Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Newsletter

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"THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS STRONGER THAN ANYTHING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO IT" ~ C.C. SCOTT

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November 2023

Caregivers: Talking with a loved one about Power of Attorney (POA)

Power of Attorney (POA) is a legal document in which your loved one names who can help make decisions for them if they cannot. There are two power of attorney documents, one for healthcare decisions and one for financial decisions. Note, the document can be canceled or changed at any time.

Power of attorney documents are used if your loved one can't make or communicate a decision for themselves. For example, if they are unconscious or have a condition affecting their decision-making skills or ability to communicate.

If you are not sure how to talk about POA here are some tips that may help.

1. Start the Conversation Ask for help with the conversation. Include someone who your loved one respects but isn't the main caregiver. Sometimes the closest caregiver gets the most push back on this conversation. You can also ask your doctor or a trusted professional to start the conversation.

- Try not to force a decision.
- Remind them it is completely their choice.
- 2. Provide Information Explain that a power of attorney document:
- Gives them control while they can still make decisions.
- Prevents decisions from being made by someone they don't trust.
- May help prevent family fighting in the future. Makes it easier to care
- for them. 3. Support Them to Make



Decisions

- Start by asking what you can do to help with the decision. It may help to explain the documents in a different way.
- Ask if there's anyone else, they'd like to talk to about power of attorney, or what questions they have.
- Don't expect all decisions to be made during your first conversation. Give them extra time to make decisions.
- Deciding not to make a decision is still a

Often, caregivers feel like they need to do everything right. That's a lot of pressure! Instead, remember your role is in supporting your care recipient to live their vision of the best life possible. It's not about what other people think is right, or even what you think is right. It's about the person you care for.

Expert Tip Even if you don't agree with your loved one's decision, remember everyone has the right to make their own decisions in life. Think about times in your life you made a decision that your family didn't agree with. Would anything have changed your mind at the time? This can help reduce any feelings of frustration that may come up.

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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:

Amy Wieland, Executive Director Sheri Shepard, Assistant Director Theresa Graham, Office Manager Sally Nye, Database Coordinator

Paul Tate, Food Service Manager Kevin Clements, Senior

Program Facilitator

Health Care Services: Tracey Rupinski, RN, Director of Health Care

Services Robin Pugh, RN, CFCS Carla Middaugh, Personal

Arlene Wilson, CNA OPEN, CNA/Homemaker Kim Crandell, Homemaker Rhonda Whiteford, Homemaker

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 231-448-2124

Boyne Area Senior Center:

Open M-F 9a-2p Tracey McCafferty, Site Coordinator Gretchen, Greg, Nate Food Service & HD Meals 411 E. Division, PO Box 964

Boyne City, MI 49712 231-582-6682

Charlevoix Senior Center:

Open M-F 8a-4p Vikki Pearsall, Northside Building and COA Site Coordinator, Zack, Mary & Cathy 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, Dolores Food Service & HD Meals 951 Mill Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 231-536-7831

happenings

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

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

NOVEMBER 2023 NOTABLE DATES

- **Cinnamon Day**
- 2 Men Make Dinner Day
- Sandwich Day 3
- 4 **Common Sense Day**
- 5 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- 6 **Nachos Day**
- **Election Day** 7
- Cook Something Bold Day
- 9 Freedom Day
- 10 Forget-Me-Not Day
- 11 **Veterans Day**
- *12* French Dip Day
- 13 Sadie Hawkins Day
- 14 Pickle Day
- America Recycles *15* Day
- Fast Food Day 16
- Homemade Bread Day 17
- 18 Family Volunteer Day
- 19 **Equal Opportunity Day**
- 20 **Absurdity Day**
- *21* Red Mitten Day
- *22* Go For A Ride Day
- Thanksgiving Day *23*
- **Black Friday** 24
- *25* Parfait Day

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- Cake Day Cyber Monday 27
- 28 French Toast Day
- 29 Square Dance Day
- *30* Stay Home Because You Are Well 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.

