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Julie Van Sickle:

Volunteer Book Club Leader at the Scottville Area Senior Center

Julie is a retired RN who retired as an infection control nurse at Oakview in Ludington, and now is a frequent visitor and volunteer at the Scottville Area Senior Center.

She's also a mother of two and a grandmother of seven; an avid ukulele player, a talented member of the monthly

Charity Sew group, a weekly member of Sandy's Quilting Friends, an active member of her church who sings in the church choir, a fun gal who has a ready smile for us all......and **the volunteer leader for the monthly Book Club** at the Scottville Area Senior Center.

Julie attributes her love of reading to her early childhood. When in second grade she completed the most book reports in her class! And when she was young, she and her four siblings would read books (early on, comic books; later on, library books) seated on limbs in an apple tree in their yard south of Custer. Her cousin, Rosie, sat UNDER the tree. One day, a storm was approaching, and they heard the lightning strike "the yellow apple tree!" Thank goodness, the kids had gone inside....and this event *only strengthened her resolve to read, and not deter it!*

Julie and the group have only one rule for the Book Club: if possible, please have read the chosen book prior to the *monthly 2nd Thursday* discussion.

She also informs the Scottville library of the book title, so that they can have copies for those who wish to borrow them.

Other than that, new members are always welcome and the chosen book is announced in the senior center newsletter.

When asked *how* the books are chosen, Julie defers to the group......suggestions are made at the end of each monthly meeting, and voted upon. Since the group often numbers about 8 to 10, the book chosen is as varied as the members present that day.

Some of the books already chosen and discussed are:



Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

A Man Called Ove by Fredrick Backman

The Tortilla Curtain by T.C. Boyle

The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz



Come join the Scottville Area Senior Center Book Club the Second Thursday of every month....at 1:15! The book being discussed is listed in every newsletter! This month's pick is *Hello Beautiful*, by Ann Napolitano. WELCOME BOOK LOVERS!

COVER: This month's cover photo is by Todd Reed, from the book "365 - A Year in the Photographic Lives of Todd and Brad Reed."

The Caregiver Journey: Resources Along the Way

For many caregivers, this is a role they were thrust into. Mom experienced a fall and needs some extra help. Your partner has surgery and recovery doesn't go as planned. Regardless of the reason, you are now responsible for someone else's well-being on top of your own. Research conducted by AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving in 2020 showed that over 53 million American adults served in an unpaid caregiving role for someone aged 50 or older (relative, parent, parent, in-law)*. Caring for a loved one in your life can take on a variety of



older (relative, parent, parent-in-law)*. Caring for a loved one in your life can take on a variety of forms from quick trips to doctor's appointments to helping with daily household tasks and meal preparation. Whether you are new to your caregiving journey or established, you are likely to have moments that can be overwhelming. Here are a few things that can help:

Feel your feelings.

Caregiving is likely to bring out a variety of emotions. Many aspects of caregiving are rewarding and filled with joy. Lean into these. Additionally, some aspects are frustrating, so allow yourself to feel this way as well; giving yourself time to work through them can help.

Accept help.

The caregiver role is likely only one of your many roles; you're likely also an employee, spouse, or parent, and juggling these many tasks can be overwhelming. Recognize that you may not be able to do all tasks on your own and ask for help where you can. Learning to accept this help is also important, little things on a regular basis can make a big difference. More than likely people are willing to jump in to assist, they simply don't know you've been struggling.

Take care of yourself.

Burnout is common in caregiving. It is important that you carve out time for yourself, from going away for a weekend to having someone come by for a few hours, a little time "off" makes a big difference. Self-care can also mean smaller things too like taking a walk, eating healthy foods, reading a book, or calling a friend.

Connect with resources.

A number of resources exist to provide support to older adults and caregivers:

- **Family Caregiver University:** monthly classes for anyone in a caregiving role. These topics range from community resources, self-care activities, and more.
- **Dementia Friends Program:** these one-hour informational sessions help organizations and individuals fully understand dementia and how to communicate effectively.
- Caregiver Resource Network: brings together caregiving resources within a nine-county region.
- **Respite:** This service provides companionship or assistance with activities of daily living for older adults when their primary caregiver is unavailable or looking for support.
- Adult Day: Adult Day Centers care for older adults for extended hours of a day. At an adult day center
 individuals can take part in activities, exercise, socialize with others, and receive personal care while their
 caregivers have respite.
- **Transportation:** transportation options for older adults exist to get them safely to medical appointments, grocery stores, and more, helping relieve some of the caregiver burden.
- **Grandparent Raising Grandchildren:** If the care provided is that of a grandparent looking after their grandchildren, then this program can provide intergenerational experiences and educational sessions. Other kinship caregivers who provide a loving home for young relatives are also welcome.
- **Home Delivered Meals:** for older adults who may not be able to get out to shop for their own groceries, home delivered meals can be a great option for regular deliveries of well-rounded meals.

