

# Marinette Senior Center offers programs, classes

**MARINETTE** — The Marinette Senior Center will offer plenty of programs and activities this month. For more information on any events, people can visit the center at 1603 Ludington St. or call at 715-732-1280.

## HEALTH

A free hearing screening with Paul Ebbin, a hearing instrument specialist from Hearing Life of Marinette, will take place from 9:30 a.m. to noon on July 17. He will assess a participant's current hearing and share your results with you to help you better understand your current hearing needs, as well as give resources to help navigate your hearing health in the future. Advance registration preferred but not required.

## MONTHLY CRAFT ACTIVITIES

A Beaded Dragonfly craft session will take place at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Aug. 11. Holly will lead the workshops and show participants how to create two beautiful dragonflies. Participants will be able to make one

small and one large one. Cost is \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members. Each session is limited to six.

In addition, a Bejeweled Plant Stick courtesy of another very creative member, Barb, who will guide you in creating some beautiful bling to add to your favorite flower pot. This class will take place at 10:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Cost is \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members. Space is limited for 14 participants.

Diamond Painting is offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

## MONTHLY FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Line Dancing is set for Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$2 per class, paid to instructor.

Chair yoga takes place at 9 a.m. Monday, yoga Pilates at 4 p.m. Tuesday, and beginner yoga at 4 p.m. Thursday. These are taught by Ruth McGuire. A new session began the week of July 7 and goes through Aug. 21. Advance registration/payment is required.

Women & Strength Program runs from 8 to

9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is sponsored by Advanced Wellness and Physical Therapy. Sessions run for 24 classes. Cost is \$35 for 24 classes. A new session began on July 10.

The walking group meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. It will meet at the Mary Hofer Walking Trail at the hospital if the weather allows on Aug. 7, 14 and 28. It will meet at Henes Park on Aug. 21 if the weather allows. It is self-led most days.

## FOOT AND BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The monthly foot clinic with Registered Nurse Diane will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 14 and Aug. 21. Cost is \$15 per person paid directly to nurse Diane. Clients will need to soak their feet 20 minutes prior to their appointment. Advance registration required.

## COMPASSUS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Compassus Hospice offers a drop-in grief support group. It meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday

of every month. The next meeting is Aug. 24. No pre-registration required. For more information, people can contact Compassus at 920-321-2004.

## MONTHLY CARDS

Games include: Mondays, Pokeno from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by Farkle from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Smear from 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Pinochle from 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; Wednesdays, Bingo from 10:30 a.m. to noon and Hand & Foot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays, Majong from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.; Fridays, Cribbage, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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# Senior Citizen News

**Community Action Agency/Mid-County Senior Center**  
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**BECKY THOUNE**

Before you buy a Medigap policy, be sure to do your research. Some steps you may wish to take include the following:

Make sure you are eligible to purchase a Medigap. Remember that you can only have a Medigap if you have original Medicare. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan or Medicaid, Medigaps cannot be sold to you. There may be other Medigap eligibility requirements that apply to you, depending on the state in which you live.

Learn when you have the right to buy a Medigap without restriction. There are federal protections for people over age 65 to buy a Medigap in certain situations. Some states have additional protection for individuals under 65 or during other times.

Once you decide you need a Medigap and know you are eligible to enroll, compare the different types of policies that exist. As mentioned above, there are 10 different standardized policies in most states, each covering a different range of Medicare cost sharing.

Learn how a Medigap covers prior medical conditions to know if any of your medical costs may be excluded from Medigap coverage. Depending on your circumstances, a Medigap can

exclude coverage for prior medical conditions for a limited amount of time.

Find out how Medigap premiums are priced so you can make cost comparisons. It is important to understand the ways insurers set premiums to find the best deal for you. Have a list of questions to ask when shopping for a Medigap to remind you what you should consider. Buying a Medigap can be complicated but using a set of written questions and asking for help when needed can help you stay organized and simplify the process.

**What questions should I ask when choosing a Medigap?**

When you are speaking to insurance representatives or reviewing marketing material about Medigap policies, here are some questions to keep in mind:

Am I enrolling while I am in my open enrollment period? If not, do I have a guaranteed issue right?

