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Active for Life

Mason County's Senior Newsletter

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Thank You

The Ludington Senior Center is honored to recognize an amazing volunteer, Elane Vandenbergh. Elane lives in Ludington with her husband Keith, Elane has an abundance of knowledge and skills. Elane is a retired RN with various nursing experience, director of nursing, nurse case manager, Hospice, Occupational health, and pediatric nurse. Elane volunteers in multiple areas for the senior center. She is a yoga Instructor, chair yoga instructor and an Advisory Board member, and a Matter of Balance coach. Chair Yoga is a new class that was made available this past summer, due to Elane's skills and dedication. She also has provided workshops on managing stress and improving health. Elane is so kindhearted and helpful. She loves encouraging others and is an advocate for aging well.



We're always looking for amazing volunteers like Elane. Call the senior center today or fill out an application online ludingtonseniorcentor.org

Advocacy is for Everyone

Advocacy isn't self-serving. Advocacy is a collective effort showing "public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy." At its heart, advocacy shines a light on important issues affecting community members and works to improve quality of life for everyone, creating an environment where everyone can thrive. Advocacy is a critical tool that elevates community members' voices and drives change through collective action.



Advocates for Senior Issues (AFSI) is a nonpartisan group, affiliated with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, where older adults gather monthly to listen, learn, and build community together. Members come from diverse ages, backgrounds, and affiliations, but share one common goal: voicing the concerns of older adults and advancing the well-being of seniors across West Michigan.

Through the years, AFSI members have championed essential priorities such as protecting the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver, which helps individuals remain in their homes instead of costly nursing facilities; defending funding for the Older Americans Act, which supports nutrition, transportation, and caregiver services; and strengthening the Long Term Care Ombudsman program, which safeguards the rights of nursing home residents. These are examples of advocacy in action, where seniors and community members come together to protect programs that directly impact lives.

AFSI kicks off its first meeting of the year on September 19th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Prince Conference Center. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, except for July, August, and December. At each meeting, there is a legislative guest speaker in attendance—including State Senators and Representatives and local County Commissioners, among others. The second half then features an educational presentation. Topics covered span from elder abuse and scams to senior driving, to Medicare and Medicaid. These gatherings are not only a space for learning and dialogue but also for empowerment t, giving seniors the chance to ask questions, share stories, and speak directly to legislators about important issues.

Advocacy takes many forms: contacting legislators, attending hearings, submitting a_testimony, or even showing up at a parade to share a message. What matters most is that advocacy with AFSI remains non-partisan, collective, and inclusive. It ensures that seniors' voices are heard, and their needs are prioritized.

Take a step towards making a difference and join us on September 19 at the Prince Conference Center from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm! Guest speakers include Representative Stephen Wooden and Maureen McKenzie, from Gilda's Club Grand Rapids. AFSI is open to the public and free to attend for first time guests. Yearly membership fees are \$30 for individuals and \$45 for couples; payment can be made at www.aaawm.org/afsi. Together, we can stand up for seniors and continue to protect vital programs and services that make aging in place possible. Advocacy is for everyone.

If you'd like to be a sponsor for the Advocates for Senior Issues (AFSI), visit www.aaawm.org/become-a-sponsor-afsi. With over 300 AFSI members, and a reach of over 10,000 individuals, sponsors have the opportunity to grow their audience and increase their reach in West Michigan. Sponsors' support helps us build a stronger, more connected community where everyone can age with purpose and dignity.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR MEALS

