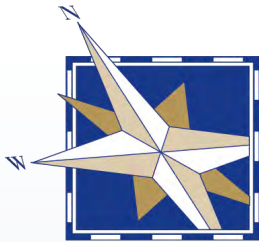


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CENTER HOURS

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–4 PM

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Membership Dues

Annual Membership Dues are
\$30 per person and are due on
January 1, 2024



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Christmas DINNER

Thursday, December 21 - Noon



We will be serving our annual Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center on **Thursday, December 21 at noon**. Dinner will be catered by *Eighty Eight Catering* (formerly *Special Occasions*) with the help of volunteer members and friends of the Center. Dinner will feature glazed ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, homestyle green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner roll & butter, chocolate cake and a beverage.

After dinner you will be treated to a time-honored performance of traditional Christmas carols by our Center's choir, *Seniors in Song*. This extremely talented choir is under the direction of **Ednita Vafflor** and accompanied by **Terri Malone**. (Many nice door prizes will be handed out, too!)

Tickets are **\$15 Members/\$18 Non-members**, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at the Center through **Tuesday, December 12**, while they last. So purchase yours now.

**Please note all other activities will be cancelled on this date.*

Senior Center Services

Food Box Program

If you or someone you know are in need of food assistance, please contact **Emilee** at **740-387-6100** to see if you qualify for the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**. The Center distributes each month in partnership with **Mid-Ohio Foodbank**. To qualify you must be age 60+, live in Marion county and be income eligible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Our Meals-on-Wheels provider **LifeCare Alliance** has decades of experience delivering delicious meals prepared under the direction of a registered dietician. They offer the flexibility of daily hot or cold meals, or weekly frozen meals, with a variety of tasty menu options. For more information call **614-278-3130**.



TECH TIME with Angela Thomas

Need help using your Smartphone or Tablet? **Angela Thomas** from **Belton** is offering **FREE** technology sessions for anyone who may need help navigating through their smartphone or tablet. Join her at the Senior Center on the **third Wednesday** each month from **10:30 am - 12:30 pm**. Coffee and snacks will be provided.



2024 Membership Dues

We're happy to announce that 2024 membership dues will remain at \$30 per year again this year. Dues are to be paid by January 1, 2024.

FREE PRODUCE MARKETS

Marion City Schools is once again collaborating with **Mid-Ohio Food Collective** to offer **Free Produce** to income eligible families in the Marion area. An ID is required with a limit of two family pick-up per adult. The food will be distributed on the **fourth Wednesday every month** from **9 am to 11 am** (*while supplies last*) at **The Marion County Fairgrounds Main Entrance** parking lot located at 220 East Fairground Street. This distribution is **drive-thru only**.



NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER DRIVE-THRU DINNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 135 W. Main Street in Waldo is continuing their Neighborhood Supper Drive-Thru Dinner program. It will be hosted on the **4th Tuesday** each month from **4:30 pm - 6 pm**. Pick up a warm meal, in a container, and take it home **FREE** of charge. They ask that you pull up to the door facing the parking lot and the meal will be delivered to your car. Everyone is welcome! Call **740-726-2770** for more information.



Transportation
740-387-5444

Senior Transportation

County-wide service is available on a donation basis every Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3:30 pm, with the exception of holidays. Pick-up times for dialysis appointments can be scheduled earlier than 8 am, but must be arranged at least one week in advance of your appointment time. All clients must be age 60+ and a Marion County resident.

We thank our transportation coordinator and van drivers who deserve special praise, going above and beyond in so many ways!

This service is made possible in part due to grant funding provided by Marion County Council on Aging (Senior Levy), Area Agency on Aging - District 5, and the City of Marion.



Improving Seniors Lives

Mondays at 11 am

Box Lunch Bingo!

Join us for “**Box Lunch Bingo**” every **Monday** here at the Center. First you’ll enjoy a delicious deli-style meal served at **11 am**, featuring menu items like chicken wraps, roast beef sandwiches, etc. prepared by the culinary staff at **LifeCare Alliance**. There is a suggested contribution of a \$1.50 per meal.

