MECOSTA COUNTY Commission on Aging

ACTIVITY CENTER

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News on Commission on Aging services and activities for older adults



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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Marketing Group TBA 9:00 am

Senior Center Board of Directors May 14, 10:00 am

Commission on Aging Advisory Board May 15, 9:00 am



Our Yard sale fundraiser will be here before you know it!

The Donation tent will be available soon so keep us in mind after this Memorial day!



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Wednesday June 26, 2024

Another year and another opportunity to attend Senior Enrichment Day is upon us! We are planning an exciting event with nearly double the speakers as last year! Senior Enrichment Day is a day filled with learning opportunities and you can find classes on topics such as:

Big Rapids history, wood burning, exercise, fly fishing lure creation, Christmas ornament decoration, 9 ways to live longer, bees, writing to heal grief, Alzheimer's disease, emergency preparedness, active shooter training, coin collecting and so much more. There should be a class or activity for everyone.

You will be able to pick up or view the official registration booklets at the following locations:

Mecosta County CoA-12954 80th Avenue, Mecosta DHHS –800 Water Tower, Big Rapids www.seniorenrichmentday.com &

Various locations in Mecosta County

Visit & register on our website: www.seniorenrichmentday.com

Nominations for the Mary Pine Award which honors senior volunteers are also now being accepted! Hope to see you there!

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



Hey Everyone!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring so far! We have a lot of fun stuff coming up!

- * Tuesday May 7th–Acrylics Painting Class with Marcia Lane.
- * Thursday May 9th– Medicare Workshop with Adam Spedoske.
- * Friday May 10th–Music with Dave Marasus.
- * Wednesday May 15th–Music with Vicky Dexter.
- * Thursday May 16th– Watercolor Workshop with Joyce Capen.
- * Tuesday May 21st-Euchre Luncheon.
- * Wednesday May 22nd–Music with Mark Baumann.
- * Wednesday May 22nd-BBQ Rib Cook-Off!!!
- * Monday May 27th– Closed for Memorial Day.
- * Wednesday May 29th–National Senior Fitness Day Celebration.

If you have any questions about and activity or event we have coming up please feel free to ask me and always if you have any fun suggestions let me know, I am always looking for fun and trouble to get into!



Who is Mid Michigan Community Action Agency?

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency guides local residents on the path to self-sufficiency through empowerment, education and community enrichment. They have been serving the community since 1966.

MMCAA can help with food, housing, home energy savings, energy assistance, homebuyer assistance, and more!

Weatherization

Cost-effective energy solutions like insulation and weather stripping to reduce energy costs and improve safety in the home and the health of the residents.

Commodities

Monthly food box distributions for low income seniors 60 and over. Quarterly food box distribution for households in need of emergency food.

Housing Instability

Services ranging from temporary shelter to rental assistance for those experiencing housing instability.

Utility Resource

Assistance navigating resources for those behind on utility bills.

Mid Michigan Community Action is located in Big Rapids at the MiWorks building. The number they can be reached at is <u>231-660-0271</u>.



Highlights In Home Services– March 2024				
Homemaker Aide Client's	89	Homemaker Aide Hours	420.25	
Homemaker/Respite Clints	1	Homemaker/Respite Hours	16	
Respite Clients	3	Respite Hours	44	



Thank you to everyone who participated in our spring Casino Trip.I'm looking forward to scheduling another one in the fall.I'm always looking for suggestions and requests for future trips!

It's time to get your vehicle ready for spring! Some spring tips:

- Switch back to regular tires (Yeah, no more snow tires)
 Replace worn wiper blades.
 - Wash the undercarriage to remove all the winter salt.
 Check tire pressure .
- 5. Test your battery and get a full Spring Vehicle Inspection.