If you have questions on further support that is available in your county, or would like to be set up with the resources mentioned above, you can call the Area Agency on Aging at (616) 456-5664 or (888) 456-5664.

Source: https://www.aarp.org/ppi/info-2020/caregiving-in-the-united-states.html

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

1 % Milk

Chicken and

Roasted Broccoli

Rice Bake

Carrots

Melon

15

1 % Milk

Goulash

Tomatoes in

Cantaloupe

Breadsticks

1% Milk

Entree Spinach

8



FRIDAY

1% Milk

Pancakes

Sausage

1% Milk

Pork Cutlet

Red Skin Potatoes

California Blend

Oranges Sliced

Salisbury Steak

Red Skins

Pineapple

Green Beans

17

Bread 1 % Milk

24

Hash Browns

Melon Wedges

10

PLEASE CALL MEALSITES FOR LUNCH RESERVATION BY 9:00 AM.

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1 % Milk

THURSDAY

Thursday Pizza Day

Green Beans

Tropical Fruit

Lois' Famous

Mashed Potatoes

Prince Charles

Meatloaf

Blend

Pears

Dinner Roll

Tamale Pie

Tossed Salad

Red Grapes

1 % Milk

1% Milk

1% Milk

Carrots

23

1 % Milk

16

Veggies on Pizza

many important body functions and you become dehydrated. Eight, 8-ounce glasses of water is ideal. 6 Meatballs in Gravy

MONDAY

Fancy Nancy's

Mashed Potato

Grapes

Biscuits

1% Milk

13

Corn

Bun

20

Sauce

Brussels Sprouts

Jessica's Famous Cheeseburger

Potato Salad

Applesauce

Jeannette's

Asparagus

Diced Peaches

Garlic Bread

1 % Milk

27

Spaghetti w/Meat

Memorial Day

Observed

No Meals Served

1 % Milk

Taco Tuesday Beans & Rice Lettuce & Tomato Peaches Tortilla Shell 1% Milk

14 **Chicken Pot Pie** Veg in Entrée Carrots Fresh Pears Pie Crust

1 % Milk

Fruit Mix

1 % Milk

Jumbo Hotdog

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Peaches

1% Milk

Bun

28

21

22 **BBQ Chicken** Lasagna Scalloped Potatoes Cauliflower Lima Beans Warm Spiced **Peaches** Dinner Roll Garlic Bread 1 % Milk

> 29 **Chicken Breast** Carrots **Tossed Salad Red Grapes** Wild Rice 1 % Milk

30 Karen's Favorite **Roast Pork** Corn Squash **Apricots** Dinner Roll

Dinner Roll 1 % Milk 31 Fiesta Lasagna **Refried Beans** in Entrée Lettuce & Tomato **Apple Slices** 1% Milk

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SASC'S Kayaking and Walking Groups are Back for the Summer!



The Scottville Area Senior Center is going to try and kayak every other Friday, starting on May 10th at 10:00am. Please call the center (231-757-4705) to sign up so we know how many will be joining in.

On May 10th, we will be kayaking the Pere Marquette River just to get us back into the float of things! You will need to have your own kayak.

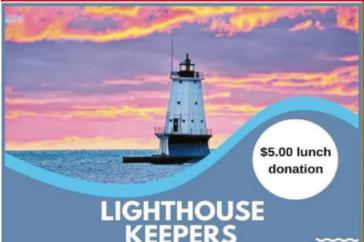
A few kayakers have mentioned they have an extra one if anyone needs to borrow one, but you will need to reach out ahead of time to make sure it's available.

Our Walking Group is starting back up as well! We will be meeting at 9:00am Monday and Wednesday at the Center and walk around Scottville. The distance will vary each time depending on how far we want to go. Then, on Fridays, we will be hiking on some of the local trails around here.

