Stetzerizer Filters**

Whether you're interested in learning more about your home environment or simply exploring a new topic, this kit is a great way to investigate and discover at your own pace.

♥ Check it out from our **Library of Things** and start exploring today!





THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY SEED CATALOG

Grow, Share, Repeat! 🌱
Discover our Free Seed Catalog and
start your garden today!

How It Works:
Browse our seed catalog and choose the
seeds you'd like to grow.
"Check out" your seeds—completely
free!

Plant, nurture, and enjoy your harvest.
At the end of the season, "return" seeds
by saving and donating
from your plants.

Help us keep the cycle growing for
everyone in the community.

Happy planting!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Meeting



**Thursday,
August 27,
6:00 p.m.**



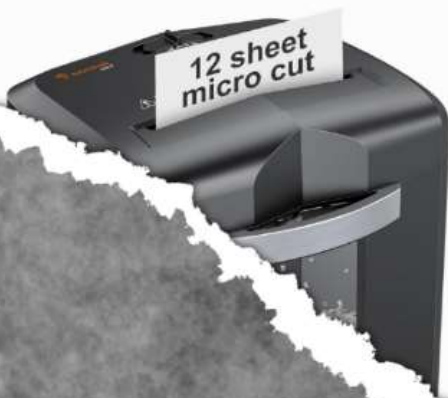
Everyone is invited



Paper Shredding

**@Three Oaks Township
Public Library**

**Bring your sensitive
documents & credit
cards to the library and
you may safely shred
them with our shredder.**



**No appointment
necessary.**



A Presentation by
**The Michiana
Paranormal Society**
at
**Three Oaks Township
Public Library**

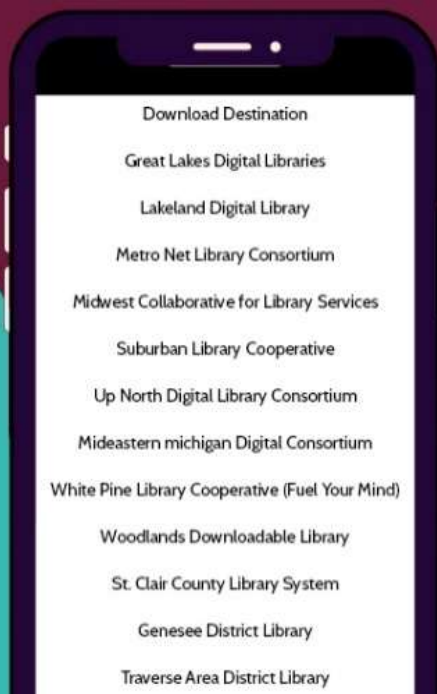
**Friday, October 30,
7:00 pm**

**Hear what it takes to be a ghost hunter and
see local evidence they have collected.**

Children must be
accompanied by an adult.



BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!

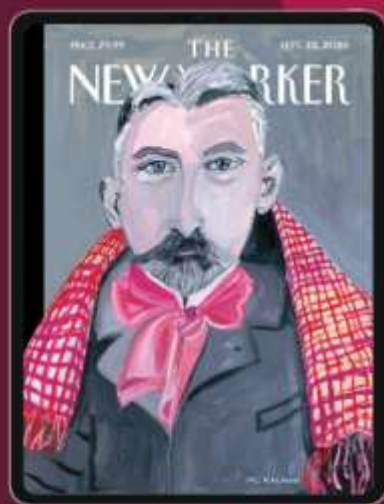


Get more access with your
Southwest Michigan Digital Library
Member Library Card!
You can borrow titles from any
of these collections!



To add your card for a partner library you must
select the following in your Libby App:

- 1) Go to MENU > ADD LIBRARY
- 2) Search for the partner library and open it.
- 3) Tap SIGN IN WITH MY CARD
- 4) Under PARTNER LIBRARIES, choose your home library from the list and sign in.



From big headlines to niche hobbies.

Borrow magazines for free with Libby.



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The library reading app.



Book Donation Guidelines



Thank you for thinking of the library!
Donations to our Book Sale Room help support library programs and services for our entire community.

To keep our sale room fresh and inviting:



We CAN Accept:

- Books published within the last **five years**
- Books in **excellent, clean condition**
- Magazines published within the last **five years**
- All items must be free of damage, stains, and odors



We CANNOT Accept:

- Books more than five years old
- Magazines more than five years old
- Dusty or dirty books or magazines
- Moldy books or magazines
- Books or magazines with yellowed pages
- Books or magazines that smell like basements, garages, smoke, or mildew
- Worn, heavily used, or damaged books or magazines
- Text books

We understand it can be difficult to part with beloved family favorites — we love books too! However, outdated or poor-condition books and magazines simply do not sell, and we often must discard them at the library's expense. We are not equipped to store or preserve older materials that do not have a specific tie to the greater Three Oaks area, and we are not designed to be a book museum.

