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Elder Abuse Is Growing. So Why Are We Cutting the Programs That Prevent It? Guest article by: Kristyn Merkle, Coordinator, Kent County Elder Abuse Coalition

Right now, some older adults in our community are isolated, vulnerable, and in cases, unsafe in their own homes. And if proposed federal budget cuts are enacted, the few systems designed to protect them may vanish.



June is **Elder Abuse Awareness Month**, a time when we shine a light on the prevalence of abuse for too many older Americans. Here in Michigan, more than **73,000 older adults** are victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation each year. Many are harmed by someone they know. Most never report it. Behind every one of those cases is a real person, someone's parent, neighbor, or friend. **And now, those already at risk may lose access to the very supports that keep them safe.**

The proposed FY2026 federal budget includes the elimination of several critical aging programs, including **Elder Abuse Prevention**, the **Long-Term Care Ombudsman**, and **community, evidence-based wellness programs** that reduce falls, manage chronic conditions, and combat isolation. These programs aren't extras, they are essential.

In my work with the Kent County Elder Abuse Coalition, I've seen the consequences when older adults lose these supports. It means fewer safety checks, fewer trusted advocates, and fewer chances to stop abuse before it happens. It also means more caregivers burning out, more emergency room visits, and more premature nursing home placements.

Programs funded by the Older Americans Act and Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services allow older adults to remain in their homes and communities where we know they want to be. In 2023 alone, Michigan's senior nutrition programs delivered over 10 million meals, helping prevent malnutrition and isolation. In-home support, transportation, and wellness education make daily life safer for thousands of Michiganders.

These supports also save money. Every dollar invested in community-based care saves approximately \$3 in Medicaid and long-term care costs. Prevention works and it pays off. Meanwhile, financial exploitation is also on the rise. In just one year, banks reported over \$27 billion in suspicious activity targeting older Americans. Without advocates or legal support, many victims lose everything.

Demand for services is growing. By 2030, one in five Americans will be over 65. Cutting funding now is not just shortsighted, it's unsafe.

This is not about politics. It's about protecting people. For more than 50 years, Older Americans Act programs have been a trusted, bipartisan, community-based safety net. They reflect our shared values: dignity, safety, independence, and fiscal responsibility.

This Elder Abuse Awareness Month, I urge lawmakers and community members alike to protect what works. Fully fund the services that keep older adults safe, connected, and supported.

Let's act on what we already know: prevention works, support matters, and every older adult deserves to feel safe.

Want to learn more and get involved in advocacy around this important issue? Contact AAAWM Advocacy and Planning Director, Sheri Harris 616-222-7015 or email sherih@aaawm.org

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June 2025

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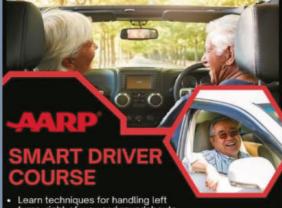
Who does What and When: Primary Care, Palliative Care, Hospice, End-of-Life Doula

Tuesday, June 17th @2pm

As one deals with the healthcare system it can be difficult to know who does what. This can be especially true when dealing with a chronic or terminal illness. Then add in the newer disciplines and it is even more challenging. So, let's take a look at who does what and when and does anyone 'see' the whole you.

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| 2 Manitowoc Trip: leave at 8:00 a.m. Quilting 9:00 Walking Group 9:00 Lunch 11:45 Cardio Drumming 12:30 Quilting Guild 6:30 | SEXERCISE 10:30 Lunch 11:45 Euchre 1:00 Sunset Carvers 1-3 Cardio Drum 5:00 | 4 Painting Group 9:0 Walking Group 9:0 Cribbage 9:30-11:: Ladies' Billiards 10:0 Lunch 11:4 Blood Pressure Clinic 12- Zumba 12:30-1:3 Pinochle 1:0 AAAWM Public Forum WSCC Admin Building 1:0 Return from Manitowoc | Textile Arts 10:30 Exercise 10:30 Lunch 11:45 Tech Help 12:15 Tai Chi 12:30 -2:30 Set Back 6:00 | 6 Wii Bowling 9:30 Bingo 10:00 Chair Massage 11:30-3 Lunch 11:45 Open Billiards 12-4 Music Jam 12-4 Ping Pong 1-4 | 7 Classic Car & Truck Show 10-3 Parking lot behind SASC |
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Green - Exercise Purple - Social Activity Red - Craft



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Monthly Groups



June 2: Quilt Guild: 6:30

June 12: Book Club at 1:15

Book: Elephant Company by Vicki Constantine Croke **Join us, but read the book before hand, if possible.**