What is the Medigap's policy's monthly premium?

Is this premium based on my health status, gender, smoking, marital status or anything else?

Are the premiums: **Community rated**, meaning everyone in my area pays the same premium regardless of their age?

**Issue age related**, meaning the premium is based on how old I am when I bought the policy?

**Attained age**, meaning the premium increases based on my age?

Will the company refuse to sell me a Medigap based on

my health status?

Does the policy impose a pre-existing condition waiting period?

How long is the waiting period before my coverage begins?

Do I have prior credible coverage to reduce my waiting period?

Other considerations include:

If you do not have a guaranteed right to buy a Medigap, ask the insurance representative how much extra you will be charged for purchasing one.

If you are under age 65, make sure the company you are considering sells to individuals under 65.

Remember to keep track of who you spoke with, when you spoke with them, and the outcome of the call.

**Do Medigaps work with Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) and Medicaid?**

Medicare savings programs and Medicaid are assistance programs that help you with your health care costs. MSPs pay for your Part B premium at a minimum, and Medicaid pays for some of your health care costs after Medicare and other insurance has paid. In general, it is illegal for someone to sell you a Medigap

if you already have Medicaid or an MSP that covers your Medicare cost sharing. However, if you purchase a medigap before you enroll in an MSP or Medicaid, then you are allowed to keep your coverage.

If you are over the income limit for Medicaid or an MSP, your Medigap premium may be used to lower your monthly income by the amount you pay for the premium. Additionally, if you have Medicare, Medicaid, and a Medigap, your Medigap can pay for services you receive from a provider who doesn't accept Medicaid. Note that these circumstances can apply if you have a Medigap before you qualify for and enroll in Medicaid or an MSP. You cannot purchase a Medigap after you are enrolled in Medicaid.

CAA will be serving a box lunch consisting of a turkey/ham sandwich, cold salads, chips, birthday cake & milk for a suggested donation of \$4.50 for those 60 plus. Call 786-8850 to reserve a meal before August 5.

Aug. 20 - Retirement party for Tim Johnson & Buck Winkler from 1 - 3 p.m. Join us for coffee and cake to celebrate Tim & Buck.

Aug. 27 - Birthday party dinner with 50/50 raffle, door prizes & bingo. Is your birthday in August? Please notify the staff when making your meal reservation so we may honor you.

**August exercise dates & times:**

August 13 at 11 a.m.

August 20 at 11 a.m.

August 25 at 10 a.m.

Coffee and social time to follow.

**Nutrition Menu:**

Aug. 11 - Swiss chicken breast, brown rice, Capri vegetables, green peas, chef's choice fruit cup.

Aug. 12 - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, chef's choice vegetable, pineapple tidbits.

Aug. 13 - Corn dog, succotash vegetables, potato salad, caramel apple crisp.

Aug. 14 - Turkey and Swiss sandwich on whole wheat bread, creamy tomato soup, coleslaw, diced pears.

Aug. 15 - Beefy Tater tot casserole, corn, warm cinnamon apples.

All meals are served with bread; margarine and two percent milk. Bread will not be served with rice or noodles. Meal reservations & cancellations must be made by 1 p.m. the previous day. Menu modifications may be necessary at times.

**HERMANSVILLE SENIOR CITIZEN MENU WEEK OF AUG. 11**

Monday - Swiss chicken breast, brown rice, Capri vegetable, green peas, Chef's choice fruit cup.

Tuesday - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, Chef's choice vegetable, pineapple tidbits, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday - Corn dog, succotash vegetable, potato salad, caramel apple crisp.

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## Supplemental Food Distributions

The Menominee Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency has scheduled the distribution for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) on Aug. 18, for the Hermansville area.

The food program is for residents who are 60 years of age or older who meet the income guidelines of 150 per-

cent of Federal Poverty level. The monthly income guidelines for 2025 are as follows: Household of 1 = \$1,957 or less per month, household of 2 = \$2,644 or less per month, household of 3 = \$3,332 or less per month.