If you believe a book may be rare or valuable, we encourage you to research it online or consult a professional appraiser.

Thank you for helping us keep our Book Sale Room clean, current, and welcoming for everyone!

All Three Oaks Township Public Library patrons are invited to attend Free History Hounds® online lectures through the Historical Society of Michigan™ (HSM).

All History Hounds programs are remote and held via Zoom.

To register, visit www.hsmichigan.org, select the "Programs" tab, and choose the History Hounds Lecture Series. On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter Three Oaks Township Public Library along with your name, address, and email. HSM will email your Zoom link the day before each program.

In addition to History Hounds lectures, HSM also offers History Skills Workshops®, with options that include fully remote, hybrid (in-person and online), and in-person sessions. Be sure to check each individual event for format details.



Free History Hounds® lectures for members of your historical organization!

You can attend the Historical Society of Michigan's (HSM) weekly History Hounds® Lecture Series free of charge as a benefit of your membership with your historical organization. All programs are remote, via Zoom, so you can participate on your home computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Register for the programs on HSM's website at www.hsmichigan.org. On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter the name of your organization. Select the programs you wish to attend. HSM will email you the Zoom link the day before each program. Free admission is courtesy of your historical organization's membership with HSM.



Upcoming Lectures:

August 4 @ noon

Sanilac Petroglyphs: Ezhibiigaadek Asin (Knowledge Written on Stone) with Stacy Tchorzynski, Jeff Chivis, Marcella Hadden

August 12 @ 7 pm

Trotters & Tribulations: Harness Racing in 19th-century Lexington & Kalamazoo with Christian Krueger

August 18 @ noon

A Literary Legacy: Michigan's Carnegie Libraries with Adam Oster

August 26 @ 7 pm

REWIND - Andersonville Prison & Michigan with Erika McDowell

September 1 @ noon

Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan with Barb Barton

And More!

Note: All lecture times are scheduled in the Eastern time zone.

Did you know? Household members of the Historical Society of Michigan can access recordings of past History Hounds on the HSM website! Members must be logged in with an active membership to view past lectures on demand. To learn more about memberships, visit www.hsmichigan.org/join.

Community Notes

SOUTH ELM STREET ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE



PROJECT STARTS MONDAY, JULY 6

(weather permitting)

Rieth-Riley Construction will begin work on South Elm Street on **Monday, July 6**.



FULL CLOSURE

South Elm Street will be **FULLY CLOSED** from US-12 to the Village Limits.

This full closure—rather than closing one lane at a time—will allow the contractor and their subcontractors to complete the project more efficiently.



DETOUR ROUTE

Traffic in **BOTH** directions will be detoured using:

- ✓ US-12
- ✓ Schwark Road
- ✓ Stickles Road



PLEASE REMEMBER

- Follow all posted detour signs.
- Use caution when traveling through the area.
- Expect delays and plan ahead.



Project start date is anticipated to be **Monday, July 6**, subject to final approval and weather conditions.

DETOUR MAP



Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these important improvements to our community.

VILLAGE OF
THREE OAKS

US-12 SHOULDER CLOSURE

CMAQ PROJECT

MDOT will be maintaining two-way traffic on US-12 by shifting to the west (center) lane. The **eastbound (EB) shoulder** will be closed during construction.

PROJECT INCLUDES: 0.25 mi of hot mix asphalt shared-used path, curb, gutter, and ramps, culvert installation, and pavement markings along south side of US-12 from Three Oaks Estates Mobile Home Park to Nells Drive.



STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE.



Please slow down and use caution in work zones.



Expect possible delays. Plan ahead!



Thank you for your patience as we improve our roads!



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Two-way traffic will be maintained on US-12 by shifting to the west (center) lane
- The eastbound (EB) shoulder will be closed
- Work area may vary
- Motorists should use caution and follow all posted signage
- Reduced speeds in work zone
- Watch for construction activity



PROJECT DATES

Project duration:

JULY 6 – SEPTEMBER 18

Shoulder closure begins:

JULY 6

Open to traffic (shoulder closure ends):

AUGUST 21

Dates are subject to change due to weather or conditions.



DRIVE SAFELY



Slow down



Watch for workers and equipment



Buckle up & stay alert



QUESTIONS?

