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It's Time to G

by SHELLY PURUCKER Operations Assistant

Each year on June 8, National Upsy Daisy Day is celebrated to motivate and encourage people to add a little more positivity in their life, along with a little humor. This can be difficult for some especially if you're not a fan of certain things such as mornings, Mondays, or maybe even rainy days.

Try shining a light on your gloom and doom to see it in a different way. For example, Mondays bring about a start of new goals and opportunities that we may have missed during the prior week. Rainy days bring lush lawns, bountiful gardens, and all those delicious Michigan fruits and vegetables. By looking on the brighter side, these things you may dread might not look so bad after all.

National Upsy Daisy Day reminds us to be thankful for what we have and to help others by sharing a good outlook and brighter attitude with life's many obstacles.

It is often said that "every day is a blessing in disguise." Sometimes our misfortune and that of others can be quickly turned around by small gestures and acts of kindness.

At the COA, our volunteers celebrate Upsy Daisy Day every day by sharing their positive vibes in everything they do throughout the community.



Handy Helper volunteers quickly turn a frown upside down with the building of wheelchair accessible ramps. A person who was sad and depressed that they were confined to their home is now happy and free to explore.

There are other seniors in our community who are homebound and live alone. Some of them have found their bright part of their day when a C.A.R.E. (Call and Reassure Elders) volunteer reaches out to them to have a genuine and upbeat conversation. They smile when they hear a friendly voice on the other end of the line.

It is these tiny acts of kindness and positive attitudes that have the biggest impacts within our community. Our volunteers are optimistic, dedicated and always willing to share a smile and a friendly hello.

If you would like to be one of our positive sharing volunteers or even a recipient of our many wonderful services, please reach out to the COA at (269) 445-8110.

Let's all try to start the day with a positive attitude, regardless of the time of day, day of the week, or even the weather. Good things can happen but it all depends on our viewpoint.



Cover Image

Kathy Wishart and her pen pal Cameron embrace upon the first time meeting in person after months of writing letters back and forth. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities like this one, call (269) 445-8110.

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The Story of Your Life Writing a Memoir

Chapter 1



Every one of us has experiences and insights that result from a life well lived. It is time to share YOUR story in a way that only YOU can tell.

Where do you get started? The COA has partnered with experts at the Carole A. Tate Teaching and Learning Center from Southwestern Michigan College to present a six-week memoir writing series on Thursdays, July 6 through August 10 at 1 p.m. These classes are designed to provide you with the fundamental skills of memoir composition as well as an opportunity to create your own memoir.

Taking from the person you know best, you get to recall your past, record it, and

share your story with others in order to inform, entertain, and deepen connections with those around you.

Registration is required as there are limited spots in this class available. Please call (269) 445-8110 to sign up and for more information.

There is only one person in this world who can tell your story - YOU! Find your voice, share your truth, and rediscover what's most important to you. We can't wait to meet you and hear all of your stories.

Everyone Has a Story to Tell ...

What's YOUR Story?

Volunteer Spotlight

Sue Wilder contributed 930 hours last year alone by knitting items for the needy. She goes above and beyond not only to craft, but to package and deliver much needed items such as lap blankets, hats and mittens throughout the area.



Since the COA started presenting the Presidential Service Volunteer Awards, Sue has won 3 gold medals by volunteering more than the 500 hour minimum each year.

Thank you very much Sue for all of your hard work and dedication to the community.

Employee Spotlight

Shirley Rank makes everyone feel loved and welcomed and that shows after spending over 17 years with the Adult Day Service team. She makes it her mission to ensure that all the ADS

participants have their very best day whenever she is around.

Not only does Shirley share her love at work but she also adores her time with her two miniature schnauzers and her husband.





VOLUNTEERS

(VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER)



















































Volunteers

Duane Adams Ruthann Adams Joanne Anderson Candy Azevedo Carol Bailey Rita 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 John Bradke Linda Brossman Judy Brown Marie Bruegmann Frank Butts Marsha Butts Becky Caldwell Linda Campbell Robert Campbell Lonnie Carlisle Ginger Carlisle Michael Casev Anne Colgan Joe Colgan Keryl Conkright Judy Coon Jeff Corev Dan Dahmen Grace Darrow Max Davis Floyd Deahl Kay Diehl Sue Decker Carol Dierickx

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Volunteers listed are for the month of April, during which we had 154 active volunteers who contributed 1250 hours of work. This would be equal to more than 7 full time staff positions.

Volunteer Lunch & Training

All current volunteers are welcome to attend the Volunteer Luncheon & Training on Thursday, July 27 from 12 – 1 p.m. Drivers will need to attend or complete the training at a later date.

