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# **Volunteers Needed**

The Scottville Area Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help with our bingo tent on Saturday, September 17th During Scottville's Fall Celebration

If you are interested in helping with the bingo tent, give us a call at the Scottville Senior Center and sign up for a time slot between 11am and 6pm.



# Tackling Tech: Tips for Using Technology for Seniors

These past few years of pandemic life have forced many to turn to technology as a means of connection. Doctor's appointments turned to video visits, typical in-person social engagements became phone calls or text chains, and classes and activities moved to Zoom and other virtual platforms. This large shift, happening almost simultaneously, can be confusing to navigate. How do you set up your new tablet? How can you use an app to order groceries or download library books? How can you give an Alexa device commands to check the weather? There are endless possibilities of what technology can help you to



- do, especially as a senior, to enhance your life, but navigating just how to do so can be a challenge. Here are a few tips.
- 1. First and foremost, identify what you'd like to accomplish. Just jumping in and trying to learn everything at once is overwhelming. Set a goal to focus on just learning how to do that one thing and give yourself the grace to do so over multiple sessions.
- 2. Start small with activities such as turning on a device or setting up an email address. If there are barriers to getting started, such as internet access or affording a device, identify these barriers and reach out to your local Area Agency on Aging, or one of the senior centers listed below, where you can be connected to resources.
- 3. Ask for help if you need it. It is okay to not know everything and if you hit a wall, it can be helpful to turn to a friend or family member for guidance and input.
- 4. Seek out resources. If you don't have a person to turn to for questions, you can use one of the many resources below.
  - a. GetSetUp: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services partnered with GetSetUp, a digital education platform for older adults, to offer 150+ technology and enrichment classes, all taught by retired educators. <a href="https://www.getsetup.io/partner/michigan">www.getsetup.io/partner/michigan</a>
  - b. Making IT Easier Series: The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan has a video series designed to teach seniors how to use technology to enhance their lives. You can check out these videos on our website, including lessons on how to use Facetime, order grocery delivery via Shipt, get a ride with Lyft, and more <u>www.aaawm.org/tech</u>
  - c. Senior Neighbors Technology Support Program: Through workshops and one-on-one support, local seniors in Kent County will receive person-centered services to provide access to affordable internet and devices, develop technical skills, and find confidence in utilizing technology. You can learn more about this program at <a href="http://www.seniorneighbors.org/tech">www.seniorneighbors.org/tech</a>
  - d. Older Adults Technology Services (OATS): A national program, with Senior Planet as its flagship, OATS provides courses, programs, and activities to help seniors learn new skills, save money, get in shape, and make new friends. You sign up for their newsletter and participate in online offerings at <u>https://seniorplanet.org/</u> You can also call the Senior Planet Tech Hotline: (888) 713-3495.
  - e. AGING Connected: Partners with telecommunications companies, nonprofits, and public entities to bring low-cost internet options to older adults nationwide. Call for support: 877-745-1930
- 5. Practice online safety. Write down your account information and passwords to online accounts and keep them in a safe place. Check your links and attachments to ensure they are from trusted sources, oftentimes an "https" before a website link is a good indicator that a link is secure.
- 6. Use Accessibility Features. It can be hard to see a screen, type on a keypad, and click through screens. You can utilize accessibility features to make devices more user-friendly, these include options such as voice commands, magnifier and zoom options, color filters, dictation features, assistive touch, and more.

# Tech Help Options: AAAWM drop-in event Sept. 27 in Scottville

Want one-time one-on-one support? The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan will be hosting a drop-in technology event at Scottville Senior Center (140 S. Main Street, Scottville) on Tuesday, September 27 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Open to individuals over 60 and in our nine-county AAAWM region (Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, or Osceola). You can bring in your device and receive assistance from AAAWM experts and SASC's tech advisor. Don't have a device? A limited number of tablets will be available to participants who do not currently have a device. Participants may take home their new tablet following the event. Questions? Call Brandon Beck at (616) 222-7024.

