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by KELLI CASEY Director of Community Development

On Friday, May 19 the Cass County COA hosted its second annual Dueling for Dollars fundraiser benefiting Meals on Wheels. This one-of-a-kind Dueling Piano concert entertained over 240 community members, grossing over \$35,000.

Beautiful weather graced the event at Marion Magnolia Farms on Twin Lakes Road in Cassopolis. Attendees were able to enjoy fresh air throughout the whole evening in the shabby chic barn while clapping and singing along to the all-request comedy piano show, where the audience was just as much part of the show as the entertainers.

The COA could not provide quality programs and services to seniors without the support of our community members, local businesses, and organizations. Their support allows us to provide hot, nutritious meals delivered daily to homebound seniors in need. Many times, this meal delivery is the only personal contact the recipient has for the day. Equally important is the fact that access to meals gives many seniors the ability to age in place in their own homes with dignity and independence.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event, those who donated and purchased silent auction items, and especially our Event Sponsors. To see a full list of the evening's donors and sponsors, turn to pages 8-9.







































Photos by Taylor Lee

Cover Image

Elaine Foster, Kathleen Bienick, and Larry Bienick had such a wonderful and fun evening at the Dueling for Dollars fundraiser. If you'd like to support the COA's Meals on Wheels program, check out page 9. (Photo by Taylor Lee)

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Dog Days of Summer

by SHELLY PURUCKER Operations Assistant

What exactly are the Dog Days of Summer? Originally it was thought that this was an evil time when the sea would boil, wine would turn sour, and both men and dogs would go mad. This might seem pretty harsh, but the truth is the sun can be brutal, and having protection from the harmful UV rays is extremely important.

In ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome, it was believed that the dawn rising of the superbright Sirius, the Dog Star, combined with the Sun was the cause of summer's sweltering temperatures. The name "Sirius" even stems from the Ancient Greek seírios, meaning "scorching."

The Dog Days of Summer is considered to run from July 3 through August 11. This occurs soon after the summer solstice in late June, which also tends to kick off the worst of summer's heat and humidity.

Even though it wasn't the intention, the dog is a good metaphor for these hot temperatures. Man's best friend does not come with a huge supply of sweat glands. The most effective sweat glands old Fido does have are found on the pads of his paws, but even those can do only so much good. Canine temperature control is the very visible panting we observe in our pets.

If you tie Fido up outside. make sure he or she has plenty of water and access to shade. If you take a car ride with your dog and stop to shop, please do not leave your best friend in the car simply because those temperatures can rise very rapidly.

The COA is a great place for you to stay cool during

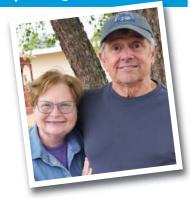


these Dog Days of Summer, but unfortunately you must leave your fur friends at home. Don't worry, they will be there waiting to hear about all the fun you had when you get back.

Throughout the entire month of July, we want you to share with us a photo of your doggie on our Facebook page (facebook.com/CassCOA) in honor of the Dog Days of Summer. Don't worry non dog owners, we will give you a chance to highlight your friend in the near future.

Volunteer Spotlight

Jennifer and Terry Ray have been volunteering at the COA for well over a decade assisting with meal deliveries and medical transportation.



Jennifer also spent several years writing to students for our Pen Pal Program.

Jennifer can be found going around greeting people and sharing her warm smile. The Rays are a pleasure to work with and very reliable. We appreciate them and all of the many years they have committed to the COA!

Employee Spotlight

Over the years Kelli Casey has worn many different hats. Since starting in the fall of 2012, her collection of hats keep piling up. She has gone from Café Supervisor to Front Street Crossing Manager to Director of Community Development. Currently, this hat's brim has gotten wider as she oversees the departments that handle all the various activities, classes, fitness, communications, and Front Street Crossing.

Of course one of her favorite hats to wear is her golf hat as she tries to make it out on the course once or twice a week. She also loves to throw all hats aside and spend time with her husband and her daughters or just floating around in her pool.





Volunteers

Duane Adams Ruthann Adams Joanne Anderson Candy Azevedo Carol Bailey Rita Baker Roger Baker Shirley Barks Joanne Bata Paul Bata Faith Beaupre Jim Beebe Vicky Beebe Susan Bingham Diane Bonczynski Jovce Borton Richard Borton Jacqueline Bowe Rebecca Bowers Camille Briegel Linda Brossman Judy Brown Marie Bruegmann Frank Butts Marsha Butts Becky Caldwell Linda Campbell Robert Campbell Lonnie Carlisle Ginger Carlisle Michael Casey Anne Colgan Joe Colgan Keryl Conkright Judy Coon Jeff Corev Dan Dahmen Grace Darrow Max Davis Floyd Deahl Kay Diehl Sue Decker