Our first Hiking outing will be on Friday May 3rd, weather permitting. We will meet up at the Timbercreek Trailhead, off US 10, at 9:00am for an out-and-back hike. The

distance will vary depending on how far everyone wants to hike. Please wear appropriate hiking footwear and clothing.

Call the Scottville Area Senior Center (231-757-4705) for details and to sign up.



It is the mission of the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association to preserve, promote, and educate the public about our four lighthouses on the shore of Lake Michigan.

DATE

OTIME

O LOCATION

May 1st, 2024 At 12:00PM Ludington Senior Center

Come out and enjoy lunch and a presentation from the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association.

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LINE DANCING



LINE DANCING WILL RESUME WITH JEANNINE AND DENNIS MAY 7TH AT 2:00PM



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Location: Ludington Senior Center

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Time: 10: 00 am - 11:00 am



Presented by Kelly Barnhardt, RN, TTS Clinical Programs Specialist Community Services Department Corewell Health Ludington Hospital

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CARD MAKING WITH SHARON

Making your own greeting cards is fun and easy. In this class you will be making 4 beautiful greeting cards. Join us on May 24th at 1:00PM.
\$6.00 class fee



PAINTING WITH JULIE

Sign up for Julie's May 24th class and paint these gorgeous nautical-themed paintings. Call to RSVP \$20 class fee including \$10 deposit upon sign-up



WATERCOLOR WITH MARY

This class will be held on May 10th at 1pm. Join us in painting this stunning bird. Call for the price of this class and sign up today.



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Grief Support

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2nd Monday of the month
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Follow us on Facebook to stay informed on all of our activities, presentations, and special events.

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50th Anniversary

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If you would like more information or to book now please call Barb at 231-845-6841



Ark Encounter

September 9-13

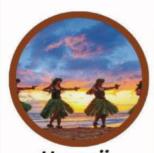


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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Weekly Exercises

- Stretch, Fit & Balance-This class is designed for all ages and exercise levels.
- Yoga
- Zumba Gold (\$6)
- Zumba Toning (\$6)
- Cardio Drumming (\$5)
- · Walking Club
- Enhance Fitness
- Feldenkrais (\$10)
- · Ping Pong
- Line Dancing
- Matter of Balance
- Golf



Weekly Activities

- · Cards and Games
- Duplicate Bridge
- · Mahjong
- · Quilting/Sewing
- · Crafts and Giggles
- Men's Breakfast Club
- Billiards



Activities Offered Throughout The Month

- · Painting with Julie
- Card Making with Sharon
- Watercolors with Mary
- Let's Talk Mason County History
- String A Long Community Jam
- Ladies Lunch Bunch
- TED Talks
- Karaoke
- Grief Support
- Educational Presentations
- Alzheimer's Support Group



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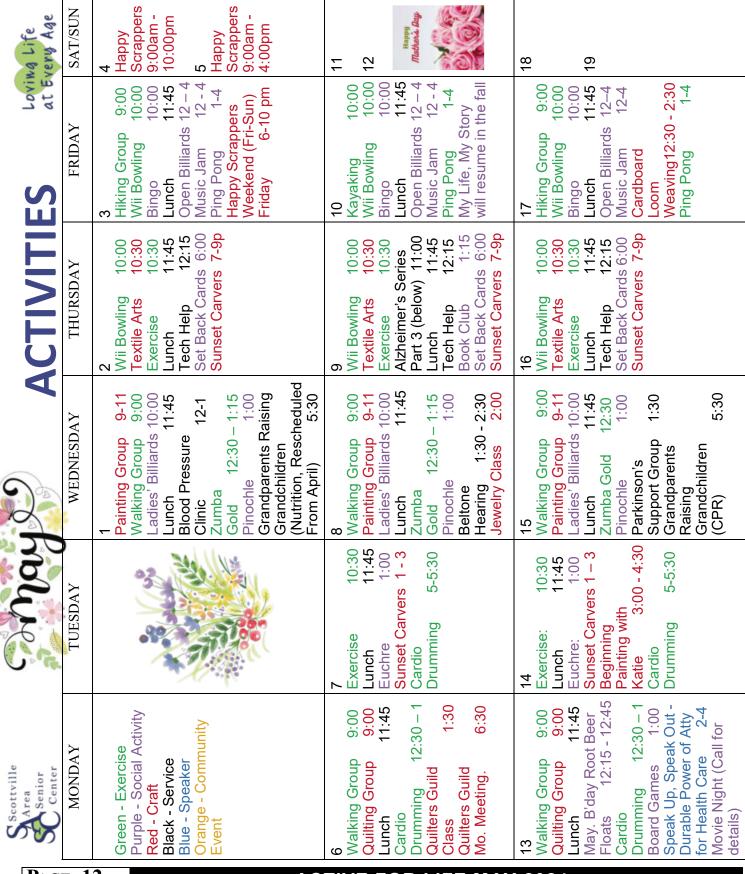


