MECOSTA COUNTY Commission on Aging



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The Keyhole

News on Commission on Aging services and activities for older adults

August 2024

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Marketing Group TBA 9:00 am

Senior Center Board of Directors No meeting

Commission on Aging Advisory Board August 21, 9:00 am



August 10th through August 17th from 9am-4pm!



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The Director's Corner

Please Share!! SCAM ALERT Please Share!!

Friends,

We have had another report of a contest scam. Someone received a letter in the mail from what looked like Publisher's Clearing House which included a check. Scam Scam Scam!!! After they called the number on the letter and asked for more details they were instructed to cash the check and then send a copy of their statement to them. Seriously, they wanted to receive a copy of their bank statement. While some scams may not be this obvious they all want a way to get to your private or financial information. This is just another variation of the PCH scams going around. Please take a look at a portion of the letter this particular senior received:

"You are required by the International Sweepstakes law to pay winning taxes, handling, and processing fee. This will be handled by financier sponsorship check \$7,865.12 to assist you without your pocket expenses. Please contact your agent for further details. Please be advised, don't take any further action until you have contacted your claims agent (Richard Lenski) who will assist you on how to claim your cash prize winnings, please keep this award letter strictly confidential until your cash prize winnings has been processed and remitted to your designated account. It is company policy to keep this letter and your cash prize winning confidential to avoid double or false claims. (This check is to help you pay the fees)"

Please do not call the number they give you or deposit these checks. PCH does not send checks to cover fees and the phone number on the letter is to the scammer not PCH. As I stated there are other variations depending on the perpetrator. Another example we have seen is where the senior receives a letter instructing them to call a fake PCH number so the scammers can release their so called winnings. Just another way to find out your banking information or get you to go to Western Union to send them payment for fake fees before releasing the check. Any checks these scammers send you will bounce. Meanwhile, you will have sent them money from your checking account to pay a fraudulent fee.

From the PCH website: "If you are ever contacted by someone claiming to represent PCH, or claiming to be one of our employees, and asked to send or wire money (for any reason whatsoever, including taxes); or send a pre-paid gift card or Green Dot Moneypak card in order to claim a sweepstakes prize — DON'T! It's a SCAM. If you are sent a check, told it's a partial prize award, and asked to cash it and send a portion back to claim the full prize award, DON'T. The check is fake, but the SCAM is real!" Our Super Prize is presented just the way you see it in our popular TV commercials, "live and in person" by our Prize Patrol, with balloons, bouquet of roses and check in hand with no advance notification!

Cynthia

Memorial Contributions May Be Sent To: Mecosta County Commission on Aging 12954 80th Avenue Mecosta, MI 49332

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Hello Everyone and Happy August! We have some fun stuff going on this month!

- * Our Annual Yard Sale is HERE!!!!!! Our sale will be running from August 10th—17th from 9a-4p
- * Tuesday August 6th & 20th is our Acrylic Workshop with Marcia Lane
- * Wednesday August 14th we have Music with Ron Coman
- Wednesday August 15th we have our AARP Driver Safety Class
- * Wednesday August 15th is Medicare Updates with Adam at 10am
- Wednesday August 15th is the Watercolor Workshop with Joyce Capen
- * Our Blood Pressure Clinic is back and it is scheduled for August 14th & 22nd from 10:30am to 11:30am
- * Tuesday August 20th is a Q & A with Denise Moore from Mid Michigan Community Action
- Wednesday August 21st we have Music with Mark & Scott

If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to reach out to me!

~~Jess~~~



What to know when picking Over-The-Counter Painkillers...

Making sense of the (OTC) drugs can be complicated. Almost all (OTC) drugs fit into four generic categories.



*Aspirin (Bayer, Anacin): Works against fever, minor aches and pains caused by arthritis or swallow muscles.

*Acetaminophen (Tylenol): Works on fever and pain but not for swelling.

*Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, Nuprin): Helps pain, swelling and fever. It's especially good for muscle pain and arthritis.