#### Individual tech help is also available at these senior centers:

Scottville Area Senior Center: Thursdays at 12:15, with Kristyn Norton from the Scottville Library. Ludington Area Senior Center: Call for an appointment—231-845-6841

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	BY 9:00 AM
			I Cabbage Rolls Peas Applesauce Dinner roll I % milk	2 Lasagna / meat sauce Carrots Tossed Salad Fruit Garlic breadstick 1% milk	Meal Sites           Scottville         757-4705           Ludington         845-6841           Tallman         757-3306           PRICES           Age         60 and up: \$3           Under age         60: \$5
5 Labor Day Observed No Meal served	6 BBQ Chicken Red Skin Potato Corn Fruit Mix Dinner roll I % milk	7 Jumbo frank Potato Salad Baked Beans Melon Bun 1% milk	8 Connecticut Beef Bake /w Potatoes Baby Carrots Orange Wedge Dinner rol1 1% milk	9 Chicken Burger Baked Beans Creamy Cukes Pineapple Bun 1 % milk	\$1 Lunch Days <u>Scottville &amp; Tallman</u> <u>Centers</u> <u>Last Thursday each</u> <u>month</u>
12 Cheese Burger Crispy Potatoes Three Bean Salad Bun Pears 1% milk	13 Tator Tot Casserole Carrots Fruit Mix Bun 1% milk	14 Roast Turkey Sweet potatoes Green Beans Sliced apples Dinner roll 1% milk	15 Thursday Pizza Day Tossed Salad Peas Fruit Salad 1% milk	16 Spaghetti/meat sauce Broccoli Diced Canta- loupe Breadstick 1% milk	<u>Ludington Center</u> <u>Serves Lunch on</u> <u>Tue. &amp; Thur.;</u> <u>Scottville and</u> <u>Tallman, M-F</u> <u>Note: Menus are</u> <u>subject to change</u> .
19 Biscuits and Gravy Hashbrowns Orange Juice Grapes 1% milk	20 Taco Tuesday Taco Meat,Shell Beans & Rice Tomato,Lettuce Oranges 1% milk	21 Liver & Onions Mashed Pota- toes/ Gravy Green Beans Applesauce Ro11 1% milk	22 Chicken Alfredo Tossed Salad Broccoli Fruit mix Garlic Bread I% milk	23 Fiesta Lasagna Beans in Entree Corn Lettuce & Tomatoes Pears 1% milk	In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this insti- tution is prohibited from dis- criminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Inde- pendence Avenue, SW,
26 Beef Fritter/ Gravy Augratin Potatoes Corn/ Roll Fresh Fruit 1% milk	27 Chicken Penne Tomatoes in Entree Carrot Grapes Tossed Salad 1% milk	28 Baked Chicken Mashed Pota- toes/ Gravy Fruit Green Beans Bread 1% milk	29 Turkey Deli Potato Salad Coleslaw Grapes Bun 1% milk	30 Baked Fish Potato Puffs Brussels sprouts Diced peaches Wheat bread 1% milk	Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may con- tact USDA through the Feder- al Relay Service at (800) 877- 8339: or (800) 845 6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Future Events 2022

# **Medicare Educational Event September 19th**

# **50TH YEAR CELEBRATION** OCTOBER 15

# Fish Fry October 21st

Funcheon Spooktacular October 26

# Art and Craft Show November 5

THANKSGIVING FUNCHEON NOV 30



# Bingo at Scottville Fall Celebration

The Fall Celebration in Scottville on September 16 and 17 will feature great music and a myriad of activities on Friday evening and all day Saturday.

The Scottville Senior Center has joined in the spirit of the city's celebration of fall by hosting a bingo tent. The tent will be on the patio behind the center, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Bingo is a popular Friday morning activity inside the center (10 a.m.), so it's a natural extension to take one of our favorite games outdoors during the Fall Celebration.

If you're enjoying the music and other festivities on Main St., you can walk through the center to reach the tent, or park in the large city lot behind the center and join us for bingo.



SASC CRAFT Wednesday, September 28th Gnome Wreaths. Please call Jeannette to sign up. 757-4705



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# **MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL EVENT**

# Do you have questions about Medicare, Medicaid, Supplementals, Advantage Plans, Med D?

On **September, 19th at 1:00pm**, Smith & Eddy along with the Ludington Senior Center will sponsor a Medicare Educational Event. Jim Hart, Senior Sales Representative from Priority Health and Ed Forfinski, Medicare Specialist from Smith and Eddy Insurance Company will share their knowledge on Medicare and Medicare Advantages, Part D Prescription coverage and Medicare Supplements. We will have time for questions and answers.

