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Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Newsletter

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"MAY WE THINK OF FREEDOM, NOT AS THE RIGHT TO DO AS WE PLEASE BUT AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT." ~ PETER MARSHALL

irector's 5 Skills For Making Everyday

Activities Easier

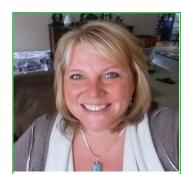
There's often an easier way to do many everyday activities if they're causing fatigue. Pause first and think if energy could be used more efficiently. These 5 skills will help conserve energy, balance activities, and avoid overexertion during everyday tasks.

1. Plan It Out

Help your care recipient plan a new way of doing tasks. This can be hard if they have done things a certain way for a long time. Gently remind them that new approaches can conserve energy and reduce breath shortness so they can do things they want.

- · Gather materials beforehand and put them in one easily-reached place. For example, bring all recipe ingredients to the kitchen counter before cooking.
- Plan harder activities during peak energy times or when medications have the strongest effect.
- 2. Slow Down, Stop Rushing If an activity is difficult or makes them out of breath, it may be tempting to rush to get it over with. For example, going up all of the stairs quickly. However, this makes us more out of breath. Instead, try slowing down and breaking the activity into smaller chunks. For example, do a few stairs at a time.
- 3. Offload Your Legs Save energy by finding opportunities to sit, so the body doesn't work as hard.
- For example:
- Use a shower chair when showering.

• Sit on a stool or at the kitchen table when meal prepping.



 Sit on a walker seat when waiting in line.

4. Take Time To Rest

• Take breaks after strenuous activity. For example, set up a chair at the top of the stairs to rest on after climbing up. Or, climb a few stairs at a time and rest before continuing.

 Break difficult tasks into chunks. For example, take half a load of laundry up in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.

5. Change The Activity Or Equipment

Some activities can be harder for people with lung health conditionsespecially when carrying heavy objects or bending over-these can affect their breathing.

Think about ways the activity can be changed or made easier with equip-

For example, here are ways to make getting dressed easier:

- Use a sock aid or long-handled reacher to pull on socks and pants.
- Get dressed while lying on the bed or sitting down.
- · Hang clothes on midheight racks or in middle drawers to avoid bending or reaching.

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COA Information

COA Office

13513 Division Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720 231-237-0103 Toll Free: 866-428-5185 Fax: 231-237-0105 Office open M-F 7:30am-4:30pm

Main Office Staff:

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COA Advisory Board

Wanda Carr - Chair; Ed May, Harry Wilson, Aleta Runey, Cathy Kessler,-Vice Chair, Sharon Misiak, Janet Kalbfell; **Board Liaison Josh** Chamberlain

May - September Senior Center Wednesday Night Hours are 2p-7p

Many wonderful

Volunteers in all aspects of our services! **Beaver Island COA**

Office: Open M-F 8a-4p Lonnie Allen, BI County **Building & COA Site** Coordinator 26466 Donegal Bay Road Beaver Island, MI 49782

Boyne Area Senior Center: Open M-F 9a-2p

231-448-2124

Anita Percy, Site Coordinator Gretchen, Greg, Nate Food Service & HD Meals 411 E. Division, PO Box Boyne City, MI 49712

Charlevoix Senior Center: Open M-F 8a-4p

231-582-6682

Vikki Pearsall, Northside Building and COA Site Coordinator, Zack, Mary & Vivian Food Service & **HD** Meals 13513 Division Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 231-547-3844

East Jordan Senior Center: Open M-F 9a-2p Brenda Skop, Site Coordinator

Kelly, Star, OPEN Food Service & HD Meals 951 Mill Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 231-536-7831

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Commission_on_Aging or our Facebook page "Charlevoix County Commission on Aging"







For more information:

Beaver Island Chamber (231) 448-2022 **Main Street** Beaver Island, MI 49782

beaverislandcommunitycenter.

Boyne Area Chamber (231) 582-6222 115 S. Lake St., Suite A, Boyne City, MI 49712 boynechamber.com

Charlevoix Chamber (231) 547-2101 109 Mason Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 charlevoix.org

East Jordan Chamber (231) 536-7351 100 Main Street, Suite B East Jordan, MI 49727 ejchamber.org

JULY 2023 NOTABLE DATES

- Joke Day
- I Forgot Day
- Stay Out of the Sun Day
- Independence Day
- **Apple Turnover Day** *5*

Fried Chicken

Day

6

7

8 Be a Kid Again Day

Forgiveness Day

- 9 Sugar Cookie Day
- 10 Pick Blueberries Day
- 11 Cheer Up the Lonely Day
- Simplicity Day *12*
- 13 Embrace Your Geekness Day
- Mac and Cheese Day
- *15* Give Something Away Day
- 16 Ice Cream Day
- *17* Emoji Day
- Sour Candy Day *18*
- 19 Stick Out Your Tongue Day
- 20 Lollipop Day
- Be Someone Day 21
- 22 Hammock Day
- 23 Parents' Day
- *24* Tell an Old Joke Day
- *25* Wine and Cheese Day
- 26 All or Nothing Day
- Love is Kind Day 27
- 28 Waterpark Day
- 29 Lasagna Day
- Friendship Day *30*
- 31 **Cotton Candy Day**

For more detailed information on things going on at our Senior **Centers:**

Please call and speak with the Site Coordinator directly or call the COA Office.