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

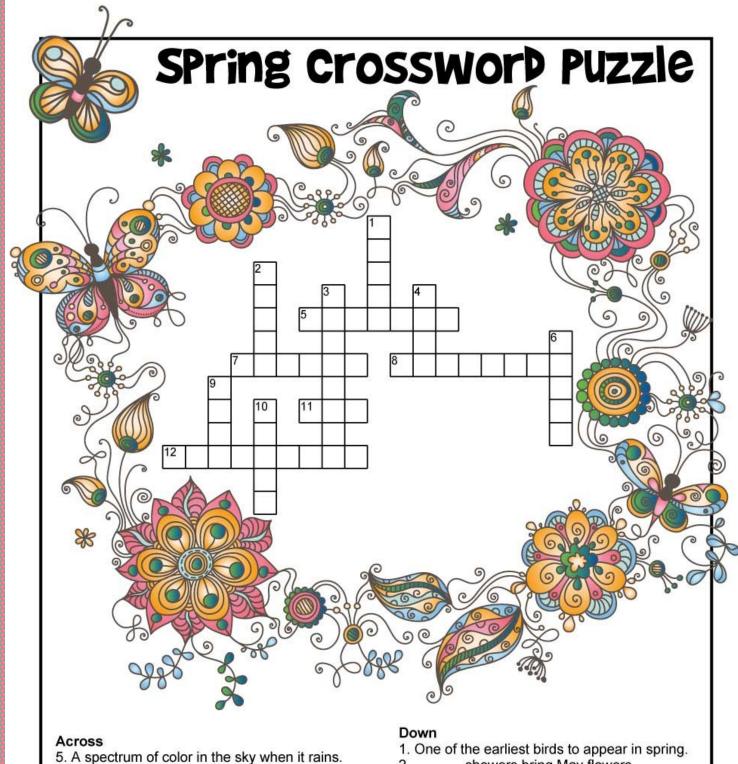
Buffalo Round up is sold out Branson Trip is sold out.

We are taking names for a wait list for these trips. Keep in mind these trips are 2
6 months out or more and a lot can happen. If you are on the waiting list, you could get on the trip if you don't mind with a last minute notice.

Ed is going to be retiring and not sure if he will be offering any trips in 2025. If you would like to travel one more trip with Ed, sign up for the waiting list for the Branson Trip. You will not be disappointed!

March Facts

Volunteer Driver Miles–Out of County: 6171 In County: 2254 Total Volunteer Hours: 507.50 Medical Van Miles: 1935



- 7. A colorful plant with leaves and petals.
- 8. A circular device that keeps the rain off your head.
- 11. The month in which we celebrate moms.
- 12. A winged insect that comes in many colors.
- 2. _____ showers bring May flowers.
- 3. A sport played with a bat and ball.
- 4. The early bird gets the ____
- 6. The month in which spring starts.
- 9. When snow and ice turn into water.
- 10. The color of grass once it comes back to life.



Volunteer and Home Maintenance Corner



May 2024

May Birthdays

5/6 Mark Sholty 5/11 Kelli Johansen 5/12 Marlene Cummings 5/14 Doug Christiansen 5/15 Mary Dodge 5/17 Jim Canham 5/19 Scott Bultman 5/24 Maureen Arndt 5/26 Christine Raymo 5/27 Michael Gibson 5/28 Thomas Holbeck



ΤO

Everyone who Contributed to the Success of Our Volunteer Luncheon





Organizers Movers & Shakers Able-Bodied People

> To Clean Up To Pick Up To Set Up

If You're Willing to Help Contact Cindy at 231-972-2884



Abraham Lincoln



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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 May 7, 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 March we served

4611 Home Delivered Meals To Homebound Seniors824 Congregate Site Meals Mecosta & Barryton

Help us bring our congregate counts up by inviting a friend to lunch!

GRILLED CHICKEN & STRAWBERRY SALAD

Ingredients:

Grilled Chicken

1# boneless skinless chicken breast (could also use deli rotisserie chicken) 1 tsp kosher salt 1/2 tsp black pepper 2 tsp olive oil

Strawberry Salad

8 cups romaine hearts (could substitute spinach) 1 cup cucumbers diced 1 cup strawberries sliced 1 medium avocado 1/3 cup feta cheese crumbles 1/3 cup pecans 1/4 cup sliced red onions

Strawberry Dressing

1 cup sliced strawberries 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar 2 tbs water 1 tbs minced shallot 1 tsp Dijon mustard 1 tsp honey 1/2 tsp kosher salt 1/2 tsp black pepper 1/2 cup olive oil

Instructions:

