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December 2022

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## Mercer County Senior Center

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Hello Merry Christmas/ Season Greetings,

I always have a hard time this month being all Business, PC on what I share: ALL the Mandatory, ETC!.....

I just want to say.... **THANK YOU** for another successful YEAR at serving **OUR County!** Allowing Us to Help Your Grandparent, Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, Sibling, Neighbor, Friend, Self, Etc....

This is WHY we are designated as the **Community Focal Point (CFP)** for Western Illinois Area Aging on Aging (WIAAAA)/Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA). We are here to connect you to all the **Local, State & Federal Programs** available. As I type we are days away from Annual Open Enrollment (AOE) Ending (12/7/22). I hope you have had a review already for 2023 coverage. In the event you have not you can still come on **12/6/22, 8:00-2:00, for an AOE Walk in Clinic. This will be a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve style event.**

**You did it!** You helped **US** meet the **Match Challenge** for our Restroom Remodel!!!!!! In fact, we met the Donor at the \$10,000 and then some. Total as I print is **\$11,815.00!!!!!!** **Which really is \$21,815.00. THANK YOU!** The Community Support was overwhelming. From a \$1.00 to the few \$1000.00 donors **YOU all mattered** and made this Happen. Look for our remodeling to begin with the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Year!

We again will host as the **Warming Station for Holly Days & the Electric Parade.** We will for the 1<sup>st</sup> time be offering **Chili, Chicken & Noodles or Hotdogs with a drink and dessert** for a

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**Merry Christmas & Blessings to You & Yours in 2023!!!**

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**Get Engaged, Get Busy!**

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**Please see the Activity Calendar for all events!**

**Every Monday: Bridge, Tuesday & Thursday: Open Tri-Ominos & Friday: Open Cards 12:00**

**Doug's Nutrition News Corner:**

**Hello All,**

**I hope everyone who has been attending Congregate Meals at Mercer County Senior Center have been enjoying the meals and fellowship. It has been wonderful to be here and take part with all of you. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

**Please be sure each time you are attending a meal you call the day before by 12:00. As well when you are here to confirm the next time you will attend. Remember all 60+/Caregivers are eligible for the Congregate &/Or Home Delivered Meals.**

**Call Me @ 309-337-1938 for Congregate Meals & 309-734-4251 @ Jamieson Center for Home Delivered Meals.**

**Thank you, Doug**

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suggested donation of **\$5.00**. We will open our doors to the public at 4:30 p.m. and start selling the meals at 5:00 p.m.

We have two new **Support Groups** beginning in December. A **Greif Support Group sponsored by Beacon of Hope Hospice** & a **“For the Love of Life” Cancer Survivors Support Group sponsored by Joan Barnett**. Dates & Times are on the Activity Calendar. Please join us again for **Sr. Digital Literacy Program, Open Bible Study** or **Moving with Milly Virtual Exercise Class**.

The center adopted **Angels** again this year for the **Christmas Season**. We have a tree in the center with **Angels** on it that include suggestions for gifts. All gifts need to be returned to the center by **12/09/22** at close of business. Please tape your angel to the gift so we know who it goes to. Gifts will be appreciated wrapped & unwrapped.

Every day we are open for normal business we have a new **Soup for the Soul program**. This was created not to compete with the Jamieson Meal Program, but add an additional layer of love to all our Members. Currently this week you could stop in and get a **12oz. bowl of Beef Stew** for a suggested donation of **\$3.00**. Most who have enjoyed are taking home a soup for their dinner meal. Call us or stop in to see what the Soup of the day is.

I'm sure I have forgotten something I will remember after we print, LOL! Yet as usual I am nearing the end of the page. With that I will close with again **Thank You** for allowing my staff and myself to serve you! We look forward to the **New Year** with our continued services for all of **YOU!** Please keep coming to **Your Clubhouse!** Blessings-Kim, Michelle, Leticia & Taylor!

Happy Birthday to our December Babies: 01: Kim Schaefer, 08: Verla Thompson, 10: Frank Bockman, & 15: Hal Earl!!!!!!!

Happy Anniversary to Allan & Sheila Sedam 12/07 & Frank & Tommy Bockman 12/28!!!!!!!

**Merry Christmas & Blessings to You & Yours in 2023!!!**



**The Mercer County Senior Center Endowment is now at \$ 19,105.05**

**Call Jamieson Center @ 309-734-4251 for a Hot Delicious Meal.**

**Mercer County Senior Center does not endorse any for profit or Nonprofit entity that shares space, partners with, and/or advertises within our establishment.**

**AVAILABILITY-The center is a great place to rent for your family gatherings, showers, & parties. Comfortably seat's 80!**

**Shop online through AmazonSmile.com for us to receive a donation.**

**Our Caps Your Cause: To redeem go to [www.prairiefarms.com](http://www.prairiefarms.com), select Mercer County Senior Center from the drop-down menu!**

**Dr. Hartman: 563-386-8885**