The 2022 enrollment does not begin until October 15, 2022, therefore we will **NOT** be doing any enrollment at this time. This is strictly an educational seminar to broaden your awareness of all the available plans. Jim Hart will explain many of the extra benefits Priority Health's Medicare Advantage Plans offer such as Dental, Vision, Hearing Coverage, Silver Sneaker, Over the counter Benefits and many other options.

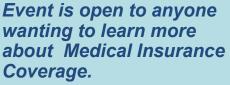
Bob Callery, from the Area Agency on aging will explain how Medicaid works with Medicare and take questions.

DHHS will discuss Medicaid benefits.

## Light refreshments will be provided.











# **OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 15, 2022**

# Knowledge of Dementia Challenges



Elara Caring will be educating on their services.



 Tips and ideas of how to communicate and direct someone with dementia.

•Ways of approaching someone with dementia, verbal and body language.

 Awareness of our expectations when interacting or socializing with someone with dementia.

Elara Caring Home Health and Hospice Services will be here as well.

Time: 2pm-3pm **Date: Thursday, September** 22nd **Location: Ludington Senior** Center 308 S Rowe St. Ludington, MI 49437

Light refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP, call Andrea at 231-845-6841

Elara Caring Ludington Woods

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**Open Ended Grief Support & Education** - Laura J. Ruhle, CT & Dennis B. Bromley, FLE. 2nd Monday & last Thursday of the month Time/Date: 1:30 - September 12th Time/Date: 6:30 pm - September 29th **Location: Ludington Senior Center** 308 S Rowe Street, Ludington Call: 231.845.6841 to register! I If I have loved, I will feel and will grieve...



# FOOT CARE

Keep your feet happy! Call Tricia @ 231,239,1951 for an appointment



**TECH HELP** Are you having difficulty using your phone, tablet. or computer? Help is here! **Ludington Senior Center 308 S. Rowe Street** Call 231-845-6841 for an **Appointment & more** 



**Mason County Caregiver Support Group** 2nd Thursday of the month 1pm-2:30pm Call the Helpline at 800-272-3900

alzheimer's  $\Omega$  association<sup>•</sup>

50th Anniversar



THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO **OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH AT THE HARBOR VIEW MARINA 3PM-6PM** 

30 minutes "FREE" consultation. Monday, September 19th from 9am - Noon.

Ludington Senior Center Holiday Arts & Craft Show Ludington Senior center will be hosting its seventh holiday Arts and Crafts Show on November 5th from 10am to 3pm. A tablespace is available for interested vendors. Please call the center for more information or check out our Facebook page Ludington Area Senior Center events.

Medical Equipment Loan Closet Available at the Ludington Senior Center Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, shower benches, transfer benches, grabbers, commodes, toilet seat riser, bed rails, canes, incontinent supplies.

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# TRIPS

# February 18-26 San Antonio

**\$845** (double occupancy) Motorcoach transportation 8 night lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the San Antonio area 14 meals provided Guided tour of San Antonio Cruise at San Antonio's famous River Walk District Visit to the famous ALAMO and IMAX Theater presentation "ALAMO...The Price of Freedom" Visit the Institute of Texan Cultures and San Antonio Missions Tour of the LBJ Ranch



\$75 due upon signing. Call the Ludington Senior Center to sign up.

September Funcheon For the month of September join us at the Ludington Senior Center



September 28th at 11:30am Cost:\$5.00 Please Call 231-845-6841 to R.S.V.P



for a Taco Bar.

Fish Fry Dinner Friday, October 21st At 4pm Cost:\$10.00 Join us for fish, coleslaw, rolls, & dessert. We will also be having a 50/50! Please call 845-6841 to R.S.V.P

#### Ludington Senior Center is looking for people ready for adventure!

# Autumn (November 5-13) in

# **New Orleans**

**\$879** (double occupancy) Motorcoach with Diamond Tours 8 nights lodging 14 meals provided Guided tour of New Orleans Admission to the National World War II Museum Guided tour of a Louisiana plantation Admission to Mardi Gras World Relaxing riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River Enjoy historic New Orleans French Ouarter Much more...

