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Mercer County Senior Center

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Hello **All**,

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment start **January 1st-March 31st**. If you **find** that your **providers** aren't in **network** or the plan **isn't working** the way you **want**. You have the **chance** to **choose** another **Medicare Advantage** or go to **Original Medicare** and get a **Stand-Alone Prescription Drug plan**.

THANK YOU to everyone who took **Angels** off our **Angel Tree** this year. Your **generosity** and **kindness** are truly making a **difference** in the **lives** of those in **need**. By **participating** in this **heartwarming** initiative, you have extended a **helping hand** to **families** and **individuals** who are facing challenging times.

The **votes** are in and the **trip** for **2026** will be..... **Nigra Falls!!** The trip will be on **August 31st-September 5, 2026**. The price for a **Double Room** will be **\$800.00**. We will require a **\$75 deposit** to put you on the **list (CHECK ONLY)**

With **January** come **Snow** and **School Closings**. **Listen** to **WRMJ, Channel 6 & 8** for any **weather closing** related to the **center**. A **good rule of thumb** is if the **Mercer County Schools close**, so does the **Center**.

Dealing with a **loved** one who has **Alzheimer's** or **Dementia?** We can **help** up to **\$1,500** to **keep** that **loved** one in the **home!** Please see **flyer** attached!

Our **activity calendar** is full of possibilities for **engagement**. We will have our **Senior Digital Class 1/13/2026 @ 10am. Men's**

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Stay Engaged at your Clubhouse!

The winner for the December icon search is Thomas Wilson. Find this month's icon: Snow Flake, then call to be included in this month's drawing.

Every Monday the Center is Open:
Virtual Moving with Milly (10:00)

Monday & Friday's: Bridge (12:00)
***Only when the office is opened! If we are only offering meals that day, we will not be hosting cards! ***

Jamieson Community Center's Senior Nutrition program provides nutritious, well-balanced meals to adults aged 60 and older, supporting health, independence, and social connection. Meals are served in welcoming community settings, giving seniors the chance to enjoy good food while building friendships and staying engaged with their neighbors.

Visit our website for more information,
<https://www.jamiesoncommunitycenter.org/senior-nutrition>

This program is partially funded by Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging and United Way of Greater Warren County. For more information and to find a meal site near you, visit:

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meal and Bingo will be on 1/15/2026 @ 11:30 & 12:30. Arcadia Care at Aledo will be doing a surprise craft on 1/27/2026. Caregiver and Grief Support group will be on 1/14/2026 from 1:30-3pm.

In Honor of New Years and Martin Luther King Jr Day we will be closed on 1/1/2026, 1/2/2026 & 1/16/2026. This includes meals.

We would like to start a Stress Busting Class in April of 2026. If you have any interest, please let us know. We need 5 to start the class.

Caregivers we need your help, please do an online assessment to assist with Caregiving needs to help reduce the workload/stress. Click on the TCARE link or visit www.mercercountyseniorcenter.com

Calling all able body's that would like to Volunteer. There are plenty of ways to get involved!

<https://www.justserve.org/MercerCountySeniorCenter>

This is your Clubhouse and a one stop shop to receive all Local, State & Federal Programs. Please call us with any and all questions for Medicare, Drug Co-Pay Assistance, Part B reimbursement, Medicaid, License Plate discounts, Caregiving, Stress Busting, Caregiver TCARE, Social Engagements and More! Thank you, we look forward to seeing you soon, Taylor & Molli. ❄️

Happy Birthday to Our January Babies: 1/8: Pam Raverty, 1/11: John Smet, Dorothy Crandall, 1/20: Geraldine Smith, Jean Long, 1/21: Eugene Thompson, 1/22: Sandra Guntner, 1/23: Joyce King

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We serve congregate meals at Mercer County Senior Center, M-F at 11:30AM for all adults 60+. Check out our menu and choose your favorites! Reservation required 24 hours in advance. **Call Hannah at 309-337-1938 to secure your spot!** Thank you, Jamieson center Staff.

Jamieson Center is also hosting their own activities.

1/6/2026: Piece Together a Good Time @ 12p

1/30/2026: Dine & Design: Clay Creations @ 12p

Remember we are a warming station Monday -Friday, 8:00-3:00. Most days we have Whitey's Ice cream too!

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!

The Computer Lab is ready with 10 New Chromebooks & The Theater Room with Massage Chairs & a Smart TV.