For each additional family member add \$688 per month. Menominee County distri-

butions: Hermansville – Aug. 18, at Senior Center from 9-10 a.m. 906-498-7735

Bring a valid ID to the location where registered. If need to register, contact MDS CAA for an application to pre-register or for more information.

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## Mid-County Senior Center honors July birthdays



A happy group of Seniors were honored for July birthdays at the Mid-County Senior Center July 27. Those enjoying the special event were, front row from left, Shelby Jarden, Priscilla Salo, Jean Sundquist, Helen Raboin and Wayne Salo. Back row, from left, Tim Johnson, Mike Pollard and Bill Rivard.

John and Jan Thoune of Stephenson, photo at right, were also observing their 50th wedding anniversary at the Senior Center on July 27.



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# MDS Community Action Agency receives donation, speaks to Democrats

ESCANABA — The Delta County Democratic Party invited Gary Willoughby, executive director of the Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency and Human Resources Authority, Inc. (CAA/HRA) to present an overview of their programs and services at their monthly meeting in Escanaba.

Willoughby highlighted the organization's 60 years of service to the community through programs such as Head Start, senior centers, home-delivered meals, adult daycare and in-home services for seniors, as well as their three AmeriCorps programs, utility and water assistance programs, programs to help people experiencing homelessness, ramp building for

wheelchair bound community members who live in inaccessible homes, and more.

Membership also did a fundraiser for the organization, aimed to help low-income senior volunteers in both the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs to help with mileage reimbursement for these seniors who use their own vehicles to do their important work for both children and isolated seniors.

"The community doesn't realize all of the programs and services that are available to help families of all ages. From support for pregnant mothers and young families, to services aimed to help keep seniors in their own homes and out of nursing homes, the work

they do is so important to so many," said Delta Dems Vice Chair Fran Majestic, who also serves on the CAA/HRA board of directors.

"Like most non-profit organizations, we don't have an advertising budget and the best way to get our message out is to meet with members of the community in settings like this," Willoughby added. "We are very proud of the work our staff and volunteers do to help people in the community and we are always looking for new venues to share our message.

To speak to Willoughby for more information, call 906-786-7080, Ext. 152 or email [gwilloughby@mdscaa.org](mailto:gwilloughby@mdscaa.org). For more information about the organization, visit [www.mdscaa.org](http://www.mdscaa.org).

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# Manistique Senior Center

Heather Tyner, Activities Director

Next Saturday, Aug. 23, is our first Saturday Night at the Center! Our Prom was so well received and enjoyed that I had seniors asking for more dances. This is a request that I wholeheartedly endorse. There will be lights, music and a whole lot of dancing. The music will be what you request. If you would like a drink, you can social district. We will have pop and chips for sale. Saturday Night at the Center will take place from 7-10 p.m., and admission is free. You only need to show up with your dancing shoes on!

Tuesday, Aug. 19, we have a 4 p.m. Tee Time at JP Memorial Golf Course and pizza in Germfask. We will be having dinner out there as well. If you would like to join us, please do. You will be responsible for your golfing, \$18 for 9 holes and a cart, and your dinner.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, we have our Stories & Crafts with Seniors & Tots. This month we will read ice cream stories and will be concocting our own ice cream in zip lock baggies. Stories & Crafts with Seniors & Tots takes place the third Wednesday of every month from 10-11 a.m. Monica Powell from Great Start brings the stories, crafts and tots for us. How-



ever, you can always bring your own tot along for some Stories & Craft fun.

Also on Wednesday, Aug. 20, we will be playing American Mah Jongg at 1 p.m. I believe we will have a couple of players that will be joining us that already know how to play, and I have been learning as well. Mah Jongg will be the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. and the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. This month not only will we be playing Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m., but Thursday, Aug. 28, at 1:30 p.m. as well.

Thursday, Aug. 21, is Movie Day! We will be playing Don's favorite movie and Don, Karen and I will be dressing up as movie characters. The movie is a 1975 American thriller film and based off a 1974 novel by Peter Benchley. The movie stars Roy Scheider as the police chief, Richard Dreyfuss as a marine biologist and Robert Shaw a professional shark hunter. There's always free popcorn

on Movie Day. After we watch our man-eating great white shark film, our Grilling Out Potluck is scheduled for 4-6 p.m.

