A PUBLICATION FOR October 2022 Volume 11 **MASON COUNTY** Issue 10 RESIDENTS **Active for Life** Your life, Your Way, Your time over 50 What's Inside: Page 2 Enhance Fitness volunteers! Page 3 Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan Page 6 Ludington Senior 50th Anniversary celebration! Page 13 Safe Banking: learn to avoid scams Oct.27 Page 14-15 Special bond: Wilwin Lodge/SASC quilters Page 19 New Tai Chi class at Scottville center

EnhanceFitness Volunteer Instructors

We would like to show our appreciation to these five volunteers at the Ludington Senior Center.

- Línda Cooper
- · Nancy Parker
- · Kerry Scrivens
- · Elane Vandenbergh
- · Keith Vandenbergh



These dedicated volunteers committed their time to complete an intense training to become certified to instruct EnhanceFitness classes.

The Ludington Senior Center was awarded a grant from Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan to instruct this class.

EnhanceFitness classes are specifically designed for adult regardless of ability or fitness level. Exercises are modified so they can be completed either sitting or standing.

EnchanceFitness will help you:

- Improve endurance, balance, strength, and flexibility.
- · Be more active
- Help to prevent falls.

Anyone who wants to improve their endurance, balance, strength, and flexibility is encouraged to attend. Those with chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure or arthritis, will find many benefits from attending an EnhanceFitness class, as well as those who want to relieve feelings of depression and anxiety. Best of all, the class is for those who want a casual environment that encourages participants to have fun while they exercise.

Starting in November this class will be offered at the Ludington Senior Center twice per week. Stay tuned for more information!





Staying Active While Aging- Avoiding Falls

September 18-24 was Falls Prevention Week, a nationwide effort to raise awareness that falls are preventable. As we get older the chance of our suffering a fall increases, in fact according to the National Council on Aging (NCOA) 1 in 4 Americans aged 65+ falls each year*. Relying on your body to catch you and keep you steady, and then losing this ability, can be a serious downfall to your mobility and morale. Sometimes the fear of falling can be such an all-consuming worry that you may start retreating from doing the things you used to love. However, just because you are noticing a drop in your confiden



from doing the things you used to love. However, just because you are noticing a drop in your confidence, movement levels, and strength, does not mean that you can't improve upon these things and live a fulfilling life. The key to fall prevention is that because we know *which* factors contribute to falls we can work to prevent them. The National Council on Aging recommends a number of steps you can take to prevent a fall and build your confidence along the way!

The first is to **find a good balance and exercise program**. This is vital because building up your body's flexibility, strength, and balance enables you to avoid falling in the first place, and if you do happen to fall, you'll have the ability to get up safely. The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAAWM) offers a variety of evidence-based falls prevention classes through their Healthy Aging partner programs such as A Matter of Balance and EnhanceFitness. There are a number of evidenced-based programs available throughout West Michigan, and you can learn more by calling AAAWM at (616) 456-5664 or visiting www.aaawm.org. Youtube can also be a great online resource for finding free at-home exercise classes at a level that is best for you.

Talking to your health care provider is the second step to fall prevention. It is helpful to go over your medical history and if you've experienced falls in the past. Your provider also has the ability to assess your risk level for a fall and what can be addressed to lower this risk. The third measure you can take to prevent a fall can also be done with your doctor, and this is to regularly review your medications. Some medication's side effects can increase your risk of falling, and of course, you should take medications only as they are prescribed by your doctor. Step four of fall prevention is to get your vision and hearing checked annually. Proper sight can help you avoid trip hazards and obstacles, and abnormalities in your inner ear can also negatively impact your balance. Treat your health as a top priority to fall prevention and check in with your doctor on these three steps to ensure your well-being.

The fifth step that NCOA recommends to avoid a fall is to **keep your home safe** by removing hazards that are commonly overlooked, but easy to fix. A few things to look for: Do you have a clear pathway through your rooms? Look for rugs, cords and wires, and bulky furniture that may be in your way. Assess your stairs; if steps are uneven or broken this can cause you to fall, and make sure that your stairway is well-lit and has a handrail. In the kitchen, it is best if items are not on kept high shelves, and that your step stool is sturdy if you must use it. In your bedroom, you should have a light close to the bed within easy reach, as well as a well-lit path to the bathroom. Lastly, your bathroom should have some sort of support for you to rely on when using the toilet and bathtub, and if you have a slippery shower floor, add a non-slip rubber mat. Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) can also bring peace of mind to individuals and can be a vital line of support. A PERS program often provides a cellular in-home unit in the form of either a necklace or wrist-band that can call dispatch at the press of a button. Users have the freedom to set who they would like to receive the emergency notification from dispatch to send help, whether family, friend, neighbor, or ambulance. Currently PERS are available in the region, you can call AAAWM at (616) 456-5664 to learn more. All are helpful things to keep your home safe!

