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There's Still Time to Help the Annual Golf Outing and Support COA Volunteer Mileage!

Friday, August 3, 2012 Pleasant Hills Golf Club - 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start Scramble - 3 Person Teams

How can YOU help? BE A HOLE SPONSOR for \$100.00, MEAL SPONSOR for \$125.00 or DONATE A RAFFLE/ SILENT AUCTION PRIZE

OR Form a 3 Person Team for \$210 (\$70 each) Sign up A.S.A.P. !!!



All Golfers are eligible for:



Silent Augtion



You could win a 2012 Buick Verano lease or other fabulous prizes on a Hole-In-Onelli **Mountain Singers** perform on Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the COA Activity Center. Light Refreshments will be served. Please call 772-0748 for a reservation.

"A Living Trust Education Initiative: Who Should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes"

The State Bar of Michigan's Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, the Elder Law and Disability Rights Section, and the Probate and Estate Planning Section will present "A Living Trust Education Initiative: Who Should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes," to provide information to senior citizens about essential estate planning tools and caution them about deceptive sales practices by persons selling annuities, a financial product offered by insurance companies, as the most cost effective way to avoid the probate process and under the guise of assisting Veterans with filing an application for VA benefits.

This informal, 60 minute seminar will include a short presentation by Michigan licensed lawyers and a dynamic question and answer period to allow program participants to obtain accurate information about estate planning matters, provide easy and cost effective probate avoidance techniques, and address the myths and horror stories regarding the probate process.

The seminar is **FREE**. Registration is not required. Older adults attending will be given a specially designed folder containing estate planning information, forms, and other useful materials that will help guide their estate planning decisions, assist them in avoiding estate planning mistakes, and help them avoid being victimized by persons selling insurance products as the best, cost effective way to avoid the probate process, reduce estate taxes, ensure privacy in handling their personal affairs, and maintain control over their assets.

Includes: Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch, After the Game Hors d'oeuvres

Contact: Sally or Ginny at **772-0748** or swojciechowski@isabellacounty.org or gcain@isabellacounty.org Date: Wednesday, August 1 Time: 10:30 a.m. Location: Isabella COA Commission on Aging 2200 South Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant

For questions contact Amy Emmons with the MI State Bar Professional Standards Division at (517) 346-6343.

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Director's Comments

Did you know that we had nearly 40,000 visitors in our Activity Building last year? Did you know that our Volunteer Receptionists handled more than 63,500 phone calls? No wonder their ears hurt!

As of August 12, we will have been in this new building four (4) years. It amazes me how fast the time has flown. Even now, every morning when I walk into this building I have to pinch myself to make sure I'm in the right place. I cannot express to you enough how fortunate I feel about being a part of this organization and this community.



The COA Activity Building is a wonderful gift! And it

is the entire county that has made this building possible. Because of that we do not see this building as a gift just to the Commission on Aging. It is a gift and an asset of the county. Yes, the Commission on Aging calls the Activity Building home, but over 55 different community service groups, organizations and non-profits use it for meetings and activities. It is a gift from the community to the community.

It is community assets like this building that bring new families and retirees to Isabella County. This type of support provides an environment where we all can gain and grow. And it is the support the Commission on Aging receives from across the county that allows this agency to be one of the premier Older Adult Services Programs in the State of Michigan. We thank everyone for your support, it is greatly appreciated!

In closing I wish to mention one more milestone that the Commission on Aging will be celebrating next year at this time. Yes, we have been in our new building four years. However, in July, 2013 the Isabella County Commission on Aging will be 40 years old. In July of 1973 the Isabella County Board of Commissioners established the Commission on Aging as a department within the County Governmental Unit. So I think we will have to think of some creative ways to celebrate this very special birthday! We will be keeping you informed . . .



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Mission Moments

You know the saying "You're never too old to learn," well this could not be truer for our Foster Grandparent Volunteers. Each summer they attend a week long "Back to School" training to sharpen their skills in mentoring children before they head back to the classroom in the fall.

They learn new information on Child Development, new strategies to help improve children's reading skills, the latest research on working with children with autism and the list goes on. There is a lot more to our volunteers than the much needed hugs or words of encouragement they give to the students- they are making an impact as part of the team in our children's education.

The Foster Grandparent Volunteers take the saying "you're never too old to learn" to a whole new level.

Mary Ann Mooradian Foster Grandparent/ Senior Companion Program Coordinator

Caregiver Support

The COA Caregiver Support Meeting will be August 21, 2012, at the Isabella County Commission on Aging Activity Center, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant. The meeting is held from 6:30-8:00 in the Craft Room.

This group is open to all caregivers, be it caring for your mother, spouse, grandparent or friend. In this group you will receive support, learn strategies for coping with difficult situations, and get ideas that you can immediately implement. Educational handouts always provided. If you have questions about this group feel free to call the COA at **989-772-0748**.

Legal Services Lakeshore Legal Aid provides FREE

Brenda J. Upton, M.A., COA Executive Director

legal advice to people over age 60. For an appointment call Toll Free: 1-866-552-2889

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Why Review your Medicare Part D Prescription Plan?

October to December is the only time each year that *all* people with Medicare can join or change their Medicare prescription drug plan. **Even if** you like your current plan, it is strongly recommended that you review your plan for the upcoming year. You may be able to save time, money and frustration by choosing a plan with possibly lower premiums and few restrictions. Here are a few frequently asked questions:

How may my current plan have changed?

Your current plan may have changed the monthly premium, the annual deductible, the co-payments to your pharmacy or the formulary (list of covered medications).