We hope that you join us for our Grilling Out Potluck on Thursday, Aug. 21. We are grilling hamburgers and roasting marshmallows for S'mores over the fire. There will be some outdoor games as well. Please bring a side dish to share and be ready to have some Al fresco fun. For those of you with a garden we are hoping for some fresh tomatoes and lettuce to top off our hamburgers.

There will be no Line Dancing or Craft Class on Thursday, Aug. 21. We hope you all join us for Movie Day and our Grilling Out Potluck instead.

With school back in session soon, some of our seniors are heading back to work as well. I have been asked to offer Drum Aerobics at our Senior Center after hours. Starting in October every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15-4:40 p.m. I will be offering a Drum Aerobics Class. The class is open to anyone 18 years and up, and will be \$24 a month. The class is limited to 16 participants. If you would like to sign up, please call our Center at (906) 341-5923.

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### **Dance in Rock**

ROCK — A dance will be held at the Rock Community/Senior Center, located at 3892 W. Mapleridge Rd., on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Live music will be provided by Dan and Friends.

There is a door cost and free will donation lunch. For more information, call Lucy at 906-356-6459.

All proceeds benefit the Senior Corporation.

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# Commodity Supplemental Food Program distributions planned

ESCANABA — The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) with Menominee Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency is scheduled for distribution in Menominee and Delta Counties in September.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is for residents who are 60 years of age or older who meet the income guidelines of 150% of Federal Poverty level. The gross monthly income guidelines for 2025 are as follows:

Household of 1 =

\$1,957 or less per month

Household of 2 = \$2,644 or less per month

Household of 3 = \$3,332 or less per month

For each additional family member add \$688 per month

Must go to the location where you are registered.

Delta County distributions for CSFP will be:

— ESCANABA — September 18 at U.P. State Fairgrounds from 10 - 11 a.m. 906-786-8850

— GLADSTONE — September 3 at Senior Center from 9 - 9:30 a.m. 906-428-2201

— RAPID RIVER — September 3 at Senior Center from 10 - 10:30 a.m. 906-786-8850

— ROCK / PERKINS — September 3 at Senior Center from 11 - 11:15 a.m. 906-356-6420

Menominee County distributions for CSFP will be:

— MENOMINEE — September 16 at Senior Center from 11 - 12 noon 906-863-2158

— MID COUNTY — September 16 at Senior Center from 9 - 10 a.m. 906-753-6986

Contact the MDS CAA Senior Center in your area for an application to pre-register or for more information.

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# Manistique Senior Center

Heather Tyner, Activities Director

Just a friendly reminder that we are having our Grilling Out Potluck this evening, Thursday, Aug. 21, from 4-6 p.m. We are grilling hamburgers and roasting marshmallows over the fire for S'mores. There will also be outdoor games to enjoy. Please join us for a friendly time and bring a side dish to pass. If you happen to be a gardener and have a few tomatoes and some lettuce to share, please do.

Do you enjoy dancing? Socializing and having a good time? Then you are going to want to be at our Center this Saturday, Aug. 23, for Saturday Night at the Center! Our doors will open at 7 p.m. and dancing will commence as soon as you walk in. We will have pop and chips for sale, and you can socialize if you would like a drink. Our Saturday Night at the Center is a free event.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are canceling our Tap Dancing, Move & Groove, and Ballroom Dancing Classes indefinitely. Our Tap Dancing Class was very well-received, so we are on the look-out for a new tap dancing instructor. Please call our Center if you or anyone that you know of would be interested in teaching at (906) 341-5923.

On Monday, Aug. 25, from 11 a.m. to noon, UP SAIL is bringing us Lawn Games. What a delightful way to get us outdoors and to have some fun. I am not sure what games UP SAIL will be bringing us, but I am guessing that Jarts will not be one of them. Also on Monday, we have Tai Chi from 5-5:30 p.m. Tai Chi is taught to us by Bushido Karate. All ages are welcome to Tai Chi, and it is \$10 a month.