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# Paint with

Julie

Fall Wine

Bottle

September 23rd At

<u>1pm</u> Ludington Senior Center

Cost:\$20.00 \$10 non-refundable deposit due at registration. Call Ludington Senior Center to sign up 231-845-6841



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# Help Support the Ludington Senior Center by making a donation for our activities.

**STRETCH, FIT & BALANCE** This class is designed for all ages and exercise

levels. Every Wednesday at 10 AM

YOGA Monday & Fridays at 9:30 AM

Zumba Gold (cost \$6.00) Mondays at 9:30am at Rotary Park Tuesdays at 9:30 AM at the center



Zumba Toning (cost \$6.00) Wednesdays at 9:30 Rotary Park Thursday at 9:30 AM at the center Cardio Drumming (cost \$5.00)

Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 at the center

Mondays and Wednesdays Rotary Park

# STEPPING OUT

Join the walking club Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 9:00 AM Start at various spots in the area and walk at a pace that suits you.

# Golfers

The Ludington Senior center is has a golf League on Tuesday morning, 9:00am at Lakeside Links. Anyone in the community is invited to join.



# Feldenkrais

Is cancelled until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience.

# BILLIARDS

Men– Monday, Wed., Friday at 9 AM
Women– Tuesday and Thursdays at 10 AM
Open Play– Monday thru Friday 1-3 PM

TED Talks Join Gene Kyle at 3 PM

Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month

# **Cards and Games**

Every Monday and Friday at 1 PM Euchre, Pinochle, Hand and Foot and more!

Duplicate Bridge

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 PM

Mahjong Every Monday and Friday at 10 AM

> Quilting/Sewing Every Wednesday at 10 AM

Crafts and Giggles Every Thursday at 10 AM

# **JUKEBOX BINGO**

Join us for JUKEBOX BINGO at the Ludington Senior Center. This is a new and fun way to play bingo. Jukebox bingo is a combination of "Name that Tune" and traditional bingo. September 16th @ 2 PM

# Cornhole

Cornhole boards always available

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#### **Job Opportunities Available**

•Homemaker Program •Respite Care

**Volunteer driver opportunities** (mileage reimbursed) •Medical Transportation Program

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Speak Out; Speak Up! * Health care update: Thur., Sept. 8—12:15 Drew Dostal, Spectrum Health Regional Market Leader and President. Details: Page 14	Annual Kinship Care Recognition Dinner for grandparents and others raising young relatives Wed., Sept 21—5:30 Speakers for adults; Magician for kids (Pg.15)	I Wii Bowling 10:00 Textile Arts 10:30 Lunch 11:45 Technology Help 12:15 Set Back 6:00	2 Wii Bowling 10:00 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 11:45
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## Life Story Writing Group at SASC Access to Ancestry.com included

Each of us has a life story worth preserving, for ourselves and our loved ones.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our families is to share the experiences that have shaped our lives, the beneficial lessons they illustrate, and the family connections down through the years.

Karen Rogers will be leading monthly "My Story, My Life" meetings at the Scottville Area Senior Center, starting Friday, October 14th at 1:00, and continuing on the second Friday of each month. Those taking part will create autobiographical views of their memories and incidents from their lives.

#### Ancestry.com access at Scottville Library

Karen has established a connection with the Scottville Branch of the Mason County District Library so that participants can use their access to Ancestry.com. This is an invaluable resource to research details about their family histories. On the initial visit, a library staff member will help set up their entry to the Ancestry.com site. After that, they will be free to use the computer program as much as they wish.

The monthly meetings can yield some fascinating results as participants capture and record important life chapters that might otherwise be lost.

Scottville



# **Charity Sew Meets September 20**

They sew because they love sewing; they meet one day per month to turn that into a lovely benefit for an area non-profit organization.

They're the Charity Sew group at Scottville Senior Center, led by volunteer Norma Andersen. They invite you to join them on the third Tuesday of each month.