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MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY** 3 **Quarter Pounder Country Fried** Chicken Tetrazzini **Baked Beans** Steak Broccoli **Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes** Carrots Watermelon Green Beans **Applesauce** What was this treat Hamburger Bun **Tropical Fruit** 1 % Milk called originally? 1% Milk **Bread** (see page 13) 1 % Milk Stuffed Baked 10 **Chicken Stir-Fry** Ground beef w/ **Stuffed Green** Potato **Mac and Cheese** Spanish Rice Ham and Cheese **Stewed Tomatoes** Stir-Fry Veggies **Pepper** Peas Carrots Sauce Green Beans Cantaloupe **Orange Wedges** Warm Peaches Broccoli Banana Rice 1% Milk 1% Milk Grapes 1% Milk 1% Milk **Bread** 1% Milk 13 14 15 16 17 Ham, Potato and Sloppy Joes **Stuffed Cabbage** Pizza Day Lasagna **Rolls Cheese Casserole** Hash Brown Casse-**Thursday** Broccoli **Tossed Salad** Peas role Broccoli **Tossed Salad Pears** Corn Warm Spiced Green Beans **Peaches** Dinner Roll Peaches 1% Milk **Breadsticks Applesauce** 1% Milk 1% Milk 1 % Milk Bun 1% Milk 20 21 22 23 24 Jumbo frank **Chicken Noodle** Stacked Pancakes **Taco Tuesday Roast Beef** Sausage Taco Meat **Baked Beans** Bake **Mashed Potatoes** Apple Juice Flour Shell Coleslaw Green Beans Green Beans Hash Browns Lettuce, Tomato, Pears Carrots **Diced Pears** 1% Milk Cheese Bun **Apricots** Dinner Roll Peaches 1% Milk Sliced Bread 1% Milk 1% Milk 1% Milk 27 28 29 30 31 **Lemon Baked Fish** Meatloaf Spaghetti w/ **Baked Chicken Lois's Witches** Au Gratin Potatoes **Mashed Potatoes Meat Sauce** Scalloped Potatoes Stew Spinach Carrots California Blend Beef, Carrots, Peas **Applesauce** Spooky Salad **Apricots** Fruit Mix Warm Applesauce Dinner Roll Wheat Bread Rice Pilaf Freaky Fruit mix 1% Milk 1% Milk Garden Salad 1% Milk Halloween Treat

Garlic Toast

1% Milk

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

PRICES

Age 60 and up: \$5 Under age 60: \$6

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Fraud Prevention
Ludington Senior Center

- There is an 84% increase in elder fraud cases since 2021.
- Americans 60+ reported losing nearly \$4.9 billion to fraud.
- 3 in 4 adults aged 50+ reported being targeted by a scam.

Join us as we have Detective Sgt. Michael Kenney educate us about fraud prevention.

Monday, October 20th @ 2pm

Annual Kinship Care Recognition Dinner Oct. 15 - Reservations Please!

The annual Recognition Dinner for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren—and all other Kinship Caregivers providing a loving home for a young relative—will be held at the Scottville Area Senior Center on Wednesday, October 15, at 5:30 pm.

