

THE SILVER TSUNAMI Aging Well in Newaygo County

COMMISSION ON AGING

MAY/JUNE 2022

Senior Project Fresh 2022

Senior Project Fresh allows you to buy fresh fruits and vegetables by utilizing coupons at qualifying local Farmer's Markets and Farm Stands. Applications and coupons will be distributed by postal mail again this year. The applications will be mailed in June. Each recipient will receive \$50 worth of coupons. To qualify you must be over 60, a Newaygo County Resident, and within the income guidelines (listed below). If you are new to the program, just turned 60, meet the income guidelines, and wish to be put on the mailing list, please call us at our White Cloud Office.

Q. Do I qualify for Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH?

If you are a resident of Newaygo County, 60 years or older, and meet the income guidelines, then you qualify for Senior Project Fresh/Market FRESH Coupons. Income guidelines are listed on the chart below.

Q. Do I need to send proof of my income or my ID?

NO! Your signature on the form states that you are being truthful about your income level and identity.

Q. Where do I get my Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH Coupons?

If you have participated in the past, the Commission on Aging will mail you an application in June. Complete the application and mail back to the Commission on Aging and we will mail you back your coupons. If you have NOT participated in this program, contact the COA at 231-689-2100 to get on the mailing list. You must complete your application fully to receive the coupons.

Q. Can I just stop into the Commission on Aging to pick up my coupons? No, they will be mailed to you.

Q. What can I purchase with my FRESH Coupons?

Michigan grown fruits and vegetables, only from participating local farmers markets and food stands. If you know of a farmer that would like to participate, they need to visit www.michigan.gov/osa

Persons in family/	Income guideline		
household			
1	\$1,986 monthly \$23,828 yearly		
2	\$2,686 monthly \$32,227 yearly		
3	\$3,386 monthly \$40,626 yearly		

ADDRESS: 93 S. Gibbs White Cloud, MI 49349



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PHONE: 231-689-2100

MEET OUR FULL-TIME STAFF

Welcome to the Commission on Aging! Below you will meet our full-time staff with our roles that we hold in the office. We have also included our favorite place in Newaygo County.



COA NOTICES, SERVICES AND PUZZLES

Community Meals are currently served in three locations throughout Newaygo County. Many activities and social opportunities take place at the meal sites.

Meals on Wheels are delivered to homebound people who are physically unable to cook or come to community meal locations.

Bus Service provides transportation to meal sites, shopping, banking, and errands. We have bus routes that center around Fremont, Grant/Newaygo, and White Cloud.

Medical Transportation carries people to medical and health care appointments both in and out of county.

Homemaker aides are available for basic housekeeping, laundry, and the occasional errand.

Call COA with questions about services 231-689-2100

Other services include: Respite, Case Management, Recreation activities, Trips & Wellness Programs including fitness classes and Senior Project Fresh.



Put spaces into the letter sequences to create coherent sentences.

1. Theearlybirdcatchestheworm.

2. LAUGHTERISTHEBESTMEDICINE.

3. **CHEREISALWAYSGIMEGOBEKIND.**

COA OFFICE HOURS :

M-F, 8AM –5PM

MEAL SITES OPEN 11:00-12:30

LOCATIONS:

Fremont

First Reformed Church 348 E Main St. Mon-Fri

<u>Newaygo</u>

St Bartholomew Church 599 W Brooks St. Mon-Thursday

White Cloud

COA 93 S. Gibb Mon-Fri

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For reservations or cancellations, please call (231) 689-2100 at least one day in advance by 1:00PM

Salad Bar Served at 11:30AM

Lunch served at noon

MATHMATICAL MAYHEM In this game, flex your math skills and complete the questions below. 1. (8x5) + 3 = 4. 82-20 + 4 = 2. 11 + (6/2) = 5. (30/5) + 23 = 3. 35 + 2 + 18 = 6. 41 + (2x4) =

VOLUNTEER INFO

Volunteer Spotlight



Contact Aeriel at the COA for Volunteer Information or to receive an application.

(231) 689-2100 x7



Jeff McGowen

When it comes to working in a fast paced kitchen, our volunteer Jeff McGowen is a rockstar. He is always willing to help when needed. "I enjoy helping the community by serving people. I like engaging and interacting with people to bring out their significance. I like keeping active and the challenge of working in a kitchen environment." stated Jeff about what he enjoys about volunteering with the COA.

The process for becoming a COA volunteer can seem like many steps. Jeff explained it well, stating, "Volunteering at COA requires you to have a pretty thorough background check to be approved. I think that is critical not only to protect the integrity of the COA organization, but ensure that all the staff and participating seniors of the community are treated with care and respect." Thank you so much Jeff for all of the support you have given to us as a volunteer!