June 23: Parkinson's Support Group: 1:30

June 23: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:

5:30 cook out (please rsvp)

June 24: Ladies' Coffee Klatch: 9:00

June 26: Organic Gardening Club (12:30 – 2)

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 4: Area Agency on Aging Public Forum (1:00)

West Shore Administrative & Conference Building

Lunch included. Rsvp: Susan Evans (susanevans1007@gmail.com)

<u>June 7: Scottville Area Senior Center Classic Car and Truck Show</u> (10 – 3)

From 10 – 3, amazing classic cars and trucks will line the lot behind the center. Please come enjoy the autos, ask questions of the proud owners, and share our love of the past. There will be prizes awarded, made by the wood carving club! Car registration is \$15.

June 19: Senior Expo

11 – 2 p.m. at the Cornerstone Baptist Church. Come and learn about biometrics screening, how banks can assist seniors, the role of the health department, kidney foundation, Alzheimer's association, Corewell Health, senior centers and many more businesses and non-profits that will answer questions about how they assist our senior community.

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CRAFTS - June 2025



<u>The Sunset Side Wood Carvers</u> meet every Tuesday in the afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. If you are a master carver or a beginner. All are welcome. There may be a small fee for supplies from time to time. Come join in!

<u>The Painting Group</u> meets 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>Crafts with Carole and Cathy</u> (presented by Ludington Woods) Monday, June 9th at 2:00pm. This month, Carole and Cathy will be teaching us how to create a Patriotic Hanging Basket (no flowers provided). There is no fee for this class and the class is limited to 10 participants. Please call the Center to reserve your place at the table.

Card Making

Tuesday, June 10th at 2:00pm – We will be creating two Patriotic Themed Cards. A sample of one of the cards is shown here. Class fee is \$5.00 for both cards. All supplies will be provided. Please call the Senior Center to reserve your spot.





Jewelry Making

Wednesday, June 11th, at 2:00pm – Back by popular demand, we will be making a Beach Glass Pendant. A sample is shown here. Everyone's will be different. 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.

Scrapbooking

Come Crop with us on June 14th from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Bring your scrappin' stuff (or any other papercraft you are working on) and let's get some photos preserved or a craft completed! Bring a dish to share for either brunch or dinner on Saturday. Call or stop by for more details and to sign up. Pre-registration is required.





\$5.00 fee will be donated to the Scottville Area Senior Center. Hope you can join us!

Diamond Art Class

Tuesday, June 17th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Are you a Diamond Art Artist or do you want to learn how to be a Diamond Art Artist? Join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm until 3:00pm and let's make some Art! Donna Genia will be available to show you how it's done. If you are a newbie, there will be kits available for purchase (\$3.00) to get you started. If you are already a Diamond Artist, bring your project along and hang out with fellow artists and work on your project. Please call the Scottville Area Senior Center to reserve your spot at the

<u>Get Hooked – Crochet with Missy</u> – Wednesday, June 25th at 1:00pm. Come join Missy in her Crochet Class. This month, she will be teaching you how to create "OCTO", a crocheted octopus. The fee for the class is \$15.00 and all supplies will be provided. Please call the Senior Center to reserve your spot.



table.

Crafting with Chris

Thursday, June 26th at 3:00pm - During Chris' class, you will be creating this adorable insect yard decoration. The cost for the class is \$15.00. All materials will be provided. **Deadline to register is June 13th**. Please call or stop by the Senior Center to register!

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Tigers Game - July 12, 2025

Tigers Game - September 3, 2025

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JOIN US FOR A MEAL

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PLAY A GAME OF POOL

ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT

VISIT WITH NEW & OLD FRIENDS

JUNE MENU

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Burrito Casserole Spanish Rice Pineapple Tidbits Cake & Ice Cream

Thursday, June 5

Chicken Sea Shell Pasta Salad Garlic Cheese Rolls 7 Bean Salad Banana Dutch Apple Pie

Tuesday, June 10

French Toast Bake Ham Peaches Cookie

Thursday, June 12

Meatloaf
Cheesy Potatoes
Asparagus
Roll & Butter
Pears
Pudding

Tuesday, June 17

Beef Noodle Soup Chicken Vegetable Soup Tossed Salad Fresh Baked Bread Fruit Salad

Thursday, June 19

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Roll & Butter
Peach Cobbler

Tuesday, June 24

Sesame Asian Chicken
Stir Fry Vegetables
Rice
Mandarin Oranges
Choco-Cherry Dump
Cake

Thursday, June 26

Rueben Sliders Tater Tots Veggie Tray & Dip Fruit Cookie

Please call by noon, the day before a meal or sign up in the center.





