



Calhoun County SENIOR SERVICES



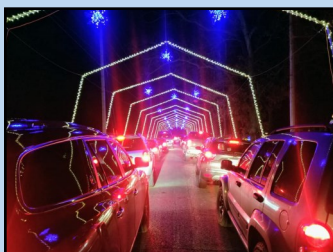
2020 Annual Report

COVID-19 Response

2020 was a year like none other. Faced with a global pandemic, the Senior Services staff was challenged with serving seniors while limiting in-person interactions. With the cancellation of all special events, and the pivot from regular work to responding to the COVID-19 crisis, staff were challenged to get creative to find meaningful ways for the office to serve Calhoun County seniors.

By the numbers:

- **Over 5,000 handsewn masks** were collected and distributed to area seniors. Many masks were made by seniors themselves.
- **122 hours were spent delivering Meals on Wheels** in the City of Battle Creek. Many regular volunteers had to step back due to their own high risk for contracting COVID, so staff were able to step in and fill this need.
- **186 free Merry Mile coupons** were redeemed for seniors to drive through the lights display at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. This was a fun way to spread holiday cheer, while keeping seniors safe.
- **10 meetings of the Calhoun Professionals in Aging Network** were transitioned into an online format, and will continue into 2021.
- **40 centenarians** were recognized with flowers and a feature in *Senior Times*.



Seniors Served

2017	2018	2019	2020
5,783	6,468	6,568	5,458

Millage Renewal

The crowning achievement of 2020 came in August when Calhoun County voters overwhelmingly approved a ten-year renewal of the Senior Millage, with 82% of voters saying “yes” to seniors! This huge vote of confidence is greatly appreciated. A brand new Parks Millage was also approved on the August ballot.

Looking Forward

As 2021 begins with the approval of the first COVID vaccines, office staff will be involved in community vaccination efforts in partnership with CareWell Services and the Calhoun County Public Health Department.

Staff Announcements

Administrative Assistant **Lora Stevens** retired in April after nearly 12 years with Calhoun County.

Intern **Emily Batch**, an undergraduate social work student at Western Michigan University, became a fully certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor.

AT A GLANCE

5,458

County seniors served with Millage-funded programs

\$2.9 million

Spent by Senior Services to serve county seniors

12

Mini-grants awarded



2020 Seniors Served



# Served	2020 Services & Providers	Spent
11	Adult Day Care , <i>Marian Burch Adult Day Care</i>	\$36,641
17	Bed Bug Remediation , <i>Senior Services of SWMI</i>	\$20,401
668	Benefits Counseling/MMAP , <i>CareWell Services</i>	\$49,999
311	Community Care Options , <i>Senior Health Partners</i>	\$304,102
323	Dental Services , <i>Fountain Clinic</i>	\$311,250
89	Guardianship/Payee , <i>Guardian Finance & Advocacy Services</i>	\$89,002
108	Handy Helper , <i>Senior Services of SWMI</i>	\$33,890
32	Health Education , <i>Senior Health Partners</i>	\$8,321
67	Hearing Services , <i>CareWell Services</i>	\$80,513
301	Home Heating Assistance , <i>Community Action</i>	\$90,000
211	Legal Assistance , <i>Legal Services of South Central Michigan</i>	\$40,000
525	Meals - Congregate , <i>CareWell Services through Senior Services of SWMI</i>	\$150,713
774	Meals - Home-Delivered , <i>CareWell Services through Senior Services of SWMI</i>	\$331,287
96	Minor Home Repair , <i>Community Action</i>	\$284,000
29	Money Management , <i>Guardian Finance & Advocacy Services</i>	\$16,793
417	Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) , <i>CareWell Services</i>	\$73,072
54	Prescription Assistance , <i>Fountain Clinic</i>	\$31,223
18	Ramps , <i>Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity</i>	\$39,740
324	Senior Center Support-Forks Senior Center , <i>Albion</i>	\$50,000
146	Senior Center Support-Heritage Commons , <i>Marshall, CareWell Services</i>	\$20,089
295	Senior Fitness & Fun , <i>Senior Health Partners</i>	\$104,612
522	Transportation , <i>Community Action</i>	\$234,169
120	Vision Services , <i>CareWell Services</i>	\$15,831
5,458	Total Seniors Served (Unduplicated by program)	

Mini-Grants: \$500-\$5,000 each awarded to twelve community organizations \$50,600