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BIRTHDAY'S & MOTHER'S DAY

The Commission on Aging would like to celebrate a few individuals who will be celebrating their 90th Birthday sometime throughout the 2022 year. Thank you for spending your time with us at our meal sites!

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90 DICK RAMM **EVELYN JONES** LOUISE JAGER JANET MCCAHILL JEAN CRABTREE JOYCE GALE

BARB PUFF ANNE MARGARET **BOB JONES VERNON LEFEBER**

THOMPSON MARIAN BREUKER SUE WALZAK

VIRGINA PRICE

ANTOINETTE BUSH BEATRICE NEWTON VRETA JACKSON

PATRICIA ROSENGREN

DORIS HOOVER MYRIEL AKERSHOEK **GLAD SHEPHERD BETTY SPEET**

11:00AM LIVE MUSIC BEGINS WITH LUNCH SERVED AT 12:00PM 93 S. GIBBS ST. WHITE CLOUD MI 49349 All ages welcome! RSVP by April 29 by calling 231-689-2100

60 and over, recommended donation \$3 Under 60. \$5 lunch fee

Newaygo County Commission on Aging

Luncheon

MAY 6, 2022

Mother's



Phase II coming

Early 2019!

20 additional apartments

featuring Memory Care and Assisted Living

greenacresfremont@rlmgmt.com • www.rlmgmt.com

Private apartments in a community atmosphere

Four floor plans available, each with private bath

Therapeutic activities • Respite care options

MI Choice Waiver - L.T.C. Insurance accepted

Three home cooked meals per day

Medication administration





Community

KROEZE-WOLFFL

FUNERAL HOME, INC



Ken Wolffis

Jane Wolffis Ion Wolffis

637 E. Main Street, Fremont, Michigan 49412 Phone (231) 924-2130 View Current Obituaries at: www.kroeze-wolffis.com

Newaygo County Veterans Affairs You served your Country, at home & in foreign lands. Now, let our office serve you. Our office is available to assist veterans, their spouses and dependents in obtaining federal, state and county benefits they may be eligible to receive. Contact us for an appointment. Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. With a lunch hour from 12-1pm This project was supported in whole or in part by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) CHIG

County Office: (231) 689-7218 • www.countyofnewaygo.com/VeteranAffairs.aspx

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May 2022

MEALS CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Beef Pasty	3 Fish Sandwich	4 7 Layer Taco Bean Salad	5 Chicken Tenders	6 MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON FREMONT & NEWAYGO MEAL SITES CLOSED
9 Apple French Toast	10 Goulash	11 Sloppy Joe	12 Chicken Salad Croissant	13 Pesto Alfredo Ravioli
16 Teriyaki Meatballs	17 Chef Selection	18 Meatloaf	19 Grilled Ham & Cheese	20 Reuban Casserole
23 Chicken Quesadilla	24 Tamale Pie	25 Oatmeal with Fruit	26 Tuna Pita	27 Honey Chicken
30 ALL SITES CLOSED		Vegetable & Fruit with every meal. Menu is subject to change.	MOT	HER'S

May 2022

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 12:00 LUNCH	3 11:00 Live Music by Steve Troyer 12:00 LUNCH	4 11:00 BP Checks with Jaime 11:00 BP Checks with Shelly 12:00 LUNCH 12:30 BINGO 12:30 BINGO	5 11:00 BP Checks with Shelly 12:00 LUNCH 12:30 BINGO	6 MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON FREMONT & NEWAYGO MEAL SITES CLOSED 11:00 Live Music by Mark & Mark
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23 11:00 Live Music by Rescued Souls 12:00 LUNCH	24 10:15 Golden Arts 12:00 LUNCH	25 11:00 BP Checks with Mandy 12:00 LUNCH 12:30 BINGO 12:30 BINGO	26 11:00 Live Music by Dave M 11:00 Live Music by Dennis Hult 12:00 LUNCH 12:30 BINGO	27 11:00 Live Music by Dennis Hult 12:00 LUNCH
30 ALL SITES CLOSED		Find Activities at Meal sites by color Fremont Newaygo White Cloud	Strength & Balance Class Every Tuesday 10:00am-11:00am White Cloud	AgingWell Exercise Every M,W,F in Newaygo 10:00am-11:00am Nancy Mary Jo Teaching Teaching

June 2022

MEALS CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Got anything better than worms?	1 Chicken & Rice	2 French Dip	3 Apple Pork Loin
6	7	8	9	10
Vegetable Lasagna	Caribbean Curry Chicken	Pig in a Blanket	Club Sub	Crusted Tilapia
13	14	15	16	17
Chip Beef	French Bread Pizza	Turkey Sweet Pot Pie	Chef Selection	FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON WHITE CLOUD & NEWAGYO MEAL SITES CLOSED
20	21	22	23	24
Soft Taco	Chicken Almondine	Breakfast Casserole	Curry Chicken Salad	BBQ Pork Sandwich
27	28	29	30	Vegetable &
Meat Lasagna	Parmesan Chicken	Pineapple Glazed Ham	Chicken Pot Pie	Fruit with every meal. Menu is subject to change.