Call (269) 445-8110 to R.S.V.P. by July 19.



Gwendolyn Klyce

Savvy Caregiver®

Mondays, July 17 - 28 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This family caregiver class is for family members caring for an individual in the home setting who lives with any type of memory loss, such as dementia. This class will not only offer information regarding memory loss, as well as dementia and its effects on the brain, but will also include other aspects such as managing behaviors, improving caregiving skills, how to handle everyday activities more easily, and ways for the caregiver to care for themselves.

Free respite care is offered while one attends the class. Information is available at the time of registration. To register, call or email Tracy at (269) 982-7731 or tracymanning@areaagencyonaging.org.

Sponsored by Region IV Area Agency on Aging.

Yak on a Kayak with the Paddle Club

by TAYLOR LEE

Certified COA Fitness Trainer

Summer is finally here; time to spend some time out relaxing in the sun. One great way to do that would be to enjoy a morning paddling around beautiful Diamond Lake. Plus, it's a great way to stay active and have fun with others.

The COA's Paddle Club will meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 10 a.m., starting in June, for a leisurely 2 hour paddle on Diamond Lake. Registration is required for everyone by calling (269) 445-8110.

Meeting place is Park Shore
Marina (22230 Maple St, Cassopolis).
Feel free to bring your own kayak or
paddleboard, or you
can rent one from the
marina for \$20. Life
vests are included
with your rental.

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





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

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Balos Danny

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Laura Maddox

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Shirley Behm
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Amberson Huff
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Joyce Smuda

Meals on Wheels (cont.)

Lorna Suits Annetta Thornburgh James Wilson Susan Wiltse Mary Working

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Bob and Skip Kasprzak

In Memory of Judge Paul Deats

Michael and Kathy Connell Karen Current Jennifer Wiley Conniff Lisa Wiley Parker

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



Project Fresh Update

The COA is hosting Senior Project Fresh again this summer. Project Fresh gives Cass County seniors coupons that are used like cash to buy unprocessed Michigan grown fruits and vegetables at registered Farmers markets and roadside stands throughout the state of Michigan.

To qualify for Senior Project Fresh through the COA you must:

- 1. Live in Cass County
- 2. Be at least 60 years of age
- 3. Meet income qualifications (single: monthly income must be under \$2095; household of 2: must be under \$2822 per month)
- 4. Only one set of coupons per household.

If you meet these qualifications, please call (269) 445-8110 starting Monday, June 12 after 9 a.m. to make an appointment to pick up your Project Fresh coupons. You may only make an appointment for yourself. You cannot make appointments for multiple people. Coupons will not be available on June 12. Distribution will begin shortly thereafter.

If you are unable to come yourself and are sending someone to pick them up on your behalf, please give your name and address when you call so we can send out an application and proxy sheet before your pickup date. By not doing so, you may risk your spot in line.

Coupons are distributed by appointment only and on a first-come, first-served basis. Any missed appointments may not be rescheduled.

Upcoming Bus Trip

SOUTH BEND CUBS

Thursday, July 6

Trip includes game ticket with seating in an outdoor shaded suite, a South Bend Cubs baseball hat for each quest, transportation, all taxes and gratuity, PLUS an all you can eat buffet.

Bus Leaves: 5 p.m.

Bus Returns: 10 p.m. (approx. time)

Cost: \$70

Register by June 22



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.





269-445-3801

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www.ccmcf.org





JUNE 2023 Front Street Crossing

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Front Street Crossing Monday - Friday 7 am - 4 pm 227 S. Front St. Dowagiac, MI		Breakfast Buffet June 13 7:30 - 9 am Cost: \$5	8:00 am Walking Club 9:00 am Parkinson's Power Punchers 1:00 pm Brain & Body 1:30 pm Euchre Off Site Marcellus Moves	8:00 am 9:00 am Balance, Stretch, Stability 10:00 am Acoustic Guitar Lessons 10:00 am Range of Motion & Mobility	3
All Programs / Events REQUIRE Registration			(8:30 am)	11:00 am FSC Musicians 11:00 am Tai Chi 12:30 pm Ceramics	10
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What's Happening

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



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.

June's watercolor is "I Can See Chicago."

Instructor: Roy Hruska

Lowe Center

Monday, June 12 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, June 1 & 15 2:30 - 5 pm



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, June 5 10 am - 4 pm



SILVER SCREEN CINEMA (Movie)

June's feature is **Senior Moment**

After drag racing his vintage convertible around Palm Springs, California, a retired NASA test pilot loses his license. Forced to take public transportation, he meets Caroline and learns to navigate love and life again.