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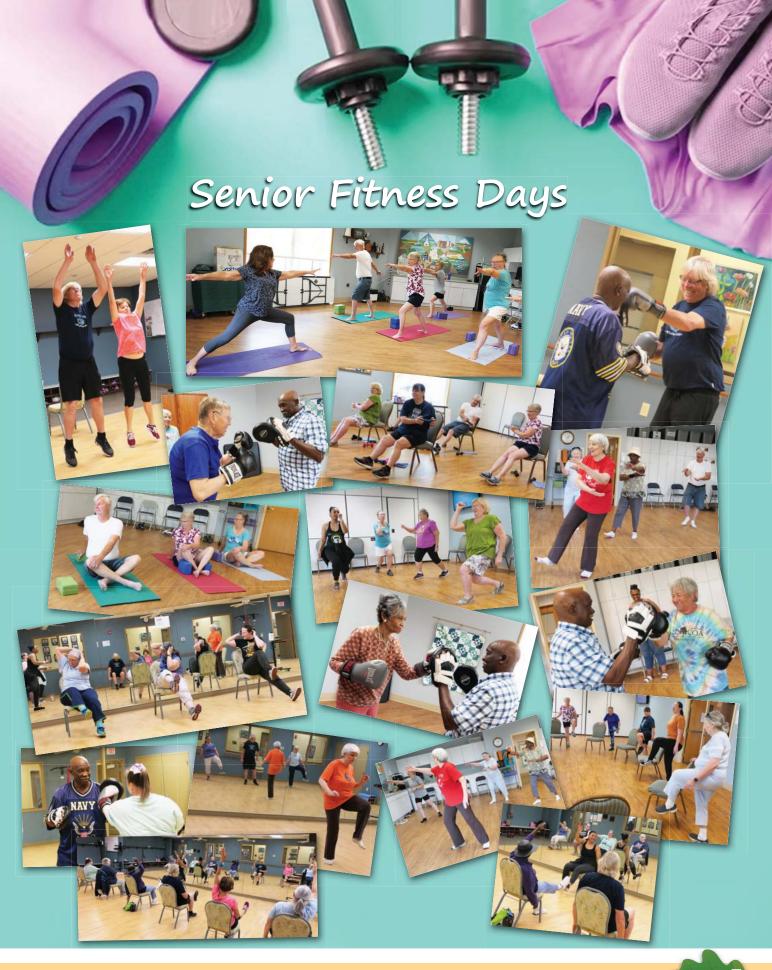
Volunteers listed are for the month of May, during which we had 154 active volunteers who contributed 1680 hours of work. This would be equal to more than 10 full time staff positions.

Dowagiac Summer Festival

Erma Skipper

Jessica Slough

Visit us at Front Street Crossing on Friday, July 14 from 12 - 4 p.m. & Saturday, July 15 from 1 - 4 p.m.





Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser -Corporate Sponsor

Ascension Borgess-Lee McLoughlin Family Foundation

Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser -Grand Sponsor

Harry and Bonnie Shaffer

Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser -Baby Grand Sponsor

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Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser – Baby Grand Sponsor (cont.)

NOBO Porky's Party Place Stark's Family Funeral Homes & Cremation -Clark Chapel

Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser -Pianette Sponsor

Jim and Vicki Beebe
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Dowagiac Federal
Credit Union
Eckman Chiropractic
Edward Lowe Foundation
G.W. Jones Exchange Bank

Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser – Pianette Sponsor (cont.)

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David Louthan
North Star Landscape
Southwestern Michigan
College
State Farm - Greg Osborn
Agency
Who Knew Consignment

Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser -Silent Auction Donors

Amy's Fabulous Diner Bakeman Barbers The Baker's Rhapsody The Boulevard Inn & Bistro

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Call the Cass COA at 269-445-8110 to schedule an appointment in Cassopolis or Dowagiac.

Includes donations received between May 11 – June 10, 2023. Donations received after that date will be acknowledged in the next edition of the Messenger.

Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser – Silent Auction Donors (cont.)

City of Dowagiac Clear H20 Tackle COA Board Cottage Gallery Diamond Lake Golf Course Diamond Lake Ice Cream Dowagiac Area History Museum Dowagiac Fire Department Dussel's Farm Market Edward Jones -Kim MacGregor Edwardsburg Historical Museum / Pat Bellaire Flat Rock Grill Four Lakes Country Club The Green Jacket Tap-n-Grill The Hairitage Hale's Hardware Hampshire Country Club Harding's Market -Cassopolis Indian Lake Hills Golf Course Jayson's Auto & Truck Service Jody Crandall

Kelsey Lake Market

Lindy's

Dueling for Dollars Fundraiser - Silent Auction Donors (cont.)

Ron Lofts Midwest Energy & Communications The Morris Estate NOBO Oak & Ash On Base Productions Papa's Pizzeria Pink Sands Aesthetics Porkv's Party Place The Rock at Big Fish Lake **Rosy Tomorrows** Sensational Scoops Southwestern Michigan College Styling Studio The Woods

Greatest Need

Martha Allen Linda Frisbie Christine Hughes Sharon Miller

Handy Helpers

Janis Price

Meals on Wheels

David Carte
Bonnie Cuthbert
John Gould
Lydia Gould
Betty Grames
Greg Kaniuga
Michael Meltinos
Michael Sutherland
Ed Thornburgh
Susan Wiltse
JoAnne Wood

In Memory of John Bradke

James Beebe Heather Burns

In Memory of Esther Carlisle

Barbara Darrigan Douglas Stickney

In Memory of Judge Paul Deats

Fidelity Charitable Donor Karlowicz Law Office

In Memory of Ted Foote

Julie Lacy

Summer Concert Series

Sunset Coast

Seniors in Cass County Need Your Support

Your gift is extremely important, particularly in today's climate, because it offers immediate resources that are directed to the current needs of local seniors like Meals on Wheels, In Home Care, Adult Day Service and the Handy Helpers program that builds wheelchair accessible ramps for Cass County seniors at no cost. Your donation

is helping to make our community's seniors happier and healthier. Right here. Right now.