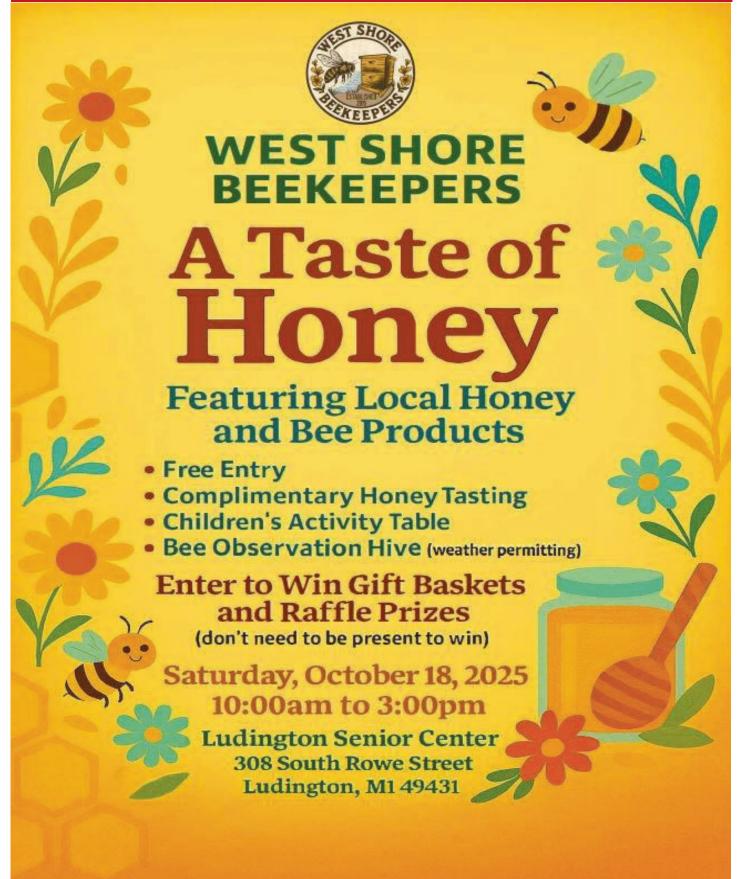


Guests at a previous recognition dinner

If you are one of these heroes, you are welcome at our recognition dinner, even if you haven't taken part in any of our monthly support group meetings. As always, kids in kinship families are also welcome. After dinner for all, we'll have separate supervised activities for the kids while the adults hear from our guest speakers.

Our dinner this year has an education theme. Speakers will be Jeff Mount, Mason County Central Superintendent, and Jason Jeffrey, Superintendent of the West Michigan ESD (Educational Service District). They will describe how services of school districts and the ESD can help you, in your role as kinship caregiver, and kids in your kinship family.

It's important that you call (231-757-4705) to make a reservation—we need to know you're coming so we order enough food for everyone, and have enough project supplies for the kiddos.





The Ludington Senior Center is hosting a puzzle tournament

October 30th at 1:00 PM

Teams must consist of 2 to 4 players.
S15.00 per team

Each team will put together the same puzzle.

Call 231-845-6841 to register by October 17th

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Join us at the senior center on October 3rd or October 6th at 1pm \$6.00 class fee to make 4 beautiful all occasion cards with envelopes included.





5 Wishes: **Getting Started** Tuesday, Oct. 21st 2 pm - 3:30 pm **Ludington Area** Senior Center 308 S Rowe St, Ludington, MI 49431 (231) 845-6841 Cost: \$10-includes

Guide book

The Five Wishes guide is valuable because:

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- · It allows your family or caregiver to know exactly what you want, so they don't have to guess
 - · It's legally valid in nearly every state

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Show your creativity in this class! Mary will spend time showing us different techniques to use while painting a beautiful watercolor picture.



OCTOBER 23RD LUDINGTON SENIOR CENTER

1:00PM

308 S. Rowe Street; Ludington



231-845-6841



If you would like to reserve your seat please call us at 231-845-6841.

1-4PM FRIDAY **OCTOBER 24**

LOCATION LUDINGTON SENIOR CENTER

CLASS FEE \$20 \$10.00 DEPOSIT

CALL THE SENIOR CENTER TO REGISTER: 231-845-6841



MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 15TH-DECEMBER 7TH

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Financial Literacy Workshop

Are you struggling financially to make ends meet?

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Where you stand financially Setting realistic goals Understand how financial decisions affect you



Part 2: Taking Charge of credit and Debit

Understanding credit and debt Good debt vs bad debt Credit report and score Navigating debt



 Part 3 Developing a savings plan protecting your assets

Savings

Protecting your assets; identify theft

Workshop will be led by Marcia Klaus who has a background in Money Management and teaching financial literacy.

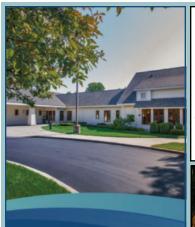
Thursdays, October 16,23,30 1:00-2:30pm

Call the Ludington Senior

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SASC October Activities



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October 2025....Factoids and Updates



Fun Facts about Halloween.....

What was the purpose of costumes?

To ward off evil spirits

What country started tradition of carving pumpkins? *Ireland.*

Before pumpkins, what root veggie was carved for Halloween by the Irish and Scottish? Turnips.
What was the original name for candy corn?
Chicken feed.

What state produces the most pumpkins? Illinois.

GROUPS:

Alzheimer's Support Group: October 9th at 11 a.m.

