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Above (pictured left to right): FiveCAP Executive Director, Mary L. Trucks with Deborah Smith-Olson, CEO/Chairperson, LOSB, and Yates Dial-A-Ride Executive Director, Vedra Gant.



Pictured above: Blue Earth Tree Farms in Ludington came through again to provide fresh cut Christmas Trees to low-income families in Mason, Manistee, Lake and Newaygo counties. Trees were available at FiveCAP locations on December 4th...and no tree was left behind!

Lake Osceola State Bank donates \$15,000 for early literacy program

More children in the area will get to take part in an important early literacy program through FiveCAP, Inc. thanks to a \$15,000 donation from Lake-Osceola State Bank for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in Lake, Mason and Manistee counties. Through this program, enrolled children receive a free book each month from birth until they are age 5.

The Imagination Library was founded by Dolly Parton, as a way to give back to children...to inspire them to dream big and open their imagination. Her fondest memory was being read to by her mother. This program allows other children to enjoy the experience of being read to without the barrier of cost.

“I think that given the two years we had of disruption in society and in general, particularly schools, we’ve been concerned about early literacy and are proud to support this program sponsored by FiveCAP to put books in the hands of children,” said Deborah Smith-Olson, CEO/Chairman of Lake-Osceola State Bank.

For more information, visit [www.https://imaginationlibrary.com](https://imaginationlibrary.com). Donations accepted by FiveCAP to support this program in the three counties.



Pictured above: Center Director Melissa Fuentes (far right) and Lead Teacher Kathy Kirwin (far left) with Head Start children at the Fountain Child Development Center giving the “thumbs up” in appreciation to Ludington Coats & Kids for their donation of coats, snow pants, and boots for the children.

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Newaygo County, *White Cloud*—(231) 689-6688

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Idlewild Historic & Cultural Center website: www.historicidlewild.org



Annual Walk for Warmth events cancelled due to COVID-19

Donations still needed!

In the midst of cold winter temperatures, low-income families and senior citizens struggle with the higher cost of utilities. The fear and reality of facing having your heat shut off in the dead of winter can be devastating and a tragedy for some.

FiveCAP, Inc. Walk for Warmth events are held annually in February to raise awareness and help ensure that funding is always available to keep the heat on for these local residents that fall through the cracks or when state and federal funds are exhausted or delayed. The Walk for Warmth fundraiser events are two-mile walks in the four-county service area of Mason, Lake, Manistee, and Newaygo counties.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, walk events are cancelled this year. However, donations are still needed and appreciated...accepted year-round.

To make a donation, send check with Charitable Contribution Form (available at <https://www.fivecap.org/charitable-giving.html>) to FiveCAP, Inc., PO Box 37, Scottville, MI 49454. Call your FiveCAP County Office or (231) 757-3785 for more information.



GETTING A HEAD START! October at the Northern Manistee Child Development Center! Pictured above: Emily Tomaszewski, Center Director, demonstrates pumpkin carving in celebration of Fall. Pictured right: Dickson Township Firefighters visit with their Fire Truck, showing the children all their bells and whistles.

FiveCAP offering COVID-19 vaccine clinics with chance to win \$500!

Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is a safer and more dependable way to build immunity to COVID-19 than getting sick with COVID-19.

As the virus spreads, it has more opportunities to change. High vaccination coverage in a population reduces the spread of the virus and helps prevent new variants from emerging.

Monthly COVID-19 vaccine clinics are available in Lake and Newaygo counties: Southern Newaygo FiveCAP Head Start Center in Grant; Robert F. Williams Center in Baldwin. *Schedule on Pg 4.*

Vaccine recipients receive a \$25 gift card and a \$10 food voucher. Vaccine recipients also will be entered into a **\$500 raffle**. And if you encourage someone to get vaccinated, you can get a \$25 gift card too.

To make an appointment, contact the FiveCAP Office in Newaygo County at (231) 689-6688, or Lake County at (231) 745-4617.

This COVID-19 Vaccination Outreach Program is provided by Family Health Care in partnership with FiveCAP, Inc., funded by the Michigan Primary Care Association.



Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens provides Christmas gifts for over 600 area children

For over 50 years, FiveCAP, in partnership with Synergy Broadcasting Group, collects toys/gifts for children of low-income families in Mason and Manistee counties.

The success of the program depends on so many segments of the community coming together to donate time (volunteers), toys/gifts, and cash contributions to help make sure there are enough toys and gifts to distribute to all the families that sign up.

“Once again, the generosity to Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens shows the amazing hearts and giving spirit of our community”, said Executive Director Mary Trucks. “Even during these challenging times, barrels were full and cash donations flooded in almost daily to help us make this a merrier Christmas for children of families that are struggling in our community”.

Distribution took place December 15-16 at the V.F.W. Hall in Manistee and the Graystone Event Center in Ludington. Parents, who might not have otherwise had anything to put under the tree, were able to pick out Christmas presents for their children, stocking stuffers, and a family game.

Thank you to everyone that made this possible!!



TOYS GALLORE! Tables decked the halls in Mason and Manistee counties...filled with toys, sorted by gender and age group with a variety of items to choose from.

TIS THE SEASON.... The Scottville

Optimist Club donated \$250 to TFT/GFT.



Pictured (left to right): Diane Watts and Nancy Sanford, members of the Scottville Optimist Club; Mary L. Trucks, FiveCAP Executive Director; and Julie VanDyke, Scottville Optimist Club.



Bicycles donated by Big “K” Construction were raffled off at the end of the event and parents came back to pick them up for 4 lucky children in Mason County.



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Mark Your Calendar

Our offices are open, but appointments encouraged. Guests required to wear face mask. Secure drop boxes are provided for documents at all FiveCAP locations.

FEBRUARY

Feb 8 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
Feb 9 CSFP Bi-Monthly Food Distribution—Seniors
Feb 11 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic—Lake & Newaygo counties
Feb 24 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

MARCH

March 3 TEFAP Quarterly Food Distribution—Families
March 8 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
March 11 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic—Lake & Newaygo counties
Mar 28-Apr 1 Head Start Spring Break (Mason, Lake, Manistee counties)
March 31 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

APRIL

April 4-8 Head Start Spring Break (Newaygo County)
April 12 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
April 13 CSFP Bi-Monthly Food Distribution—Seniors
April 28 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm
April 29 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic—Lake & Newaygo counties

MAY

May 10 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
May 20 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic—Lake & Newaygo counties
May 26 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm
May 26 Tentative last day for Head Start children (except duration Centers)
May 30 Memorial Day Holiday—Offices and Centers closed

FiveCAP Programs & Services

- Head Start**
- Early Head Start**
- Weatherization**
- Home Ownership Counseling**
- Foreclosure Prevention**
- Single Family Housing**
- Multi Family Housing**
- TEFAP**
- CSFP**
- Garden/Food Preservation**
- Educational Workshops**
- Food Pantry**
- Tax Preparation Assistance**
- Energy/Utility Assistance**
- Walk for Warmth**
- Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens**
- Information & Referral**
- And more.....**

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