On Wednesday, Aug. 27, we have our FootCare, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., and our Page Turners Book Club, from 2-3 p.m. Please call our office to make an appointment for FootCare;

the cost is \$22 and is brought to us by North Woods Home Care & Hospice. Our Page Turners Book Club read Jodi Picoult's 'change of heart' last month. If you would like to join our book club, you only need to show up.

Every Wednesday, from 4:30-5 p.m. is Chair Yoga. Chair Yoga is taught by Ilana Minor and is free for our seniors. According to [www.health.harvard.edu](http://www.health.harvard.edu) yoga has many benefits: it can lower stress, anxiety and depression, reduces the risk of heart disease, it can decrease back and arthritis pain, and yoga can improve memory and your sleep. Chair yoga can provide all of these benefits plus give you a stable base from which to exercise. If you would like to give our Chair Yoga a try, you only need to show up.

Our Coffee Hour with Don & Karen is Friday Morning, Aug. 29, from 9-10 a.m. This will be the last Coffee Hour that will take place at the City Pavilion, which is located by the Manistique Lakeshore Campground. Don & Karen will provide the coffee and the cups.

Even though our schedule found itself three classes less on our first and third Mondays we already have an activity to fill one of the gaps: Hand, Knee & Foot. Hand, Knee & Foot, or also known as Triple Play, is a card game variation of Canasta. Hand, Knee & Foot will begin on Monday, Sept. 15 at noon, and will take place every first and third Mondays at noon.

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# Senior Citizen News

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## Choosing between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage

Medicare Advantage plans may have different:

Networks of providers.

Coverage rules, including prior authorization and referral requirements, that can constrain how and when you can receive care.

Premiums (in addition to the Part B premium).

Cost-sharing, including deductibles and copayments for covered services.

Even plans of the same type offered by different companies may have different rules, so you should always check with a plan directly to find out how its coverage works.

You can join a Medicare Advantage plan if:

You have Medicare Parts A and B.

You live in the service plans area.

Many Medicare Advantage plans also offer prescription drug coverage (Part D). If you join an MSA plan or a PFFS plan without drug coverage, you can enroll in a stand-alone Part D plan. Remember that people with Original Medicare who want Part D coverage

also can enroll in a stand-alone Part D plan.

If you have health coverage from your union or employer (current or former), when you become eligible for Medicare, you may automatically be enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan that they sponsor. You have the choice to stay with this plan, switch to Original Medicare, or enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan. Be aware that if you switch to Original Medicare or enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan, your employer or union could terminate or reduce your health benefits, the health benefits of your dependents and any other benefits you get from your company. Talk to your employer/union and your plan before making changes to find out how your health benefits and other benefits may be affected.

**What is Medigap?** Medigaps are health insurance policies that offer standardized benefits to work with Original Medicare (not with Medicare Advantage). They are sold by private insurance companies. If you have a Medigap, it pays part or all certain remaining costs after Original Medicare pays first. Medigaps may also cover health care costs that Medicare does not cover at all, like care received when traveling abroad. Remember, Medigaps only work with Original Medicare. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, you cannot buy a Medigap.

Depending on where you live

and when you became eligible for Medicare, you have up to 10 different Medigap policies to choose from: A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M and N (policies in Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Minnesota have different names). Each policy offers a different set of standardized benefits, meaning that policies with the same letter name offer the same benefits. However, premiums can vary from company to company.

Before you buy a Medigap policy, be sure to do your research. Some steps you may wish to take include the following:

Make sure you are eligible to purchase a Medigap. Remember that you can only have a Medigap if you have Original Medicare. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, Medigaps cannot be sold to you. Learn when you have the right to buy a Medigap without restriction. There are federal protections for people over age 65 that prohibit insurers from denying coverage or charging more to people with health conditions in certain situations. Some states have additional protections for individuals under age 65 and for those over 65 during additional times.

Once you decide you want a Medigap and know you are eligible to enroll, compare the different types of policies that exist. As mentioned above, there are 10 different standardized policies in most states, each covering a different range of Medicare cost sharing.