June 2022

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Find Activities at Meal sites by color	Strength & Balance Class	1	2	3
Fremont	Every Tuesday 10:00am-11:00am	11:00 BP Checks with Jaime	11:00 Live Music by Steve Troyer	12:00 LUNCH
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WHITE PINE ADULT DAY GROUP

COA's Adult Day Services are available to assist both the people in need of care and caregivers. Adult Day Services provide opportunities for socialization, recreation, and activities to increase mental skills. Some transportation and a noon meal are provided for those receiving care. WPADG is designed to relieve some of the physical and emotional stress of the caregiving responsibilities, thereby helping to keep caregivers and care recipients in their homes for as long as possible.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE OPENINGS IN THE PROGRAM. Please contact Wendy for more information at 231-689-2100 x3. WPADG is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.







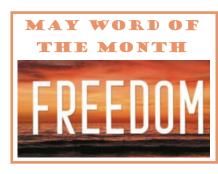


May Schedule

- 5/3: 11:00am Live Music by Steve Troyer
- 5/5: 12:30pm BINGO
- 5/10: Tulip Time Trip in Holland, MI
- 5/12: 12:30pm BINGO
- 5/17: 10:15am Golden Arts
- 5/19: 12:30pm BINGO
- 5/26: 12:30pm BINGO



- **6/2:** 11:00am Live Music by Steve Troyer 12:30pm BINGO
- 6/9: 12:30pm BINGO
- 6/16: 12:30pm BINGO
- 6/21: 10:15am Golden Arts
- 6/23: 11:00am Live Music by Mark & Mark 12:30pm BINGO





TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Call to get your name on a sign up list today!

All trips are subject to cancellation or change due to weather conditions, trip availability, accommodation changes, staffing and client interest. Refunds can be provided for any trip up to the sign-up deadline. You must find someone to take your spot if you can no longer go on the trip that you paid for.



June 15—Mac Woods Dune Trip 💢

Cost \$30. Enjoy the view of the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Riding on a Mac Woods Scooters with a tour guide. We will be meeting at the Fremont Meal Site for Lunch and then heading to the Dunes. **Sign up & payment due June 1.**

July 13—Aquastar Afternoon Cruise ☆

Cost \$40. Join us for an hour and half long ferry boat ride on Lake Muskegon that also goes out onto Lake Michigan! Lunch will be served on the boat by the COA. **Sign up & payment due June 27.**





\$240: Can be paid in full or broken down into 3 payments of \$80. Due on June 1, July 1 and August 1. Sign up by July 1

Activities to look forward to!

- Outdoor Flea Market the Size of 30 Football Fields: Find bargains on home decor, clothing, produce, plants, tools, crafts, books, beauty supplies, accessories, vintage items and everything imaginable.
- Two night stay at the Old Carriage Inn: Breakfast included and only a five minute walk from the Flea Market!
- Dinner at the Blue Gate Dinner Buffet
- Buggy Lane Tour through Amish country ending with an authentic Amish style dinner
 *Two lunches and all souvenirs covered at your own cost

Anyone 18 and over welcome on any trip!

Free Time to make friends, play games and share new found treasures!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SERVICE



This year, the community of Fremont will be honored to host (Four Star) General (Ret) David Bramlett, former FORSCOM Commander, as the keynote speaker for its Memorial Day service.

Event: Memorial Day Parade

Time: 6:00pm

Date: May 30, 2022

Parade Route: begins at the Fremont Fire station and ends at the Veterans Memorial Park where the service takes place

Veterans who wish to participate in the parade should plan to gather at the Fremont Fire Station at 5:30pm the day of the parade. You will receive further information then. There will be transportation available for any veterans who are no longer able to march. "Memorial Day reminds a new generation of the price of freedom and the great need to honor the sacrifice of those who paid its ultimate price. Come make Memorial Day 2022 a year to remember."