*Naproxen Sodium (Aleve): Used for swelling, fever, arthritis and minor pain. It works longer than others.

Acetaminophen works in the brain to dull the sensation of pain. The others work

by suppressing chemicals that send pain signals to the brain.



**Rember to always read your warning labels. You may also want to consult your doctor or pharmacist. All drugs have potential side effects, especially if you take too much.

Highlights In Home Services-June2024

Homemaker Aide Client's90Homemaker Aide Hours392Homemaker/Respite Clints1Homemaker/Respite Hours16Respite Clients6Respite Hours88

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Day Trip! September 12th, 2024 — Detroit Tigers Baseball Game

We will leave the Senior Center at 9:00 AM with arrival time near 12:30 PM at the stadium.

Detroit Tigers v Colorado Rockies, game time of 1:10 PM. This should be a fun day at Comerica Park!

No refunds on this trip. Seating is limited. Call Shannon for details and to reserve your seat. 231.972.2884

Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventure is offering a trip April 2025! "Thunder Over Louisville" April 10th—April 13th, 2025

Rated as one of the top 100 events in North America, the Derby Festival's Opening Ceremonies is truly a sight to behold. The Air Show dazzles the crowd with more than 100 plane, aerobatics teams, daring sky diving groups, and breathtaking views. When it gets dark, the Thunder rolls. Eight 400-foot barges assemble on both sides of the 2nd Street Bridge to form the stage from which the fireworks spectacular ignites. The breathtaking and mind-numbing show includes Thunder's signature one-mile "Waterfall" effect off the bridge making the fireworks seem to rain down forever.

Call Shannon for details. 231.972.2884

Buffalo Round Up South Dakota Sept 21st-30th, 2024 Branson Trip Dec 2nd-7th, 2024

Buffalo Round up is sold out
Branson Trip is sold out.
There is a waiting list for these trips.

June Facts

Volunteer Driver Miles-Out of County: 7486 In County: 2959 Total Volunteer Hours: 421.75 Medical Van Miles: 5524



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Volunteer and Home Maintenance Corner



08/1 Shannon Sobieski 8/6 Catherine Gilroy 8/6 Nancy Hopkins 8/6 Jessica Tice 8/7 Thomas Foster 8/7 Linda Greene 8/7 Chis Miller 8/8 Cynthia Mallory 8/9 Dorothy Mallory 8/13 Sarah Longcor 8/16 Alan Garner 8/17 Sandy Scherlitz 8/25 Gayle Rosa 8/31 Ginny Barawskas 8/31 Cherie Denslow

8/31 Cheryl Lamb

"To often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia

All Volunteers

Please log your hours. You can use the kiosk or there are paper volunteer timesheets outside Cindy's office door. Thank you.

Do you need home repairs beyond the scope of our handymen?

Such as
Handrails & Steps
Floors
Door & Thresholds
Appliances
Shower/Bath Modifications
Lighting

Disability Advocates Home Modification Program Eligibility Requirements

62 years or older Own Your Home Proof of Yearly Income

Contact Lisa Nelson-Williams at 616-323-2222



August 10-17

Bored?

Come over to the MCCOASC & I'll put you to work.

August 19-30 Clean-Up

We'll gather up the remains of the sale & we'll distribute items to other local non-profits.



To Our Kitchen
Volunteers
Thank you for Your
Hard Work

BARRYTON MEAL SITE

Barryton Senior Building, 71 Northern Ave, Barryton, Michigan 49305

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!!!



Open: Mondays & Tuesdays 11:30AM-12:30PM

Birthday Celebration August 6, 2024

For Reservations: call the COA phone at

231-972-2884

Cost: Persons age 60+
suggested donation is \$3.00
Persons under age 60 cost is \$6.00

DID YOU KNOW...