Partnership: Senior Health Partners \$25,000

Total 2020 CONTRACT SPENDING \$2,491,246

Revenue:	
Property Taxes - Senior Millage	\$2,718,716
Personal Property Tax Reimbursement	\$481,051
Interest & Dividends	\$28,437
Firekeeper's Revenue Sharing	\$68,136
Miscellaneous Sources	\$820
Total 2020 REVENUE:	\$3,297,160

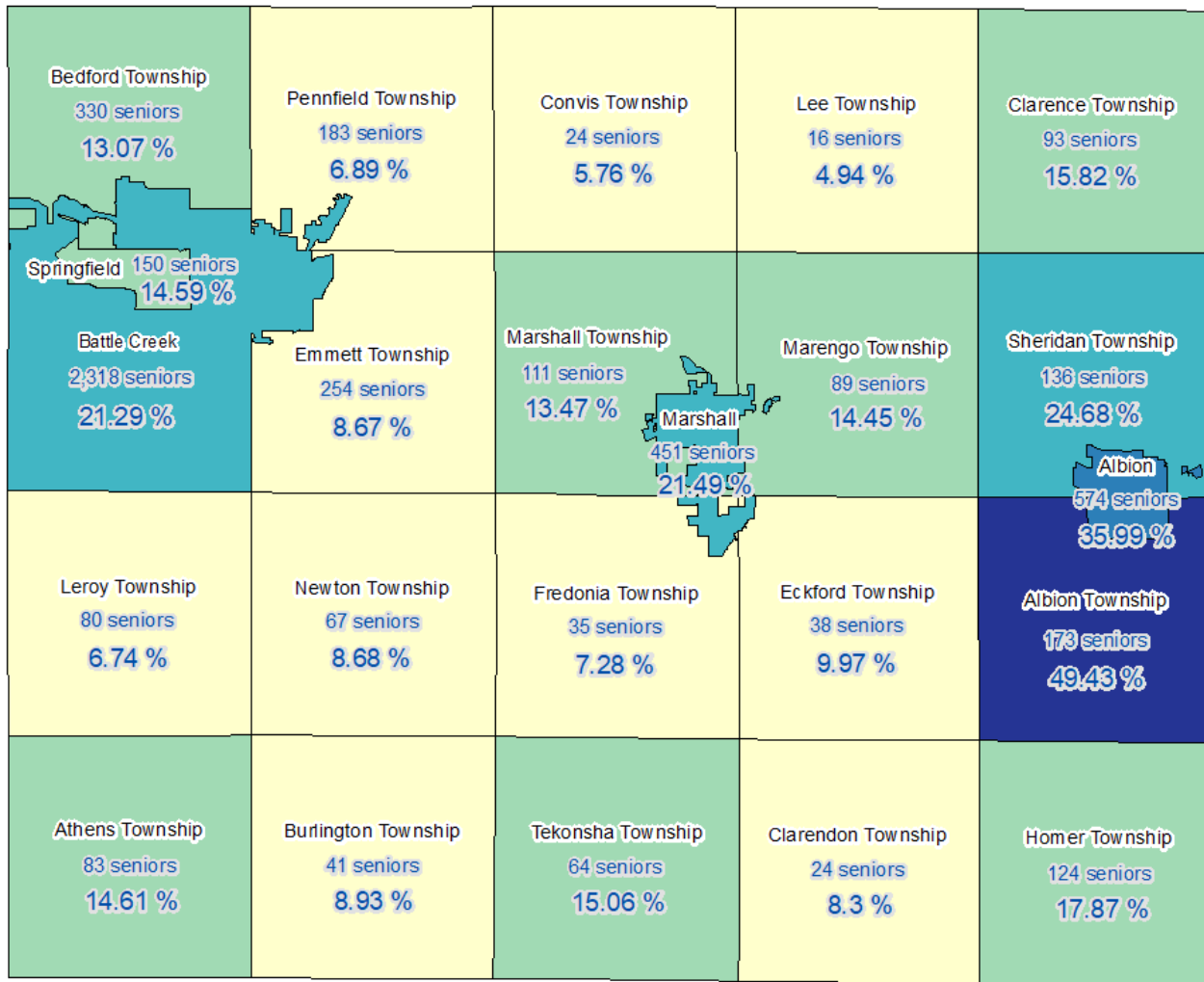
Expenditures:	
Senior Services Administration	\$290,259
Senior Strategic Projects	\$114,537
Senior Millage Contract Spending	\$2,491,246
Deposit to Fund Balance	\$401,118
Total 2020 EXPENDITURES:	\$3,297,160