Parkinson's Support Group: October 15th (Wednesday) at 1:30

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: October 15th (Wednesday): 5:30 Dinner

Presenters: Supt of the West Shore ESD, Jason Jeffrey

Supt of Mason County Central, Jeff Mount

Topics: What is the ESD? How can schools & ESD best help your child? What testing goes on?

Activities for Kiddos: Decorate bags and pumpkins for Halloween

Book Group: October 9th (Thursday) at 1:15

Book: Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting: A novel by Clare Pooley

Quilting Group: Every Monday at 9:00 Charity Sew: 3rd Tue. of each month, 9:00

Quilt Guild: First Monday each month at 6:30 (changes to 2:00 in Nov.)

Sunset Carvers: Each Tuesday at 1:00

EXERCISE GROUPS:

Gentle Exercise: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Walking Group (weather permitting): 9:00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Cardio Drumming: 12:30 every Monday Zumba: 12:30 – 1:15 every Wednesday

<u>NEW CLASS:</u> Line Dancing--Starting Monday October 6th from 1:30-2:30. Class is free, donations are kindly accepted. Class will be held every Monday from 1:30-2:30.

CARD GROUPS:

Euchre: Every Tuesday at 1:00 Cribbage: First Wednesday at 9:30 Set Back: Every Thursday at 6:00 Bingo: Every Friday at 10:00

EXPERTS:

Tech Advice: Thursdays at 12:15-2.

*no tech help on 10/30/25

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Presentation about use of tablets for use by our seniors
October 9th, 12:15 – 1:00 (then individual tech advice, 1:00-2:00)
Halloween Pot Luck Friday, the 31st!

Come join us with a dish to pass. Prizes given out for the best costumes!





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<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.





Scrapbooking Come Crop with us on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00am to 10:00pm. 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. Call or stop by for more details and to sign up. Pre-registration is required. \$35.00 fee - \$5.00 will be donated to the Scottville Area Senior Center. Goodie bag and prizes included. Hope you can join us! There will also be a card class at 3:00 (\$7.00) and a Project Recipe Class

(\$14.00) at 7:00. If you have signed up for the day, the project recipe is included in your goodie bag. Call for additional details.



<u>Jewelry Class</u> – Wednesday, October 8th at 2:00pm. Let's play with some polymer clay! Come join Ada and create a pair of pumpkin-themed earrings for fall! \$5.00 for the project. All materials will be provided.

<u>Card Making</u> Monday, October 20th at 2:00pm – Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We will be making two Thanksgiving themed cards this month. A sample of one of the cards is shown here. Class fee is \$5.00. All supplies will be provided. Please call the Senior Center to reserve your spot.





<u>Diamond Art Class</u> Tuesday, October 21st from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Our Diamond Art Class is growing! Join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm until 3:00pm and let's make some Art! If you are new to Diamond Art, Donna Genia is available to show you the ropes. We have a kit available for purchase 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 table.

<u>Crafting with Chris</u> Thursday, October 30th at 3:00pm - During Chris' class, you will be creating a Fall Wall Hanging. It measures approximately 3' x 18". The cost for the class is \$15.00. All materials will be provided. <u>Deadline to register is October 16.</u> Please call or stop by the Senior Center to register!



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Travel Opportunities

Antarctica	February 23 - March 6 2026
San Antonio Texas	March 7-15 2026
Sunny Portugal Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera	April 2-11 2026
Biltmore	May 17-22 2026
Highlights of the Columbia and Snake Rivers	June 21-28 2026
Ark Encounter	August 10-14 2026
Shades of Ireland	October 18-27 2026
Australia's Outback to New Zealand's South Isaland	February 24- March 14 2027

Please contact Ada with any questions.

