

## **SMOKE SIGNALS**

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Music: Burk/Meyer

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## **CALENDAR**

Feb. 15 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church

Feb. 20 Bring Your Pastor Day

### **VALENTINE'S DAY!**

We had a great meal! Then President Townley read some Valentines that were appropriate for the day. Those couples that had been married for the longest and for the shortest time were recognized.

### **PROGRAM: SENIOR SERVICES**

Carol Rumba presented the program. Senior Services is also known as The Midland County Council on Aging. An objective is to help keep Seniors in their own homes. A new building was provided in 2001. Seven vans and cars are available for rhea services that are provided. Funding for Senior Services is about four million dollars a year. 55% of funding is from millage.

Important services provided include:

\*Happy Diners delivers "Meals on Wheels" which provided meals and socialization for 1,206 clients last year. Over 62,000 meals were served and 760 meals were home delivered to Seniors.

\*Home care (a "helping hand at home") is available for Seniors in their own home.

\*Counseling is available to help with Seniors' problems.

\*Support is available for people with Alzheimers and dementia and their families and friends.

\*MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) helps Seniors with medical and financial problems.

\* The Senior Independence News is a newspaper for Seniors, with a circulation of 6,400.

\*Many events and programs are provided.

\*There is a library and art gallery with many books, tapes and videos.

\*There are over 600 volunteers who provided 32,000 hours of service last year.

A musical event completed the program. Carol is directing the play, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." A song from that play, "I Can Live With That", was presented by Trena Winans-Bagnal and Steven Holty, with Jan Sutherland, pianist.