

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Missaukee County Commission on Aging to keep seniors of the county safe, engaged, and independent through education, advocacy and services.

SERVICES SUMMARY

JANUARY-MARCH 2023
CLIENTS SERVED

HOMEMAKING	110	TRANSPORTATION
RESPIRE CARE	14	3 DIALYSIS
PERSONAL CARE	14	9,731 MILES
FOOTCARE	138	358 HOURS
MED SET UP	14	179 TRIPS
SNOW PROGRAM	88	

SUPPORT SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION—To non-urgent medical appointments.
APPLICATION & 48 HOUR NOTICE REQUIRED
MEDICARE & MEDICAID ASSISTANCE—Certified Counselors on staff to help you navigate these systems.
INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE—Guiding you to senior resources in Missaukee County & beyond. Application for Assistance help.
BASIC NOTARY SERVICES—Appointments requested as these services are limited to what we can witness. Call for Details.

IN HOME SERVICES

HOMEMAKING — Laundry, meal prep, sweeping, dusting, mopping, & vacuuming.
PERSONAL CARE — Trained attendant for bathing, dressing, & grooming.
RESPIRE — Trained caregivers stay with your loved one while you take care of you.
FOOT CARE — In the privacy of your own home, performed by a licensed nurse.
MEDICATION SET UP — Set up by a licensed nurse.

OTHER SERVICES

911 ADDRESS SIGNS
HOME CHORE (DEEPER CLEAN)
CLEANING SUPPLY PANTRY
PERSONAL ITEM PANTRY

MISSAUKEE COUNTY Commission on Aging SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

NEW LOOK! Keeping Seniors of Our County Safe, Informed, & Independent at Home.

COA ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL OPEN DATE!

Mark your Calendars for Thursday, June 1st as we “officially” open our doors after the pandemic to the public. Join us in celebrating during our Open House from 3-6p! Enjoy refreshments, tour our new building, meet our Board Members & Staff!

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER JANE BIGHAM!

There’s a new face on our Board!
Jane (Reynolds) Bigham joined the team officially at our February meeting. A lifelong resident, recently retiring after many years in Human Resources. We look forward to her experience & knowledge as we move towards our future and look forward to her contributions.



As voted by their co-workers,
we celebrate our dedicated
EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH!

January Shelly
February Jeanne
March Sharon



MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

When people say it’s not work when you do what you love, it’s true. Everyday I get to come to work and serve my absolute favorite demographic of people, in my hometown and with amazing people. Talk about a dream job! So many positive things have happened here over the last 3 1/2 years, our new building has been a true blessing and I cannot wait to show it off on June 1st! We are changing the look of our newsletter. It’s important to us that the business owners who pay for these advertisements (see amazing folks listed below) keep the dollars true to our mission of supporting Seniors and that it stays local. Just like any great project, the plan is to start with small and grow as we build up more advertisers. Want to get in front of Seniors too? In this newsletter and on our website homepage? Call or Email for pricing! (231) 839-7839 info@missaukeecoa.org -Heather

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MEETINGS 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

10a in the Missaukee Commission on Aging
Conference Room

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SCHEDULE EDITION PRINTS

SPRING
APRIL

SUMMER
JULY

FALL
OCTOBER

WINTER
JANUARY

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Over 30 Years of Professional
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Cadillac, MI 49601
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DHHS Ends Public Health Emergency...IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THOSE RECEIVING STATE BENEFITS

If you receive benefits from the Department of Health & Human Services, you could be impacted by the ending of the Public Health Emergency. Make sure that your contact information is up to date with MDHHS. Complete any renewal forms you receive before the due date listed to prevent losing your benefits. We offer 2 MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselors who can help you complete & submit forms, call today!

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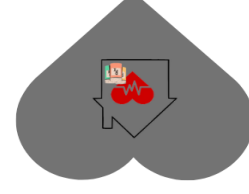
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NEED HELP WITH YOUR RX COSTS?



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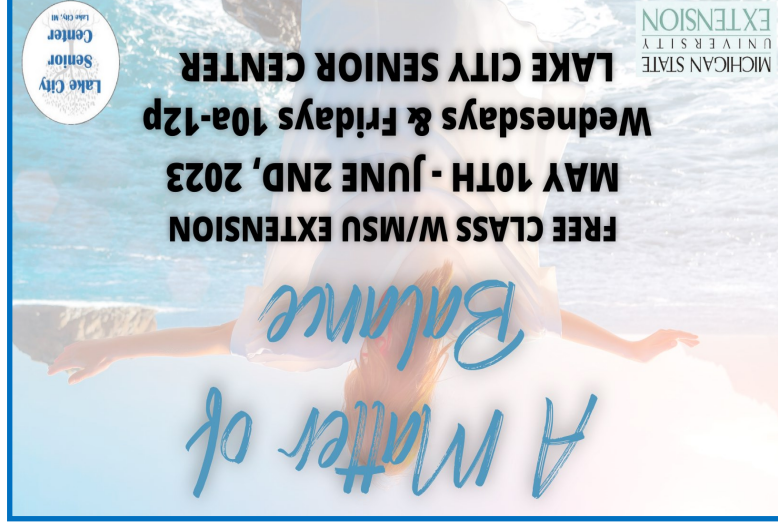
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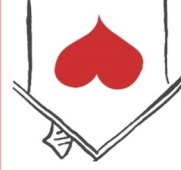
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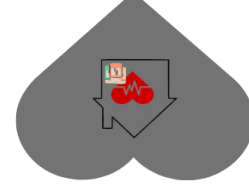
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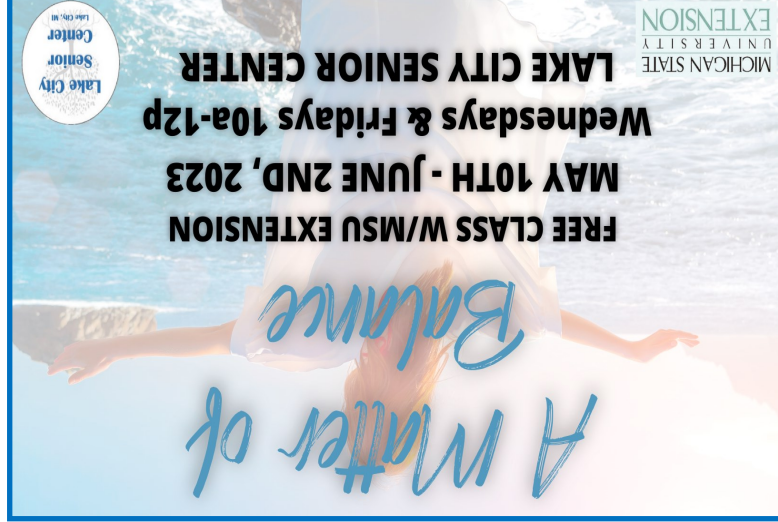
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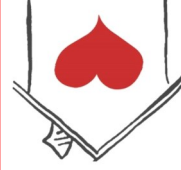
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CALL TO SCHEDULE \$25

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PROJECT FRESH

County residents 60 years & older with an income below 185% of poverty level *may* be eligible for vouchers to purchase Michigan grown produce from participating local farm markets and produce stands.

SUMMER PROGRAM CALL IN EARLY MAY