Learn how Medigap covers prior medical conditions

Little son Vern, Mr. and

Arthurl Douville, Mrs. George

Stephenson - Mr. and Mrs.

Stephenson - Some items

Friday night.

Don't forget fish fry every

Belgiumtown - Dance at

Belgiumtown Aug. 21. Music

by Whoopee Norm Bedlebeck

and his Dayland Dutchmen.

Father - Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Westberg while here.

Mrs. Westberg

## Emergency Food Assistance Program offered

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) with Menominee Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency has distribution in Menominee and Delta Counties in Sept.

TEFAP is for residents who are 18 years of age or older who meet the income guidelines of 300 percent of Federal Poverty level. The gross

monthly income guidelines for 2025 are as follows:

New income Guidelines as of May 1, 2025: Household of 1 = \$3,913 or less per month, household of 2 = \$5,288 or less per month, household of 3 = \$6,663 or less per month, household of 4 = \$8,038 or less per month. For each additional family member add \$1,375 per month.

Those seeking food go to the location nearest their address.

Available at Escanaba Senior Center, Gladstone Senior Center and Hermansville Senior Center only.

Participants can visit once per calendar month.

Current participants of SNAP, WIC, CSFP, FPDIR, SSI automatically qualify for TEFAP.

All information collected is self-declared at each distribution either in writing or verbally.

Delta County distribution

for TEFAP will be:

Escanaba - Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at Escanaba Senior Center 225 N. 21st Street, from 1 - 3 p.m. 906-786-8850.

Menominee County distributions for TEFAP will be:

Hermansville - Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at Hermansville Senior Center W5480 1st Street, from 1 - 3 CDT 906-498-7735.

Contact the participating MDS CAA Senior Center for more information.

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# MDS Community Action Agency poised to move

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EagleHerald Staff Writer

## MENOMINEE —

The Menominee Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency is poised to move to the former North Shore Church building. Following an approval by the agency's board of directors, the church accepted the agency's offer of \$200,000 for the purchase of the building.

The non-profit began serving the low-income and elderly population in Menominee County

in 1965. It has been at its current location, the old fire station at 905 10th Street, since 1979.

"There's not a lot of room to grow there," said MDSCAA Executive Director Gary Willoughby. "There's not a lot of parking. If's not parity with the community," he said.

A large closet will

allow for temporary storage of walkers and wheelchairs. A paused food pantry program will be able to continue,

the made to funds a new chain, which made good use of the means free



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The Menominee Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency is moving its location.

leaders like the type of work we do, so it was a really good fit for them."

The agency had been thinking about moving since before COVID.

One of Willoughby's first tasks when joining MDSCAA 15 months ago was to find a new location for the agency. He's looked at every local building that's

its programs. The former church building is 17,000 square feet. The agency currently operates with less than 5,000 square feet.

"We have other programs that we offer in the community and it will give us more office space for those as well," he said.

Willoughby said that after zoning is approved, the agency will reach out to the community to see what additional programs and services are needed. For example, in

Delta County, the agency has an Alzheimer's

seniors first and then see what other needs are still in Menominee County that we can help with."

A few of the programs and services MDSCAA currently offers in Menominee County include: Meals on Wheels, senior center activities and meals, meals for the Headstart program at the former Evergreen School, as well as public transportation to Menominee County.

There is one last hurdle for the agency, however.

"The zoning is slightly different than what we currently have now, so we still have a little bit of work to do until it's officially approved," said Willoughby. "There will be a public hearing in October. ... and the planning commission can look at it and review it."

Willoughby said that after zoning is approved, the agency will reach out to the community to see what additional programs and services are

needed. For example, in Delta County, the agency has an Alzheimer's

wood, we are still plugging along."

North Shore Church is moving to the old Menekaune Elementary School — more recently a Place for Max — after 60 years at its current location. The new location in Wisconsin offers the church congregation an extra 10,000 square feet.

The church has been renovating the building for close to a year. The closing date for MDSCAA's purchase is largely contingent on the completion of those renovations.

Elder Brian Fowler said the church is happy about the sale.

"We're excited that it's definitely being used for the community, 100%," Fowler said.