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		1 9:00 Craft Day 10:00 Auxiliary Mtg. All Welcome! 10–2 Open Billiards 11:30 Lunch	2 10–2 Open Billiards 10-12 Darts 10:30 Diamond Art 11:30 Lunch 1:00 Euchre	3 9:00 Chair Yoga 10:00 Yahtzee 10–2 Open Billiards 11:00 Yarn Therapy 11:30 Lunch
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OCTOBER MENU

Free Soil Area Senior Center 8480 N Democrat St Free Soil, MI 49411	Thursday, October 2, 2025 Chicken Noodle Casserole
231-464-6789 PLEASE call by noon the day before a meal or sign up while at the center.	w/Veggies Breads Fruit Cake & Ice Cream Soup: Vegetable
Tuesday, October 7 Squsage Muffins w/ Cheese Scrambled Eggs Cottage Cheese Sliced Cucumbers Tangerine Chocolate Pudding Soup: Tomato	Thursday, October 9 Pork Roast Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Cheddar Biscuits Pears German Chocolate cake Soup: Broccoli Cheddar
Tuesday, October 14 Assorted Sandwiches Veggie Tray Chips Peaches Cupcakes Soup: Bean	Thursday, October 16 Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread Fruit Salad Sugar Cookie Bars Soup:Ham & Potato Chowder
Tuesday, October 21 Sausage & Kraut Mashed Potatoes Peas Mandarin Oranges Brownies Soup: Beef Barley	Thursday, October 23 Smothered Chicken Rice California Blend Roll & Butter Cheese Cake with Fruit Topping Soup: Roasted Red Pepper
Tuesday, October 28 PIZZA DAY Soup: Chicken Noodle	Thursday, October 30 BBQ Chicken Cheesy Potatoes Broccoli Bananas Assorted Pies Soup: Zuppa Tuscana

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October 31, 2025 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Free Soil Area Senior Center

8480 N Democrat St Free Soil, MI 49411 We will have INDOOR Trick or Treating

There will be a light complimentary meal available .

Please Join Us

The Free Soil-Meade Fire Dept

will be on site for the kids to see the trucks up close.

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FLU & COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC



Free Soil Senior Center 8480 N Democrat St, Free Soil, MI

Thursday, October 30 | 12:30PM-2:30PM

COVID-19 vaccine is covered by most insurances. COVID-19 vaccine availability may vary. Walk in.
No appointment necessary.
Parents must accompany minors



TALLMAN LAKE SENIOR CENTER

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October 25th will be our craft & Bake Sale from 9-2! Stop on by to see all of the crafts that have been created. You might just find something great.

October 31st is Halloween Party Time! Our potluck will begin at 11:30. Bring a dish to pass. A prize will be awarded for the best costume.





Crafters Invited!

The annual Christmas Craft Fair is coming to the Scottville Area Senior Center on December 6, 2025 from 10 am to 3 pm.

We have openings for Crafters! Please complete an application and drop off the registration fee of \$25.00 (which includes a coupon for lunch).

Call Ada at 231-757-4705 for additional information or to reserve a spot. As usual, participants will need to bring their own display tables. Hoping you can join us!

Ask Sharon By Sharon Bailey, Medicare Counselor at SASC

I can hardly believe October is here and it is almost time for Open Enrollment for Medicare. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan or a stand -alone drug plan this is the time to see if the cost has gone up on your plan. There are going to be some changes, not necessarily for the better. I will be making appointments starting now and going into the first week of December. Open enrollment begins on October 15 and goes through December 5.

- Q. How do I know if I qualify for extra help?
- A. I know many seniors do not know how much money they receive from Social Security and pensions, or the amount of money in their bank accounts. If you don't remember just bring your bank statement in so I can see if you are eligible for extra help.
- Q. What if I own property?
- A. You can own your home, furnishings and your car. If you own land on separate acreage from your home you do not qualify for extra help.
- Q. I received a letter from my Dual enrollment Medicare Advantage plan saying I was dropped with no explanation, but I didn't receive a letter from DHS what can I do?
- A. I think this is a letter from an insurance company trying to get your business. But I would call DHS to see if you have really have been dropped for some reason.

If you are not sure if you qualify for extra help, call 757-4052 and make an appointment, you can also make an appointment to check out new plans for 2026. Even if you do not qualify for extra help, you may be paying too much for prescriptions in the drug plan you have now.

Remember, my phone number is 757-4052.

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

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		• •	
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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	
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		United Way	
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