On September 20 the group will sew Wheelchair and Walker Totes for Nursing Home residents. Thank you, Charity Sew Group!



# "Getaway" to the Book Club

The Book Club at the senior center hosts lively discussions on their book of the month. The September meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 1:15. Group leader Julie VanSickle will lead a discussion of *The Getaway Girls*, by Dee MacDonald.

The Scottville Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month.

The Scottville Branch of the Mason County District Library has been a great help to the club, making sure to have copies of the monthly books available for loan.



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## Speak Out, Speak UP! New lunchtime speaker series starts Sept. 8 with Drew Dostal of Spectrum Health

Scottville Area Senior Center is launching a new monthly speaker series.

The first guest on Thursday, September 8th will be Drew Dostal, Northwest Regional Market Leader and President for Spectrum Health facilities in Mason, Newaygo and Muskegon counties. Mr. Dostal will speak about the latest developments and health care programs at Spectrum Health. One of the topics is sure to be what effect the recently-announced merger with Beaumont will have on local health care.

The new series is called, Speak Out, Speak Up. Our speakers will "speak out" on a variety of topics, and the audience will be invited "speak up" with questions and comments.

In future months, the series will typically take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, of the month—coinciding with "\$1 Day" on the center's lunch menu. It will take place immediately after lunch, which is served at 11:45. Most events will start at about 12:15.

SASC has previously hosted guest speakers on some fascinating topics, including Idlewild, the "Black Eden" of Lake County, the Scottville Clown Band, Todd and Brad Reed photography, Scottville Library, and Scottville businesses, such as Gourmet Mushrooms, North Branch Winery and Acres Co-Op.

The new series will be similarly interesting. Future invited speakers include:

- Intrepid adventurer **Joan Young** of Scottville on her epic foot trek over the entire 4,800-mile North County Trail—for the second time! The longest National Scenic Trail stretches from Vermont to North Dakota. As August drew to a close, Joan had logged more than 3,000 miles on the trail. Joan is 74 and averages 15 miles per day. An inspiration to seniors everywhere!
- History experts **Bruce Micinski** and **Jill Engleman**, on West Michigan's famous "ghost town," Marlborough—once the booming home of the world's largest cement plant, which died when new cement-making techniques were developed. Bruce also did the Idlewild talk—still our best-attended speaker event.
- Plus: Artist and art educator Mary Case, organic farming, area lighthouses, fly fishing and more.

People of all ages are welcome to attend. There will be lunch for a maximum of 24, so advance reservations are necessary. Call SASC at 231-757-4705. However, there will be space for many more to attend the speaker event without having lunch.



## **Music Fridays at SASC**

On Friday afternoons, Scottville Area Senior Center is open mike time for area musicians. We invite musicians of any age and any instrument to drop by and play. We have a piano on site (you can leave yours at home!)

On one recent Friday, we were treated to classic country songs by Dale "Swanny" Swanson. Folsom Prison Blues hasn't sounded this good since Johnny Cash himself. Thanks, Swanny. Come back any time.

If you would like to play solo, or bring friends for a jam session, give us a call: 757-4705.



#### Dale "Swanny" Swanson



Drew Dostal

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# **Annual Kinship Caregivers Recognition Dinner at SASC**

# September 21 at 5:30—speakers for adults; magician for the kids

If you have opened your home and made the commitment to raise a grandchild or other young relative, you are exceptional. We think you're a hero. As a "Kinship Caregiver" you deserve to be honored.

On Wednesday, September 21, at 5:30, that's exactly what will happen at the Scottville Area Senior Center (SASC)—and you're invited. This Kinship Care Month event is in honor of all our heroes raising young relatives.

You're going to want to be sure to bring the kids in your kinship family. We will enjoy a nice dinner together, then...while the adults hear from our guest speakers, **the kids will be entertained by magician Gordon Russ.** He will perform and even teach the kids some magic tricks.

For the adults, guest speakers will provide an update on latest developments and resources for kinship caregivers. They will include:

- Beth Lindley, Director of the Kinship Care Resource Center at Michigan State University and the Michigan Kinship Care Coalition. She will also have much useful information to hand out.
- Barbara Nelson Jandernoa, Health Aging Contract Administrator with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan—and contract administrator for AAAWM-supported county-wide programs managed by SASC. She will have an announcement of interest about new support for our kinship program from the AAAWM.