Please consider making a gift today.

- Online: www.CassCOA.org
- Phone: (269) 445-8110
- Mail: Cass County COA, P.O. Box 5, Cassopolis, MI 49031

Dementia Help for Family & Friends

by KERYL CONKRIGHT Savvy Caregiver Trainer/Instructor

Caregivers, have you wanted to know more about Dementia caregiving but have not been able to attend a day time class? Well now's vour chance to attend this 6-week course at a time more convenient for you.

This Savvy Caregiver class will provide important information regarding many different aspects of dementia and caregiving. You will also learn how to care for your loved one as well as yourself because sometimes you don't realize how much you don't know or how much help that you need until you are in too deep.

Savvy Caregiver Class

Mondays, July 17 - August 28 (Excludes July 31) 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the COA Lowe Center Respite care is available but MUST be mentioned when registering.

Register: (269) 982-7731 (Tracy Manning)

If you are not the caregiver but are a friend or family member to someone with dementia. then you can attend this free one-hour informational session that is designed to help you understand how to better communicate and support those with dementia.

Dementia Friends Michigan

Wednesday, August 30 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the COA Lowe Center Register: (269) 445-8110

Both classes are sponsored by Region IV Area Agency on Aging.



269-445-3801

23770 Hospital St. Cassopolis, MI 49031

www.ccmcf.org





It's almost time again for the Cass County Fair. Of course we think the BEST day to visit the fair is on Thursday, August 3 for Senior Day because admission to the fair is free for those 60 years of age and older.

The Cass County COA is sponsoring some great entertainment that day starting at 9 a.m. in the Gregarek Community Building with coffee and donuts sponsored by John Seculoff of Edward Jones in Dowagiac.

Enjoy your morning listening to The Fabulous Oldies But Goodies Band, an authentic 50s and 60s show band. Be prepared to be transported back to the early days of Rock and Roll!

While at the fair, be sure to visit the Cass County COA booth under the grandstand. Here you can learn about all the latest programs and events, as well as ask questions.



Now accepting applications.

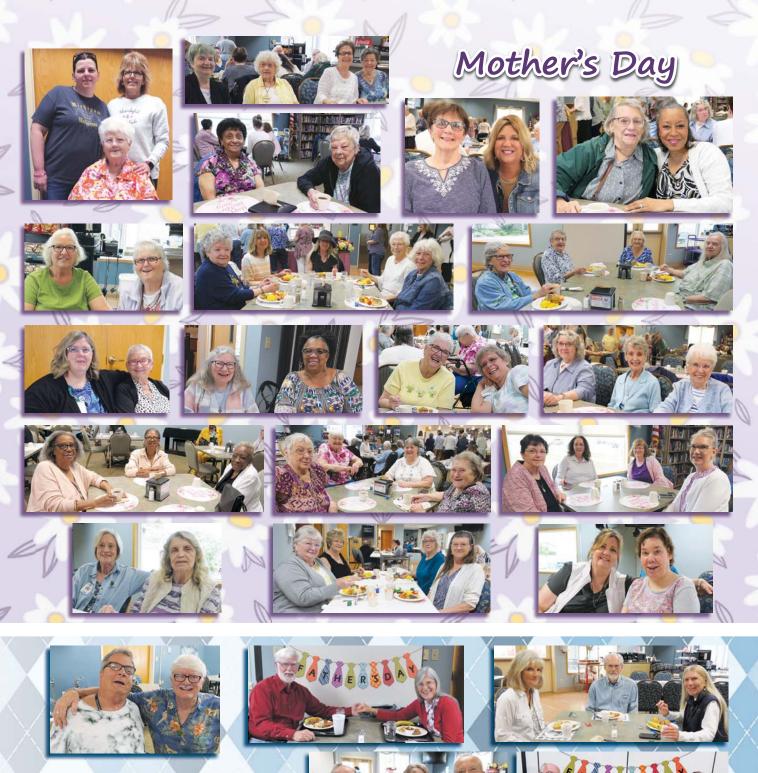
Community room with fireplace and full kitchen, library, craft and fitness rooms. Spacious one- and two-bedroom apartments are loaded with every amenity:

- · Stunning water and wood views
- Intercom-entry building
- · Emergency pull cords
- Elevator
- · Professional on-site staff
- · Barrier-free apartments available
- Seniors 62 years or older or disabled (regardless of age)
- Rent based on income if qualified assistance available



Please call (269) 445-3333 TDD (800) 649-3777 for more information.







JULY 2023 Front Street Crossing

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Pre-register for any event, program or service provided by the COA.