What do I have to do if I decide I want to stay in my current plan for 2013?

You are not required to do anything. You will stay enrolled in your current Part D plan unless you sign up for a new plan, or your plan is no longer renewing its Medicare contract (You will receive a letter from your plan if it is no longer being renewed).

What if I change plans and decide I do not like my new plan?

Changes can only be made during Open Enrollment October 15 – December 7. Most people will not be able to cancel the plan until the next Open Enrollment. Low income beneficiaries meeting certain criteria may change their plan throughout the year.

What if I did not join a Part D plan when I was first eligible, but would like to join

now?

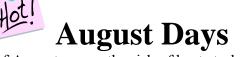
You can enroll in a plan during the Annual Open Enrollment. You may have to pay a penalty for enrolling late.

How do I receive help to compare plans for 2013?

You can call the Commission on Aging at **772-0748**, **beginning October 1**, to schedule an appointment with one of our trained volunteer counselors. Sessions are available for Isabella County residents 60 years of age and older and are by **Appointment Only**. There is no cost to the sessions, although donations to the agency are welcomed.

You can also call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** or go to <u>www.Medicare.gov</u> during the Open Enrollment Period.

Surviving



With the arrival of August comes the risk of heat stroke or exhaustion. Older adults simply cannot cool their bodies as quickly as younger people. Often older adults do not even feel hot or thirsty in higher temperatures. So, extra precautions need to be taken. All heat related illnesses are preventable with a few simple reminders:

- Drink water often. Drink cool (not cold) non-alcoholic and decaffeinated beverages.
- Plan ahead. Avoid any strenuous activities. Take it easy, especially during the hottest part of the day.
- Take a cool shower, bath, or sponge bath frequently.

• If you can, stay in an air conditioned area. Fans cannot cool your body enough when the temperature reaches 90+ degrees.

- Wear light colored, loosely woven cotton clothing.
- Eat cool, light meals.
- **NEVER** leave anyone, especially children or pets in a parked car.

• Be sure to check on your older adult friends or family members at least **twice** a day. If they have transportation problems, offer to take them to an air conditioned facility.

• Check local media for heat relief shelters in your area. The Isabella County Commission on Aging Activity Center located at 2200 S. Lincoln Rd. in Mt. Pleasant will be open as a cooling center when needed.

Volunteer Opportunity

Isabella County Commission on Aging is currently recruiting volunteers who are interested in a short term commitment. We are asking for support in assisting older adults with reviewing their prescription coverage. The COA will be holding several trainings for new and returning volunteers, which will guide those interested through the open enrollment process. We only ask that volunteers are able to use the internet. Any questions/concerns regarding the Medicare Open Enrollment, or training, can be directed to Jennifer Martin at (989)772-0748.

Trainings will be held in September and will benefit both new volunteers and returning volunteers. No Experience is necessary, although it is helpful. Open Enrollment will run from October 15 through December 7. This is a great way to learn about prescription drug plans and upcoming changes.

If you would like someone to call you daily and check on you, call the Commission on Aging at **772-0748** and ask for the **Friendly Caller** program.

To register as a volunteer, please call Ginny Cain at (989)772-0748.

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Upcoming Health Events in our Community

Register for these **FREE** educational programs to be held at **MidMichigan Health Park**, **4851 E. Pickard**, **Mt. Pleasant**, by calling **775-1650** or toll free **1-800-999-3199**.

Blood Pressure Screenings

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, from 9:00-Noon MidMichigan Health Park sponsors *free* blood pressure screenings as a public service. No appointment and no preparation are required. Screenings will be canceled due to holidays or bad weather.

Bariatric Surgery Options

August 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Community Education Room. Learn about laparoscopic weight loss surgery and how it can improve your health and your life. General surgeons from the Great Lakes Surgical Associates will highlight laparoscopic Roux-en-Y, adjustable banding and sleeve gastrectomy surgical options.

Register for these **FREE** classes by calling **Health Promotion Services at 779-5606** or register on line at www.cmch.org. The following educational programs are held at **McClaren-Central Michigan Hospital, 1221 South Drive, Mt. Pleasant.**

Explore Treatment Options for Hip Arthritis

August 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the FDJ Conference Room. Hip arthritis typically affects people over 50 years of age, and symptoms progress as the condition worsens. Inflammatory arthritis of the hip is characterized by a dull, aching pain that is usually worse in the morning and lessens with activity. Vigorous activity can result in increased pain and stiffness. The pain may limit your movements or make walking difficult. Join Orthopedic Surgeon, Michael Moutsatson, DO, for a discussion on the symptoms of hip arthritis, diagnosis and treatment options including hip replacement surgery.

Protect the Skin Your In

August 24, from 9:00-12:00 noon at 315 Warwick Dr., Suite E, Alma. Skin cancer can be successfully treated before it has a chance to spread. Warning signs suggesting skin cancer include: a change on the skin, a sore that does not heal, change in an existing mole, or the development of a new mole. Even a small change in the skin can be a warning sign, so delaying treatment may be harmful to your health. Volume 112 Issue 8 - August 2012

Isabella County Home Improvement Program

Could your home use some improvements? Isabella County has a program to help!

The Isabella County Community Development Department works with qualifying low to moderate income households in Isabella County to provide the resources they need to maintain safe, decent, and attractive homes.

Eligible improvements include, but are not limited to: roofs, furnaces, siding, insulation, window and door replacement, electrical and wiring upgrades.

