
February 2023

Mercer County Senior Center

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Hello All,

The month of Love. I have to say we have **truly felt the love** here at the center these past couple of months. Between the **Donation Matches** for our Restroom Remodels, **The American Legion Bingo Benefit** (\$1948.00), and our **Hot Beef Sandy Fundraiser** (\$1819.00 Gross) much love and support were felt. **Thank you to everyone!!!**

We will be having another Fundraiser on **2/23/23, 11:00-1:30**. We will take prior orders up until **2/22/23 @ 12:00, for Doug's Delicious Chicken & Noodles, over mashed potatoes, with a roll, applesauce & drink**. The cost will be \$9.00. Dine in and to go orders.

Please read the enclosed letter from **IDHS** for all the details in regards to **SNAP & Medicaid/Medicaid with Spenddown**. The Pandemic Benefits are stopping on **2/28/23**. In the event you have a spenddown and have not been submitting proof of expenses or mileage please start again. Call us for assistance.

The FREE COVID19 Home test are available again. To order please go to **www. COVID.gov/test**. You can call us to order them as well for you. Remember we are a **distribution site** for the test as well. In the event you need assistance with a vaccine, booster etc. call to see how we can help you. Stay Healthy!

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– Francis David



Get Engaged, Get Busy!

I've hidden a small valentine icon in amongst the newsletter. Find it, then let me know and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

Every Monday the Center is Open: Moving with Milly (1000) Bridge, (1200) Tuesday & Thursday: Open Tri-Ominos & Friday: Open Cards (12:00)

Doug's Nutrition News Corner: Hello All,

In the event you need a copy of the menu I always have extra at my desk. In addition, the center places one in the monthly newsletter & on MCSC Facebook. 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

We are going to **BRANSON this year with Diamond Tours**. The bus will depart on **08/07/2023**, return on **08/11/2023**. You will enjoy **5 Days/4 Nights, 8 meals & Admission to 6 Fabulous Shows**. The cost for double occupancy will be **\$654.00** per person. Doug will be our 1st Bus Leader. In the event we need a second bus it may be me truly as your leader. 😊

We have a lot of wonderful **activities** planned for the month. Please see the activity calendar for all. One new activity will be all Staff, Board & Members taking pictures. Please plan to attend **10:00-2:00, 02/28/2023** for your picture to be taken. Then we plan to update our ornaments for the Member Christmas Tree in 2023.

Besides activities, fundraisers & bus trips we offer a large range of **services** too! Our **Stress Buster Course** we will roll out in March is geared to our Caregivers and loved ones. In addition, I am in the process of kicking off **TCARE**. This is an online portal meant to be a one stop spot for **Caregivers** to address the loved ones needs, offset burnout and get all the resources available. My staff and I are here to link you to all **Local, State & Federal programs** you are eligible for. This includes and not limited to **Medicare, Medicaid, LIS, MSP, funding for some caregiver situations, license plate discounts** and more. Call with any questions to see what we can do for you!

January- March 31st is the **General Open Enrollment**. This only Affects those with **Medicare Advantages** and/ or if you need to enroll in **Part A & B** and missed your Initial Enrollment. New this year your coverage will begin the following month.

Thank you as always for allowing my staff & I to serve you-Kim, Michelle, Tish & Taylor.

In memory of Dora Mae Howlett, my only February Birthday Baby: Happy Birthday, Anniversary & Valentine's Day!!

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The Mercer County Senior Center Endowment is now at \$ 18,775.75

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!

Our Caps Your Cause: To redeem go to www.prairiefarms.com, select Mercer County Senior Center from the drop-down menu!

Dr. Hartman: 563-386-8885

Amazon Smile is being discontinued. 😞