Following lunch **Maddy** or **Carla Poston** of **ProCore Health Brokers** will be calling Bingo and awarding nice prizes. Everyone is welcome!



Congregate Dining Center

In partnership with *LifeCare Alliance*, the Center hosts a Congregate Dining Center every **Tuesday through Friday from 11 am - 12:30 pm**. Please join us for good food and fellowship every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday... or one day a week... or one day a month. It's completely up to you!

All participants will receive a delicious, nutritious lunch served individually at each table. The meals are provided on a donation basis (a suggested contribution of \$1.50 is welcomed). Meals must be eaten in the dining room. Anyone aged 60 years or older is eligible.

Please call Congregate Dining Center Coordinator **Toni Hurd** at **(740) 360-7863** to discuss menu options and to order your meals at least 24 hours in advance.

Volunteer of the Month

MEET COOKIE COCHERL

By Tim Frericks

Our volunteer of the month, Martha “Cookie” Cocherl entered the world on January 4, 1943 into a family of nine children (6 girls, 3 boys) in Ironspot, Ohio, a tiny unincorporated community in Muskingum county east of Columbus. As a young baby Cookie’s father was not fond of his new daughter’s name, Martha, and he started to call her by a nickname, “Cookie.” She liked the name and so it has accompanied her through life, although she still likes the given name of Martha.

Cookie attended Roseville High School in Roseville just a few miles from Ironspot. Soon after her high school graduation in 1961, she married Donald Edward “Eddy” Cocherl and they moved to Marion for his employment. Then, in 1970 Cookie began a 17 year career at GTE as a telephone operator. Along the way Cookie had a son, Jon and a daughter, Donna. Jon now lives with Cookie in Marion’s Fairpark while Donna lives in South Carolina. Despite the blessings of many grandchildren, Cookie has had to endure the death of her husband Eddy and most of her siblings, as only three are still living.

After being a 20 year member of the Center you can probably find Cookie many mornings volunteering as a “Greeter.” She volunteers as an arranger of table decor for the many meals and events held at the Center. She is also a member of the Center’s choir “Seniors in Song”, the second choir to which she



belongs — the first being her local church choir at Fairpark Baptist Church.

Although she no longer drives at night and her driving is done only in daylight hours, her love of travel has led her to partake in many Center trips most notably trips to Nashville to see the Christmas lights and trips to Amish country.

Cookie really enjoys her time at the Center and looks forward to continuing her activities and the many relationships she has made while volunteering at the Center.

Whether you call her “Cookie” or “Martha” I am sure she would love to make your acquaintance.

SOCKS FOR SENIORS



Help us warm the hearts (and toes) of
Marion-area seniors this holiday.

From now through **December 31** the Marion Senior Center will be collecting new socks for seniors in our local nursing homes. Please bring your socks (*newly purchased only*) to the Center, and place them in the donation box located by the fireplace near the front entrance. You’ll also be entered into a drawing for a Gift Card.



Note: Always consult your healthcare provider when contemplating new ideas to promote better health.

Health & Fitness

Staying Active!

Pickleball

Come play America's fastest growing sport... pickleball! Our outdoor pickleball courts are state-of-the-art and free to members. We also have paddles and pickleballs available for members to use. No experience is necessary. Groups usually gather on weekday mornings to play.



Fitness Center

Our Fitness Center is open to members at no additional cost, and boasts a variety of fitness equipment, including a treadmill, traditional and recumbent exercise bikes, Airdyne, and elliptical machines, along with resistance training equipment for upper body and lower body strength and conditioning. Due to space considerations, the Fitness Center is limited to 3 members working out at any one time. Please consult your physician before beginning any exercise activities.



Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Which is probably why it continues to be a highly popular activity with our members. That in combination with the fact that our experienced instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** are extremely patient and very encouraging. They host classes on **Friday at 12:30 pm** and welcome both beginners and those with Tai Chi experience.



Fitness Drumming

Our popular fitness drumming program for seniors is hosted in the Multipurpose Room on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:15 am. Fitness Drumming is a fun, and highly engaging workout that can greatly benefit not only your overall health, but more specifically, your heart and lung health. No musical experience is necessary and there is no cost for this class. Class size is limited to 22.

Leaders: Emilee Evans & Lisa Richardson



Our Fitness Drumming classes keep you moving! Members can enjoy a fun, energized, aerobic workout three days a week. Plus, members are welcome to participate seated in a chair, if they would prefer.

Classes, Activities & Programs

'Exploring the Arts' with Kristin

Instructor **Kristin Bentley** hosts a monthly art class on the **3rd Tuesday** each month at **1pm** in the **Craft Room**. All classes (with the exception of a special project) will be **\$5**. No class will be held in December due to the holidays. Class will resume in January with a "Pop-up Card" as the project.



'Exploring The Arts' (ETA) participants had fun creating personalized "Heart Coffee Cups" as their October project. The class is open to all members and meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 1pm in the Craft Room.



Bridge

If you like to play Bridge join us out front on **Tuesday** mornings at **10 am**. Everyone is welcome to play!

Leader: Shirley Groll

Euchre

Euchre is played out front on **Mondays** at **Noon**.

Everyone is welcome to play! *Leader:* Sonny Hunt

Euchre

Euchre is played out front on **Thursdays** at **11:30 am**.

Everyone is welcome! *Leader:* Shirley Marshall

Hand & Foot

Hand & Foot cards is played out front on **Wednesday** at **Noon**. Everyone is welcome! *Leader:* Judy Walker

Hand & Foot

Hand & Foot cards is played in the Game Room on **Thursday** at **9 am**. Everyone is welcome!

Note: this group will be taking a break until April.

Leader: Phyliss Shirk

Pinochle

Pinochle is played out front on **Mondays** at **noon**.

Everyone is welcome to play! *Leader:* Bill Gossett

Rummikub

Learn to play the popular tile game *Rummikub*, hosted out front on **Tuesday** afternoons at **1 pm**.

Leader: Beulah Owens

Mahjong

Learn to play the popular tile game *Mahjong*, hosted out front on **Thursday** mornings at **11:30 am**.

Leader: Kaki Anderson.

Men's Coffee Hour

Josh Rich of *CenterWell Home Health* and **Brandt Kleinschmidt** of *Humana* co-host a Men's Coffee Hour on the **third Tuesday** of each month from **9 - 10 am**. Any Senior Center men interested in fellowship — and 'solving all the world's problems' over a fresh hot cup of coffee — are welcome to join in the fun.

Please Note: Men's Coffee Hour is hosted offsite at **Tim Hortons** located at 1325 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Marion.

Classes, Activities & Programs

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** host classes every **Friday at 12:30 pm** in the new *Activity Pavilion* (weather permitting) or the *Multipurpose Room*.

Line Dancing

This **Line Dancing** class meets on **Thursday** mornings at **10:00 am**. This class always welcomes new members.

New! “What Am I?” Trivia

Susan Snyder of Gentiva Hospice will be hosting a new “What am I?” Trivia activity on the **3rd Monday** of each month at **10:15 am** out front. Everyone will try to guess ‘who or what I am’ as Susan provides clues that describe a person, place or thing. There is no cost for this activity and refreshments will be provided!

Pickleball

Our outdoor Pickleball courts are open to members and guests at no additional cost. Members are welcome and encouraged to meet weekday mornings for open play. No pre-registration is required. We have pickleball paddles and balls available for those members just wishing to try the game out. See Lisa to borrow those items.

Open Billiard Room

We have 3 pool tables available for open play every weekday from 8 am to 4 pm. No matter your experience level, everyone is welcome to play!