You may register by **Phone:** (269) 445-8110 or Online: CassCOA.org

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CERAMICS MADE EASY

FSC Cost: FREE

Learn and create ceramics. It's easy, fun, and therapeutic. All pieces are provided and you do the painting.

Instructors: Joyce Greenwood (LC) Sue Bingham (FSC)

Lowe Center

Thursdays 12 - 2 pm

Front Street Crossing

Fridays 12:30 - 2:30 pm



FSC COLOR YOUR WORLD (Watercolor Class)

Cost: \$20

Registration is required one week in advance.

Get your chance to create your very own watercolor masterpiece as you follow simple stepby-step instructions and demonstrations.

July's watercolor is "Painted Bunting."

Instructor: Roy Hruska

Front Street Crossing

Tuesday, July 11 12 - 3 pm

FRUIT BELT **WOODCARVERS**

All types of wood crafters are welcome. The group loves to share their knowledge. Those new to the craft are welcome.

Lowe Center

Thursdays, July 6 & 20 2:30 - 5 pm

■ KNITTING & **CROCHETING**

This wonderful and social group creates lots of things from yarn, and they donate many items to local charities. They will also teach newcomers. Yarn donations are welcome.

Lowe Center

Fridays 9 am - 12 pm



QUILTING

All quilters and learners are welcome to join. The group creates and teaches.

Lowe Center

Monday, July 3, 17 & 31 10 am - 4 pm



SILVER SCREEN CINEMA (Movie)

July's feature is Jerry & Marge Go Large

Have you ever dreamt of winning the lottery? Well, join us for this film inspired by the remarkable true story of one Michigan couple as they go on a lotto winning spree when retiree Jerry discovers a mathematical loophole in the Massachusetts lottery. This couple starts to see visions of security for their retirement and their small town, that is, until a college student stumbles across the same loophole.

Starring Bryan Cranston & Annette Bening

Free movie, individual bag of popcorn, and water.

Lowe Center

Monday, July 10 1 pm

Front Street Crossing

Tuesday, July 11 1pm









USUAL ARTS CLASS

Cost: \$15 (Per Class) Please bring a pencil and paper. A supply list will be provided. No registration is required and you can attend when it is convenient.

All ages and skill levels are invited to explore drawing and painting with both water based and acrylic paints in this ongoing class.

Every class begins with a warm up followed by the challenge project. Students work at their own pace using various media and techniques.

For more information, email Sharron at sharronottart@gmail.com.

Instructor: Sharron Ott

Lowe Center

Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY



FSC Several publicuse computers are available for use during normal business hours. Please check in at the front desk prior to accessing.

Lowe Center

Mondays - Fridays 8 am - 5 pm

Front Street Crossing

Mondays - Fridays 8 am - 4 pm

FITNESS & EXERCISE

LC FITNESS CENTER

FSC The Cass County COA offers two great fitness center options close to home. Each center offers a variety of cardiovascular fitness machines, weight training equipment, as well as qualified instructors who can help you achieve and maintain your goals.

Lowe Center

Mondays - Thursdays 7 am - 7 pm

Fridavs

7 am - 4 pm Saturdays

7:30 am - 12 pm

Front Street Crossing

Mondays - Fridays 7 am - 4 pm

Membership Prices

1 year

\$140 (60+)

\$165

3 months \$55 (60+)

\$65

1 month

\$35 (60+)

\$45

Walk-in

\$5



Renew Active ™ **(** UnitedHealthcare

COA is a SliverSneaker & Renew Active location

Class Prices

M/W/F

\$25 (Monthly)

T/Th

\$20 (Monthly)

All Class \$40 (Monthly)

Bundle

(Excludes Yoga)

Class price allows you access to in-person, online, or both.



FSC

SUMMER FITNESS SPECIAL

Cost: \$299 (1 Year)

Back by popular demand, get your summer started with this special offer which includes all access to personal trainers, customized fitness programming, 5 days a week of in-person and online fitness classes (excluding voga), and use of our fitness centers.

This one year membership is available at two convenient locations for one great price. It's an incredible savings of 50% or more! Don't miss out on this special opportunity available during the entire month of July only.



FSC BRAIN & BODY

Cost: FREE

Don't miss your chance to revitalize your mind and body with this 30 minute fitness experience that will help keep your mind and body connected to maximize your everyday living experience.

Instructor: Ky'sha Johnson

Front Street Crossing

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 - 1:30 pm

Lowe Center

60525 Decatur Rd. Cassopolis, MI

Mon. - Thurs. 7 am - 7 pm

Fri. 7 am - 4 pm

Sat. 7:30 am - 12 pm

Front Street Crossing

227 S. Front St. Dowagiac, MI

Mon. - Fri. 7 am - 4 pm

FITNESS & EXERCISE



BALANCE, STRETCH, **AND STABILITY**



Cost: \$25 (M/W/F - Monthly) \$20 (T/Th - Monthly)

Registration is required

Most people have natural imbalances due to the way we move throughout the day, causing wear, tear, damage, and pain on joints. This class will help improve functional mobility and balance with purposeful exercises performed to increase aspects of balance, muscular strength, and flexibility.

Instructors: Ky'sha Johnson (M/W/F) & Taylor Lee (T/Th)

Please call to get Zoom access to this class. (Contact the COA if vou need help.)