In June we served

4890 Home Delivered MealsTo Homebound Seniors834 Congregate Site MealsMecosta & Barryton

Help us bring our congregate counts up by inviting a friend to lunch or joining us for one of our Community Fundraising Dinners!

BBQ Ribs & Prime Shopping!

Kick Off For Annual Yard Sale!

5:30 pm Wednesday

August 7, 2024

At the Mecosta County Commission on Aging & Activity Center 12954 80th Avenue ~ Mecosta, MI

\$10 Suggested Donation
All proceeds go to Meal on Wheels Mecosta County

Reservations are recommended!

5:30 pm Social Hour & 50/50 tickets ~ 6:00 pm Rib Dinner ~

7:00 - 8:00 pm Prime Shopping!

All dinner guests get 1 hour of "Prime Shopping" at our Annual Yard Sale



Prime Rib Dinner has been moved to August 21, 2024, see flyer!

Call (231)972-2884 for more information

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ACTIVITY CENTER MEMORIAL TREE

MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING YOUR
THOUGHTFUL GIFTS HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF SENIORS.

WE RECEIVED DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

ARDATH GLODEN JOHN SWITCHULIS

"WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY, THE MEMORY BECOMES A TREASURE."
AUTHOR UNKNOWN







Medicare Updates & Changes with Adam Spedoske.

Thursday August 15th at 10am Call 231-972-2884 to RSVP your spot!





MUSIC WITH RON COMAN

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14TH AT 11 AM

Music with Mark
Baumann & Scott
McGaughey
Wednesday August
21st at 10:45am



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August Meals Menu

Meals On Wheels DO NOT have a meal delivered on WEDNESDAYS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>Special Days</u>			1	2
August 7th Evening Meal "Not So Prime Rib - Rib Dinner/Prime Shopping			SALAD BARIII	SALAD BAR!!!
August 21st Evening Meal Prime Rib Dinner			HOME DELIVERED IS CHEF'S CHOICE	HOME DELIVERED IS CHEF'S CHOICE
5	Salad 6	7	Salad 8	9 Salad
Salad Bar!!!	Bar!!!	No Noon Meal	Bar!!!	Bar!!!
HOME DELIVERED IS CHEF'S CHOICE	HOME DELIVERED IS CHEF'S CHOICE	NO MEALS ON WHEELS	HOME DELIVERED IS CHEF'S CHOICE	HOME DELIVERED IS CHEF'S CHOICE
12 Breaded Salmon Patty Oven Browns Brussel Sprouts Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	13 Ham Fried Rice With Eggroll Oriental Veggies Bread Mandarin Oranges Milk	14 Cheeseburger French Fries Cucumber Salad Bun Fresh Fruit Milk NO MEALS ON WHEELS	15 Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Asparagus Bread Fruit Juice Milk	16 Goulash Stewed Tomatoes Green Beans Bread Diced Pears Milk
19 Polish Sausage & Kraut Baked Beans Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	20 Pulled Pork Baked Mac and Cheese Cauliflower Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	No Noon Meal PRIME RIB DINNER 5:30 PM	22 Chicken Strips Potato Wedges Vegetable Medley Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	23 Baked Pollock Parmesan Potatoes Broccoli Normandy Bread Fresh Fruit Milk
26 Meatballs Baked Potato Carrots Bread Tapioca Pudding Milk	27 Breaded Veal Cutlet Au Gratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	28 Tuna Salad on Croissant 7 Layer Salad Fresh Fruit Milk NO MEALS ON WHEELS	29 Marinated Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Cali Blend Veggies Bread Tropical Fruit Milk	30 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Black Beans & Corn Fruit Crisp Milk

Dine In Meals are Monday thru Friday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Menu is subject to change if needed