We've also invited county and state elected officials, and Deb Frisbie of the Adoptive Family Support Network. All will be available for questions and individual conversations.

Even if you're not able to attend our regular monthly meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 5:30), we hope you can join us for this special evening for you and your kinship family. Because we want to honor you!

The senior center is located at 140 S. Main St. in Scottville, one half block south of the US 10 stoplight. Parking and entrance in the rear.

<u>Please call us at 231-757-4705</u>, to let us know how many will attend with you—so we can be sure to have enough food for all!

# August Meeting—pizza party

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren group enjoyed a pizza party at the August meeting, highlighted by a juggling performance from Will Oltman. One of "Will Juggle's" best tricks (at right) is simultaneously holding a spinning plate in his mouth while juggling.

Some of our grand/kinship family meetings feature separate activities for the kids, while adults discuss topics related to care of their young relatives. Other months we plan activities that the kids and adults can enjoy together. Come join us!

Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30.



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5 Closed: Labor Day Holiday	6 Bingo 10:00 Auxiliary mtg 12:30 Lunch 12:00 Table Games 1-2	7 Board of Directors Mtg 10:00 Checkers 11-12 Lunch 12:00 Sit n be Fit 2:30	8 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00	9 Open Pool 10-12 Lunch 12:00 Out Reach 1-3
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# FREE SOIL AREA SENIOR CENTER 8480 N. DEMOCRAT • FREE SOIL, MI 49411 • 231.464.6789

#### The 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.

#### Meals are served at NOON

Please call <u>464-6789</u> 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





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# Fun Activities happening in September Call the Center for more information



Thursday1:00pm



Friday, September 16th 3:30

# **FREE SOIL AREA**



For the Dinner & a Movie event: Everyone will meet in the parking lot at the AMC movie theater in Ludington and will decide on where to eat after the movie.

#### Tallman Board Elections and Meeting Wed., Sept. 21

**9:00-Noon**: Tallman Senior Center participants are invited to vote for board officers for a two year term.

12:30 Board Meeting

# **SENIOR CEN-**

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. See page 17 for their September menu.



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# **Manistee Casino and Cruise trip**

A group of travelers recently enjoyed a very fun "casino and cruise" trip to Manistee The trip was open to all interested seniors, and attracted travelers who signed up at both the Scottville and Free Soil senior centers.

The group's first stop was at Little River Casino, where they enjoyed games and dinner. The casino chipped in with \$20 in free play for each person.

Then it was on to downtown Manistee to board the "Princess" for a sunset cruise. The plan was to venture out into Lake Michigan, but the wind and waves on the big lake were too rough for comfortable sailing. Undaunted, our captain wheeled the boat around and we went back down the channel to the inland lake and had a delightful cruise. Then it was back to other end of the channel where the timing was perfect to see the sun set on Lake Michigan.

The trip, planned by Scottville Area Senior Center Activities Coordinator Missy Kissell, was a great success, so watch for announcements of similar excursions in the future.



Mason County seniors wave from the deck of the "Princess" as they prepare for a sunset cruise.

# **Ask Sharon**



By Sharon Bailey, Medicare Counselor According to the news, people on Medicare are going to be getting relief from the high cost of drugs, thanks to President Biden's Inflation Recovery Act. Drug costs will be capped at \$2,000 a year and Insulin will cost no more than \$35.00 a month. This is great news for all people on Medicare. Medicare will also be able to negotiate with drug companies over the cost of drugs. With all the changes going on in Medicare I would advise you to make an appointment with me or a Maap counsellor at the Ludington Senior Center during open enrollment in October, November and December. It won't be possible to check plans until around the first of October.

Q. I am happy with my plan so I don't understand why it's necessary to look for a new plan so often. A. All the drug plans seem to take turns being the least costly every few years. After a couple of years you should make sure your plan hasn't stopped paying for your drugs or raised premiums. You can check yourself if you are able to at Medicare. Gov the Official site or call your senior center for help.

