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Dementia-Friendly Movies coming to South Haven in July

Area Agency on Aging and the Campus for Creative Aging, in partnership with the Michigan Theater in South Haven, are launching a new monthly event designed for people experiencing cognitive changes, such as dementia or Alzheimer's, along with their caregivers, friends, and family - and anyone else who wants to join in the fun.

Dementia-Friendly Movies will take place at 11:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Michigan Theatre, 210 Center St., South Haven.

"Attendees will experience a nostalgic movie in a welcoming and supportive environment -- with the lights up, sound lowered, and the space to sing, dance, and clap along," Jess Kolbe, Campus for Creative Aging Coordinator, said. "Creating opportunities like this is key to our mission of inspiring a more dementia-inclusive Southwest Michigan."

Admission is free. Tickets will be available at the door and can also be used for door prize entries. Donations are welcome. Concessions are available for \$4, which includes a small drink and small popcorn. Registration is encouraged in case of an unexpected cancellation.

Volunteers are also needed to support this event, assisting with greeting guests, concessions, ticketing, and other roles before, during, and after each movie. Those interested in volunteering can visit areaagencyonaging.org/volunteer-opportunities or call 269-932-7865.

Upcoming movies include:

- July 8: "Grease"
- Aug. 12: "Hairspray"
- Sept. 9: "Sleepless in Seattle"

For more information, to volunteer, and/or to sign up for a Movie, visit <https://areaagencyonaging.org/dementia-friendly-movies/>

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