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SASC Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Series continues in May

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Related Behavior. Tips for effectively interacting with those affected by dementia in its many forms. Please call the senior center (231-757-4705) to reserve a spot for Thursday, May 9 at 11 am: Understanding and Responding to Dementiathe May meeting.

sufficient interest, these meetings will continue monthly as a Caregiver Support Group, with oth-This meeting concludes our introductory three-part series for Alzheimer's caregivers. If there is ers invited to join

Questions: call Susan Evans: 231.267-6119

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CRAFTS - MAY 2024

<u>The Sunset Carvers</u> meet every Tuesday in the afternoon and now, starting in May, also every Thursday evening. Tuesdays, they meet from 1:00pm to 3:00pm; and on Thursdays, they meet 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Whether you are an experienced carver or a beginner...all are welcome. There may be a small fee for supplies from time to time. Come join in!



The Painting Group continues to meet at the Scottville Area Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 9:00am to 11:00am. Bring your paint supplies and canvases and join in for a couple hours visiting and painting.

<u>Ada's Happy Scrappers</u> plan a special weekend event. Friday, May 3, 6:00pm to 10:00 pm (\$5.00 fee), Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm (\$20.00 fee) and Sunday May 5, 2024 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (\$5.00 fee) at the Scottville Senior Center. Come to one, two or all three days. Bring your scrappin' stuff or any other craft you may do and enjoy a day of friendship, scrappin' and crafting! Portions of the fees will be



donated to the Scottville Senior Center. Please bring a dish to pass on Saturday and Sunday. Ada will also host a Card Class as well as a Project Recipe during the Crop. Pre-registration is required. Call the center (231-757-4705) for more information or to register for this fun, creative weekend!



<u>Jewelry Making</u> - Wednesday, May 8th, at 2:00pm – We will be creating some Hot Glue Jewelry! The photo is a sample of one of the pieces we will be creating. The fee for this class will be \$5.00. All supplies will be provided. Call the Senior Center (231-757-4705) to reserve your spot at the table.

<u>Beginning Painting with Katie</u> Resumes this month! Katie is back at the Scottville Senior Center. The group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. This month being Tuesday, May 14th. Katie will be teaching how to paint a Robin. Class fee is \$20.00. Please call the Center at 231-757-4705 or Katie at 231-388-3411.

<u>Cardboard Loom Weaving</u> on Friday, May 17th at 12:30pm – 2:30pm. During this class, we will be creating a bracelet. The fee for the class is \$1.00. Please call the Center to reserve your spot.



Card Makina

Monday, May 20th at 2:00pm – We will be creating two Father's Day Themed cards. Class fee is \$5.00. Here is a photo of one similar to the one we will be creating. All supplies will be provided. Please call the Senior Center to reserve your spot.

Jeannette's Craft

Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 at 1:00pm –In this class, you will be able to create a Butterfly House. Call the Center for more details. The fee is by donation only. There is a limit of 5 people for this class. Please call to reserve your spot! 231-757-4705

Crafting with Chris

Thursday, May 30th at 3:00pm – During Chris' class, you will be creating a Beaded Garden Sparkler. The cost for the class is \$15.00. All materials will be provided.

Pre-registration as well as pre-payment is required. Deadline to register and pre-pay is May 10th.



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May Special Events:

Blood Pressure Clinic (Kelly Barnhardt, Corewell Health): Wednesday, May 1, 12 - 1

Beltone Hearing: May 8; 1:30 – 2:30 (call for appt.)

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Series:

"Understanding & Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior and Enjoying Family Celebrations": <u>Thursday, May 9 at 11 a.m.</u> Led by Susan Evans

Book Club: May 9, 1:15. Led by Julie Van Sickle (Book: "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano)

My Story, My Life: Led by Karen Rogers is on summer break and resumes in the fall.