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JUNE EVENTS

June 5 Cake and Ice Cream

June 7 Regular Meeting, 1:00 pm

June 10 Jewelry Cleaning + Glasses Cleaning & Tune-Up 10:30-11:45

June 19 Flyers Club (weather permitting) 11:30 until?

June 25 (Wed) Maritime Museum/ Lunch at House of Flavors 10:00am



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June Special Events

Tech Help with Thomas—Monday, June 16

Join us between 12:30 and 2:30 for help with getting the most from smart phones, tablets and other digital devices, with Thomas, our tech help wizard from the Mason County District Library.

Computer tablets available. Thanks to our friends at the Ludington Rotary Club, starting in June we will have computer tablets available at the senior center for Internet access, and Thomas can help us get the most out of these new tablets. For example: Senior Project Fresh has a new online system this year, which replaces the paper coupons used in the past, for eligible seniors to obtain Michigan grown fruits and vegetables.

Guest Speaker: Attorney Andrea Pehrson, Monday, June 9, 12:30 pm.

Ms. Pehrson will present information on estate planning—wills, trusts and other aspects of smart financial planning. Join us for this informative session.

Five wishes—End of Life Planning: Wed., June 4, 1:00.

Take part in this discussion to help you develop your personal end of life plan, to ensure your loved ones know your preferences and that your final wishes are carried out as you intend.

Healthy living events with Nurse Kelly Barnhardt--Monday, June 30

Nurse Kelly from Corewell Health returns to provide free blood pressure checks from 10:30-11:30. Then, after a healthy lunch, she will offer tips to help us avoid injuries from falling.

Reflexology—Monday, June 9 and 23—12:30

This series of sessions, starting in June, will help us understand the potential benefits of Reflexology—which involves massage of the hands, feet and ears. Reflexologists say different amounts of pressure in these areas can provide a range of health benefits. People who have experienced this massage technique report that it has helped them in a variety of ways, including

- Reduce stress and anxiety -Reduce pain - Improve mood - Improve general well-being

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Ask Sharon By Sharon Bailey, Medicare Counselor at SASC

This month's column is all about what you should know about about signing up for Medicare. If you are on Social Security the cost of Medicare will automatically beS taken out of your check. If you are not on SS you will have to pay for it yourself every three months. I think Medicare is probably the best thing the government has done for senior citizens.

- Q. When should I apply for Medicare?
- A. If you are retired you don't you have to do anything. You will receive your Medicare card well before your birthday month. If you are still working you will have to apply about three months before your birthday month.
- Q. What parts do I need?
- A. It depends on whether of not you have medical insurance from your job as part of your retirement package, you should ask your HR person what you will need. Some employers continue your health care, but you will need to sign up for part A. Part A is free. If this is the case you don't have to do anything else.

If you retire and you lose your benefits you should add Part B to your Medicare two months before or up to two months after your last day of employment. You will pay a penalty after that for each month that you don't sign up.

- Q. Do I have to do anything after I get my card?
- A. It is to your benefit to have a private plan to supplement your Medicare. Either the Ludington Senior or the Scottville Senior can help you do this.
- B. Q What are my choices?
- A. 1) Original Medicare has deductibles and pay 80% of whatever Medicare charges. There are no caps on charges. 2) A Medicare supplement plan (like Blue Cross) varies depending on the plan, but most plans pay the major costs, but are around two hundred dollars a month in addition to the cost of Medicare. 3) A Medicare Advantage Plan has about a \$5,000 out of pocket cost depending on your plan, but some are free and most have a premium of about \$30. Unless you are hospitalized you will not come anywhere near the out of pocket cost.
- Q. How do find I out about these plans?
- A. You can call me at 757- 4052 or the Ludington Senior Center at 845-3423 to make an appointment. If you are interested in a Medicare Supplement plan, you will need to see an Insurance agent.https://pixabay.com/photos/orange-orange-slice-cartoon-orange-7353677/

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!