The last step in fall prevention is to **enlist the help of your family and friends**. Let them know that you are worried about falling and would appreciate their help in making your home a safe space. They can provide an extra set of eyes and hands to rid your house of obstacles. They are also likely to help you navigate talking to your doctor, checking your vision and hearing, and reviewing your medications. Having their help will make the process less overwhelming for you. Often those around you are eager and willing to help, you just need to ask!

These six steps come together to help you avoid falls, so you can continue to do the things that you love. Getting older doesn't mean a loss of independence; it simply means adapting your environment to best fit your needs so that you can flourish. Be sure to use the resources around you; from your doctor to a family member or friend, to help you take these preventative measures. For more information on falls prevention, visit the National Council on Aging's website at www.ncoa.org.

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Time/Date: 6:30 pm - October 27th Location: Ludington Senior Center

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During this annual enrollment period you can make changes to various aspects of your coverage.

- You can switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa.
- You can also switch from one Medicare

Advantage plan to another or from one Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan to another.



If you did not enroll in a Medicare Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during the general open enrollment, although a late enrollment penalty may apply.



30 minutes "FREE" consultation. Monday, October 17th from 9am - Noon.

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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 drawing. Please call 845-6841 to R.S.V.P.



Ludington Senior Center is

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Wednesdays at 9:30 Rotary Park Thursday at 9:30 AM at the center

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Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 at the center

Mondays and Wednesdays Rotary Park

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JUKEBOX BINGO

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Jukebox bingo is a combination of "Name that Tune" and traditional bingo.

October 7th @ 2 PM

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Every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 PM

Mahjong

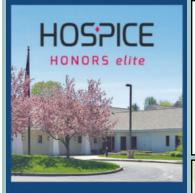
Every Monday and Friday at 10 AM

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Safe Banking: Learn to Avoid Financial Scams—Oct. 27

Join Sheriff Kim Cole and Nancy Sanford of West Shore Bank at SASC



The "Speak Out, Speak Up" series at Scottville Senior Center presents a vital topic on Thursday, October 27—protecting yourself and your savings from fraud and scams.

West Shore Bank has teamed up with Mason County Sheriff Kim Cole to present a "Safe Banking Workshop" for seniors from 12:15 to 2:15.

Older Americans are increasingly targeted by unscrupulous scam artists and the workshop will seek to inform and equip you to avoid financial exploitation.

That also happens to be \$1 lunch day at SASC. You can enjoy lunch at 11:45, and hear our speakers immediately following lunch. You are welcome to come just for the workshop, but if you want to have lunch—please call at least a day in advance (757-4705).

Sheriff Kim Cole



Other Coming Attractions

Here are some other interesting events and activities coming up at SASC.

My Story, My Life. The life story writing group meets the first Friday of the month—October 7—at 1:00. Participants will write about important episodes in their lives, to preserve those memories for their families.

Book Club. Meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:15. Here are the books to read and discuss:

October 13: The Sunday Philosophy Club, by Alexander McCall Smith

November 10: Orange is the New Black, by Piper Kerman

The Mason County District Library in Scottville has agreed to have copies of the club's book selections available to borrow.

Speaker Series: "Speak Out; Speak Up!" Dates vary, based on speaker availability, but typically on \$1 lunch day. Takes place immediately after lunch. In addition to the October workshop on avoiding scams, here are some other coming attractions:

- Mason County Historical Society: November 17. Learn about their new center in Ludington.
- U.S. Forest Service: December 7. Ranger, Jake Rubara will discuss the Pere Marquette River.
- Habitat for Humanity: December 15. Learn about the homes they build and their ReStore.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: October 14, 5:30.

Safety in Our Homes (and Halloween) with Scottville Officer (and interim Chief) Katrina Skinner.

Please call the senior center (757-4705) for more information.

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Wilwin Lodge—Haven for Veterans; Home for SASC Quilts

In southern Mason County there's a special place for veterans called Wilwin Lodge at Cygnet Cove. It serves all veterans, regardless of affiliation—especially those who are handicapped, have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or a Traumatic Brain Injury.