Birthday Celebration (May): May 13, 12:15 – 12:45 (Root Beer Floats)

Parkinson's Group: May 15, 1:30. Led by Shirley Chancellor

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:

May 1, 5:30 (rescheduled from April). Topic: nutrition, led by Kendra Gibson
May 15, 5:30. Topic: CPR Led by Kelly Barnhart, R.N., Corewell Health; for anyone over 10

Estate Planning: May 20, 10 - 3 (appointment only) Please call the center for an appointment.

Ladies' Coffee Klatch: May 28, 9:00: led by Scottville Mayor Marcy Spencer, and City Commissioners Darcy Copenhaver and Dixie Spore.

NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH and FITNESS DAY: MAY 29 (Wednesday)

Delicious, nutritious buffet lunch provided by the staff for all to share. Followed by an exercise demonstration

Looking ahead to June: Organization meeting for new Caregiver Support Group. Monday, June 24 at 1:30

Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care: Who, What, Why, and When Monday, May 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at SASC—Led by Marie Stycos of Mindful Passages

At any time in our lives we can experience an accident or illness that incapacitates us for a time or permanently. Who will guide your care providers when you are unable to? To help assure that your desires are followed in such a time, you need to legally designate your medical decision maker. Who should that be? Why is this important? When should it be in place? The answers may surprise you!

You are invited to learn this information and be introduced to the necessary forms in the first hour of our gathering. Those that desire to may stay for all or part of the second hour, to have questions answered and for assistance in beginning to fill out the form.

This knowledge and its implementation may increase your peace of mind in the realization of inevitable mortality.



TALLMAN LAKE SENIOR CENTER

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NOON LUNCH MON-FRI

Please call the day before to order lunch!



HOURS **9 AM TO 3 PM MON-FRI**

MONDAY TUESDAY				<u>'</u>	
		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
• Darts Thursdays at 10:00 • Cardmaking 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 (free)		1 10:00 Auxiliary Mtg. All Welcome! 10–2 Open Billiards	2 10–2 Open Billiards 10-12 Darts	3 10:00 Put-N-Take 10–2 Open Billiards 11:00 Yarn Therapy	
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10:30-11:30 BLOOD- PRESSURE CHECKS 11:00 Safe & Sane Exercise 1:00 Focus on Food	10–2 Open Billiards 1:00 Table Games	11:00 Checkers 1:00 Craft Creation Our supplies, your imagination! Make sale items for center.	1:00 Euchre 1:00 Grief Support (and on an as-needed basis privately)	Friday and Saturday May 24–25, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. SEE OUR HALF PAGE OR CALL 231-757-3306 FOR DETAILS!	
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Free Soil Area Senior Center

The Center is open from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Delicious made-from-scratch meals cooked on site. Served at NOON.

Please call
464-6789 by noon
the DAY BEFORE
to reserve a meal.
Thank you!

JOIN US FOR A MEAL

WALK LAPS IN THE GYM

PLAY A GAME OF POOL

ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT

VISIT WITH NEW & OLD FRIENDS

MAY MENU

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Tuesday, May 7

Pork Roast Stuffing Green Beans Roll & Butter Applesauce

Tuesday, May 14

Chili
Corn Bread
Salad
Diced Peaches
Cottage Cheese

Tuesday, May 21

Baked Chicken Cheesy Potatoes Salad Roll & Butter Pudding

Tuesday, May 28

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs Cottage Cheese Pineapple Thursday, May 2

BBQ Chicken
Macaroni Salad
Roll & Butter
Mixed Fruit
Birthday Cake & Ice Cream

Thursday, May 9

Breakfast Bake Banana Sausage Links Mini Danish

Thursday, May 16

Beef Roast Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cream Corn Roll & Butter Jello Cake

Thursday, May 23

Burgers Tater Tots Vegetable Tray Mixed Fruit Triple Chocolate Cake

Thursday, May 30

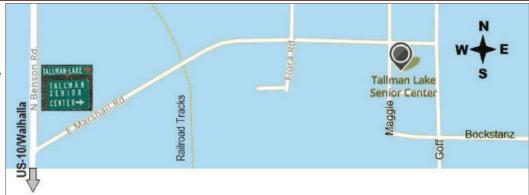
Beef Stew Sourdough Bread & Butter Garden Salad Fruited Jello

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Kick off the vard-sale season with a road trip to eastern Mason County and beyond! On your way to the **Lake County Historical** Society's Antiques and Collectibles Sale in Baldwin(find it on Facebook) Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, take a side trip a couple miles north off US-10, on Benson Road at Walhalla, and turn right on East Marshall to see TLSC's!