Visit our Website: www.charlevoixcounty.org/ Commission_on_Aging or our Facebook page "Charlevoix County Commission on Aging"



Boyne Area Activity Calendar

Boyne Area Senior Center Location Activities for November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Boyne Area Center 411 East Division St, Boyne City Site Coordinator: Tracey	Large Print Books, Puzzles & Card Games. Cornhole, Wii and other games on request. Activities are subject to Change.	1. 10a Corn Hole, 10a Wii Bowling, Card/ Table Games	2. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p Card BINGO, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games, Foot Clinic	3. 10a Cardio Drumming, 11a Music by Dollar in a Juke Box	
6. 10A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/ Table Games	7. 10a Line Dancing, 10:30a BASC Building Board Mtg, 11a Hand Massages, 12:30p BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	8. 10a Corn Hole, 10a Wii Bowling, Card/ Table Games	9. Veteran's Celebration 10a Line Dancing, 11a 12:30p Card BINGO, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games	10. All COA Offices & Senior Centers are Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day.	
13. 10A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	14. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games, Foot Clinic	15. 10a Corn Hole, 10a Wii Bowling, Card/ Table Games	16. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p Card BINGO, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games	17. Thanksgiving Celebration, Celebration Day, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 11:30a Music OJ Adkins, 12:30p Movie: TBD	
20. 10A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	21. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	22. 10a Corn Hole, 10a Wii Bowling, Card/ Table Games	23. All COA Offices & Senior Centers are Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving.	24. All COA Offices & Senior Centers are Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving.	
27. 10A Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	28. 9a Veteran's Social, 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games, Foot Clinic	29. 10a Corn Hole, 10a Wii Bowling, Card/ Table Games	30. 10a Line Dancing, 12:30p Card BINGO, Afternoon Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, Card/Table Games	Exercise Room open all day everyday. Coffee everyday at 9:30a	
East Jordan Activity Calendar					

East Jordan Senior Center Location Activities for November 2023

East Jordan Center

Monday

1st Friday

Tuesday **Thursday** Wednesday

1. 9:30a Coffee Hour,

Friday

2.9a Hair Cuts w/Susan \$10, 3. Celebration Day,

Open Gym Walking 9a-1p. Exercise Room open all day everyday. ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	951 Mill St., East Jordan 231-536-7831 Site Coordinator: Brenda	12:30p Card Bingo	9:30a Coffee Hour, Leadership Charlevoix County Visit, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize	11:30a Music Barry Loper, 12:30p Card BINGO, 50/50 Drawing
6. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	7. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Knit & Crochet, 11a Cardio Drumming	8. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Card Bingo	9. Veteran's Day Celebration 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a EJSC Advisory Board, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize Foot Clinic	10. ALL COA OFFICES AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY
13. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	14. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Knit & Crochet, 11a Cardio Drumming,12:30p Euchre	15. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Card Bingo	16. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize	17. Thanksgiving Celebration 11:30a Music \$ in a Juke Box, 12:30p Card BINGO, 50/50 Drawing
20. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	21. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 9:30a Veterans Social, 10a Knit & Crochet, 11a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Euchre Foot Clinic	25. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Card Bingo	23. ALL COA OFFICES AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING	24. ALL COA OFFICES AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING
27. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	28. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Knit & Crochet, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 11a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Euchre	29. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Card Bingo	30. 9:30a Coffee Hour, Hand Massages, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize	

ALL Charlevoix County Senior Center Menus

All Senior Center Locations Menu November 2023 (Lunch 11:30a—12:30p) Commission On Aging Phone: 237-0103

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
Soups are served 3 days a week. Alternative Meal for Week: Chicken Salad Croissant	ALL MEALS INCLUDE MILK, BREAD & BUTTER, 2 VEGGIES & A FRUIT. MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	1. Cinnamon Day Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Corn, Fruit	2. Pepper Steak with Colored Peppers & Onions, Seasoned Rice, Fruit	3. National Sandwich Day Grilled Chicken Club Sandwich, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, Ranch Wedge Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit
6. Ham & Cheese Sliders, Biscuits, Tater Tots, Vegetable Medley, Honey Pack, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: Chicken Caesar Salad	7. Election Day Tuna Noodle Casserole, Green Peas, Fried Onions, Fruit	8. Nacho Day Taco Meat, Rice with roasted corn, Tortilla Chips, Cheese, Salsa Cup	9. Veteran's Celebration Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Fresh Vegetable, Apple Crisp	10. ALL COA OFFICES AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY
13. Grilled Cheese with Tomato, Large Bowl of Chicken Barley Soup, Saltine Crackers, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: Turkey Bacon Wrap	14. Pickle Day Hamburger & Onion Stroganoff, Buttered Noodles, Garden Vegetable, Fruit	15. America Recycles Day Creamy Chicken Broccoli, Rice and Cheese Casserole, Breadstick, Fruit	16. Cooks Choice, Potato, Fresh Vegetable, Fruit	17. Thanksgiving Celebration Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Homemade Cranberry, Pumpkin Dessert
20. Breaded Chicken Sandwich with Swiss Cheese, Sweet Potato Fries, Honey Mustard Cup, Fruit Alternative Meal for Week: Shrimp Pasta Salad	21. Roast Pork Loin, Pork Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable, Fruit	22. Go for a Ride Day Beef Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Tossed Salad, Vegetable Medley, Fruit	23. ALL COA OFFICES AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING	24. ALL COA OFFICES AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING
27. Cyber Monday	28. National French	29. Square Dance Day	30. Mom's Meatloaf,	NEW: Sandwich Wrap and