Boyne Area Activity Calendar

Boyne Area Senior Center Location Activities for July 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
3. 9:30A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	4. All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED ALL DAY.	5. Night Meal 5p-6p— Red, White & Blue, 2p Movie	6. 10a Line Dancing, 11am Hand Massages, 12:30p Bingocize, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games, Knit/Crochet/Crafts	7. 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 11:30a Music by \$ in a Juke Box, 12:30p Card/Table Games	
10. 9:30A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	11. 10a Line Dancing, 11a Connect with COA Director, 1p BASC Advisory Committee Meeting, 12:30p BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games, Foot Clinic	12. Night Meal 5p-6p— Tigers Baseball Day, 2p Movie	13. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p Bingocize, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games, Knit/Crochet/Crafts	14. Celebration Day 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 11a Music by Vintage, 12:30p Card/Table Games	
17. 9:30A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	18. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	19. Foot Clinic Night Meal 5p-6p— Christmas in July, 2p Movie	20. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p Bingocize, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games, Knit/Crochet/Crafts	21. 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 11:30a Music OJ Adkins, 12:30p Card/ Table Games	
24. 9:30A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	25. 9a Veteran's Social, 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	26. Night Meal 5p-6p— Retro Night, 2p Movie	27. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p Bingocize, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games, Knit/Crochet/Crafts	28. 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 11a Music by Vintage, 12:30p Card/ Table Games	
31. 9:30A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games		Smart TV Activities and Education available. Activities Subject to Change.	Large Print Books, Puzzles & Card Games. Cornhole, Wii and other games on request. Exercise Room open all day everyday.	Boyne Area Center 411 East Division St, Boyne City Site Coordinator: Anita	
			Coffee everyday at 9:30a		
ast Jordan	Activity Calence	dar			
East Jordan Senior Center Location Activities for July 2023					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	

3. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	4. All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED ALL DAY.	5. Night Meal 5p-6p—Red White and Blue Night, Music Barry Loper, Card Bingo	6. 9a Hair Cuts w/Susan \$10, 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize	7. Celebration Day, 11:30a Music Barry Loper, 12:30p Card BINGO, 50/50 Drawing
10. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	11. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Knit & Crochet, 11a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Euchre	12. Night Meal 5p-6p— Tiger's Baseball Night, Music OJ Adkins, Card Bingo	13. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a EJSC Advisory Board, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize	14. 11:30a Music OJ Adkins, 12:30p Card BINGO, 50/50 Drawing
17. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table Foot Clinic	18. 9:30a Veterans Social, 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Knit & Crochet, 11a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Euchre	19. Night Meal 5p-6p— Christmas In July Night, Music Deb & Rob, Card Bingo	20. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 11:30a Blood Pressure Check, 12:30p Texas Hold- em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize	21. Connect with Amy 11:30a Music \$ in a Juke Box, 12:30p Card BINGO, 50/50 Drawing
24. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	25. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Knit & Crochet, 11a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Euchre	26. Night Meal 5p-6p— Retro Night, Music 2 Beats, Card Bingo	27. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Hand Massages, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize Foot Clinic	28. 11a Music 2 Beats, 12:30p Card BINGO, 50/50 Drawing
31. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table			Veteran Coffee/Donuts Social 9:30a 1st Friday Open Gym Walking 9a-1p. Exercise Room open all	East Jordan Center 951 Mill St., East Jordan 231-536-7831 Site Coordinator: Brenda

ACTIVITIES ARE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

day everyday.

ALL Charlevoix County Senior Center Menus

Don't Forget....Wednesday Night Dinners begin on Wednesday, May 10,2023 through the end of September. There will be NO Lunches served on Wednesdays except at the Charlevoix Senior Center where we will have our new COLD Sandwich/Salad Station. Wednesday Night Dinners are served from 5p-6p.

