
March 2023

Mercer County Senior Center

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Hello All,

I wonder as I type my letter to you all if we will have March roll in like a Lion & out like a Lamb or vise a versa? Either way I am hopeful we are nearing warmer weather, longer days and brighter skies. Remember that we have **Daylight Savings Time on March 12th**. Be sure to set your clocks ahead.

I have received confirmation from our contractor for the restroom remodels. We will **close the center** to all **activities** and **meals** on **March 13th**. We are hopeful to be reopened to "normal" by **March 31st**. In the meantime, we will still be providing **ALL Services via Telecommunication**. In some cases, I may need to meet clients, curbside, at the center for signatures, retrieving documents etc. The **meals** will be served at the **American Legion** while we undergo the remodel. So, meals will not be canceled, just activities. Please call with any questions you may have.

March 6th my staff & I will train with our new program called TCare. I am excited about the possibilities it will give to our Caregivers. Stay tuned for more information to follow. In addition, On **March 8th & 9th** all staff will be at Mandatory Training in the cities for another new program; Stress Buster! This program will be another great possibility for our Caregivers & their Loved Ones. We will start both in April! No services will be provided while staff are in the trainings.

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Stay Engaged at your
Clubhouse!

The winner for February Icon search was Doug Sturgill!

Find this month's Hidden Needle then call to be included in this month's drawing.

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

Are you a **Grandparent 55+ raising Grandkids?** Or another **Extended Family member 55+ raising a child?** E.g. An Aunt raising a nephew. We can assist you with connecting you to programs available to help offset some of the burdens. I have also included some information sheets in our newsletter for you. Call us to confirm.

Thank you for another successful **Fundraiser**. We served **102** Chicken & Noodle Meals & grossed **\$1084.00**. We are planning to do a **Loaded Baked Potato Meal** in April. I will confirm the date in our April newsletter. The price will be **\$9.00** with a great variety of options for fillings.

We have started seeing a few sign-ups for the **Branson Bus Trip**. We will depart on **August 7th & return on August 11th**. The trip will include the transportation, lodging, 4 breakfast, 4 dinners, 6 fabulous shows & the bus driver tips, all for only **\$654.00** per person. Price per person is based on double occupancy. Come in to confirm your seat.

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. We are seeing some issues for clients as they start **Medicare** and are on Medicaid prior. Please call us, your **SHIP Counselors** to help guide you as you transition. We are here for many services in **Medicare, License plate discounts** and **LIS/MSP** (programs to reduce the cost of Part B premiums &/or the drug coverage). Thank you as always for allowing my staff & I to serve you-Kim, Michelle, Tish & Taylor.

Happy Birthday to our March Babies: 3: Ida Roth, 4: Charles (Happy) Hendrix, 5: Nancy Bowker & Delmar Harman, 6: Kenneth Crandall, 11: Ruth Simkins, 12: Tracey Smith, 13: Betty Wadham, 22: Leitha Gowdy & Scott Weeks, 25: Jean Mahaffey! **Happy Anniversary Judy & Scott Weeks: March 23!**

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The Mercer County Senior Center Endowment is now at \$ 19,043.88

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

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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

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