BBQ Bone in Chicken

Legs, Au Gratin Potatoes,

Wednesday

Mixed Vegetables, Fruit

Mashed Potatoes &

Gravy, Garden

Vegetables, Fruit

Thursday

2. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 1p

16. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,

9:30a Tai Chi/Matter of

Charlevoix Senior Center Activities for November 2023 Monday Tuesday

Charlevoix Activity Calendar

Cooks Choice, Potato, Fresh

Alternative Meal for Week:

Charlevoix Center

Pickleball

Vegetable, Fruit

Roast Beef Wrap

13513 Division Ave. 11:30a-12:30p Sandwich and | 10a Loom/Knitting Etc, 10:15a Games/Puzzles, 1:30p Solod Par available for Lunch | Chair Yoga, 12:30p Bridge, 1p

Toast Day Breakfast

French Toast, Sausage

Links, Hashbrowns, Yogurt Cup, Fruit

for Lunch:

Charlevoix Location Only:

TV in COA Room, 1:30 Advanced

Site Coordinator: Vikki 231-547-3844	Monday—Friday Tech Tuesdays @ Charlevoix Library by appt. only	Games/Puzzles, 2p Beginners/Intermediate Pickleball		Games/Puzzles, 12:30p Cardio Drumming, 1:30p Open Pickleball
6. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,	7. 8-9a Safe Haven Free	8. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,	9. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,	10. ALL COA OFFICES AND
12:15p Bingo,	Breakfast Club, 9a Coffee Talk,	10a Loom/Knitting Etc, 10:15a	9:30a Tai Chi/Matter of	SENIOR CENTERS ARE
12:30p Cardio Drumming,	Walkers, 12:30p Veteran's Social	Chair Yoga, 12:30p Bridge, 1p	Balance, 1p Games/Puzzles,	CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE
1p Games/Puzzles,	& Free Lunch, 1p Games/	Games/Puzzles,	1:30p Advanced Pickleball, 2p	OF VETERAN'S DAY
3:30p Beginners/Intermediate	Puzzles, 1p Mahjong, 1p Movie/	2p Beginners/Intermediate	Movie Day @Charlevoix	

15. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,

2p Beginners/Intermediate

10a Loom/Knitting Etc, 10:15a

1. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,

- Pickleball, 4p Yoga, **Foot Clinic** 13. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 14. 8-9a Safe Haven Free
- Breakfast Club, 9a Coffee Talk, 12:15p Bingo, 12:30p Cardio Drumming, Walkers, 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p 1p Games/Puzzles, Mahjong, 1p Movie/TV in COA Room, 1:30 Advanced Pickleball, 3:30p Beginners/Intermediate **Pickleball** 4p Yoga
- 20. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 21. 8-9a Safe Haven Free 12:15p Bingo, Breakfast Club, 9a Coffee Talk, 12:30p Cardio Drumming, Walkers, 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p 1p Games/Puzzles, Mahjong, 1p Movie/TV in COA 3:30p Beginners/Intermediate Room, 1:30 Advanced Pickleball, **Pickleball**

Walkers.

Yoga

27. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,

12:30p Cardio Drumming,

3:30p Beginners/Intermediate

1p Games/Puzzles,

12:15p Bingo,

Pickleball

4p Yoga

28. 8-9a Safe Haven Free

Breakfast Club, 9a Coffee Talk,

22. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 10a Loom/Knitting Etc, 10:15a Chair Yoga, 11a Hand Massages, 12:30p Bridge, 1p Games/ Puzzles,

Games/Puzzles,

Pickleball

Pickleball

- **Foot Clinic** 23. ALL COA OFFICES AND **SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING**

- NEW: Sandwich Wrap and Salad Bar Station available Tuesdays and Thursdays in East Jordan & Boyne as a Meal Alternative.
- **Friday** 3. 8-9a Safe Haven Free Advanced Pickleball, 2p Movie | Talk, Walkers, 10a Crafts, 1p

 - 17. Celebration Day
 - 8-9a Safe Haven Free Breakfast Club, 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 10a Crafts, 1p
 - Games/Puzzles, 12:30p Cardio Drumming, 1:30p **Open Pickleball**
 - 24. ALL COA OFFICES AND **SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE** OF THANKSGIVING
 - Cornhole, Wii and other

games on request.