2020 Demographics

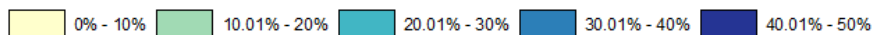


Older Adults Served By Senior Millage Dollars

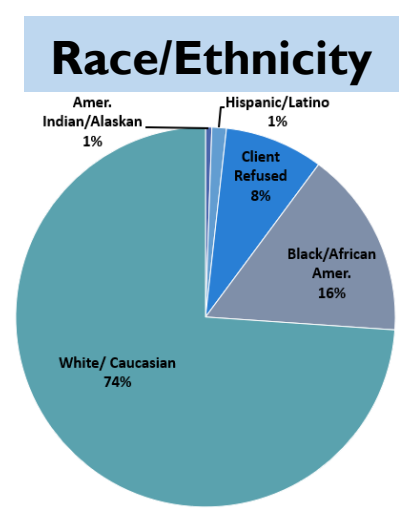
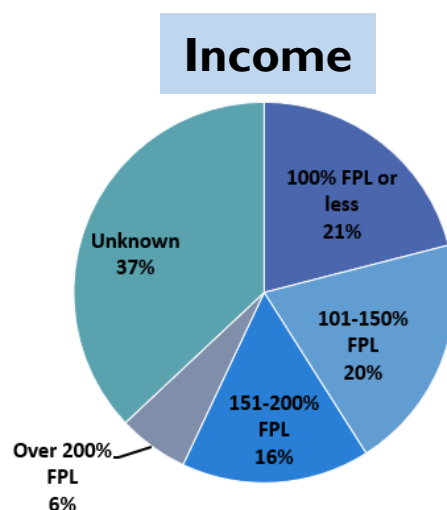
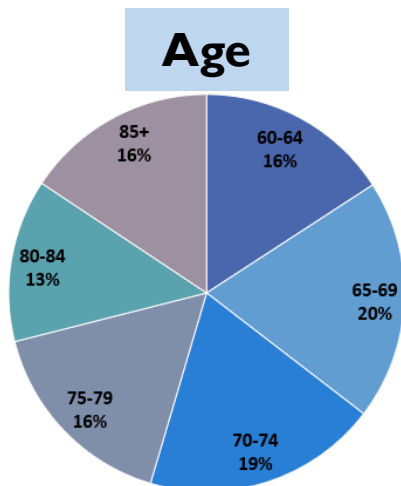


Total:
5,458 seniors
16.72%
of the County's
32,644 senior
population

Percent of seniors 60 years or older that were served by Senior Millage programs



Source: U.S. Census Bureau
2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates
Calhoun County GIS, 2021



FPL: Federal Poverty Level

Calhoun County Senior Services

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Senior Millage Allocation Committee



Standing (L-R): Bob Lyng, Diane Peters, Art Kale, Jim Powers, Comm. Rochelle Hatcher, Richard Lindsey, Yvonne Chapman, Tom Hunsdorfer, Willie Tabb
Sitting (L-R): Michelle Hill, Chairperson Comm. Gary Tompkins, Vice Chair Jill Booth
Not pictured: Teresa Schell

*Picture taken in 2019

Mini-Grants

Awarded 12 mini-grants to:

- The Alano Club
- Albion Health Care Alliance
- Albion Community Gardens
- Albion-Homer United Way
- CareWell Services Southwest
- City of Albion
- City of Marshall
- Haven of Rest Ministries
- Marshall Lions Club
- Marshall Mobile Meals
- Neighborhoods, Inc.
- South Michigan Food Bank

\$50,600 Total amount awarded through mini-grants

Joanne Konkle Award

The 2020 Joanne Konkle Lifetime Leadership Award was given to Jolene English, a longtime employee of CareWell Services. Jolene has been instrumental in the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program. Both Jolene and Joanne received their social work degrees from Western Michigan University and are well-known for their baked goods.



Senior Strategic Projects

As a taxing entity, Senior Millage receives revenue from FireKeepers Casino and Personal Property Tax Reimbursement from the State of Michigan. After a yearlong conversation, the Senior Millage Allocation Committee voted to use these revenue streams to fund *Senior Strategic Projects*. This one-time funding is meant to inspire innovation and better the lives of Calhoun County seniors.

Four projects were awarded funding in 2020:

- **Albion Community Foundation:** predevelopment of market rate senior housing in Albion.
- **Albion Community Gardens:** fencing, irrigation, and equipment to expand a valuable intergenerational and interracial gardening program.
- **Albion Health Care Alliance:** purchase of eye clinic equipment to establish eye care services on the east side of the county.
- **Senior Care Partners PACE:** purchase of Grandpads for participants to help them connect with family, friends, and the PACE team.