Contact the Village Office



(269) 756-9221



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Presents

Music ⁱⁿ the Park

Concert Series

at Harbert Community Park

SUMMER LINEUP

6/27:

WEKO BOYS (5:30PM)
PT & THE CRUISERS (7PM)
Food Truck -
Cousins Maine Lobster
Beer: Fulcra Brewing

7/25:

ST. JOE JACK (5:30PM)
THE EDGAR WILLBURY
EXPERIENCE (7PM)
Food Truck -
Wood-Stock & Grill
Beer: Mangata

8/15:

PS; DUMP YOUR
BOYFRIEND (8PM)
Food Truck -
Ben's Soft Pretzels
Beer/Wine:
Lake Time Brewing

8/22:

LIVIA GAZZOLO (5:30PM)
MARTHA CARES JAZZ
ENSEMBLE (7PM)

**Bring a Beach Chair, Bring
a Blanket, Bring a Friend!**

Harbert Community Park • Red Arrow Hwy. • Harbert, MI

Music in the park 2026

June 13 **THE SOUTHSORE CONCERT BAND**

Traditional American Big Band (90 minutes)

June 20 **ANNE HARRIS**

Blues, Rock, Folk Blends

June 27 **EDGAR WILLBURY EXPERIENCE**

Rock Covers

July 4 **MARTHA CARES**

Blending Jazz, Cabaret, pop, Traditional,
Bossa Nova (75 minutes)

July 11 **BOBBY HUNT & THE DAY DRINKERS**

Blues

July 18 **PT AND THE CRUISERS**

Rock

July 25 **QUITE FRANK LEE BAND**

Folk

Aug 1 **THE ANDREW FISHER QUARTET**

Neo-Soul Jazz (90 minutes)
Celebration of life in memory of Tom Folliard

Aug 8 **THE SCAMP BAND**

Country Rock

Aug 15 **SARASWATHI RANGANATHAN**

World Music

Aug 22 **CHICKEN DOLPHIN BAND**

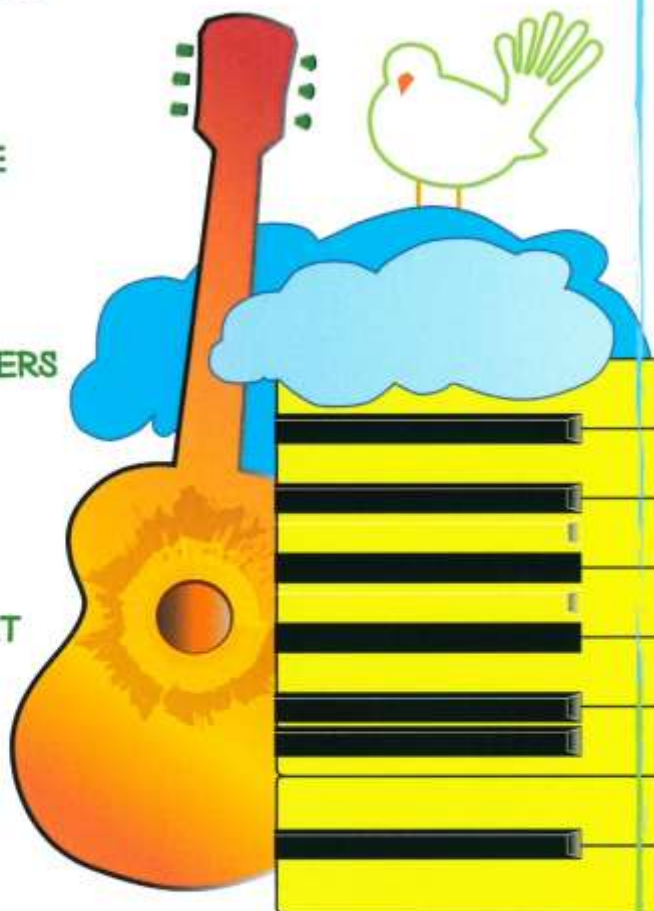
Blues, Reggae

Aug 29 **KENNEDY'S KITCHEN**

Pub Music, Sing-Alongs

Sept 5 **NEWPORT BLUES PROJECT BAND**

Rock, Blues, Soul (90 minutes)



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND @10:00 AM

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Saturday, August 1, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 - 3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman

Monday, August 10, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, 9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs

Monday, August 10, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor

Friday, August 14, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - 3:00 PM - Cass County (Drive Thru), Hope Community Church, 2390 Lake St., Niles

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville

Thursday, August 20, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor

Friday, August 21, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Buffalo American Legion, 19139 US Hwy 12, New Buffalo

Monday, August 24, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Baroda Bible Church, 9058 Third Street, Baroda

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma

Thursday, August 27, 2026 - 12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph

Friday, August 28, 2026 - 3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles

Monday, August 31, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien American Legion, Post #344, 402 N. Main Street, Galien

MOBILE CLINIC



SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY



269-445-3874



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THREE OAKS, MI

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP HALL
6810 US 12

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



NADZIEJA POCHEKI
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