Mason County Caregiver Support Group— Alzheimer's Association

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



Parkinson's Support Group

April thru December
Scottville Senior Center
140 S. Main Street,
Scottville, 49454
Third Wednesdays, 1:30 pm
231-757-4705

Kinship Care Support Group

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

231-757-470

Alzheimer's Support Group

Scottville Senior Center 140 S. Main Street, Scottville, 49454 Second Thursdays, 11:00 am 231-757-4705



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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

Grief Support Group

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

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 | | Medical Transportation | |
|--|--------------|--|----------------|
| Meals on Wheels | | Scottville Area Senior Center | 231-757-4705 |
| Free Soil Area Senior Center | 231-464-6789 | (Doctor appointments-up to 100 miles away) | |
| Ludington Area Senior Center | 231-845-6841 | Rides to Wellness (within Mason County)1 | -844-532-7433 |
| Scottville Area Senior Center | | Other Treeses sateties | |
| Tallman Lake Area Senior Center | | Other Transportation | 004 045 6040 |
| Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan | | Ludington Area Mass Transit | |
| Call 211 (24/7): General information, local se | | Ludington Taxi | |
| Elders' Helpers | | DJ's Taxi | 231-843-3912 |
| (Personal Emergency Response Systems) | 010 404 0000 | Mason County Veterans Affairs | 231-583-2028 |
| | | John Cotten, Director (jcotten@masoncounty.net | |
| Emergency Assistance | | , | •) |
| Ambulance, Police, Fire | | Education | |
| Mental Health Crisis Line | 988 | West Shore Community College | 231-845-6211 |
| Suicide Prevention Lifeline | 800-273-8255 | Tuition free classes for those 60+ | |
| Community Mental Health—Emergency | 231-845-6294 | Recreation, wellness center: \$5 per day | 231-843-5543 |
| Domestic violence (C.O.V.E.) | | Michigan State U. Extension | 231-845-3361 |
| | | Housing and Chalten Assistance | |
| Public Safety | 004 040 0475 | Housing and Shelter Assistance | 224 757 2705 |
| Mason County Sheriff | | Five Cap, Inc | |
| Ludington Police | | True North Community Services | |
| Scottville Police | 231-757-4729 | Home Team Housing | |
| Health | | Red Cross | |
| Health DeptDistrict #10 | 231-845-7381 | Senior living options—Oasis Senior Advisors | 616-675-0006 |
| Corewell Health Ludington Hospital | | In-home services- Scottville Senior Center | 231-757-4705 |
| Mercy Health Ludington Urgent Care | | Homemaker, Respite services; | 201 101 4100 |
| Community Mental Health | | Home injury control device installation | |
| Alzheimer's Helpline | | • • | |
| · | | Employment and Training | |
| Mich. Dept. of Health & Human Serv | | AARP Foundation-Senior Employment Pgm | 231-252-4544 |
| Adult Protective Services (24/7) | | Medical Equipment Loans (free) | |
| Child Protective Services | | American Legion Post 76, Ludington | 221 845 7004 |
| Mason County MDHHS office | 231-845-7391 | | |
| Food resources | | Custer VFW Gold Bar Post, Custer | |
| Lakeshore Food Club | 221 480 4234 | Ludington Senior Center | |
| | | Scottville Senior Center | |
| Caritas Food Pantry (Custer) | | Tallman Senior Center | 231757-3306 |
| FiveCap, Inc, Scottville Senior Meals-on-Wheels | | | |
| | | Volunteer opportunities | |
| Congregate meals: all Mason County senior | centers | All Mason County senior centers | |
| Legal Assistance | | Corewell Health Ludington Hospital | .231-843-2591 |
| Lakeshore Legal Aid | 888.783-8190 | Hospice of Michigan | |
| Estate Planning | | | |
| Ludington Senior Center | 231-845-6841 | Other useful numbers/services | |
| Scottville Senior Center | | AARP—NW Michigan office | 231-252-4544 |
| | | Alzheimer's Association | |
| Heating/Utilities Assistance | 004 045 7004 | Disability Connection/W. Mich231-722-0088 | ; 866-322-4501 |
| Mich. Dept. Health/Human Services | | Mason County District Library. | |
| Five Cap, Inc | | Ludington | .231-843-8465 |
| True North Community Services | | Scottville | .231-757-2588 |
| THAW-The Heat & Warmth Fund | | Mason County Prosecuting Attorney | .231-845-7377 |
| HELP Ministry | 231-843-6811 | Medicare/Medicaid Assistance | |
| Furniture, Appliances, Wheelchair Ra | amps | Scottville Senior Center | 231-757-4705 |
| HELP Ministry | | Ludington Senior Center | 231-845-6841 |
| Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Kin | | Red Cross | 800-733-2767 |
| Scottville Area Senior Center | | ReStore (Habitat for Humanity) | |
| Kinship Care Resource Center, MSU | | Salvation Army | |
| Minority Gare Nesource Genter, MSU | 000-000-1210 | Social Security Administration | |
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