Lowe Center & Online / Zoom

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 - 11:45 am

Front Street Crossing & Online / Zoom

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 9:45 am



LC

FSC Front Street Crossing





FIT 30

Cost: FREE

Build strength, improve mobility, and work up a sweat all in just 30 minutes! A variety of beginner friendly routines and upbeat music ensure you'll never get bored.

Instructor: Taylor Lee

Lowe Center

Wednesdays & Fridays 1:30 - 2 pm

CARDIO CHALLENGE



Cost: \$25 (Monthly)

Registration is required

Challenge your entire body with a low-impact, high-energy combination of cardio, strength training, balance, and mat exercises.

Instructor: Ky'sha Johnson

Please call to get Zoom access to this class. (Contact the COA if vou need help.)

Front Street Crossing & Online / Zoom

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8 - 8:45 am



KAYAK CLUB

Cost: \$20 cash (Per Rental) FREE (No Rental)

Registration is required

Get a chance to meet others, soak up some fresh air, and get a little exercise while doing it. With this bimonthly club you can paddle your own fun around Diamond Lake.

Kayaks and paddle boards will need to be rented or you are free to bring your own. Life jackets are required and all participants must be proficient swimmers. There is limited rental availability. Everyone, regardless of renting or not, is required to register.

Leader: Taylor Lee

In Your Neighborhood

Park Shore Marina 22230 Maple St. Cassopolis, MI Mondays, July 10 & 24 10 am - 12 pm

LINE DANCE

Cost: FREE

Step your way to fun with your favorite music. Learn and practice new and old moves all while getting some exercise.

Instructor: Fran Yeager

Lowe Center

Tuesdays 3 pm

MARCELLUS MOVES

Cost: \$20 (Monthly) \$5 (Per Class)

Registration is required

This class brings the Cass County COA to Marcellus to provide a workout closer to home with a variety of cardio activities combined with balance and strength moves.

Instructor: Rosemary Gillam

In Your Neighborhood

United Methodist Church 197 W. Main St. Marcellus, MI Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 - 9:15 am

SC PARKINSON'S POWER **PUNCHERS**

Cost: FRFF

Join in for this free boxing exercise class geared toward those with M.S., Parkinson's, and Parkinson's related conditions.

Instructor: Coach Walter Swann, Former Professional Boxer

Front Street Crossing

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 - 10 am







RANGE OF MOTION & MOBILITY CLASS

Cost: \$25 (Monthly)

Registration is required

Formerly the S.E.A.T. Class, this class is designed for those with limited functional mobility and range of motion. Movements can be done in a seated position or by holding on to a chair/ rail for support. Focus is on functional exercises to improve & maintain activities of everyday living.

Instructor: Ky'sha Johnson

Please call to get Zoom access to this class. (Contact the COA if vou need help.)

Front Street Crossing & Online / Zoom

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10 - 10:45 am



Cost: \$20 (Monthly) Registration is required

This class that allows you to exercise seated and around a chair. It will keep you moving, improve your fitness level, stretch your muscles and work on balance and range of motion to improve mobility.

Instructor: Taylor Lee

Please call to get Zoom access to this class. (Contact the COA if you need help.)

Lowe Center & Online / Zoom

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 - 9:45 am

STRONG & STABLE



Cost: \$20 (Monthly)

Registration is required

Take your balance and stability to the next level with this challenging yet low impact class. Exercises will include hand weights, body weight, and kettlebells to focus on developing strength and stability.

Instructor: Taylor Lee

Please call to get Zoom access to this class. (Contact the COA if vou need help.)

Lowe Center & Online / Zoom

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 - 10:45 am

TAI CHI



Cost: \$25 (Monthly)

Registration is required

Add a little more flow and balance to your day with access to Tai Chi in the mornings.

Improve your posture, strength of hips, thighs and core with this gentle mind body exercise. Good for arthritis, blood pressure and sense of well-being.

Instructor: Glenda Gibson

Please call to get Zoom access to this class. (Contact the COA if vou need help.)

Front Street Crossing & Online / Zoom

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 11 am - 12 pm



LC WALKING CLUB

FSC Cost: FREE

Registration is requested

Socialize, stay active, and get a good stretch in with the COA's Walking Club. This club will include a couple laps around the walking trail/downtown (about 1.5 miles, 30 minutes) followed by a 5-10 minute stretch session with a fitness instructor.

Please Note: Walking Club will be weekly, weather permitting.

Leaders: Taylor Lee (LC) Ky'sha Johnson (FSC)

Lowe Center (Walking Trail)

Wednesdays 9 am

Front Street Crossing (Downtown)

Thursdays 8 am

YOGA



Cost: \$8 (Per Class)

Registration is required

Find your Zen at the COA. Increase your strength. flexibility and balance all while revitalizing your mind, body, and soul.

Instructors: Karen Sommers (M/Th) Amy Crennell (Sa)

Please call to get Zoom access to this class. (Contact the COA if you need help.)

Lowe Center & Online / Zoom

Mondays 9 - 10:15 am

Thursdays 9 - 10:15 am

Saturdays 9 - 10:15 am

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JUST FOR FUN



BINGO



FSC Cost: \$2.75 (LC)

\$2.25 (FSC)

Follow the lunch hour with this fun and engaging game that provides some healthy



competition with a dash of luck. This allinclusive game is enjoyed by people of all ages and is a great way to spend an afternoon.