The offer from MDSCAA was received earlier this month, and there have been no other offers to purchase the building, despite a few showings.

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support group and an adult daycare center. A parkinson's support group is also forming.

"If there's a need in Menominee County, we want to bring those services over here as well," Willoughby said. "Now we'll have the space to do that."

Community Action Agency Board Member and Menominee County Commissioner Patricia Mueller said she anticipates remodeling and planning could begin in the fall or winter.

"There are some positive things coming out of the City of Menominee, with the Community Action Agency being able to purchase that building for their new location," Mueller said. Willoughby said that although MDSCAA programs have not been directly cut, cuts to federal funding have nonetheless impacted the agency.

"There's been some pauses, delays ... we've survived everything, but it's definitely been a trying year," Willoughby said. "So far, knock on

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# State home-heating assistance available

We'd like to underscore the importance of the message in a recent Mining Journal story about what's known as the Home Heating Tax Credit, which helps eligible residents manage heating costs during the colder months. Qualified Michigan renters and homeowners have until Tuesday, Sept. 30, to claim the credit and those who don't file by the deadline will miss out.

State officials tell us that last year, for example, the average qualifying household received \$180 in assistance, which is most often applied directly to residents' utility bills. Some energy providers automatically provide claimants a residential income assistance credit worth up to \$20 monthly.

"The Home Heating Credit is a 'use it or lose it' benefit, so (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) is encouraging Michiganders to claim their credit by the Sept. 30 deadline," department Director Elizabeth Hertel said in prepared remarks. "The Home Heating Credit does more than just lower your utility bill. It can also unlock additional support, like monthly energy discounts or expanded food assistance. If you qualify, don't wait."

To qualify, Michigan residents must be either

a renter with a contracted lease or a homeowner and meet income requirements. One good way to claim the Home Heating Credit — and a number of other tax credits available to Michigan residents — is through one of the state's trusted, free tax preparation services. Free tax preparation is a community service designed to help Michiganders improve their financial well-being. Persons with disabilities, limited English-speaking ability and those who earn less than \$67,000 annually are qualified to use these services.

Tax preparation providers are trained and IRS-certified volunteers. Residents can connect with their local free tax preparation site by calling 211 or going to MichiganFreeTaxHelp.org. Local human services nonprofits, such as United Way and Community Action Agency, can also refer community members to a free tax preparation site.

Again, the key date here is Sept. 30, which is the end of the current fiscal year. We encourage qualified local residents to explore this, and associated, programs. It won't resolve every budgetary issue but it certainly can be a step in the right direction.

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On Thursday, Aug. 21, our Stories & Crafts with Seniors & Tots partner, Monica Powell with Great Start, was asked to do a presentation at the Michigan Rural Health Clinic Network Quarterly Meeting in Mt. Pleasant. The Michigan Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Network is a group of RHCs throughout Michigan and the Michigan Center for Rural Health to measure and improve the quality of care in Michigan RHCs. The Michigan Center for Rural Health, which is associated with Michigan State University, is the same entity that did an article on Stories & Crafts with Seniors & Tots on their website, <https://mcrh.msu.edu>. You can find the article under: June Spotlight Series | Stories & Smiles: Building Bonds Across Generations in Schoolcraft County. Part of Monica's presentation talked about our Stories & Crafts with Seniors & Tots! We are doing good things down at our Center.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, we had our first Saturday Night at the Center. I am calling it a success, and we will be doing this again. We had over 15 people, with most of them dancing throughout the evening. Our next Saturday Night at the Center will be Saturday, Oct. 25, from 7-10 p.m. It may have a Halloween theme to it.

Friday morning, Aug. 29, is Coffee Hour with Don & Karen. They will meet you at 9 a.m. at the City Pavilion, which is located next to the Manistique Lakeshore Campground. Don and Karen will even bring the coffee. If you don't have a mug to bring, they will even bring the cups. They may even

bring the conversation and the chuckles.