FLEA MARKET SALE AT TALLMAN LAKE SENIOR CENTER SPONSORED BY THE TLSC AUXILIARY BOARD

Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- * 10' × 12' spaces on the east side of the building, separated by 4-foot walkways, and two tickets redeemable for pop or water for a single, nonrefundable \$5 fee per space for both days.
- * Come to the center starting May 21 to choose and reserve your space.
- * All items must be removed from the premises no later than 4:00 p.m., Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Supply your own chairs and tables or other displays to showcase your wares. Sale items must be clean and in good reusable condition. Arts and crafts, cottage-foods products, clothes, trinkets, and treasures welcome. No alcohol, firearms, fireworks, contraband, or related items allowed on the premises.

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The Free Soil Senior Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 2:00. They have a large gym, good for indoor walking and other activities on rainy days. Their lunches are made on-site and served at noon. Call 231-464-6789 to reserve a spot for lunch.



Free Soil Senior Center's Reading Room



Free Soil Senior Center's Lunch Crowd

Ask Sharon

By Sharon Bailey, Medicare Counselor at SASC

Focus on Finances

May? I thought it was just February and here it is May already! We are almost halfway through 2024 and I'm looking forward to warm, but not too warm, weather. We had another nice winter with not much snow and I am sure you enjoyed it as much as I did. I think climate change is affecting Michigan in a good way. Just don't complain when we have April (and later) showers our farmers need.

Q. I didn't realize how important it is to know about my finances. My husband always handled our money. I thought that as long as I don't bounce checks, I made enough. Why is it important to know?

A. If you are living on Social Security, you may qualify for extra help or help from the state for your Medicare. Even if you have a small pension you could qualify for help paying for medications. You should know what your income is so that you get the help for which you qualify.

Q. Where can I find out how much money I receive from Social Security?

A. Most of our government checks go directly into our checking accounts. The amount of SS will be on your bank account statement listed as "US Treasury." You can also ask for a copy of your statement at the bank. If you make around \$1,900 or less, you should come to see me at the Scottville Area Senior Center or a MMAP counselor at the Ludington Senior Center.

Everyone, man or woman, should know about their finances. If your children manage them, ask them to keep you informed of how much money you have available. Also know if you have health insurance above what Medicare pays and if you have a paid for burial plan. If you handle your own accounts, please have one of your children's names on the accounts. If you should become ill or incapacitated in some way, that cosigner can access your money. They do not have to have their name on your checks, but they do have to sign a signature card at the bank or credit union.

SASC SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR 2024

Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota: June 1–9

New York City – August 22 – 28

These tours still have room for you! Please call 231-757-4705

Payment due when you sign up

Vermont – October 13 – 19
Deposits due by June 10

Dandelion Facts

- The name dandelion is taken from the French word "dent de lion" meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves.
- Dandelion seeds travel like tiny parachutes, often as far as five miles from their origin.
- Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for coloring. The dandelion also opens in the morning and closes in the evening.
- In fact, up until the 1800s, people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions! They have been used in Chinese traditional medicine for over 1,000 years and are also used in folk medicine to treat infections.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups help people realize that they are not alone – that others share similar challenges.

Talking through your situation with other participants can be a huge relief and help point you in the right direction toward addressing your issue.

Yes, you may be uncomfortable at first discussing personal issues and your feelings, but you will quickly learn that talking with others in a supportive and confidential setting is often helpful. Being in a support group can also help you develop new skills in relating to others.

Please consider giving it a try - call today for assistance!

Coming soon to Scottville Area Senior Center: New support groups for Alzheimers Caregivers and for Caregivers of all kinds. Please call the center (231-757-4705) if interested

Mason County Caregiver
Support Group—
Alzheimer's Association

Ludington Senior Center 308 S. Rowe Street, Ludington, MI 49431 2nd Thursdays, 1:00 pm



Grief Support Group

Ludington Senior Center 308 S Rowe Street Ludington, MI 49431 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30 pm 231-845-6841

Parkinson's Support Group

April thru December
Scottville Senior Center
140 S. Main Street,
Scottville, 49454
Third Wednesdays, 1:00 pm
231-757-4705



Mental Health Crisis Line

Grief Support Group

Hospice of Michigan 5177 W. US 10, Suite #2 Ludington, MI 49431 4th Mondays 12:00pm 231.845.3423