If a program is scheduled, Bingo will follow afterward.

Lowe Center

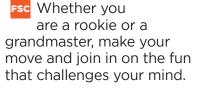
Wednesday & Fridays 1:15 pm

Front Street Crossing

Mondays & Wednesdays 12:45 pm



CHESS



Lowe Center

Tuesdays 10:30 am - 1 pm

Front Street Crossing

Mondays

10 am - 12 pm

EUCHRE

FSC Try your hand at trumping vour opponents with the cards vou were dealt in this fun 4 player card game.

If a program is scheduled, Euchre will follow afterward.

Lowe Center

Tuesdays 1:15 pm

Front Street Crossing

Thursdays 1:30 pm



FSC MUSICIANS

Do you enjoy playing a musical instrument? Why not join other music enthusiasts and iam with the FSC Musicians.

Front Street Crossing

Fridays 11 am

LC HAND & FOOT

FSC If you enjoy the rummy type game of Canasta, then be sure to come and play this easier popular variation called Hand & Foot.

Lowe Center

Fridays

1 - 4 pm

Front Street Crossing

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm

LAWLESS JAM SESSION

Come and share the sounds of old time country and Celtic styles of music. Anyone who plays a tin whistle, banjo, guitar, bass, fiddle, ukulele, autoharp, dulcimer, or any other string instrument is invited to join in on the session. You can be a beginner to an expert.

Even if you don't play an instrument, stop by, listen, and suggest a song or two.

Lowe Center

Wednesdays 5 - 6:30 pm

MAH JONGG

Join the fun that originated in China with this fascinating rummy-like game that uses tiles rather than cards.

Lowe Center

Mondays 1 - 4 pm

PINOCHLE



Enjoy this trick-taking card game while making friends.

Lowe Center

Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm

FSC SCRABBLE

Spell out your own F-U-N as you enjoy this crossword style board game. Win or lose, you'll have a good time, but don't take our word for it; you'll have to make your own.

Front Street Crossing

Wednesdays 10 am









SING-A-LONG

Join volunteer leaders George Purlee & Jannette Rafferty for a musical journey down memory lane.

Lowe Center

Fridays 10:30 am - 12 pm

LISTEN & LEARN

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Cost: \$20 (AARP Member)
Cost: \$25 (Non-Member)

Registration is required

Safer driving could save you money with this



2 day course.

Learn driving techniques to keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Also discover how to reduce driver distractions, maintain proper distance, safety belt positioning, air bags, new car technology, roundabout info, ways to adjust your driving to age-related changes, and more.

Both days are required for completion. Please check with your insurance agent to see if this qualifies for a discount.

Instructor: Jo Ann Flowers, AARP Volunteer

Front Street Crossing

Monday & Tuesday July 24 & 25 8 am - 12 pm

ACOUSTIC GUITAR LESSONS

Do you love music and learning new things? Come and explore your musical side at FSC.

The COA is now offering free beginner guitar lessons, so bring your own guitar and get ready to make music.

Instructor: Max Davis

Front Street Crossing

Fridays 10 - 11 am



STORY OF YOUR LIFE - WRITING A MEMOIR

Registration is required

Everybody has a story to tell. What's your story?

Get a chance during this six-week series to let the world know, or at least your loved ones, the story of YOU.

Learn the fundamental skills of memoir composition as you get the opportunity to record your past and deepen connections with those around you.

Instructor: Carole A. Tate
Teaching and Learning
Center from Southwestern
Michigan College

Lowe Center

Wednesdays, July 6 - Aug 10 1 pm



LC MINDFUL MEDITATION

Stress, anxiety, worry, fear, anger, and resentment are all things that plague our daily lives. Through this six week course, learn to increase your peace, joy, and happiness; enhance your immune system; improve clarity, focus, and self-confidence; and an improved sense of self-worth and respect for others.

Presenter: Dr. Rich Oxhandler, Emeritus Professor & Counselor, Western Michigan University

Lowe Center

Tuesdays, July 11 - Aug 15 11 am - 12 pm

SERVICES & SUPPORT

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Family members and friends are welcome as we provide education and support for caregivers of any kind.

Lowe Center

Wednesday, July 12 1 - 3 pm

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Sat. 7:30 am - 12 pm

Front Street Crossing

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SERVICES & SUPPORT



FSC CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE SUPPORT GROUP

Navigating a chronic condition like CHF can feel overwhelming at first as you adjust to a new way of life, but these changes are often easier with muchneeded support and care. Learn about beneficial lifestyle changes and connect with others for emotional support.

Front Street Crossing

Monday, July 10 2 - 3:30 pm

LC DIABETES SUPPORT **GROUP**

Please ioin us as we discuss better strategies for self-care in your life with Diabetes.

Lowe Center

Friday, July 7 1 - 3 pm

Front Street Crossing

Tuesday, July 18 10 - 11:30 am

DRUG DROP

All medications MUST be removed from original containers and dumped in a sealed clear plastic bag.