Veterans and their families are welcome at this premier retreat, established to provide a sanctuary of rest and recuperation for disabled and injured combat veterans. Wilwin also offers a vacation retreat for reuniting and reconnecting families after long deployments, as well as therapeutic and recreational activities to aid in the healing process for PTSD and brain injury patients. Visits are typically for up to five days.

Funded by donations and run by volunteers, this beautiful retreat offers more than 1,000 acres around Woodruff Lake off Hawley Road south of Custer.



Outside Scottville Senior Center, quilters show a few of the quilts they've made for Wilwin veterans

Special kinship with SASC quilters

At Scottville Area Senior Center, our active quilting groups have formed a special relationship with Wilwin Lodge. They make beautiful quilts for each of the veterans who visit here to stay in the lodge, cabins, or campground and enjoy the beauty, the serenity, and the many activities.

All services at Wilwin are free to veterans and their families, as are the quilts. If you would like to join the SASC quilters in supporting this amazing facility, donations are more than welcome—they are, in fact, necessary to keep Wilwin operating.

If you would like to help, you can send a donation to:
Wilwin Lodge at Cygnet Cove c/o The American Legion
212 Verlinden Ave.
Lansing, MI 48915

To learn more, or see the current "wish list" of needed items, visit their web site: www.wilwinlodge.com/donation.

Wilwin also offers opportunities for scouting groups to camp, have adventures and earn merit badges. To learn about programs for scouts, call the lodge at 231-757-0140, or visit +\www.wilwinlodge/camping.

\SASC sends thanks to Rich at Wilwin Lodge, who gave us a great tour of the beautiful grounds as we prepared this feature for the Active for Life senior newsletter.



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Quilting, Sewing Opportunities at Scottville Area Senior Center

If you're a quilter, or would like to get started in quilting in the company of friendly folks who love to create quilts—especially quilts that benefit others—there are great opportunities at the senior center in Scottville. All of the groups welcome new members.



Monday quilt group. Each Monday a group of quilters gathers at the center to work on projects, individually or in teams. The quilters gather at 9:00 a.m. They work and chat until lunch time, when they enjoy the lunch served M-F at the center, or that they bring with them. Then, many typically return to their projects after lunch.

There is no set amount of time, however. Those who take part are welcome to stay as long or as little as they wish. Quilters are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines, although there is a loaner machine available.

Contact Norma Andersen at 757-2315 for information.

Quilters Guild. A great way to get acquainted with quilters from throughout the area. The Guild meets the first Monday evening of the month (6:30 p.m.) at the senior center in Scottville.

During winter months, meetings may be moved to Monday afternoon. The meeting includes dozens of quilters sharing ideas, doing team projects, and showing their latest creations.

For information, call Connie Rasmussen at 757-3045.



Charity Sew. This public-spirited group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Each month they use their talents to create items for different charitable organizations and purposes.

Among many examples: totes for walkers and wheelchairs for nursing home residents; pillows for children of people staying at the COVE shelter; mammogram arm pillows; caps and scarves for the Mitten Tree; receiving blankets for West Shore Pregnancy Center; neck support pillows for Hospice and nursing homes; and fleece mittens, arm warmer and muffs for kidney dialysis patients.

The October meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18. Contact Norma, 757-2315, to get involved.

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Mon		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Crochet Lunch Sit n be Fit	10:00 12:00 2:30	4 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00 Table Games 1-2	5 Checkers 11-12 Lunch 12:00 Sit n be Fit 2:30	6 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00 Auxiliary mtg 12:30 Grief Support 1-2	7 Open Pool 10-12 Lunch 12:00 Out Reach 1-3
10 Crochet Lunch Sit n be Fit	10:00 12:00 2:30	11 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00 Table Games 1-2	12 Board of Directors meeting 10:00 Checkers 11-12 Lunch 12:00 Sit n be Fit 2:00	13 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00	14 Open Pool 10-12 Lunch 12:00 Out Reach 1-3
17 Crochet Lunch Sit n be Fit	10:00 12:00 2:30	I 8 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00 Table Games 1-2	19 Craft 10:00 Checkers 11-12 Lunch 12:00 Sit n be Fit 2:30	20 Bingo 10:00 Pot Luck 12:00 COA Bd. Mtg. 3:00 (Safe Harbor Credit Union, Ludington))	21 Puzzle Day Open Pool 10-12 Lunch 12:00 Out Reach 1-3 Dinner & a Movie 3:30
24 Crochet Lunch Sit n be Fit	10:00 12:00 2:30	25 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00 Table Games 1-2 Book Club 1:30	26 Cards: Kings in the Corner 10:00 Lunch 12:00 Sit n be Fit 2:30	27 Bingo 10:00 Lunch 12:00	28 Open Pool 10-12 Lunch 12:00 Out Reach 1-3
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FREE SOIL AREA SENIOR CENTER