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All Senior Center Locations Menu July 2023 (Lunch 11:30a—12:30p - Wednesday Night Dinner 5p-6p) Commission On Aging Phone: 237-0103 Charlevoix Senior Center: 547-5361 East Jordan Senior Center: 536-7831 Boyne Area Senior Center: 582-6682				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3. Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich with Fried Onions & Cheese, Honey Mustard Cup, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: Tuna Pasta Salad	4. JULY FOURTH HOLIDAY All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED ALL DAY.	5. Wednesday Night Dinner Red, White & Blue—Bacon Cheese Burgers, Waffle Fries, Corn on the Cob (dine in only), Fresh Watermelon, Brownie	6. BBQ Pulled Pork Plate, Baked Beans, Corn Bread, Cole Slaw, Fruit	7. Forgiveness Day Cooks Choice, Potato, Fresh Vegetable, Fruit
10. Pick Blueberries Day Ham & Cheese Stromboli, Pasta Marinara, Garden Vegetable, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: Greek Salad with Chicken	11. Breakfast for Lunch, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Warm Applesauce, Fresh Berries	12. Wednesday Night Dinner Tiger's Baseball Day—Home- style Boneless Breaded Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Fudge Sundae (dine in only)	13. Embrace your Geekness Day UP Poutine Fries, Shredded Beef, Wedge Fries, Cheese Curds, Beef Gravy, Side Salad, Fruit	14. Pollock Almondine, Seasoned Rice, Vegetable Medley, Tarter Sauce, Fruit
17. Emoji Day Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut on a Bun, Wedge Fries, Mixed Vegetable, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: Chicken Salad Croissant	18. Sour Candy Day Nacho Day, Taco Meat, Rice with corn, Tortilla Chips, Cheese, Salsa Cup, Fruit	19. Wednesday Night Dinner Christmas in July —Ham, Pineapple, Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallow Topping, Mixed Vegetables, Sugar Cookie	20. Liver & Onions or Beef Fritter, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Fruit	21. Be Someone Day Chicken Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Fresh Vegetable, Fruit
24. Tell an Old Joke Day Sweet & Sour Breaded Pork, Oriental Vegetables, Seasoned Rice, Egg Roll, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: BLT Wrap	25. Homemade Meatballs with Creamy Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Vegetable, Fruit	26. Wednesday Night Dinner Retro Night —Cheesy Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole, Side Salad, Breadstick, Retro Popsicle	27. Maurice Salad, Turkey, Ham, Swiss Cheese, Green Olives, Gherkins, Egg, Homemade Dressing, Cup of Soup, Soft Roll with Butter, Fruit	28. Waterpark Day Cooks Choice, Potato, Fresh Vegetable, Fruit
31. Cotton Candy Day Chicken Alfredo Pasta, Fresh Broccoli, Garlic Roll, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: Poast Boof Wran		No Lunch on Wednesday from May Through September except the Wrap Station in Charlevoix Only.	ALL MEALS INCLUDE MILK, BREAD & BUTTER, 2 VEGGIES & A FRUIT. MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	Homemade Soup now served 3 days a week with your meal.

Charlevoix Senior Center Activities for July 2023 Monday Tuesday

4. All COA Offices and

Charlevoix Activity Calendar

Roast Beef Wrap

3. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,

12:15p Bingo, 1p Cardio Drumming, 1p Games/Puzzles, 3:30p Beginners Pickleball	ALL DAY.	Bridge, 1p Games/Puzzles, 2p Beginners Pickleball 5p Wednesday Night Dinner—	9a Tai Chi, 12p Bath School Catastrophe Presentation	10a Crafts, 11:45a Gayle Gennett Speaker, 1p Games/Puzzles, 1:30p Open Pickleball
10. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 12:15p Bingo,	11. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 9:30a Veteran's Social,	, ,	13. 8-9a Breakfast, 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,	14. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers 10a Crafts, 1p Games/

5. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,

Wednesday

Thursday

6. 8-9a Breakfast,

Friday

7. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,

- 1p Cardio Drumming, 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p Mahjong, Bridge, 1p Games/Puzzles, 9a Tai Chi. Puzzles, 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p Movie/TV in COA Room, 2p Beginners Pickleball 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p Mahjong, 1:30p Open Pickleball 1:30p Advanced Pickleball, 3:30p Beginners Pickleball 1:30 Advanced Pickleball. 5p Wednesday Night Dinner-Tiger's Baseball Night 2p Movie Day @Charlevoix Cinema **Foot Clinic** 17. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 20. 8-9a Breakfast, 21. Celebration Day, 18. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 19. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,
- 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p Mahjong, 10:30a Bingocize, 12:30p 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 12:15p Bingo, 9a Tai Chi. 1p Cardio Drumming, 1p Movie/TV in COA Room, Bridge, 1p Games/Puzzles, 10a Crafts, 10:30a Music by 1:30 Advanced Pickleball, 1p Games/Puzzles, 2p Beginners Pickleball, 11a Hand Massages, the Maestros. 3:30p Beginners Pickleball 5p Wednesday Night Dinner— 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p Mahjong, 1p Games/Puzzles, **Christmas in July Night** 1:30p Advanced Pickleball, 1:30p Open Pickleball 2p Movie Day @Charlevoix Cinema
- 24. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 25. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 26. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 27. 8-9a Breakfast, 28. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers. 12:15p Bingo, 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p Mahjong, 10:30a Bingocize, 12:30p 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 10a Crafts, 1p Any Games/ 1p Cardio Drumming, 1p Movie/TV in COA Room Bridge, 1p Games/Puzzles, 9a Tai Chi Puzzles. 1:30p Open Pickleball 1p Games/Puzzles, 1:30 Advanced Pickleball, 2p Beginners Pickleball, 1p Any Games/Puzzles, 1p