For more information call us at (989) 772-0911 Ext. 283.



🕹 Equal Housing Opportunity 👔

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH CHILDREN? RIDE BUDDIES NEEDED

What is a Ride Buddy?

Ride Buddies are Gold Key Volunteers who ride *I Ride* buses to provide assistance, security and a friendly presence to all young children riding

alone. If you enjoy working with young children, this might be just the volunteer opportunity for you!

Is there a cost?

The only cost is the usual *I Ride* bus fare for the child. Rate information is available by calling *I Ride* at **772-9441**. There is NO cost to the volunteer. Mileage reimbursement is provided from volunteer's home to pick up site and from drop off site back to volunteer's home. An *I Ride* Bus Pass is provided to the volunteer for use when volunteering as a Ride Buddy.

When is the Ride Buddy service available?

Ride Buddies will be available on weekdays during peak hours 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The program runs September through June.

Where will Ride Buddies be?

Ride Buddies will be on the Mt. Pleasant city routes and out county routes. More routes will be added as needed.

How can I volunteer?

Additional Ride Buddies are needed due to the increase in children riding public transportation. Just call **772-0748** for more information or to register as a volunteer for this great opportunity. While all Isabella County Commission on Aging Volunteers go through a background check, Ride Buddies are required to pass some additional background checks. Please help the Isabella County Transportation Commission and the Commission on Aging make public transportation easy to use for the youngest riders.

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Ask a COA Specialist

Question: My father's home gets quite hot during the summer months. I am concerned that he may become overheated. He does not have the money to pay for air conditioning. What should we do to prevent him from getting heat exhaustion?

Answer: Heat related illness can be very serious in older adults. Central air conditioning could cost into the thousands of dollars. Although we can't assist with central air, the Commission on Aging has some emergency needs money available, to those who meet certain income guidelines, to help purchase window air conditioners and/or ventilating fans.

We also suggest:

- Opening windows at night when it is cooler.
- Keeping your windows and curtains closed during the higher, peak sun time.

Staying hydrated.

Visiting the *air conditioned* COA building for a range of activities!

Please call the Commission on Aging and speak to one of the social workers to learn more about emergency needs money that may be available. We can be reached at **(989)772-0748**.

You Can Ask a COA Specialist Please submit questions to:

Ask a COA Specialist Isabella County Commission on Aging 2200 S. Lincoln Rd Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 You can also call in questions to (989)772-0748 ext. 236 or fax questions to (989)773-0514.

9-1-1 Reflective Address



Isabella County Commission on Aging Register for this FREE event by calling: 1-800-858-1637

FREE: Bike helmets and school supplies to the first 50 kids registered!

Bring the kids for a fun-filled day and connect yourself with resources and information designed to help grandparents and family members who are raising relative's children.

Services available to everyone include:

- Information about enrolling in the Mi-Child Health Insurance
- Representatives from community programs and organizations
- Where to find help paying for babysitters or child care
- Food, games and FUN!

Services available to older adults:

- Help with school clothes, supplies, and necessities
- Medicare/Medicaid insurance programs for older adults



Need a ride? Let us know when you call to register.

Hosted by: Isabella County Commission on Aging, and Region VII Area Agency on Aging using funds provided by the National Family Caregiver Act and the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging..

"Seniors for Seniors"

The Humane Animal Treatment Society (HATS) has older cats available for adoption at no cost to older adults. All cats are spayed or neutered and up to date with vaccinations. For more information call **989-775-0830.**

Yarn and Fabric Needed

The Commission on Aging is accepting limited donations of yarn and

Signs are available from COA Call 772-0748

quilting fabric. Gold Key Volunteer Needle Crafters donated 4,500 handmade items to those in need last year in Isabella County.

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SENIOR COMPANION VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

We are in need of an individual 55 + years of age who is interested in being a friend to home bound older adults in Isabella County through the Senior Companion Program. For your services you will receive

- An hourly non taxable stipend of \$2.65
- Transportation Reimbursement
- Meal Reimbursement
- Holiday, Sick and Vacation Days
- Ongoing Training

To qualify to become a Senior Companion Volunteer you must meet our program income guidelines. Call now for more information. Please contact Mary Ann Mooradian or Michelle Howes at (989) 772-0748.

Movie of the Month

On Tuesday, August 28, come to COA for a **FREE Movie and Popcorn** when we show the movie *"The Lucky One,"* starring Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling and Blythe Danner. The Movie begins at 12:45 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by calling Jen Conner at **772-0748** at least 24 hours in advance. When you make your reservation, let us know if you will be joining us for lunch at noon.

(SERA) State Employee Retirement Association

On August 21, there will be a presentation by the Attorney General's office on Residential Care Facilities. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. If anyone has suggestions for future meetings pertaining to any issue, please contact me so we can address those topics. All meetings have a 50/50 drawing as well as a door prize. Come and enjoy the information provided and the fellowship. There is strength in numbers. If there are any questions, please contact Jackie Curtis at jac62irish@yahoo.com or **989-772-0597**.

SAVE THE DATE Walk to End Alzheimer's September 29, 2012 Time: 10:00-2:00

September 29, 2012 Time: 10:00-2:00 Location: Island Park 50% of profits will benefit: The COA Caregiver Respite Program Email: <u>debrecker1@gmail.com</u> with further questions Volume 112 Issue 8 - August 2012

Gratefulness for a Sweet Treat!

Thank you to A & D Home Care for donating and delivering sugar cookies to our Food with Friends meal and activity sites. They were delicious and your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated! It's community involvement like this that makes our program great! Thanks again!