Starring William Shatner, Jean Smart, & Christopher Lloyd

Free movie, individual bag of popcorn, and water.

Lowe Center

Monday, June 12 1 pm

Front Street Crossing

Tuesday, June 13 1 pm











VISUAL 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.

Please Note: Class will be held at the Lowe Center on cold & rainy days and offsite on warm & dry days.

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

Instructor: Sharron Ott

Lowe Center

Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm

In Your Neighborhood

Fred Russ Forest 20379 Marcellus Hwy. Decatur, MI Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER USE

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



IECH SUPPORT

Appointment ONLY

Are you having trouble attaching that picture to an email, or maybe you can't seem to download that app for your phone? Get basic questions like this and more answered in a one-on-one tech support appointment.

Each time slot will be limited to 15 minutes.

Instructor: Deb Robinson

Lowe Center

Friday, June 30 9 - 11 am

FITNESS & EXERCISE

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

\$35 (60+) 1 month \$45

Walk-in \$5



Renew Active

COA is a SliverSneaker & Renew Active location

Class Prices

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

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

All Class \$40 (Monthly) Bundle (Excludes Yoga) **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

What's Happening

FITNESS & EXERCISE



III FITNESS SPECIAL

FSC Cost: \$10 off the 3 Month Price

Enjoy a savings of \$10 off of the 3 month price during the entire month of June. Don't delay because this deal will quickly slip away.



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 you need help.)

Lowe Center & Online / Zoom

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 - 11:45 am

Front Street Crossing & Online / Zoom

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 9:45 am



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

FSC

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 you need help.)

Front Street Crossing & Online / Zoom

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8 - 8:45 am

III 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



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. Due to rental availability registration is required.

Leader: Taylor Lee

In Your Neighborhood

Park Shore Marina 22230 Maple St. Cassopolis, MI Mondays, June 12 & 26 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



PARKINSON'S POWER PUNCHERS

Cost: FREE

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



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



S.E.A.T. / STRETCH **CLASS**

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 vour 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 vet 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 you 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 you need help.)

Front Street Crossing & Online / Zoom

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 11 am - 12 pm



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FITNESS & EXERCISE



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

LG Lowe Center







IC 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) Amv Crennell (Sa)

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

Lowe Center & Online / Zoom

Mondays 9 - 10:15 am

Thursdays 9 - 10:15 am

Saturdays 9 - 10:15 am

JUST FOR FUN

LC BINGO



sc 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 all-inclusive 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

sc Whether you are a rookie or a grandmaster, make your move and join in on the fun that challenges your mind.

Lowe Center

Tuesdays 10:30 am - 1 pm

Front Street Crossing

Mondays 10 am - 12 pm

EUCHRE



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 ioin other music enthusiasts and iam with the FSC Musicians.

Front Street Crossing

Fridays 11 am



LC HAND & FOOT

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



FSC AARP 6 PILLARS OF BRAIN HEALTH

Registration is requested

There are 6 pillars in brain health - Be Social, Engage Your Brain, Manage Stress, Ongoing Exercise, Restorative Sleep, and Eat Right. Learn more about these and how to combine them with a healthy lifestyle so you can take control of your brain health.

Instructor: Jo Ann Flowers, AARP Volunteer

Front Street Crossing

Monday, June 5 9 - 11 am

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

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What's Happening

LISTEN & LEARN



CBD PHARMACOLOGY PRESENTATION

Did you know there are cannabinoid receptors inside your body called the 'Endocannabinoid System' (ECS)? It's the reason why CBD works for symptoms such as pain, anxiety, sleeplessness, and depression.

Join us to hear the science and traditions behind how cannabis and CBD work in the body. Also learn about topicals and edibles and their appropriate serving sizes.

Presenter: Crystal Rae, Herbalist & Certified Dosing Consultant

Lowe Center

Wednesday, June 7 1:30 pm

Lowe Center







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, June 14 1 - 3 pm

FSC CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

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, June 12 2 - 3:30 pm

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

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

Lowe Center

Friday, June 2 1 - 3 pm

Front Street Crossing

Tuesday, June 20 10 - 11:30 am

DRUG DROP

All medications <u>MUST</u> 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, June 1 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, June 12 & 26 Call for Times

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

Lowe Center

Thursday, June 8 1 - 3 pm

LE HEARING CLINIC

FSC 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, June 13 & 27 9 am - 4 pm

Front Street Crossing

Tuesday, June 6 9 am - 4 pm

IDENTIFY MS SUPPORT GROUP

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

Lowe Center

Tuesday, June 20 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, June 13 1 - 3 pm

Front Street Crossing

Thursday, June 22 10 - 11:30 am

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, June 8

C 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, June 6 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

READ & SHARE **BOOK CLUB**

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

June's Discussion Book

Beaverland by Leila Philip

July's Discussion Book

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Lowe Center

Tuesday, June 6 1 - 3 pm

LC 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, June 6 & 20 9:30 am - 12 pm



SPILL THE BEANS

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

June's Bean Spiller

Brandy Mather from Spa-toe-pia will bathe vou in information about sound baths and how they are calming, and great for pain relief. sleep, and relaxation.