Scrabble

Beginning this month, **Scrabble** will meet out front every **Thursday at Noon**. Scrabble is a word game in which players score points by placing tiles, each bearing a single letter, onto a game board. The tiles must form words which, in crossword fashion, flow left to right in rows or downwards in columns. *Leader:* Barb Schwartz

Color Me Happy

Instructor **Clara Sisson** hosts a **Paint Marker Class** on **Wednesdays from 11 am – 12 pm** in the *Craft Room*. All supplies will be provided. There is no cost for this class.

Kingston Bingo

Carma Taylor of *Kingston Residence of Marion* hosts Bingo at **12:30 pm** on the **3rd Wednesday** each month. Lots of fun and prizes!

Quarter Bingo

Josh Rich of *CenterWell Home Health* hosts Bingo at **2:00 pm** on the **2nd Wednesday** each month. Players ante a quarter at the beginning and will win the pot upon having a bingo.

White Elephant Bingo

Michelle Berg from *OhioHealth at Home* will be hosting ‘White Elephant Bingo’ on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at **10 am**. Everyone will bring in a new item, a “white elephant gift” as their entry fee. (Michelle will also have extra prizes in case). All prizes will be wrapped in tissue paper so when they Bingo, they won’t know what they are picking.

New! Trivia with DeWolfe Place & Capital City Hospice

Tammy Thorpe from *DeWolfe Place* will be hosting ‘Trivia with DeWolfe Place & Capital City Hospice’ on the **3rd Thursday** each month at **9am**. Donuts and coffee or juice will be provided. There is no cost for this activity.

Jam Session

An amazing group of talented local musicians and vocalists meet and perform at the Center on the **last Wednesday** of each month. Lunch is served at **noon**, featuring a sandwich, side, chips and a beverage. Cost of lunch is **\$4**. *Note: All musicians performing that day receive a complimentary lunch.* Music is performed from **1 to 3 pm**, with cookies served at intermission. Public welcome!

Recipe ‘Prepare & Share’

Recipe ‘Prepare & Share’ meets on the **2nd Tuesday at Noon** each month to prepare and share our favorite dishes along with the recipes. The group will be taking a break this month for the holidays and will look to return in January. This group meets out front by the kitchen. *Leader:* Kathy Hampel

December 2023 • Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 <p>Christmas Dinner</p> <p><i>Thursday, Nov. 21 - Noon</i></p>		 <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>	
<p>Open Pool Room 4 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 5 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance & BS 1:00-Rummikub</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 6 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 7 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Senior Center is Closed Today for Food Box Day & Deep Cleaning</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 12 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance & BS 1:00-Rummikub</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 13 Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Board Meeting 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot 2:00-Quarter Bingo</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 14 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:00-Annual Meeting 10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 11:30-Choir 12:00-Scrabble 12:30-Popcorn & Movie 'Surviving Christmas'</p>
<p>Open Pool Room 18 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 10:15-New! "What Am I?" Trivia 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 19 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:00-Men's Coffee Hour (Offsite at Tim Horton's) 10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance & BS 1:00-Rummikub 1:00-ETA with Kristin</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 20 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 10:30-'Tech Time' with Angela 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot 12:30-Kingston Bingo</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00-Christmas Dinner</p> <p><i>*Note: All regularly scheduled activities are cancelled today</i></p>
 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>The Center will be Closed Today for Christmas Holiday</p> <p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Senior Center is Closed Today for Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 27 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot 12:00-Jam Session Lunch 1:00-Jam Session*</p>	<p>Open Pool Room 28 Open Fitness Room</p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble</p>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FRIDAY

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Open Pool Room
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch
12:30-Tai Chi

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Open Pool Room
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch
12:30-Tai Chi

15

Open Pool Room
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch
12:30-Tai Chi

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Open Pool Room
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch
12:30-Tai Chi

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Open Pool Room
Open Fitness Room