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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





Tuesday, October 4

BEEF ROAST

MASHED POTATOES

CORN

ROLL & BUTTER

ICE CREAM

GROUP EXERCISE 11:00

Tuesday, October 11

CHICKEN TETRAZINI GREEN BEANS ROLL & BUTTER JELLO

Tuesday, October 18

HAMBURGERS
MACARONI SALAD
RELISH TRAY
APPLE PIE
GROUP EXERCISE 11:30

Tuesday, October 25

MEATLOAF
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
MIXED VEGETABLES
ROLL & BUTTER
CARROT CAKE
***GROUP EXERCISE 11:00*

Thursday, October 6

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
BOILED EGG
DANISH
BANANNA
GROUP EXERCISE 11:00

Thursday, October 13

PORK CHOP
SCALLOP POTATOES
GARDEN SALAD
APPLESAUCE
PUDDING
GROUP EXERCISE 11:00

Thursday, October 20

BAKED CHICKEN
BOILED BUTTERED POTATOES
CORN CASSEROLE
ROLL & BUTTER
ICE CREAM
GROUP EXERCISE 11:00

Thursday, October 27

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
SANDWICH
GARDEN SALAD
DICED PEACHES
GROUP EXERCISE 11:00

PLEASE CALL | 231-464-6789

By NOON the day before to reserve a meal

Thank you for supporting the Free Soil Area Senior Center

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Fun Activities happening in October

Call the Center for more information

Friday, October 15th 3:30







October is the final Dinner & a Movie event for 2022: meet in the parking lot at the AMC movie theater in Ludington. We'll decide on where to eat after the movie.

Tallman Pot Luck

Thursday, October 20

12:00

FLU SHOTS COMING

Call the center for details

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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. See page 17 for their



There is a Cares Box in Free Soil. It is located by the playground, next to the Little Library on Democrat St. The box has been filled and is ready for service.



EXERCISE Programs

Studies have shown that maintaining regular physical activity can help prevent many common diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes. Exercise improves overall immune function, which is SO important these days!

With that in mind, exercise programs at the Scottville Area Senior Center (SASC) are being expanded.

NEW at SASC: TAI CHI



Naomi Hyso, from the Michigan State University Extension office, will be teaching a 9 week course, with two one-hour sessions per week (Mondays and Wednesdays), from 12:30 – 1:30 at SASC. The class may be experienced seated or standing. On days when the weather is nice, we may even go outside.

Naomi is a certified instructor. Many will recall her from her "Lunch & Learn" presentation at the center.

Tai Chi helps with arthritis and fall prevention, as well as reducing stress, increasing balance and posture, and improving mind, body and spirit! Naomi will teach one or two movements per lesson, leading to completing six basic core movements!

SASC is very excited to have her in person to teach this very popular class! Please call (757-4705) and reserve a spot, as she starts on October 3!

EXERCISE class

Our instructor, Activities Coordinator Missy Kissel, is leaving for new adventures. But we're pleased to announce that Marie Stycos is coming on board to take her place leading this weekly program, starting this month...so everyone can continue to do this gentle, valuable exercise program. SASC is switching this class from Monday back to Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Please call SASC to sign up, although drop-ins are welcome as well. Many of our exercise folk stay for lunch afterwards, which is an option you might wish to consider! Let's start getting fit!

Ask Sharon

By Sharon Bailey, Medicare Counselor

I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful fall weather. I can hardly believe October is here and it is almost time for Open Enrollment for Medicare.

Open enrollment begins on October 15 and goes through December 5. I will be making appointments to meet with people at the Scottville Area Senior Center—starting now and going into the first week of December. Call me at 757-4052

There are a few changes this year, but I only have seen the new figures for applying for extra help with prescription drugs.

Q. How much income can you have to get extra help in 2021?

A. An individual can earn about \$20,000 (actual amount not known at this time). A married couple can earn about \$27,000. These amounts have gone up quite a bit in the last couple years; be sure and look over your records to see how much you made this year.