July's Bean Spiller

Alvssa Vanderburg. Gentiva Hospice

Front Street Crossing

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BEAVER LAND

SPECIAL EVENTS





LC ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Cost: Free

Here's the Scoop...FREE Ice Cream for the young, young at heart, and those in between! Visit with your friends, family, and neighbors while enjoying vour sweet treat.

Lowe Center

Thursday, June 22 1 - 2 pm



LC FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

FSC Cost: Free (Men)

Registration is required

Fathers and special men are invited to attend our brunch to celebrate

dads.

You MUST call to prereserve your meal and specify which location you will be attending when calling.

Lowe Center

Friday, June 16 9 - 10 am

Front Street Crossing

Friday, June 16 9 - 10 am



LC SUMMER CONCERT

Cost: Free

Registration is requested

Take a journey from Memphis to Motown outside by our pavilion with this highly entertaining and fun band "Memphis Underground."

Summer concert series is sponsored by Sunset Coast.

Food will be available for purchase from Keenan's with a Kick food truck.

Please bring your own chair or blanket.

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

Lowe Center (Pavilion)

Friday, June 16 5:30 - 7:30 pm (Food) 7 - 9 pm (Concert)



Thank You Jim Beebe & Marilu Franks

As the time on the COA's Board of Directors has drawn to a close for Jim Beebe and Marilu Franks, we express our sincere gratitude for their service.

Jim served nine vears on the board with his final vear as President. He performed his role as Board President with active and dedicated leadership as a judicious steward of our organization.

Marilu also served three full terms on the board as a dedicated Director supporting and attending many COA events. She also volunteers annually for our Pen Pal program.

Jim and Marilu's contributions to the COA and the seniors of Cass County have been significant, and we thank them for their nine years of service.



Lowe Center Hours (LC) Lunch** 11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m. (weekdays) Buffet Breakfast 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. (May 10 & 31) Chestnut Towers Apartments Meals* served daily by reservation only - call the COA for more information. Main Entrée* Chicken Alfredo Fettucine Noodles Italian Green Beans Garlic Bread Jello Cake Café Entrée Bratwurst Café Entrée Bratwurst Café Fresh Salad Fruit Salad Café Fresh Salad Fruit Salad Main Entrée* Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Wheat Roll Main Entrée* Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Wheat Roll Main Entrée* Bratwurst Baked Beans Mixed Vegetable Wheat Roll Main Entrée* Schicken Alfredo Fettucine Noodles Italian Green Beans Garlic Bread Jello Cake Café Entrée Bratwurst Café Fresh Salad Fruit Salad Café Fresh Salad Buffalo Chicken Salad	9
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Main Entrée* Orange Chicken White Rice Oriental Vegetables Fortune Cookie Café Entrée Cheeseburger Cheeseburger Café Fresh Salad Shrimp Salad Tamburger w/ Bun Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle Coleslaw Rosemary Redskins Apple Pie Café Fresh Salad Shrimp Salad Amin Entrée* Pork Chop Mashed Redskins w/ Gravy Carrots Wheat Roll Banana Café Entrée Cheeseburger Café Fresh Salad COA Salad Main Entrée* Pork Chop Mashed Redskins w/ Gravy Carrots Wheat Roll Banana Café Entrée Cheeseburger Café Entrée Chef's Special Café Fresh Salad Mini Chef Salad Cicken Taco Salad Café Fresh Salad Chicken Taco Salad Café Fresh Salad Chicken Taco Salad	16
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Menu is subject to change without notice.

**Daily vegetarian lunch option available upon request.



Region IV Area Agency on Aging and are served in partnership with Cass County COA.

(Suggested Donation per Meal: \$4.00)



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FOOD 5:30-7:30 PM

June 16

Memphis Underground

FOOD: Keenan's with a Kick (Cajun)

July 21

Night Moves (Bob Seger Tribute Band)

FOOD: Weenie Kings (Hot Dogs)

August 25

The Whistle Pigs

FOOD: Drive Thru Q (BBQ)

GUIGERI SERIES

Grab your chair or blanket and get ready to let the music move you.