Gregory Johnson





UPCOMING CLASSES Strength & Balance Class DIABETES PATH SERIES The COA is happy to announce this new class THURSDAYS, MAY 5- JUNE 9 being taught every Tuesday by Mary Jo. She **10AM-12PM EST.** is a retired Occupational Therapist with much knowledge to share! **Diabetes PATH** is a FREE online self-management The Class will focus on workshop. During the 6 sessions, you learn tools to Date: Every other Tuesday -Health Education manage diabetes. Adults of all ages may attend, -Simple at Home Exercises in White Cloud and including adults with prediabetes, type 1 or type 2 -Low impact Areobics Fremont -Strength Training diabetes, and their family members /caregivers. Time: 10:00am - 11:00am -Adaptive Equipment -Fun! **REGISTER ONLINE:** https://events.anr.msu.edu/DPATHMAY22/_ Transportation to the class can be provided if you call a day in advance to sign-up for the Bus Look for these symbols on the activity CONTACT: Naomi Hyso, hysonaom@msu.edu calendar to know which days the classes are White MICHIGAN STATE Extension Fremont Cloud NIVERSI **GROW YOUR BUSINESS** THIS SPACE IS BY PLACING AN AD HERE! VAILABLE CONTACT US Contact Terry Sweeney to place an ad today! tsweeney@lpicommunities.com or (800) 477-4574 x6407 Long Term Care Elder Law Planning Medicaid Planning Guardianships VA Aid & Attendance Conservatorships Powers of Attorney Probate & Trust Wills & Trusts Administration Anna Urick Duggins **Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorney**



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THANK-YOU MR. FOX!

As we say farewell to Joseph Fox as the Commission on Aging Director, he is now beginning an exciting new journey. Joseph's time at the COA began in 2015 after a friend encouraged him to apply for the position. Being a Christian School Principal in the past, he was looking for a position in administration. Helping run an entire county worth of services though, required Joseph to rely on the help from his team to learn his new role as Director. He quickly set some goals for the COA hoping to expand all of our services. "There are a lot of Seniors in our community, myself being one of them. I wanted to help the COA break the stigma that we only provide services for those who fall under poverty guidelines or are ill or frail. It was time to help the rest of the county see that we are here to help enhance the quality of life for all Seniors within the community." explained Joe.

We are excited to say that Joe definitely helped our organization grow throughout his seven years here. He did this by joining multiple committees and groups with similar goals, and working closely with the Fremont Area Community Foundation to secure grants for us. With a growing family to support him and many hours of prayer, Joseph felt that his retirement was the next right step for him. He stated, "There are bigger needs that I want to fulfill." He would like everyone to know that he will miss you all and to encourage you to remember that what we are doing here at the COA is truly making a difference in Newaygo County.



Plaque presented by Senator Jon Bumstead at the Potato Fundraiser



"Thank you for your hard work towards helping our COA programs grow and thrive."

Joleen

"Joe helped me see the county through new eyes. I am thankful for his dedication to all of the people we help through our services."

Aeriel

"Thank you for always supporting our team with your positivity and encouragement."

Carla

THANK-YOU JOSEPH!



Ice Cream Sunday Thank You from the Full-Time Staff

Retirement Party with cake and coffee.

"I really appreciated Joe's desire to have a family atmosphere among the staff."

"Thank you Joe for mentoring and helping me grown as a man. Looking forward to what's next for you!"

Justin

"Thank you for valuing my family and providing a work family/balance that is very difficult for moms to find. Also, thank you for leading by example and pitching in wherever was needed to serve our clients."

Danielle

"I'm thankful for all of the meal deliveries Joe did. I think it was great that he enjoyed connecting to some of the people we served and he had fun doing it!"



PUZZLE ANSWERS & EVENTS



NEWAYGO COUNTY

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93 S GIBBS, PO BOX 885 WHITE CLOUD MI 49349 POSTAGE

COMMISSION ON AGING WEATHER-RELATED CLOSINGS

The COA will typically close all meals operations (Meals on Wheels Meal Sites) and bus routes when three or more public school systems are closed in Newaygo County. Van and Volunteer transportation will be decided on a case-by-case basis when we are closed. Check out TV 8 and TV 13 both on your television and online for COA closing information.

MEMORIAL MATCH PROGRAM

Give a gift that keeps on giving! The FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION has a Memorial Match Program. If you would like to give a legacy gift to the Newaygo County Commission on Aging Endowment Fund in memory of your loved one, within one year of their passing, please contact the Philanthropic Services Department at the FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (231-924-5350) or Joseph Fox at the Newaygo County Commission on Aging (231 -689-2100) with any questions. Please include the name of the person your gift is in memory of with your submission.

The Newaygo County Commission on Aging is funded by county millage, contributions, memorials, and local fundraising. Grant funding is through the Michigan Department of Transportation, Older Americans Act, Aging and Adult Services Agency (formerly Office of Services to the Aging), Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, United Way, and The Fremont Area Community Foundation. The Newaygo County Commission on Aging certifies that it complies with the Department of Health and Human Services Regulations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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