Mt. Pleasant Outdoor Summer Film	Show Time:
Series - Movies by Moonlight	8:30 p.m.

The Muppet Movie (1979)Saturday, August 4or DuskToy StorySaturday, August 11Cost: FREECasablancaSaturday, August 18Cost: FREELocation:Mt. Pleasant City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St.Please

Bring lawn chairs or a blanket Rain location: Broadway Theatre, downtown Mt. Pleasant

Snacks Needed for Mobile Food Pantry

On Saturday, August 1, the Community Compassionate Network Food Pantry will distribute food to individuals in need at the COA Activity Center, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. There will be approximately 250 individuals receiving food that day. People arrive early a.m. The Commission on Aging will provide coffee, but we are in need of donations of morning snack food such as breakfast bars, bananas and cookies. If you are able to donated some morning snack items please drop them off by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10, to COA, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Shepherd Historical Society

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC! The Shepherd Area Historical Society will host its annual picnic on Monday, August13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and join us at the Wright Avenue Park on the first block of West Wright Avenue in Shepherd.

AFTER THE PICNIC, those interested can join Larry Noyes as he conducts a guided tour of the Powerhouse Museum (adjacent to the park). Mr. Noyes has a wealth of knowledge about the Shepherd area and is pleased to share with those interested. The tour begins around 7:45 p.m.

Genealogical Society of Isabella County

Please join our monthly meetings to hear special guest speakers or join in when we help tear down those brick walls that researchers may encounter. The society meets the 2^{nd} Thursday of each month at the Commission on Aging building at 7 p.m. More information may be obtained from our website at: <u>http://isabellagenealogy.org/home</u>

~ Upcoming Program ~ August: Topic: "Funny Ancestry Trivia"

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Isabella BRKS---RECREATION

County Parks & Recreation Millage Fact Sheet Please Remember to Vote on Tuesday August 7, 2012

Funding

Since 1967 Isabella County Parks & Recreation Commission has provided County-wide park services. The budget challenges the County is facing have affected the funding support for Parks and Recreation operations. Establishing a solid funding source will allow the Parks and Recreation Commission to better maintain and improve the County Parks so future generations will be able to enjoy these recreational areas.

County Parks Millage Request

On Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Isabella County voters will be asked to vote on a 6-year, Parks Millage, up to .35 mills for the purpose of operating, maintaining and improving County Park facilities and program offerings. The tax rate will generate up to \$567,963.

What is the estimated cost to support the County Parks?

Market Value	Estimated Annual
Of Your Home	Investment to Support Parks
\$ 50,000	\$ 8.70
75,000	13.00
100,000	17.40
150,000	26.00
200,000	34.80
75,000 100,000 150,000	13.00 17.40 26.00

PROPOSAL: For the purpose of operating, maintaining and improving the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission parks and programs as provided by PA 261 of 1965, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Isabella, Michigan, be increased by up to 0.3500 of one (1) mill, (\$0.35 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value), for a period of six (6) years, 2012-2017, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$567,963 for the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission parks and programs in the first calendar year of the levy. In accordance with State law, a small portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Clare, Mt. Pleasant, and Union Township; the Local Development Finance Authority of the City of Clare; the Tax Increment Finance Authorities of the City of Mt. Pleasant; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of Mt. Pleasant. Park Millage Would Support

Deerfield Nature Park

- Improve Facilities & TrailsDisc Golf/Sledding Hill/Mountain Biking
- Cross Country Ski Trails

Coldwater Lake Family Park

- Upgrade Campground & Cabins
- Improve Boat Launch

Herrick Recreation Area

- Upgrade Campground Area
- Bathhouse Improvements
- Improvement of Fishing & Boating Areas

Pere Marquette Rail-Trail

Surface & Link Improvements

Majeske Landing

Improve Boat Launch

Meridian Park

Improve Boat Launch

Gilmore Park

Add Trail Signs

Park-Wide

- Conservation Projects
- Expanded Programs/Events
- Trail Development
- Upgrade Equipment
- Chippewa River Stewardship
- Implement ADA Guidelines
- Expand County Park Support Efforts



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Come Out and See the Planes!

Local EAA Chapter 907 is sponsoring a Fly-In or Drive-In Breakfast on Sunday, August 12, from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Woodruff Lake Airport, 6438 W. Millbrook Rd., just east of Coldwater Rd.

You are invited to bring the grandkids and come out to view the airplanes and antique automobiles. If you like, have a wonderful breakfast of pancakes, ham, eggs and cheesy potatoes.

Mt. Pleasant Garden Club



The Mt. Pleasant Garden Club will meet in Room А at the Commission on Aging on August 20. There will be a social gathering and refreshments at 1, followed by a business meeting at 1:30 and a program about the care and propagation of the iris at 2. The speaker



