



Willow Courter: Mancelona COA Meal Site Coordinator



A graduate of Ionia High School and Montcalm Community College, Ms. Courter was hired by Antrim County in August. Previous to her employment by the County, she worked for the Mancelona Public Schools Food Service Dept.

Ms. Courter and her family have an operating farm on which they raise chickens, beef cattle, and sheep. In her spare time, she loves baking from scratch. When asked about her new position at the Commission on Aging, Ms. Courter said that she appreciates being able to show how much she cares about people through food.

Emergency Housing Repairs: Assistance Available for Those Who Qualify

Emergency home repair funding for lower-income Antrim County residents is available. If you or someone you know needs assistance with emergency home repairs, financial help can be provided to those who qualify. Eligible projects include repairs to furnaces, roofs, and septic tanks.

Funding is limited and is issued to qualified homeowners on a first come, first served basis. Contact Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency at (231) 947-3780 or email at HEESintake@nmcaa.net.



Two Jail Tours Scheduled in October

Antrim County voters will be asked on November 5 whether or not to approve a bond proposal for the construction of a Public Safety Center. To help voters with this decision, tours of the existing jail are currently scheduled for:

- Fri. 10/11 at 3 pm
- Fri. 10/25 at 3 pm

Tours last approximately half an hour. The jail's address is 207 E Cayuga St., Bellaire. Parking is available in the County Building's parking lot. Since the jail is a working facility with limited space, tours are restricted to 15 people.

The tour will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations are not required.** Those who take the tour will be required to be respectful of the inmates. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to tour the jail.

For more information, please contact Jail Administrator Sherry Knight at jail@antrimcountymi.gov or 231-533-8627.

Proposed Public Safety Center (PSC): Town Hall Meeting on Wed., Oct. 2 @ 2 pm

An informational PSC presentation is scheduled for Wed., October 2 at 2 pm in the County Building at 203 E Cayuga Street, Bellaire, in Room 209. The short presentation will be followed by a town hall meeting, during which the public is invited to ask questions, voice opinions, and share ideas.

Attendance can be in person or online. Questions asked online will be brought to the attention of the presenters. To attend the meeting virtually, use this QR code. The meeting will be recorded and a public link made available.



County Building Parking Lots: Closed Temporarily in Late September

Reconstruction of the parking lots adjacent to the County Building is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 through early October. The first phase is demolition of curb and some sidewalks. This is scheduled for September 19 & 20. During that time, some public parking will be available in the Cayuga Street lot.

The second phase, scheduled to start September 23, is new concrete, then asphalt removal & regrading. During that time, no parking will be allowed in any lots next to the County Building. **Parking will be available in the 1905 Courthouse lot off Broad Street.** The third and final phase is paving, tentatively scheduled to start on October 1.

Parking lots might be open between grading and paving, but that cannot be guaranteed. **All dates noted above are weather dependent.** Everyone's patience with this much-needed project is appreciated.

Drop Boxes: Back at the County Building

Both the UPS drop box and the Antrim County drop box have been relocated to their new and permanent locations. See photo at right.

The drop boxes are now on the southeast side of the County Building, just around the corner (to the right) from the public entrance.