9:15-Fitness Drumming
11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch
12:30-Tai Chi

December Birthdays

Louella Ash	Dec 01	Barbara Thorpe	Dec 09	Jerry Webber	Dec 17
Marjorie Schorr	Dec 02	Connie Shelton	Dec 11	Doris Hindman	Dec 18
Joe Hoffman	Dec 02	Pamela		Connie Thomas	Dec 19
Lydia Frey	Dec 02	McConnell-Wise	Dec 11	Lacy Blankenship	Dec 19
Madelyn Litzenberg	Dec 03	Krystyna Clarke	Dec 14	Bill White	Dec 20
Elaine Renn	Dec 05	Regina Hillenbrand	Dec 14	William Spires	Dec 20
Willie Troutman	Dec 06	Jerry Laucher	Dec 14	Michael Friedman	Dec 20
Jackie Morse	Dec 06	Steve Longberry	Dec 14	Mary Reilly	Dec 20
Teresa Shearer	Dec 06	Alana Wamack	Dec 15	Chris Lingo	Dec 22
Bonnie Hamblin	Dec 07	Dennis Witsberger	Dec 15	Harry Uber	Dec 22
Mary Howell	Dec 07	Vicki McCombs	Dec 15	Judy Boger	Dec 24
Calvin Miller	Dec 07	Carl Robinson	Dec 15	Linda Ransbottom	Dec 24
Lori Strobel	Dec 07	Ray Bloomfield	Dec 15	Anna Lamb	Dec 25
Dorothy Cluff	Dec 07	Jim Cooperider	Dec 15	Barbara	
Sherri Wilson	Dec 08	Soog Park	Dec 16	Ramsey-Erlewine	Dec 26
Marcia Nye	Dec 08	Joel Bolander	Dec 16	Jay Woodruff	Dec 26
Becky Williamson	Dec 09	Virginia Pasco	Dec 16	Jon Yarger	Dec 30

December Anniversaries

Michael & Judy Bowe	12/5/2003	20 years
Larry & Janet Elliott	12/8/1972	51 years
Mike & Kathy Hampel	12/3/2021	2 years
Bill & Becky Williamson	12/18/1971	52 years

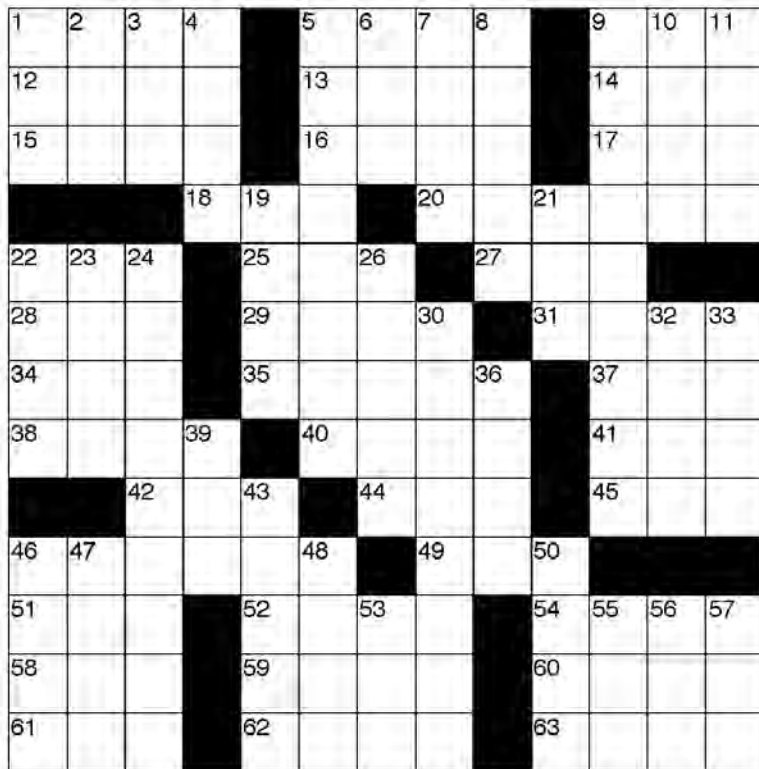
New Members

We welcome the following New Members that have recently joined:

Janice Martin
Sharon Liles
Jim Fisher

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- 1 Bring
- 5 Lady's title
- 9 Uncle (Scot.)
- 12 Scientific name (suf.)
- 13 Recorded proceedings
- 14 Totem pole
- 15 In (Fr.)
- 16 Your (Ger.)
- 17 Citizen (abbr.)
- 18 Sound perception
- 20 Movies
- 22 Legal action
- 25 Apart (pref.)
- 27 Mulberry of India
- 28 Dance company (abbr.)
- 29 Bedouin headband cord
- 31 Rosebud, e.g.
- 34 Constrictor
- 35 Pattern
- 37 Guido's note (2 words)

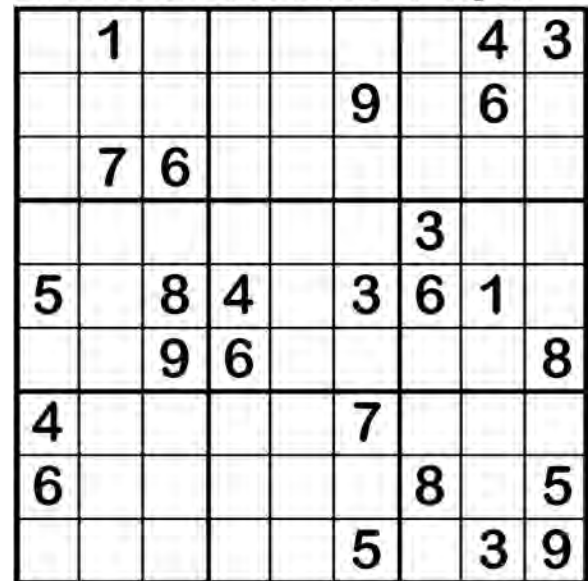
- 38 Concerning (2 words)
- 40 Latite
- 41 Television channel
- 42 Federal Aviation Admin. (abbr.)
- 44 Yarn measure
- 45 Golf ball holder
- 46 Medieval helmet
- 49 Suggestion
- 51 Universal product code (abbr.)
- 52 Pointed (pref.)
- 54 Challenge
- 58 Shelter
- 59 Afr. tree
- 60 Down with (Fr., 2 words)
- 61 At the age of (Lat.)
- 62 Earth
- 63 Created

DOWN

- 1 Youngster
- 2 Wood sorrel
- 3 Denary
- 4 Assuage
- 5 Shepherd's song
- 6 Sharpshooter
- 7 Of the kind of (suf.)
- 8 Madness
- 9 Prime
- 10 Mutilate
- 11 Feminine (suf.)
- 19 Wife of Esau
- 21 Nose (pref.)
- 22 Noted physicist
- 23 Black
- 24 Pane (2 words)
- 26 Palmetto
- 30 Ember (2 words)
- 32 River into the North Sea
- 33 Carplike fish
- 36 Afrikaans
- 39 Water (Fr.)
- 43 Accumulate
- 46 Haw. dance
- 47 Sword
- 48 Spoken alphabet letter
- 50 Cheese
- 53 Portuguese coin
- 55 Sleeveless Arab cloak
- 56 Energy unit
- 57 Compass direction

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.



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ENIGMA™ CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter.
Hint: "H" = "O"

"REAL YRM YBDM DMP YRBPS
YRMN FXM YFASBPZ VTUBPMJU,
YRMN FXM JFYUYPZ YBDM."
- MIZFX JFYUHP RHJM

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ENIGMA™ CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter.
Hint: "Y" = "T"

"YJ AW SGJPB JI OWDGVXVK XL
YZW KGWDYWLY XKVJGDVNW."
- QWGWFU YDUOJG

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We're Back!