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GUS Activity Center Wednesday Tuesday Monday 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise-Low Impact (F) The room location for each activity is listed on the calendar for easy 10:00 Computer Class (Lab) reference. Codes for the various rooms are as follows: 10:30 State Bar Assoc. Presentation (A &B) A = Activity Room AF = Fitness Room1:00 Happy Rippers (Craft) B = Activity Room BCR1 = Conf Room B1391:00 Bridge (C) C = Activity Room CLab = Computer Lab 1:00 Pepper (C) 7 8 6 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise-Low Impact (F) 9:00 Tai Chi Five Elements (F) 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise - Low Impact (F) 12:00 Community Service Council (A) 10:00 Computer (Lab) 10:00 Country Music (B) 10:00 Cribbage (C) 11:00 Tai Chi Fun (F) 11:15 Deal or No Deal (C) 1:00 Canasta, Pinochle, Dominos (C) 12:30 Banjos and Guitars (B) 1:00 Book Club (Library) 1:30 Yoga (F) 2:00 - 4:00 Intermediate Line Dancing (C) 1:00 Happy Ripper Quilters (Craft) 7:00–9:00 Square Dance Basic Lessons (C) 5:15 COA Board Mtg. (BR1) 1:00 Bridge (C) 1:00 Pepper (C) 7:00 Mt. Pleasant Historical Society (A) 15 13 14 8:00 FGP/SCP Training (A and B) 8:00 FGP Training (A) 8:00 FGP/SCP Training (A and B) 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise-Low Impact (F) 9:00 Tai Chi Five Elements (F) 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise-Low Impact (F) 1:00 Legal Service (CR1) 10:00 Needle Crafters (Craft) 10:00 Computer (Lab) 1:00 Canasta, Pinochle, Dominos (C) 10:00 Cribbage (C) 1:00 Legal Service (CR1) 10:00 Country Music 1:00 Happy Ripper Quilters (Craft) 1:00 Bridge (C) 1:30 Yoga (F) 11:00 Tai Chi Fun (F) 1:00 Pepper (C) 6:00 Parkinson's Support Group (Craft) 12:30 Banjos and Guitars (B) 7:00 - 9:00 Square Dance Basic Lessons (C) 2:00 - 4:00 Intermediate Line Dancing (C) 6:30 Mid Michigan Wood Workers (Craft) 20 21 22 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise - Low Impact (F) 8:30 Friends of Isabella Seniors Mtg (BR1) 10:00 MARPS Mtg. (B) 9:00 Tai Chi Five Elements (F) 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise-Low Impact (F) 1:00 Readers Theatre Practice (Craft) 10:00 Cribbage (C) 10:00 Computer (Lab) 11:00 Tai Chi Fun (F) 1:00 Happy Ripper Quilters (Craft) 1:00 Canasta, Pinochle, Dominos (C) 1:00 Mt. Pleasant Garden Club 1:30 State Retirees Meeting (A) 1:00 Bridge (C) 1:00 Pepper (C) 1:30 Yoga (F) 2:00 - 4:00 Intermediate Line Dancing (C) 6:30 Mountain Singers 6:00 It Works (A) 6:00 Watershed Conservancy (A) **Come Listen to the Music** 7:00 - 9:00 Square Dance Basic Lessons (C) 6:30 Caregiver Support (Craft) 28 29 27 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise - Low Impact (F) 8:00 Women's Aid Staff Mtg (B) 10:00 and 11:00 Exercise-Low Impact (F) 9:00 Tai Chi Five Elements (Craft) 10:00 Computer Class (Lab) 11:00 Blue Cross/Blue Shield (B) 10:00 Cribbage (C) 1:00 Happy Ripper Quilters (Craft) 11.00 Tai Chi Fr .00 Dridge (C) 1.00 Dopp 1.00 Canasta Pinochla Dominos

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1:30 Yoga (F)	2:00 - 4:00 Intermediate Line Dancing (C)		
7:00 - 9:00 Square Dance Basic Lessons (C)	4:00 Alzheimer's Walk Meeting (Craft)		

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Exercise Classes

NO WATER AEROBICS

SAC/ Rose Event Center Closed for Maintenance and Cleaning AUGUST 3 thru 10

Tai Chi Five Elements Class No experience necessary! August 2 thru August 30 Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-10:00a.m Cost: \$60.00 for 8 classes or \$10.00 per To register call Judi 989-773-0786

Lo Impact Aerobic Classes COA Fitness Room M W F 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Weidman Community Building Mondays and Thursdays: 4:30 p.m.

Fun Tai Chi 11:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday No class the first week of August.

Games

Bingo at the COA Friday, August 17 - 12:45 p.m. Friday, August 24 - 12:45 p.m.

Deal or No Deal Wednesday, August 8 11:15 a.m.

Movie "The Lucky One" Tuesday, August 28 12:45 p.m. COA Activity Center Free Admission and Popcorn Call Jen Conner at **772-0748** For a reservation



Mountain Singers Wednesday, August 22

Performance 6:30 p.m. At the COA Activity Center Light Refreshments Please call 772-0748 for a reservation so we know how many to plan for.

Dancing Classes

Line Dancing Tuesdays: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Intermediate

Thursdays: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Beginner Room C

Modern Western Square Dancing

Monday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00p.m. Call Marvin at 773-1581 For more information

Music

Jam Session Not meeting in July or August



Banjos and Guitars

12:30 p.m. Learn the Basics **Tuesday, August 7 and 14** Volume 112 Issue 8 - August 2012

Art / Craft Classes

Learn to Knit

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. Come learn from those who know how.

Readers Theatre Group

Meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1:00 p.m.

(Not meeting in August)

Classes

Retirement Planning Series September 10-October 1

Monday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. September. 10 Life Transitions

Includes information on going from a job to no job, free time, what you do for family and learn how to give back to your community.

September. 17 Social Security

Understanding Medicare and Social Security benefits. For many Social Security is a major source of income and for millions over 65 health insurance would not be affordable without it.

September. 24 Finances

Learn what you will need financially to retire comfortably, and protect your money. **October 1 Legal Issues**

A discussion on wills, probate and advanced directives.