Q. What if I have a Medicare Advantage Plan? A. There have been changes to those plans too, so you should check them too. I will talk about open enrollment in the October Newsletter.

I hope to see a lot of you at the Scottville Senior Center this fall. I'll be looking forward to your call: 231-757-4052



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#### **General Senior Services**

Meals on Wheels	231-757-4831
Free Soil Area Senior Center	
Ludington Area Senior Center	
Scottville Area Senior Center	
Tallman Lakes Area Senior Center	231-757-3306
Mason County Council on Aging	

Mary Bedker, chair: (email: marybedker@gmail.com) Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan....888-456-5664 Call 211 (24/7): General information, local services

#### **Emergency Assistance**

Ambulance, Police, Fire	911
Mental Health Crisis Line	988
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Community Mental Health—Emergency	231-845-6294
Domestic violence (C.O.V.E.)	231-845-5808

#### **Public Safety**

Mason County Sheriff	231-843-3475
Ludington Police	231-843-3425
Scottville Police	231-757-4729

#### Health

Health DeptDistrict #10	231-845-7381
Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital	231-843-2591
Mercy Health Ludington Urgent Care	231-843-2543
Community Mental Health	231-845-6294

#### Mich. Dept. of Health & Human Services

Adult Protective Services (24/7)	
Child Protective Services	
Mason County MDHHS office	

#### **Food resources**

Lakeshore Food Club	231-480-4334			
Caritas Food Pantry (Custer)	231-301-0626			
FiveCap, Inc, Scottville	231-757-3785			
Senior Meals-on-Wheels				
Congregate meals: all Mason County senior centers				

#### Legal Assistance

Legal Aid of Western Michigan	
Legal Hotline for Seniors	
Estate Planning	
Ludington Senior Center	231-845-6841
Scottville Senior Center	

#### Heating/Utilities Assistance

Mich. Dept. Health/Human Services	231-845-7391	
Five Cap, Inc		
True North Community Services		
THAW-The Heat & Warmth Fund	800-866-8429	
HELP Ministry		
Salvation Army	231-843-3711	
Furniture, Appliances, Wheelchair Ramps		
HELP Ministry		
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Kinship Caregivers		
Scottville Area Senior Center		
Kinship Care Resource Center, MSU	800-535-1218	

Medical Transportation Scottville Area Senior Center	s away)
Other Transportation Ludington Area Mass Transit Ludington Taxi	231-845-9693
Mason County Veterans AffairsJohn Cotton, Director (jcotton@masoncounty.net)	
Education West Shore Community College Tuition free classes for those 60+ Recreation, wellness center: \$4 per day Michigan State U. Extension	231-843-5543
Housing and Shelter Assistance Five Cap, Inc True North Community Services Habitat for Humanity Red Cross Senior living options—Oasis Senior Advisors In-home services- Scottville Senior Center	231-924-0641 231-843-7888 800-733-2767 616-675-0006
Homemaker, Respite services; Medical alert de Home injury control device installation	evices
Employment and Training Second Act (skilled W. Mich. Seniors 50-80) AARP Foundation-Senior Employment Pgm	
Medical Equipment Loans (free) American Legion Post 76, Ludington Custer VFW Gold Bar Post, Custer Ludington Senior Center Scottville Senior Center	.231-757-9665 .231-845-6841
Volunteer opportunities Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Hospice of Michigan All Mason County senior Centers	
Other useful numbers/services AARP—NW Michigan office Alzheimer's Association Disability Connection/W. Mich231-722-0088; Mason County District Library. Ludington Scottville	.800-272-3900 866-322-4501 231-843-8465
Mason County Prosecuting Attorney Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Scottville Senior Center Ludington Senior Center	231-845-7377 .231-757-4705 .231-845-6841
Red Cross ReStore (Habitat for Humanity) Salvation Army Social Security Administration United Way	231-843-7888 231-843-3711 800-772-1213

# 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



## **<u>Grief Support Group</u>**

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

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#### **<u>Grief Support Group</u>**

Ludington Senior Center 308 S Rowe Street Ludington, MI 49431 Last Thursday of the month at 6:30 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

#### <u>Kinship Care</u> Support Group

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



# **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. \$18.00 per year, paid by check or cash.

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