August 2024 Center PULL OUT & PIN UP

Daily Activities	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
EXERCISE:			
EnhanceFitness® Monday- 7:30a & 8:30a Tuesday- 8:30a Wednesday- 7:30a & 8:30a Thursday- 8:30a Friday- 8:30a DANCE INSTRUCTION	4	5 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:00 am Chair Dance	6 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Line Dance
Line Dance: Every Tuesday from 10:00am until 11:30am Chair Line Dance: 11 am Mondays & Wednesdays CARD GAMES Bridge: 12:45 pm Monday		11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Bridge	11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1:00pm Euchre
Euchre: 12:45 pm Tuesday Wednesday Friday Pinochle: 12:45 pm Thursday OTHER ACTIVITIES	11	12 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Bridge	13 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Senior Center Board Meeting 10:00am Line Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1:00pm Euchre
Bingo 1 pm Every Friday Greeting Card Recycling:			n.oopiii Luciii o
10 am Tuesdays Scrabble: 12:45pThursdays Mah Jongg: 12:30p Thursdays Bunco: 1st Monday of every month at 10:00am	18	19 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Bridge	20 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Line Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1:00pm Euchre
Monthly Support Groups & Clinics Foot Clinic *Please call (231)972-2884 to make an appointment	25	26 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Bridge	27 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Line Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1:00pm Euchre
* Denotes a change			

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DO YOU Have a Few Hours a week?

We are currently seeking volunteers to help deliver meals on

WHEELS TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL TO ENSURING THAT VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS HAVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND SOCIAL INTERACTION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEAL DELIVERY VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (231)972-2884 TO SIGN UP! VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION AND BE ABLE TO PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM. YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WE SERVE!

<u>Foot Clinic Wednesday, August 21st,</u> 2024

AT MECOSTA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING & ACTIVITY CENTER



PLEASE CALL (231) 972-2884
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SOAK TUB, TOWEL & \$20 CASH!

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14 8:30am EnhanceFitness® 9a-10:45a Music with Ron Coman 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre	15 8a AARP Driver Safety Class 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10am Medicare with Adam S. 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45pm Pinochle 12:30pm Scrabble & Mah Jongg 1p Watercolor Workshop	16 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre 1 pm Bingo	Last Day of Yard Sale!			
21 8:30am EnhanceFitness® 9:00am Advisory Board Mtg. 10:45a Music with Mark Baumann 9a-3p Foot Clinic(By Apt) 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre	22 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch 12:45 pm Pinochle 12:45pm Scrabble & Mah Jongg	23 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre 1 pm Bingo	24			
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Want to make a HUGE difference in the life of a Senior? Volunteer!

Do you have an active driver's license? Do you want to stay active?

Do you like to drive and travel?

We are currently in need of Volunteer Medical Transportation Drivers. We provide transportation to medical appointments for seniors who live in our county. Drivers can drive locally or travel out of the county for medical appointments.

Regardless of how much or how little time you may have, every volunteer counts! Volunteerism is essential and your community needs you. Also, volunteering is good for your mental, emotional, and physical health. Volunteering helps us to continue to feel productive, provide a sense of purpose, and can be a rewarding experience.



Medical Transportation Drivers volunteer their time but do receive a reimbursement for mileage and per diem. Hours and days are flexible.

Please call Shannon at: 231-972-2884 to see how you can get on the road to volunteering!



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Our annual Yard Sale is here!!!

Join us and shop until you drop!
August 10th-August 17th from 9am-4pm!

All proceeds go towards the Meals Program and updates to our Food Wagon!



Driver Safety Program!

AARP Driver Safety Program August 15th from 8:15am until 5:00pm at the Mecosta County Commission on Aging. Call 231-972-2884 to sign up!

AARP Driver's Safety Class can help lower your insurance cost. Some insurance companies will give you a discount if you have had this course. The certificate is good for 3 years! Call your insurance company and see if they participate and then call and sign up for this course! The class is for ages 50 and older. The cost of the class is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non members.