Q. Can I have savings?

A. A single person can have about \$15,000 savings. A married couple can have about \$30,000.

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. You cannot receive extra help if you own land apart from your home. If you own land on separate acreage from your home you do not qualify for extra help.

If you are not sure if you qualify, call 757-4052 and make an appointment to meet with me. You can also make an appointment to check out new plans for 2022. 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.

General Senior Services		Medical Transportation			
Meals on Wheels	231-757-4831	Scottville Area Senior Center	231-757-4705		
Free Soil Area Senior Center		(Doctor appointments-Local and up to 100 miles away)			
Ludington Area Senior Center	231-845-6841	Rides to Wellness1-844-532-7433			
Scottville Area Senior Center					
Tallman Lakes Area Senior Center	231-757-3306	Other Transportation	004 045 0040		
Mason County Council on Aging		Ludington Area Mass Transit			
Mary Bedker, chair: (email: marybedker	@gmail.com)	Ludington Taxi	231-845-9693		
Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan		Mason County Veterans Affairs	231-583-2028		
Call 211 (24/7): General information, local s		John Cotton, Director (jcotton@masoncounty.r			
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Emergency Assistance Ambulance, Police, Fire	011	Education	024 045 6044		
		West Shore Community College	23 1-043-02 1 1		
Mental Health Crisis Line		Tuition free classes for those 60+	004 040 5540		
Suicide Prevention Lifeline		Recreation, wellness center: \$4 per day			
Community Mental Health—Emergency		Michigan State U. Extension	231-845-3361		
Domestic violence (C.O.V.E.)	231-845-5808	Housing and Shelter Assistance			
Public Safety		Five Cap, Inc	231-757-3785		
Mason County Sheriff	231-843-3475	True North Community Services	231-924-0641		
Ludington Police	231-843-3425	Habitat for Humanity	231-843-7888		
Scottville Police	231-757-4729	Red Cross	800-733-2767		
Health		Senior living options—Oasis Senior Advisors	616-675-0006		
Health DeptDistrict #10	231 845 7381	I. I Coath ille Comies Comton	004 757 4705		
Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital		In-home services- Scottville Senior Center			
Mercy Health Ludington Urgent Care		Homemaker, Respite services; Medical alert	devices		
Community Mental Health		Home injury control device installation			
•		Employment and Training			
Mich. Dept. of Health & Human Serv		Second Act (skilled W. Mich. Seniors 50-80)	231-750-4123		
Adult Protective Services (24/7)		AARP Foundation-Senior Employment Pgm	231-252-4544		
Child Protective Services	855-444-3911	M 1 15 ' (T (C)			
Mason County MDHHS office	231-845-7391	Medical Equipment Loans (free)	004 045 7004		
Food resources		American Legion Post 76, Ludington			
Lakeshore Food Club	231-480-4334	Custer VFW Gold Bar Post, Custer			
Caritas Food Pantry (Custer)		Ludington Senior Center			
FiveCap, Inc, Scottville		Scottville Senior Center	231-737-4703		
Senior Meals-on-Wheels		Volunteer opportunities			
Congregate meals: all Mason County senior		Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)			
,		Hospice of Michigan			
Legal Assistance	000 700 0400	All Mason County senior Centers			
Lakeshore Legal Aid	888.783-8190	Other useful numbers/services			
Estate Planning	004 045 0044	AARP—NW Michigan office	231-252-4544		
Ludington Senior Center	231-845-8841	Alzheimer's Association			
Scottville Senior Center	231-757-4705	Disability Connection/W. Mich231-722-008			
Heating/Utilities Assistance		Mason County District Library.	00,000 022 1001		
Mich. Dept. Health/Human Services	231-845-7391	Ludington	231-843-8465		
Five Cap, Inc	231-757-3785	Scottville	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	2010101011		
HELP Ministry	231-843-6811	Scottville Senior Center	231-757-4705		
Furniture, Appliances, Wheelchair R		Ludington Senior Center			
HELP Ministry		Red Cross			
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Kin		ReStore (Habitat for Humanity)			
Scottville Area Senior Center		Salvation Army			
		Social Security Administration			
Kinship Care Resource Center, MSU	000-555-1210	United Way			
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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



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

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



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Mental Health Crisis Line

Kinship Care Support Group

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



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- 3. By mail contact Scottville Area Senior Center, 757-4705. \$18.00 per year, paid by check or cash.

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