Kinship Care Support Group

(Grandparents & others raising young relatives) Scottville Senior Center 3rd Wednesdays, 5:30 140 S. Main, Scottville 231-757-4705



Grief Support Group

Tallman Senior Center 6765 East Marshall Road Fountain, MI 49410 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 1:00pm - 3:00pm 231-757-3306

ACTIVE for LIFE Newsletter

GET IT THREE WAYS! — The Active for Life newsletter is available:

- 1. In print for free at MANY locations throughout Mason County, including all senior centers
- **2. Online** for free using one of these links: <u>ourseniorcenter.com/find/Scottville-area-senior-center</u> or https://www.ourseniorcenter.com/find/ludington-area-senior-center-49431, www.ludingtonseniorcenter.org
- 3. By mail contact Scottville Area Senior Center, 757-4705. \$21.00 per year, paid by check or cash.

USEFUL NUMBERS FOR SENIORS

General Senior Services Meals on Wheels	231_757_4831	Medical Transportation Scottville Area Senior Center	231-757-4705
Free Soil Area Senior CenterLudington Area Senior Center	.231-464-6789	(Doctor appointments-up to 100 miles away) Rides to Wellness (within Mason County)1-	
Scottville Area Senior Center	231-757-4705	Other Transportation	044-332-7433
Tallman Lake Area Senior Center		Ludington Area Mass Transit	
Call 211 (24/7): General information, local servi	ices	Ludington Taxi	
Elders' Helpers(Personal Emergency Response Systems)	.616-454-8305	Mason County Veterans Affairs John Cotten, Director (jcotten@masoncounty.net)	
Emergency Assistance	044	Education	024 045 6044
Ambulance, Police, Fire		West Shore Community College Tuition free classes for those 60+	23 1-043-02 1 1
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255	Recreation, wellness center: \$5 per day	
Community Mental Health—Emergency		Michigan State U. Extension	231-845-3361
Domestic violence (C.O.V.E.)	231-043-3000	Housing and Shelter Assistance Five Cap, Inc	221 757 2705
Public Safety Mason County Sheriff	231_843_3475	True North Community Services	
Ludington Police		Habitat for Humanity	
Scottville Police2		Red Cross.	
Health		Senior living options—Oasis Senior Advisors	
Health DeptDistrict #10		In-home services- Scottville Senior Center	.231-757-4705
Corewell Health Ludington Hospital		Homemaker, Respite services; Home injury control device installation	
Community Mental Health2		Employment and Training	
Alzheimer's Helpline8	00-272-3900	AARP Foundation-Senior Employment Pgm	231-252-4544
Mich. Dept. of Health & Human Service		Medical Equipment Loans (free)	
Adult Protective Services (24/7)8		American Legion Post 76, Ludington	231-845-7094
Child Protective Services8 Mason County MDHHS office		Custer VFW Gold Bar Post, Custer	231-757-9665
Food resources	.01 010 7001	Ludington Senior Center	
Lakeshore Food Club2	231-480-4334	Scottville Senior Center	
Caritas Food Pantry (Custer)2	31-690-9642	Tullinan oction oction	.201707-0000
FiveCap, Inc, Scottville2		Volunteer opportunities	
Senior Meals-on-Wheels2 Congregate meals: all Mason County senior ce		All Mason County senior centers	
Legal Assistance	nicis	Corewell Health Ludington Hospital	
Lakeshore Legal Aid	888.783-8190	Hospice of Michigan	888-247-5701
Estate Planning		Other useful numbers/services AARP—NW Michigan office	231 252 4544
Ludington Senior Center		Alzheimer's Association	
Scottville Senior Center	231-757-4705	Disability Connection/W. Mich231-722-0088;	866-322-4501
Heating/Utilities Assistance	221 045 7201	Mason County District Library.	004 040 0405
Mich. Dept. Health/Human Services	.231-040-7391 231-757-3785	Ludington	231-843-8465 231 757 2588
True North Community Services	.231-924-0641	Mason County Prosecuting Attorney	
THAW-The Heat & Warmth Fund	.800-866-8429	Medicare/Medicaid Assistance	
HELP Ministry		Scottville Senior Center	
Furniture, Appliances, Wheelchair Ram		Ludington Senior Center	
HELP Ministry Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Kinshi		ReStore (Habitat for Humanity)	
Scottville Area Senior Center	231-757-4705	Salvation Army	.231-843-3711
Kinship Care Resource Center, MSU		Social Security Administration	
		United Way	231-843-8593

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