Call Sally at 772-0748 for more information or to sign up for this informative program. Persons of all ages are welcome.

Learn to Use a Computer

On Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. there is a teacher in our computer lab to provide instruction. Some of you may have your own lap top computers, and we encourage you to bring them in. Just drop by and get HELP!

Play Your Dulcimer Not meeting in July or August

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Activity Center TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

DAY AND EXTENDED TRIPS CALL 772-0748 FOR PRICES

Detroit Tiger Baseball Thursday, September 20 Detroit vs. Toronto Seats in Section #113 rows 37 thru 42 Cost: \$85.00

The motor coach departs pole B in the Meijer Store parking lot at 8:30 a.m. We should arrive at the park at 11:15 a.m. Game time is 1:00 p.m. Depart for home after the game, or if extra innings, by 5:30 p. m. Included is a coupon for a soft drink and a hot dog. Payment due by Aug. 20. Call **772-0748**. We need 12 more people for this trip to go!

Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea "On Golden Pond" August 1 Lunch at the Common Grill Cost: \$95.00

The cost includes transportation, lunch and theatre ticket. The motor coach will depart from pole B in the Meijer parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is at 12:15 p.m. You will have time to shop downtown Chelsea until the show starts at 3:00 p.m. The group should arrive back in Mt. Pleasant by 8:00 p.m. A fast food stop will be made on route. **Only 2 spots left** call **772-0748**.

Turkeyville "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline" Wednesday, October 17 Cost: \$85.00

Come experience the look, the sound, the magic and the music that made Patsy Cline the first lady of country. The motor coach departs at 9:15 a.m. from pole B in the Meijer Store parking lot. Dinner is at noon with the show following at 2:00 p.m. Our group should arrive back in Mt. Pleasant by 6:30 p.m. Come with us and enjoy a Fall day away. Call **772-0748** by September 15 to reserve a spot.

Mackinac Island Lunch at the Grand Hotel Cost: was \$140.00 now \$130.00 (Horse show cancelled) Thursday, August 9

Come with us for a day on Mackinac Island. Enjoy lunch at the Grand Hotel at noon. You will then have time to browse the downtown area or take a carriage tour or visit the butterfly house on your own. Motor coach departs Meijer pole B at 8:00 a.m. We will catch the 11:00 a.m. ferry to the island and stay there until 5:00 p.m. Arrival back in Mt. Pleasant will be at approximately 9:00 p.m. Cost includes motor coach transportation, ferry ride to and from the island, taxi ride to hotel and Grand Buffet Lunch. There is still room, so call **772-0748** to reserve a spot ASAP.

Little River Casino Wednesday, October 3

Fundraiser Trip Cost: \$55.00 The motor coach departs at 8:00 a.m. from pole B in the Meijer Store parking lot. Cookies and juice will be available on route with a rest stop made on the way to Manistee. You will have from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Casino and will receive \$25.00 in gaming credits. Persons must be 21 years old and have with you a valid photo ID (driver's license or passport) to receive this package. Should be back by 5:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

Send payments to: COA Activity Center Attn: Sally 2200 South Lincoln Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Agawa Canyon Train Ride Kewadin Casino Hotel

September 25-27 (need a proof of citizenship) *******************************

Branson Shows

"Joseph" Sight and Sound Theatre Oak Ridge Boys, George Jones Clay Cooper, Shoji Tabuchi Plus Silver Dollar City October 9-14 ***********

New York City

Broadway Musical w/ Matthew Broderick "Nice Work If You Can Get" October 21-26 A second bus has been added..call ASAP ************

Mall Of America

November 4 - 7

Niagara Falls "Bobby Vinton" "Oak Ridge Boys" Shawn Klush (Elvis Impersonator) November 25 - 27 **********

Chicago "Sister Act"

New Year's Eve Nutcracker on Horseback

www.isabellacounty.org/dept/coa Click on COA Trips or Call 772-0748 for information! Lunch and Dinner "Singin in the Rain" New Years Eve Celebration December 31-January 1

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August EAT SMART MENU Food With Friends

FWF Eat Smart Menu

August 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Russian Chicken Bread Oven Roasted Potatoes California Blend Cantaloupe	2 Sliced Turkey Bread Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Cherry Fruit Cup	3 Swissed Beef Pattie Bread Whipped Potatoes Cauliflower/Cabbage Salad Oatmeal Apple Crisp
6	7	8	9	10
Chicken a la King	Pork Chop	Chicken Salad	Chili (turkey)	Turkey Loaf
Biscuit	Bread	Blueberry Muffin	Corn Bread	Bread
Carrots	Whipped Potatoes/Gravy	Carrot Sticks	Tossed Salad	Baked Potato
Coleslaw	Bean Salad	Cucumber Salad	Apricots	Cauliflower
Pears	Watermelon	Grape Banana Fruit Cup	Graham Goldfish Cookie	Michigan Fruit Cup
13	14	15	16	17
Baked Ham	Veal Parmesan	Lemon Baked Chicken	Beef Mozzarella Melt	Chicken/Rice Casserole
Bread	Bread	Bread	Bread	Bread
Squash	Peas	Oven Roasted Potatoes	Corn	California Blend
Green Beans	Fruited Coleslaw	Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad	Stewed Tomatoes	Tossed Salad
Strawberries	Tropical Fruit	Cantaloupe	Pears	Mixed Fruit Cup
20 Baked Spaghetti (turkey) Garlic Toast Tossed Salad Pears	21 Chicken/Broccoli/Cheese Bread Baked Potato Italian Blend Pineapple Gelatin	22 Sloppy Joe (turkey) Bun Carrots Crunchy Vegetable Salad Cherry Fruit Cup	23 Salisbury Steak (beef) Bread Whipped Potatoes Peas & Carrots Watermelon	24 Turkey Stew Biscuit Coleslaw Cinnamon Applesauce
27	28	29	30	31
Macaroni & Cheese	Baked Chicken	Meatloaf (beef & turkey)	Meatballs (beef)	Smothered Chicken Breast
Bread	Bread	Bread	Bread	Bread
Winter Blend	Whipped Potatoes/Gravy	Squash	Redskin Potatoes	Oven Roasted Potatoes
Tossed Salad	Cauliflower/Cabbage Salad	Pea Salad	Brussels Sprouts	Carrot Salad
Pineapple	Grape Banana Fruit Cup	Cantaloupe	Mixed Fruit Cup	Pears

