



Flathead County Agency on Aging **NEWSLETTER**

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FACE IT



Senior Financial Fraud Happens!



Let's talk about it!

Maybe you know someone like Lucille (not her real name), whose granddaughter misused her conservatorship and bilked her grandma out of \$500,000. Older adults in Montana are continuing to fall victim to financial scams. As many as one out of every five seniors is a victim of financial exploitation, most often perpetrated by family members. While older adults like Lucille are among the fastest growing group of victims of financial abuse, currently our state has no legal process to provide restitution for a situation like hers.

Flathead County Agency on Aging, the Montana Area Agencies on Aging Association (M4A) and Montana SMP are doing something about it with a campaign to educate the public and talk about this growing problem. “Face It—Senior Financial Fraud Happens!” is designed to get people talking about how we can help prevent financial exploitation of more Montana seniors.

You'll learn what some seniors around the country are doing by watching a free

documentary film entitled “Fleeced.” This will be followed by a local expert panel discussing how seniors can protect themselves. Older adults, their families, and caregivers are invited to attend the event Wednesday, June 15th, 2:00-4:00 pm at Flathead Valley Community College, Arts and Technology Building, 777 Grandview Drive in Kalispell.

Our panel will include experts from the Office of the Montana State Auditor-CSI, Kalispell Police Detective Division, Adult Protection Services, and Senior Medicare Patrol. Be sure to bring your questions for them! Call 758-2471 to find out more details.

**Older Americans'
PICNIC**

Friday, June 10, 2016
Serving 11:30 am-1:00 pm
(doors open at 10:00 am)

Expo Building at Flathead County Fairgrounds
265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell

Adults, ages 60 and over are invited for great food, conversation, and fun! Classic car display, information tables, and door prizes will be part of the celebration. Please bring a dessert to share if you can. RSVP will host dessert and beverage service. Call 758-5730 for more information.

Third Annual Shred Event

The Third Annual Shred Event will be held Friday, June 3, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gateway Community Center parking lot. AARP, United Way, Flathead Valley Veterans Service Providers, Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry, Agency on Aging and Retired/Senior Volunteer Program agencies are teaming up to provide professional shredding service to Flathead County residents. Donations of non-perishable food items or cash to benefit the Veterans' Food Pantry are requested in return for shredding your personal documents. Enjoy refreshments and visit display booths of several local agencies. If you are a member of RSVP and would like to help as a volunteer, please call 758-5712.



You Gave, Now Save:

If you have Medicare, we will help you find benefits that can help you with health care, prescriptions, food, and household expenses. Please call 758-5730 to schedule a *Benefits CheckUp*.



Senior Brunch and Learn

Brunch is served and information provided about options to stay in your home as you age. Featured speakers are Jennifer Crowley of EagleView West Life Care Planning, Clint Ekern of First Interstate Bank, Jenn Cronk of Keller Williams Realty Northwest Montana and Ashley Stuart of Montana Clutter Cleanse. Bring your friends! Hosted at First Interstate Bank, downtown Kalispell (Main Street) on Wednesday, May 18, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Parking and wheelchair access on west side. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 17th to clint.ekern@fib.com or 751-2572.



Meals Served at Senior/Community Centers

Reservations/Cancellations

Bigfork, M-W-F	837-4157
Columbia Falls, M-F	892-4087
Kalispell Sr. Ctr, M-F	257-1598
Kelly Road & MOW, M-F	758-5711
Lakeside, T-TH	546-8537
Whitefish, M-F	862-4923