Smart TV Activities and

Education available

ACTIVITIES ARE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 2p Beginners/Intermediate **Pickleball** 29. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 30. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 10a Loom/Knitting Etc, 10:15a 9:30a Tai Chi/Matter of Chair Yoga, 12:30p Bridge, 1p Balance, Games/Puzzles, 1p Any Games/Puzzles, 1:30p **Advanced Pickleball, 2p Movie**
- 2p Beginners/Intermediate **Pickleball**
- 1p Games/Puzzles, 1p Mahjong, 1p Movie/TV in COA Room, 1:30 Advanced Pickleball, 4p
- Day @Charlevoix Cinema

Balance, 1p Games/Puzzles, Chair Yoga, 12:30p Bridge, 1p 1:30p Advanced Pickleball, 2p Movie Day @Charlevoix Cinema,

Cinema

Medicare's Open Enrollment is Important to our aging adults!

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period, or OEP, runs from October 15 through December 7 each year. During the OEP, you can make certain changes to your health insurance coverage, including adding, dropping, or changing your Medicare Advantage and Part D coverage. Even if you are happy with your current health and drug coverage, Open Enrollment is a good time to review what you have, compare it with other options, and make sure that your current coverage still meets your needs for the coming year. Open. The last change you make will take effect on January 1.

The Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) has certified counselors who can help and assist beneficiaries with joining, switching, or dropping a plan during Open Enrollment. MMAP Counselors are unbiased, free of charge for the service, and highly trained to help and assist with making these choices. MMAP's mission is to educate, counsel, and empower Medicare beneficiaries so that they can make informed health benefit decisions.

Call MMAP at 1-800-803-7174 or Kevin Clements at 231-237-0103 to make changes.

Safe Haven Sponsored Breakfast Club Menu November 2023 (8a—9a) Menu Subject to Change

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS ONLY—IN CHARLEVOIX ONLY

(Available only when the Charlevoix Senior Center is OPEN)

Charlevoix Senior Center: 547-5361
FREE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR DINE IN & TAKE OUT

Safe Haven Breakfast Club Menu

7. Hot Breakfast:

Breakfast Casserole: Eggs, Cheese, Sausage, Potatoes, Peppers & Onions

All Breakfasts include Yogurt & Orange Juice

14. Hot Breakfast:

Breakfast Burrito: Eggs, Diced Bacon, Cheese, Pico De Gallo, served with Cheesy Tater Tots

All Breakfasts include Yogurt & Orange Juice

21. Hot Breakfast:

French Toast, 2 Slices Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, served with Hashbrowns

All Breakfasts include Yogurt & Orange Juice

27. Hot Breakfast:

Biscuits with Sausage & Gravy, 1 Oven Baked Egg, Warm Applesauce

All Breakfasts include Yogurt & Orange Juice

3. FRIDAY BIG Hot Breakfast:

2 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links, Scrambled Eggs, Homemade Fresh Fried Diced Potatoes with Onions

All Breakfasts include Fresh Fruit, Maple Syrup, & Milk

10. NO BREAKFAST: Charlevoix County Offices, COA Offices and Senior Centers are all CLOSED today in Observance of Veteran's Day

17. FRIDAY BIG Hot Breakfast:

2 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links, Scrambled Eggs, Homemade Fresh Fried Diced Potatoes with Onions

All Breakfasts include Fresh Fruit, Maple Syrup, & Milk

24. NO BREAKFAST: Charlevoix County Offices, COA Offices and Senior Centers are all CLOSED today in Observance of Thanksgiving

These are Community Breakfasts Sponsored by Safe Haven and are Free of Charge to ANY ONE in the Community.

Just for fun

Happy Thanksgiving

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FOOD

GRATEFUL INDIAN NOVEMBER PIE PILGRIM PUMPKIN

SQUASH THANKFUL TURKEY



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.