- Evenly season both sides of each chicken breast with salt & pepper. Drizzle a 1/2 tsp of olive oil on both sides, rubbing on to the surface evenly. Preheat the grill or grill pan over medium-high heat. Dil the grill grate or pan. Place the chicken on the grill and close the lid if using a barbecue. Cook until internal temperature reaches between 16D to 165 degrees F, about 5 to 7 minutes per side. Rest the chicken for 1D minutes. Cut into 1/4" thick slices against the grain. Set aside.
- 2) In a blender, add sliced strawberries, balsamic vinegar, water, shallots, mustard, honey, salt & pepper. Blend on high until smooth, about 10 seconds. With blender running on medium-low speed, slowly add olive oil in a thin stream until thickened, season with salt, pepper & honey to taste.
- In a large serving bowl, add romaine, cucumber, strawberries, avocado, feta cheese, pecans & red onion. Top with sliced chicken. Drizzle dressing on top of salad or serve on the side.



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:

GALE ESCH OLIVIA LUCERO ROBERT ORWELLER FLORENCE EATON

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









MUSIC WITH MARK BAUMANN Wednesday May 22nd AT 10:45AM at the Mecosta County Commission on Aging!

The Keyhole

May Meals Menu

Meals On Wheels DO NOT have a meal delivered on WEDNESDAYS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>Special Days:</u> May 1st Spaghetti Dinner May 8th Euchre Luncheon May 10th Bingo Pizza Party		1 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Milk NO MEALS ON WHEELS	2 Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Scrambled Eggs Vegetable Blend Bread Fruit Juice Milk	3 Pulled Pork Baked Mac & Cheese Cole Slaw Bun Fruit Crisp Milk
6 Bean & Cheese Burrito Mexican Rice Fiesta Corn Bread Apricots Milk	7 Fish Filet Au Gratin Potatoes Broccoli/Normandy Bread Tropical Fruit Milk	8 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Corn Salad Peaches Milk NO MEALS ON WHEELS	9 Breaded Veal Cutlet Baked Potato California Blend Veg Bread Fruit Milk	10 Chicken Corden Bleu Rice Pilaf Asparagus Bread Fruit Milk
13 Cabbage Rolls Glazed Carrots Bread Baked Apples Milk	14 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Mixed Vegetables Bread Pears Milk	15 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Potato Salad Cup of Soup Fruit Milk NO MEALS ON WHEELS	16 Chef Salad Pickled Beets Cottage Cheese Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit Milk	17 Smothered Pork Chop Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli Bread Fresh Fruit Milk
20 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Wax Beans Bread Fruit Cocktail Milk	21 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Roll Fresh Fruit Milk	22 2nd Annual BBQ Rib Cookoff! Potato Salad Coleslaw Cornbread Milk NO MEALS ON WHEELS	23 Chicken & Waffles Vegetable Medley Bread Fruit Milk	24 Italian Stuffed Shells With Meat Sauce Italian Vegetables Breadsticks Apricots Milk
27 CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF	28 Chicken Strips Baked Potato Cauliflower Bread Fruit Milk	29 Tuna Wrap Garden Greens Salad Fruit & Nut Parfait Milk NO MEALS ON WHEELS	30 Western Omelet Bake Breakfast Tots Spinach Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	31 Hamburger Baked Beans Campfire Vegetables Bun Fresh Fruit Milk

Dine In Meals are Monday thru Friday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Menu is subject to change if needed

May 2024 Center PULL OUT & PIN UP			
Daily Activities	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
EXERCISE EnhanceFitness 8:30am-9:30am Monday through Friday DANCE INSTRUCTION Line Dance: Every Tuesday from 10:00am until 11:30am Chair Line Dance:			
11 am Mondays & Wednesdays CARD GAMES Bridge: 12:45 pm Monday Euchre: 12:45 pm Tuesday Wednesday Friday Pinochle: 12:45 pm Thursday	5	6 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Bridge	7 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Line Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1p Acrylics on Canvas 1:00pm Euchre
OTHER ACTIVITIES Bingo 1 pm Every Friday Greeting Card Recycling: 10 am Tuesdays Scrabble: 12:45pThursdays Mah Jongg: 12:30p Thursdays Bunco: 1st Monday of every month at 10:00am	12 Happy- Mothers- Day-	13 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Bridge	14 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Senior Center Board Meeting 10:00am Line Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1:00pm Euchre
<u>Monthly</u> <u>Support Groups & Clinics</u> Foot Clinic *Please call (231)972-2884 to make an appointment * Denotes a change	19	20 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Bridge	21 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Line Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:30p Acrylics on Canvas 1:00pm Euchre Euchre Luncheon!
	26	27 Closed In Observance of Memorial Day memorial DAY	28 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 10:00am Line Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1p Acrylics on Canvas 1:00pm Euchre





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 BACKBROUND CHECK. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR MEAL DELIVERY PROBRAM. YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WE SERVE!