Turn in expired or unwanted pills, capsules, and tablet medications for proper disposal.

Drugs can be dropped off at the Cass County Sheriff's Office at any time.

Please note, no liquids, inhalers or needles can be taken. Drugs are only accepted at the COA during special date and time.

Lowe Center

Thursday, July 6 10 am - 12 pm

FOOT CLINIC

Cost: \$20 Appointment ONLY

Take good care of your feet - get toe nails trimmed (except for people with diabetes) and a foot massage.

Lowe Center

Mondays, July 10 & 24 Call for Times

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Open to those who have experienced a loss of any kind.

Lowe Center

Thursday, July 13 1 - 3 pm

LC HEARING CLINIC

SC Appointment ONLY

Schedule an appointment at either the Lowe Center or Front Street Crossing for a free hearing test and hearing aid cleaning/adjustments.

Lowe Center

Tuesdays, July 11 & 25 9 am - 4 pm

Front Street Crossing

Tuesday, Aug. 1 9 am - 4 pm

MS SUPPORT GROUP

People with Multiple Sclerosis and their loved ones share support and learning opportunities in this free group.

Lowe Center

Tuesday, July 18 1 - 3 pm

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT **GROUP**

Parkinson's disease is

a complex condition that affects every aspect of life for



those diagnosed with it. This group provides support from others who are affected by the disease.

Lowe Center

Tuesday, July 11 1 - 3 pm

Front Street Crossing

Thursday, July 27 10 - 11:30 am











SAVVY CAREGIVER **CLASS**

Registration is required by calling (269) 982-7731

This 6-week class. supported by Region

IV Area Agency on Aging. is for caregivers of people



with memory loss. Learn valuable information on how to care for your loved one as well as for yourself as the caregiver.

Care for your family member is available free of charge while you attend classes. Ask for details when you register.

Lowe Center

Mondays, July 17, 24, & Aug. 7 - 28 5:30 - 7:30 pm

STROKE SUPPORT **GROUP**

Both people living with stroke and their loved ones are welcome to attend this support group to share support and learning opportunities.

Lowe Center

Tuesday, July 7(Date Change) 1 - 3 pm

↑ VETERANS AFFAIRS

Appointment required

Veterans can receive information and counseling about benefits to which they may be entitled such as health care, disability compensation, and burial.

Contact: Karee Krause, Veterans Service Officer

Phone: 269-445-4472

SOCIAL SESSIONS

SHOPPING

Cost: \$5

Reservations ONLY

Transit provides transportation to the bank. Shelton's Farm Market, and Super Walmart in Niles.

The Cass County COA will sign you up for the first trip and Cass County Transit will handle any further trips.

Reservations are required at least three days before the trip and due to less seating, will be on a first reserve basis. Transit will space out passengers to allow for social distancing. Masks MUST be worn.

> In Your Neighborhood Thursday, July 6

READ & SHARE **BOOK CLUB**

Get a chance to discover new books and discuss them with other book enthusiasts.

July's Discussion Book

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

August's Discussion Book

It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis

Lowe Center

Tuesday, July 5 (Date Change) 1 - 3 pm



C THE STORMY NIGHT WRITERS SOCIETY

We all have stories to tell.

Come join the group and share your tales. Everyone has a chance to give and receive constructive feedback on the efforts presented.

Discussions cover a wide variety of writing related topics including submissions, editing, genres, audiences, dialogue, settings, characters, conflicts and more.

Lowe Center

Tuesdays, July 11 & 25 9:30 am - 12 pm

FSC SPILL THE BEANS

Each month you will get the chance to enjoy a snack and a cup of coffee as you ask all your need-toknow questions during this community coffee chat.

July's Bean Spiller

Have you ever wondered what services fall under the hospice umbrella? Who pays? Who qualifies? Alvssa Vanderburg from Gentiva Hospice will be sharing information, dispelling misconceptions, and answering questions about hospice care.

August's Bean Spiller

Joe Odenwald, **SMC** President

Front Street Crossing

Wednesday, July 19 10 am

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SPECIAL EVENTS





C SOUTH BEND CUBS

▲ Cost: \$70

Registration is required

Join us for "Thirsty Thursday" (\$2 Beer and Sodas) with the South Bend Cubs as they face off against Peoria Chiefs.

Trip includes game, seating in an outdoor shaded suite. South Bend Cubs baseball hat, transportation. all taxes, and gratuity, PLUS an all vou can eat buffet.

Menu: Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, and Drinks (lemonade, water, soda)

Lowe Center & In Your Neighborhood

Thursday, July 6 5 pm (Bus Departure) 10 pm (Approx. Bus Return)



SUMMER CONCERT

Cost: Free

Registration is requested

Be sure not to miss this remarkable performance from Night Moves: The Ultimate Bob Seger Tribute as they take you back to the band's greatest hits from the 70s and 80s.

This is a must see show for Seger fans and if you aren't a fan, you will be by the end.

Summer concert series is sponsored by Sunset Coast.

Food will be available for purchase from Weenie Kings food truck.

Please bring your own chair or blanket.

In the case of inclement weather, the concert will be rescheduled.