Menus are Subject to Change Without Notice **Reservations are Required 24 Hours in Advance** Milk provided with all meals Suggested Donation \$2.50

Winn Community Building

2583West Blanchard Road, Winn Meals M-W-F, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Denise Peltier-Pohl, Site Manager

August has a lot packed into it at the Winn FWF Meal and Activity site. Join us on August 13 for a Hawaiian Luau! We are doing it up big! Award winning dancers, with years of experience will be entertaining us. Dig out your Hawaiian shirts and dust off your grass skirts!

shoulders, neck and back, don't miss out on a chance to experience a massage from Massage Therapist, Michelle Bendele. She will be here on August 24 to indulge us. Please call 898-866-2520 or 989-772-0748 after site hours to reserve your spot for these and other days listed below that are sure to be a great time!

August Calendar

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August Calendar continued

- Nutrition-"Portion Size vs. 8 Serving Size" Leora Nelson
- Hawaiian Luau 13
- 15 Steve & Lois Johnson
- 20 Rocky King
- National Black Cow Month-Root Beer Floats
- 22

If you carry your tension in your

- Lyle Thrush & Duane Hallock
- Birthday Party with Randy & Julie 6 Davis
- 8 National Zucchini Day
- Aunt Mary & Friends
- Michelle Bendele 24
- 27 Kevin Bendele
- 29 Don Leisure & Friends

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Commission On Aging

COA Activity Center

2200 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant Meals M thru F, Open 8a.m. - 4:30p.m. Jen Conner, Site Mgr. 772-0748

WOW! I don't remember a summer quite this hot in recent years! Beat the heat by coming inside and joining us at the COA Activity Center for one of these cool activities: Wednesday, Aug. 8: Deal or No Deal with Tendercare. 11:15 a.m. Room C

Friday, Aug. 17: Open Community Breakfast. 8 to 9 a.m. Room C. Cost is \$4, preregister by calling Jen at 772-0748. Friday, Aug. 17: Meijer Gift Card Bingo 12:45 p.m. Room C Friday, Aug. 24: Laurels Bingo at 12:45 p.m. Room C

Tuesday, Aug. 28: FREE MOVIE and POPCORN. We will be showing "The Lucky One," starring Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling and Blythe Danner. Preregistration is required by calling Jen at 772-0748.

As always, please come in and join us for Food with Friends, Monday through Friday at 12 noon in Room C. Lunch is a suggested donation of \$2.50 for those over the age of 60, and \$5 for those under the age of 60. Stay cool!

Shepherd United Methodist Church,

107 W. Wright, Shepherd Meals M-W-F, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Rose Cowden, Site Manager 828-5106

Join us in August as we begin our Summer Olympiad Games! Don't worry if you have limited mobility. We will accommodate different ability levels. Along with keeping our bodies active we keep our minds in shape by starting each day with a game of concentration and continuing the day with various games, puzzles, word games, trivia, presentations, and fellowship. We welcome you to join us for fun activities and a delicious meal with friends.

August Calendar

- What do you remember about the 1960's? 1
- 3 Pepper
- Skipbo + Nutrition Topic-Portions Size vs. Serving Size 6
- 8 Game Day
- 10 Pepper
- Summer Olympiad Games 13

15	Birthday Party:
	Nancy Cotter, Dottie Evans & Leorna Lynch
	Bingo
	Visit from Lisa from CMDHD - Nutrition and Aging

Reaching Out in Your Area

Weidman Senior Center

3453 N. School Road, Weidman Meals M-F, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Marjie Evans, Site Manager 644-2538



We love card games and we are always happy to pull up another chair for newcomers. Pictured above is our Chair Affair chair on display this summer in downtown Mt. Pleasant. Join us for games and other fun activities listed below!

August Calendar

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- River Ramblers- 10:00 a.m.
- Bingo
- 7 Lisa CMDHD from and Aging" "Nutrition
 - River Ramblers- 10:00 a.m.
 - Birthday Party for Mina Garrett Dominoes
- 13 Nutrition Topic - "Portion Size vs. Serving Size"
- 15 River Ramblers- 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Zucchini Recipe Exchange

Rosebush

Village of Rosebush Manor 4210 E. Rosebush Road, Rosebush Meals M-W-F, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Penny Wisney, Site Manager 433-0151

It's hard to believe half the summer has passed. We still have much to do with what remains of the season. Join us at Coldwater Lake as the Rosebush Manor has invited us for a day by the water on Aug 21 from 11-3. Bring your sun screen and a dish to pass.

