

January Resources

Resources in or near northern Kent County 2026

North Kent Connect ~ 10075 Northland Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341 ~ (616) 866-3478

Services at North Kent Connect will be **CLOSED** Tuesday, January 20 for a Staff In-service.

Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

SENIOR MONTHLY COMMODITIES by Kent County (outside on south side of NKC building)

Monday, January 12, 12:00pm - 2:00pm (early due to the Holiday)

- Open to Kent County Residents 60+ who meet income requirements.
- Please see a NKC case manager to complete an application for this program.

SENIOR PANTRY by Meals on Wheels (NKC classroom, north entrance)

Thursday, January 15, 10:00am - 11:30am

- Open to Kent County Residents 60+ who meet income requirements.
- Photo ID & proof of income required for registration.
- Please call Meals on Wheels 616-459-3111 for income qualifications.

Events at North Kent Connect

RIDELINK NORTH COUNTY PANTRY BUS (NKC lobby, north entrance)

Tuesday, January 6, 9:00am - 12:00pm (first Tuesday of each month)

- Must be 60+ and registered with RideLink: 844-694-6589.
- Must be a North Kent Connect client 60+. Call NKC to reserve your ride: 616-866-3478.
- Currently serving: Rockford Towers, River Grove, Richter Place, Mildred Houting, Harvest Way, and Sparta Townhouses.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

Starting January 5, KDL librarians will be located in the NKC partner wing, in the offices located at the back entrance.

Mondays, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

- Get a library card, learn about library services, get tech help, browse a small selection of books, and place holds or download books and audiobooks.

BOOKMOBILE (NKC north parking lot)

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00am - 11:30am

- KDL Bookmobile will be on-site, offering KDL card sign-ups, library materials for checkout, and Wi-Fi access with printing available. The Bookmobile is also equipped with an ADA chairlift for accessibility.

LAKE MICHIGAN CREDIT UNION (NKC Lobby, north entrance)

Thursday, January 8, 10:00pm - 1:00pm

- LMCU will be on-site to provide information and answer questions.

Area Classes and Programs

HOW AI CAN HELP YOU GET A JOB by West Michigan Works!

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00am - 11:30am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr)

Thursday, January 15, 10:00am - 11:30am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr)

In today's evolving job market, artificial intelligence (AI) is changing the way we search for work and navigate the workplace. This interactive workshop will introduce adult learners to AI's powerful role in job searching and career development. Participants will explore how AI tools—like résumé builders, job matching platforms, and interview simulators—can help highlight their skills and improve their chances of landing the right job. We'll also take a realistic look at the challenges AI brings, including issues around fairness, privacy, and the need for human connection in hiring. By the end of the session, learners will leave with practical tips, tools, and a better understanding of how to use AI confidently and responsibly in their career journey.

INTERVIEWING SKILLS by West Michigan Works!

Wednesday, January 7, 8:30am - 10:30am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr.)

Everything you need to know before the interview! Learn interviewing tips and how to answer a variety of questions. Build the skills and confidence to succeed, no matter the interview type.

To register for this FREE workshop, call West MI Works at 616-754-3611 or visit
<https://www.westmiworks.org/workshops/category/in-person-workshops/>

Monthly & Weekly Pantries and Meals

FOOD PANTRY at St. Joseph Catholic Church (409 S Bridge Street, Belding)

- Thursdays, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

GROCERY GARAGE at City Impact (288 North Main St, Cedar Springs)

- Thursdays, 9:00am - 11:00am
- Saturdays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (following the 6:00pm church service)

FOOD PANTRY at First Congregational Church (192 E Bridge St NE, Rockford)

- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

FOOD PANTRY and MEALS at Sparta United Methodist Church (54 E Division Street, Sparta)

- Pantry: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00am - 1:00pm (Located in the church office, back entrance)
- Community Breakfast: Every 4th Saturday, 8:00am - 10:00am (Located in church lower dining room)

BABY PANTRY at St. Gianna's Baby and Toddler Boutique (1400 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids)

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm - 3:00pm; and Thursdays, 10:00am - 1:00pm; 1 visit monthly

MEALS at St. John Paul II Catholic Church (3110 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs)

- Tuesdays, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

PET FOOD PANTRY by North Kent Kibble at Ballard Christian Church (1633 10 Mile Rd NW, Sparta)

- Saturday, January 17, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Mobile Pantries

Saturday, 1/3 at 2:00pm - Alpine Elementary School (Drive thru: 4730 Baumhoff NW, Comstock Park)

Saturday, 1/3 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

Tuesday, 1/6 at 4:30pm - Fremont United Methodist Church (Drive thru: 351 Butterfield St, Fremont)

Friday, 1/9 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

Wednesday, 1/14 at 10:00am - TrueNorth Community Services (Drive thru: 6308 South Warner Ave, Fremont)

Friday, 1/16 at 4:30pm - Belding High School (Drive thru: 850 Hall St, Belding)

Saturday, 1/17 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

Monday, 1/19 at 4:30pm - Cedar Springs Fire Department (Drive thru: 38 N 2nd St NE, Cedar Springs)

Tuesday, 1/20 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Dr, Grant)

If you have questions about a specific Mobile Pantry, please contact the host agency. You can find this information and other food resources online at www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule/. This schedule is provided as a courtesy. It is not guaranteed to be error free, and may be updated or changed at any time, so use it at your own risk. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.feedwm.org/findfood. This site is updated in real time.

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