Lowe Center (Pavilion)

Friday, July 21 5:30 - 7:30 pm (Food) 7 - 9 pm (Concert)



LC VOLUNTEER LUNCH & TRAINING

Registration is required by July 19

All current volunteers are welcome to attend this training during lunch. Simply stop in anytime between 12 - 1:30 pm for a bite to eat and the training materials.

If you are unable to attend, training materials will be provided per your request. All drivers must complete the trainings.

Lowe Center

Thursday, July 27 12 - 1:30 pm



Upcoming Bus Trip

INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK HIKE & BOAT TOUR

Wednesday, August 30

Discover the dunes at Indiana Dunes State Park. Here you will have the chance to choose between three options based on your activity level and interest. You can visit the Nature Center followed by a short hike, be more adventurous and go on a longer hike, or simply relax on the beach.

In the afternoon, board the Emita II to enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Michigan.

Trip includes transportation, entrance into Indiana Dunes State Park, boat tour, and all taxes and gratuity. Lunch is NOT included but is available for purchase.

Bus Leaves: 8 a.m. Bus Returns: 6 p.m. (approx. time)

Cost: \$55 (Nonrefundable) | Register A.S.A.P.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Entrée* Sweet & Sour Chicken White Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Fortune Cookie	CLOSED for Independence	Main Litticc	Main Entrée* Chicken Lasagna Italian Vegetables Cheesy Breadstick Fresh Fruit	Hot Breakfast (LC) Main Entrée* Dilled Salmon Wild Rice Roasted Sweet Potatoes Wheat Bread Raspberry Chocolate Cake
Café Entrée Turkey Sandwich Café Fresh Salad Strawberry Chicken Salad	CLOSED for Independence Day	Café Entrée Italian Hoagie Café Fresh Salad Fruit Salad	Café Entrée Buffalo Chicken Tenders Café Fresh Salad Antipasto Salad	Café Entrée Beef Tacos Café Fresh Salad Very Veggie Salad
10	Main Entrée* Cheeseburger w/ Bun Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle Potato Salad Baked Beans Jello Cake		Main Entrée* Baked Penne w/ Beef Capri Blend Vegetables Garlic Bread Jello	Main Entrée* Beer Battered Fish Onion Rings Carrots Wheat Roll Ice Cream Treat
Cheeseburger	Café Entrée Spicy Chicken Sandwich Café Fresh Salad Cobb Salad	Café Entrée Maid-Rite Sandwich Café Fresh Salad Turkey Craisin Salad	Café Entrée Footlong Hot Dog Café Fresh Salad Shrimp Salad	Café Entrée Tuna Salad Croissant Café Fresh Salad COA Salad
Grilled Chicken Salad Cucumbers / Broccoli / Tomatoes Pasta Salad Wheat Roll Ambrosia	Main Entrée* Beef Teriyaki Fried Rice Oriental Vegetables Plum Fortune Cookie	Pork Chop w/ Apples Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas & Pearl Onions Wheat Bread Chocolate Cake	Main Entrée* Cheese Ravioli Italian Green Bean Italian Breadstick Apple Crisp	Fish Tacos Coleslaw Peas Hush Puppies Pears
Chef's Special	Café Entrée Chicken Philly Café Fresh Salad Chicken Taco Salad	Café Entrée Pretzel w/ Beer Cheese Café Fresh Salad Salad Trio	Café Entrée Pulled Pork Nachos Café Fresh Salad Veggie Blend Salad	Café Entrée Roast Beef Sandwich Café Fresh Salad BLT Salad
Main Entrée* Chicken Fajitas Roasted Corn Mexican Rice Tortilla Rice Pudding	Main Entrée* Beef Taco Salad Refried Beans Mexican Rice Tortilla Chips Cookie	Hot Breakfast (LC) Main Entrée* Pork Stir Fry Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Peaches Fortune Cookie	6 Main Entrée* Italian Sausage Bake Broccoli Cauliflower Wheat Roll Apple	Main Entrée* Catch of the Day w/ Lemon Slice Roasted Potatoes Carrots & Peas Wheat Bread Cookie
Hot Dog on Pretzel Bun	Café Entrée Grilled Chicken Sandwich Café Fresh Salad Oriental Salad	Café Entrée Ham & Cheese Sandwich Café Fresh Salad Mediterranean Salad	Café Entrée Tuna Melt Café Fresh Salad Fruit Salad	Café Entrée Corned Beef on Rye Café Fresh Salad Cobb Salad
Main Entrée*			Location	is & Hours
Main Entrée* Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn on the Cob Wheat Bread Blueberry Crisp			Lowe Center Hours (LC) Lunch** 11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m. (weekdays) Buffet Breakfast	Front Street Crossing (FSC) Lunch** 11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m. (weekdays)
Café Entrée Deli Sandwich Café Fresh Salad				vers Apartments
Cottage Cheese w/ Fruit Menu is subject to ch		*	– call the COA	nily by reservation only for more information. funded in part by

**Daily vegetarian lunch option available upon request.



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FRIDAY

July 21

7 - 9 PM

5:30 - 7:30 PM (Food Truck)

Lowe Center Pavillion

Fall in love all over again or for the first time with the music of Bob Seger.

Come early and purchase food from the Weenie Kings food truck.

Please bring your own chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be rescheduled.