PRIME RIB DINNER

Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels Mecosta County



Mecosta County Commission on Aging & Activity Center 12954 80th Avenue ~Mecosta, MI ~ 49332

5:30 pm Wednesday, August 21, 2024 \$25.00 (1 person) OR \$45.00 (2 people)

MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS & PAY AT OFFICE RECEPTION AREA

5:30pm Social Hour and 50/50 tickets 6:00 pm Prime Dinner

Your Dinner Choice of Prime Rib <u>OR</u> Cornish Game Hen, Potato, Steamed Summer Vegetables, Salad, Roll, Your Choice of a Decadent Dessert

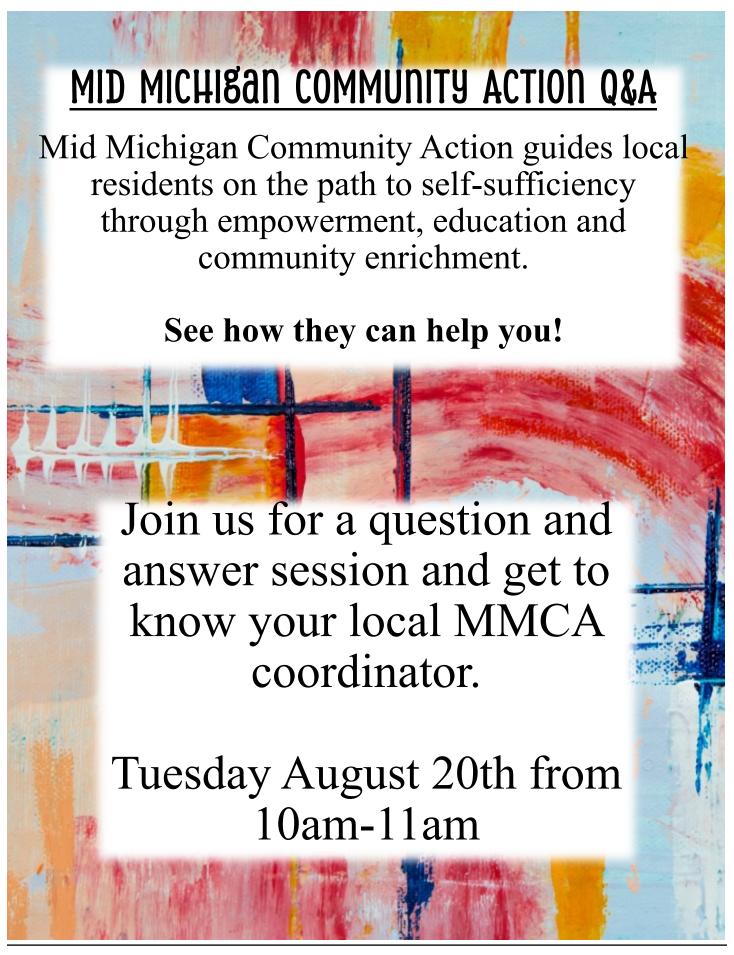
Thank you to our Sponsors

Fate's Market/Remus Ebel's/Reed City Gordon Food Service

All proceeds go to Meals on Wheels Mecosta County

Call (231) 972-2884 for more information

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ACRYLIC CLASS WITH MARCIA LANE

TUESDAY AUGUST 6TH & AUGUST 20TH AT 1:00PM. \$5

call 231-972-2884 To reserve your spot.

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO Bring your own canvas of any size you are welcome to.



August 20th



August 6th





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Beginners Line Dancing

~Tuesdays 10am-11:30am

Ultra Beginners Line Dancing

~Wednesdays 10am-10:50am (Starting August 14th. NO class the first Wednesday of the month)

Chair Dancing

~Mondays & Wednesdays 11am-11:30am

Come join our activity instructors Elma Griffis and Elaine Grace and explore the health and happy benefits of dancing! 2 left feet, no problem! All levels are welcome. Dance is a gentle and painless way to exercise because it engages the mind and body in an enjoyable way that does not feel like exercise. It can cause fewer injuries and the movements are less repetitive.

Seniors have many health benefits to dancing, from better cardiovascular health, improved bone health and balance.

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