Our Center will be closed on Monday,

Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. Be ready to start right back on up Tuesday, Sept. 2. At 10 a.m. that morning we have Brandi Minor, from Blue Diamond Travel Agency, coming to our Center to help you sign up for our trip to Italy, March 4-12, 2026. Brandi will also answer any questions that you may have. The deposit due date for the trip is Friday, Sept. 5.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, brings our 4 p.m. Tee Time at Stony Point Golf Course. The last Tuesday of September will be our last golf outing for the season.

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, we have Drum Aerobics, from 9-9:30 a.m., Hand & Foot at noon, Mah Jongg at



1 p.m., Cornhole from 3-4 p.m., Senior Swingers Practice at 3 p.m. and Chair Yoga from 4:30-5

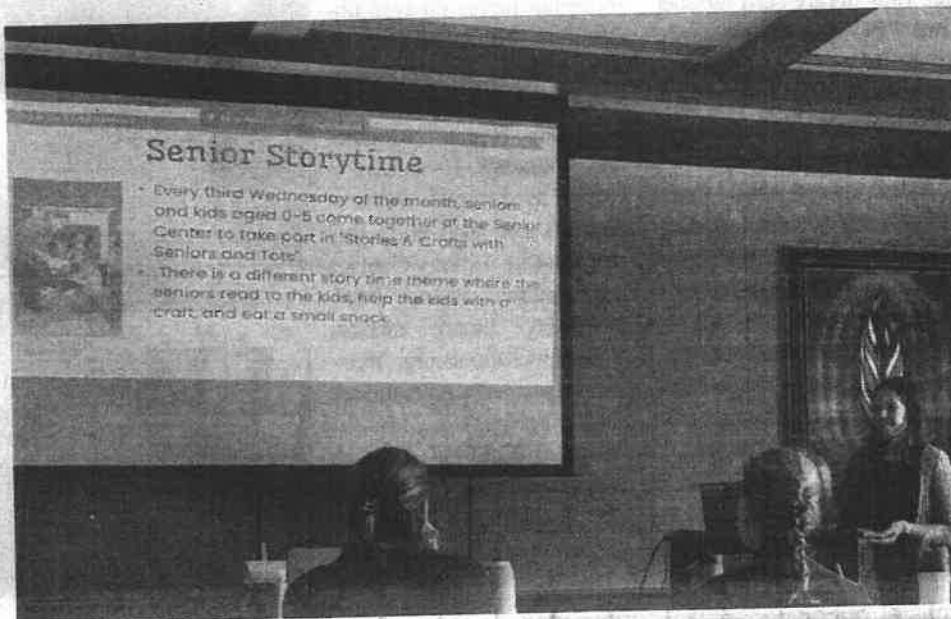
p.m. The first Wednesday of the month will be the only time that we will be playing Cornhole in September.

Thursday, Sept. 4, we have Line Dancing from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Euchre at 1 p.m., Mexican Train Dominoes at 1:30 p.m., Craft Class from 2-3:30 p.m. and Grief Support Group from 5-6:30 p.m. Our Line Dancing Class has danced over 20 line dances since we have started. We learn a new line dance one week and the next week we go over past line dances to keep them fresh. According to HelpDementia.com remembering line dances can improve cognitive function, boost memory and strengthens concentration and coordination. Line dancing also

improves balance and flexibility, and dancing releases endorphins, those feel-good chemicals that ease anxiety and depression. Our Grief Support Group this month will be talking about Anticipatory Grief, Preparing the Heart: Navigating Grief Before the Loss. All ages are welcome to our Grief Support Group, and the group is ran by Alex Cmarik, LLMSW.

Friday, Sept. 5, we have Drum Aerobics from 10:30-11 a.m., Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Homecare and Hospice Blood Pressure Clinic from 11:30-12:30 p.m., 500 at noon, our walk at 12:30 p.m., Bridge at 12:30 p.m. and Cribbage at 1 p.m.

Our Center welcomes all seniors, 55 years and up. We do not do memberships. Most of our activities and events are free and a RSVP is normally not required. Our Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come check out what we have to offer.



Monica Powell of Great Start giving her presentation to The Michigan Rural Health Clinic Network in Mt Pleasant, on Thursday, Aug. 21.

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