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15 8:30am EnhanceFitness® 9:00am Advisory Board Mtg. 9a-3p Foot Clinic(By Apt) 10:45 Music with Vicky Decter 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre	16 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45pm Pinochle 12:45pm Scrabble & Mah Jongg 1p Watercolor Workshop	17 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre 1 pm Bingo	18	
22 8:30am EnhanceFitness® 10:45 Music with Mark B. 11:00 am Chair Dance 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre BBQ Rib Cook Off!!!	23 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Pinochle 12:45pm Scrabble & Mah Jongg	24 8:30 am EnhanceFitness® 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch 1 pm Euchre 1 pm Bingo	25	
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- June 3rd Our Drop Tent will be open to the public so if you have items you would like to donate you can come Mon-Fri from 8am until 4:30pm to drop them off. Please ask us in advance for help if items are heavy.
- June 11th at 11:00am is our Volunteer Yard Sale meeting. If you are interested in helping us this year or know someone who loves to Yard Sale then come join us for our kick off meeting and help us get this event off to a good start!
- Some things we **DO** Not accept as donations are...

Encyclopedias
Footwear
Tires
Magazines
Mattresses
TV's
Car Seats
Pianos
Computers
Picture Frames

Happy National Senior Fitness Day!

<u>Fítness & Fun Collab</u> <u>May 29th 8:30am-11:00am</u>

We will be celebrating National Senior Fitness Day by having our EnhanceFitness® class join forces with our Chair & Line Dance Activities! Bring your favorite healthy snack recipe to swap out with another! Also our EF instructors and Activity Volunteers will be answering questions you have about the classes offered! We will also have a healthy lunch planned for after the event. Hope to see you there! 8:30am-9:30am: Class. 9:30am-10:30am: Healthy Snack Period

9:30am-10:30am: Healthy Snack Recipe Swap. 10:30am-11:00am: Q&A with our instructors and volunteers.

The Keyhole

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Watercolor Workshop with Joyce Capen! Thursday May 16th at 1pm \$5 Please call 231-972-2884 to RGVP!





Attention May Birthdays!

Join us Wednesday May 1st to celebrate our May Birthdays! We will have an awesome birthday dessert and yes you will get a happy birthday song!

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ACTYLICS ON CANVAS WITH MARCIA LANE TUESDAY MAY 7TH \$5 PLEASE CALL 231-972-2884 TO RSVP!

Be sure to wear old clothes just in case you get messy.





Friday May 10th at 10:45am at the Mecosta County Commission on Aging and Activity Center!



Vicky Dexter!

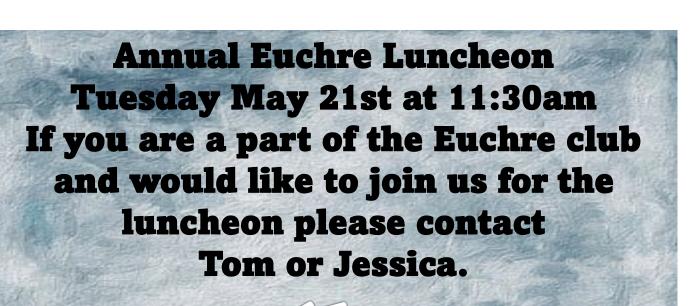
Wednesday May 15th at 10:45am at the Mecosta County Commission on Aging and Activity Center!

The Keyhold





Medicare Updates & Changes with Adam Spedoske. Thursday May 9th at 10am Call 231-972-2884 to RSVP your spot!



BBQ Rib Cook-Off!!!

It's that time of year again where we find out who gets to take the trophy for this years Best BBQ Ribs!

Join us Wednesday May 22nd at 11:00am for all the fun, mess and music! Bring your bellies and voting hats!

Please **RSVP** at 231-972-2884

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