We have many more activities that we hope you'll join us Sit and Get Fit is Every for. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15. Movie and Popcorn on every Friday at 6:15.

August Calendar

- 1 1:00 - Penny Bingo
- 3 12:45-Chippewa Nature Cntr.
- 6 12:30- Nutrition –"Portion Size vs. Serving Size" 12:45- Word Search/ Crossword 8
- 1:00- Penny Bingo
- 10 1:00- Good Times Band 2:00- Ice Cream Social
- 13 1:00- Bingo w/ prizes -Woodland Hospice 2:30- Red Hat Strutters -Country Line Dancing
- 15 1:00- Bingo w/ prizes – The Laurels
 - 2:00- Storytelling –Library
- 17 12:30- Craig Newton
- 1:00- Ouilts/Kathi 20
- 21 11:00-3:00 p.m. - Coldwater Lake Picnic
- 1:00- Penny Bingo 22
- 24 1:00- Animal Show & Share
- 27 12:30- Birthday Party 1:00-Bowling
- 29 1:00- Penny Bingo
- 31 1:00-Doozies Ice Cream Trip

- 17 Pepper
- 20 Bingo
- 22 Field Trip to the Country Garden after lunch
- 24 Pepper
- 27 Nicole from Mid-Michigan Home Care
- An Afternoon in Africa 29
- 31 Labor Day's coming! Remembering Vacations of Years Past
- 21 National Senior Citizens Day Recognizing your contributions to Society
- 22 River Ramblers- 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Bingo
- 27 Word Games
- 29 River Ramblers- 10:00 a.m.

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"Let us forgive each other only then will we live in peace." *Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy*

Computer Training Classes

	At Veterans Memorial Library				
Au	August CalendarFree Classes				
2	2:00-3:30 p.m. N	Mastering the Mouse			
6	11:00-12:30 p.m.	Basic Computing			
7	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Basic Windows			
9	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Basic Word			
13	11:00-12:30 p.m.	Files & Folders			
14	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Basic Internet 1			
16	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Intermediate Word			
20	11:00-12:30 p.m.	Basic Email			
21	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Basic Internet 2			
23	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Basic Excel			
27	11:00-12:30 p.m.	Basic Email 2			
28	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Computer Security			
30	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Facebook 2			
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Remember that individual help is also available in between classes! To register for these *free* classes call **773-3242 ext. 33**.

Meal Site Gift Certificates

Food with Friends makes gift giving easy with Meal Site Gift Certificates. These gift certificates are a great gift for friends and family age 60+ who are regulars at our sites, or for those that haven't visited yet. Give your loved ones the gift of great food, fun, and friendship.

Gift certificates can be used at any of our five Isabella County sites in Mt. Pleasant, Rosebush, Weidman, Winn, and Shepherd. Separate gift certificates can also be purchased for use at our Gratiot County Sites in Breckenridge, Ithaca, Fulton, Sumner, and St. Louis. Gift certificates can be purchased for \$2.50 per meal at the Commission on Aging office or at any of our meal sites.

Golden Age Cards

If you are age 85 or older, you are eligible to receive a Golden Age Card, compliments of the Isabella County Transportation System. This will enable you to ride the *IRide* bus for free. This card is made at the COA Activity Center, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd. in Mt. Pleasant. You need to show verification of your age and be a resident of Isabella County to obtain a pass.

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Each issue of Active LIVING is printed and mailed to our readers before the 1^{st} of each month. In order to complete the entire process we need to receive information for submission by the 10th of the prior month. Please understand all articles submitted are subject to editing for content and space restrictions. Thank you. Active LIVING Page 15

Is a bella County Commission on Aging Brenda J. Upton, M.A., Executive Director

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Isabella County Commission on Aging is to promote the health, independence and fulfillment of Older Adults through the coordination and provision of diverse services and opportunities.

The Isabella County Commission on Aging (COA) is a leading multi-service agency that provides a community focal point for the needs of our Older Adult population.

The following programs focus on assisting individuals who are sixty (60) years of age and older and live within our geographical service areas:

In Home Services Program

- •Case Management
- •Caregiver Training
- •Counseling / Information
- •Homemaking
- •Medicare / Medicaid Assistance
- •Personal Care
- •Respite Care
- •Fitness

Food With Friends Program •Congregate Meals •Home Delivered Meals

Foster Grandparent Program •Senior Companion Program

Activity Center Program •Activities /Trips

Gold Key Volunteer Program •Volunteer Opportunities •Transportation

Donations or fees for all programs and services are requested. If we can assist you or someone you know, please call (COA) at **989-772-0748** Monday thru Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Funding sources include Client Donations, Memorials, Planned Estate Gifts, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, Isabella County Senior Millage, Federal, State, Isabella County and Gratiot County appropriations.

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Breakfast Special at COA

Each month, on the <u>third Friday of the month</u>, the Farmer's Breakfast will be served at COA. Please join us! Breakfast is served from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in room C. The cost is \$4.00 per person.

Featured items include the following: Seasonal Fruit Juice/Coffee Scrambled Eggs Toast and Muffins The Cook's Special and Bacon/Sausage (2 links and 2 strips) Please call **989-772-0748** for reservations at least 24 hours in advance.

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The **Friends of Isabella Seniors** organization is operated exclusively for charitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to encourage and assist with the provision of programs and services for older adults in Isabella County operated in cooperation with the Isabella County Commission on Aging.

Suggested contribution to Active Living: \$20.00 per year helps to cover the costs of producing and mailing the paper. A great way to remember when to send your donation is to send it on your birthday each year.

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