- 3:30p Beginners Pickleball **Foot Clinic** 5p Wednesday Night Dinner-Mahjong, Retro Night 1:30p Advanced Pickleball,
- 2p Movie Day @Charlevoix Cinema 31. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 1:30p Tech Tuesdays @ Cornhole, Wii and other games **Charlevoix Location Only: Charlevoix Center** 12:15p Bingo, The Charlevoix Library (by 13513 Division Ave, 11:30a-12:30p Sandwich on request. 1p Cardio Drumming, Appt Only) and Salad Bar available for **Smart TV Activities and** Charlevoix 1p Games/Puzzles, Lunch Site Coordinator: Vikki Education available ACTIVITIES 3:30p Beginners Pickleball 231-547-3844 ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Senior Project Fresh...

Coupons are still available!

How Senior Project Fresh Works (Michigan.gov/mdhhs)...Senior Project Fresh/Market Fresh participants are given five, \$5 coupons to use at farmers' markets and roadside stands that display a sign that reads, "Senior Project Fresh/Market Fresh Welcome Here". The participant may use the coupon to purchase any Michigan-grown, non-processed product, including honey, from the farm market or roadside stand. The coupon works like cash as payment for the products. Coupons cannot be used for items that are not typically grown in Michigan, such as bananas, oranges, and pineapples. They also may not be used to purchase cheese, meat, or eggs, even though some of these are good sources of nutrition, nor may they be used to purchase flowers or potted plants.

Participants will receive nutrition education when they get their coupons. Nutrition education may be provided in a classroom setting, one-on-one, or, occasionally, at a farm market.

Participants are encouraged to use all their coupons during the season, which operates from May 1 through October 31 each year. If a participant has difficulty getting to a farm market or roadside stand, they may assign a proxy to purchase eligible items for them.

To qualify, a senior adult must be:

A Michigan resident who is aged 60 years or older

A Michigan resident who is aged 55 years or older AND belongs to a Michigan federally recognized tribe or urban tribal group

Have a total household income of 185% or less of the federal poverty guidelines

A resident of the county in which the coupons are issued

In accordance with federal civil rights law and US Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Charlevoix Area Caregiver Support Group - Free & Open to ALL Caregivers

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan and Facilitated by trained staff of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

Build a support system with people who understand.

Develop a support system.

Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.

Talk through issues and ways of coping.

Share feelings, needs and concerns.

Learn about community resources.

Meeting in person at the Boyne Senior Center - Conference Room, The Second Thursday of the month from 1pm - 2:30p Please call Sheri at (231) 237-0103 for more information or if you are interested in attending.

Beaver Island Activities and Update Contact Lonnie at the BI COA for more information at (231) 448-2124 or Email to allenl@charlevoixcounty.org

Beaver Island Wellness Check Program
The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department are collaborating their efforts on Beaver Island with respect to the safety and wellness of our Seniors on Beaver Island. The COA has created a program with the Sheriff's Department that will provide free, periodic wellness checks for aging residents of Beaver Island, aged sixty (60) and older due to the limited resources on the island.

Voucher Meal Program

Available at The Beaver Island School, The Shamrock and The Bodega.

Please call Lonnie or the COA Office on the Mainland for all the Other Beaver Island Fun Activities planned like the Tai-Chi, Strength Training, BINGO, Crafts and More!

Reminder: The BI Meal Voucher Program is for Charlevoix County Tax Paying Seniors, 60 years old and older only. Voucher can be purchased individually or up to 10 a month. There is NO reimbursement for any unused vouchers.



Charlevoix Senior Center Breakfast Menu July 2023 (8a—9a) \$3 donation for 60 Years Old and older

\$8 Cost for 59 Years Old and younger

THURSDAYS ONLY IN CHARLEVOIX ONLY

Charlevoix Center: 547-5361

All Breakfasts include Fresh Fruit, **Yogurt, Choice of Apple or Orange Juice, Milk**

7/6. Hot Breakfast: **Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Scrambled Eggs.**

7/13. Hot Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait with Fresh Berries & Granola, Side of Bacon.

7/20. Hot Breakfast: **Corned Beef Hash with Oven Baked Eggs**

7/27. Hot Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich - Eggs, Cheese, Thin Sliced Ham, Side of Tater Tots.