AARP Foundation Tax Aides are excited to be reopening our Marion Senior Center Tax Site for this coming tax season!

You'll recognize many of our faces but we still need a few new faces to join in with us to serve our Marion tax clients.

If you have interest in preparing tax returns, being a client facilitator, (welcoming tax clients), or any other position helping others within our AARP Tax Aide group, please contact the Marion Senior Center at **740-387-6100**.

We have training in January of 2024 to have all certified and ready to prepare tax returns! We hope you will consider joining us!

Looking forward to talking with and/or hearing from you soon! You'd really feel welcome within our group of volunteers.

We Need Your Military Photos

We are currently seeking photos of members in their military uniforms for use in creating a display honoring our American military men and women. All items will be kept in a locked display case and returned once the project is completed.

The photos can be formal head and shoulder shots or casual shots of soldiers on leave. **Please bring photos to Steve Badertscher.**



Mark Your Calendar!

We are busy planning many big social events for the coming months! Please mark the following dates on your social calendar so you won't miss out on the fun:

- **Christmas Dinner** - Thursday, December 21

Choir Practice

Director **Ednita Vaflo** and our choir '*Seniors in Song*' practice from September through May on **Thursday** mornings at **11:30 am** in the *Multipurpose Room*. *Seniors in Song* will be performing at our Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 21.

Ednita is currently seeking a few new voices to join this fun, talented group... **especially a TENOR!** Even if you're not a tenor, but enjoy singing, we welcome you to join the choir.



◀◀ Popcorn & Movie ▶▶

Thursday, December 14 - 12:30 pm

'Surviving Christmas'

A wealthy executive, Drew Latham (Ben Affleck) has no close relationships and becomes nostalgic for his childhood home as Christmas approaches. When he visits the house and finds another family living there, he offers the residents, Tom Valco (James Gandolfini) and his wife, Christine (Catherine O'Hara), a large sum of money to pretend they are his parents. Soon Drew tests the couple's patience, and, when their daughter, Alicia (Christina Applegate), arrives, things get increasingly tense.



Life at the Center

Trip Advisory Council

2024 Trip Planning is Under Way

The *Trip Advisory Council* met Monday, November 20 to discuss Center-sponsored trips for next year. Details are currently being gathered and tentative dates are being explored for a follow-up meeting in December to finalize options. Once finalized, details will be included in our **2024 Trip Brochure** which will be mailed to all members in early January!



Wynland's Whatsits

Have you checked out the items on display in the glass case located in the Media Room? Local Historian Randy Wynland graciously lent these items from his personal '*Wynland's Whatsits*' collection for our members to enjoy and test their memories. For those who have seen the display and ventured a guess as to what the items are, here are descriptions to confirm if you are correct:

1. Single-Edge Razor Sharpener
2. Boot Heel Mold
3. Puzzle
4. Air Brush
5. Cast Iron Pot Cleaner
6. Saw Set Pliers
7. Ice Shaver
8. Carpet Stretcher
9. Label Dispenser Tool
10. Coal Carrier & Box

A complete description of what these 'Wynland's Whatsits' are, and how they were utilized, is now displayed along with the unusual items.

Annual Meeting December 14

All members are invited to attend a special Annual Meeting of the Marion Senior Citizens Association, Inc. Board on **Thursday, December 14 at 9am**, which will be hosted here at the Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to present amendments to the Marion Senior Citizens Association, Inc. Constitution. Cookies & coffee will also be served.



We served 170 meals to members and guests attending our Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 16. Special thanks to our sponsors Carma Taylor (Kingston) & Josh Rich (CenterWell Home Health) along with our 'Friends of the Center' and dedicated kitchen volunteers who helped serve.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

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			E	A	R		C	I	N	E	M	A
R	E	S		D	I	S		A	A	L		
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B	O	A		H	A	B	I	T		E	L	A
I	N	R	E		L	A	V	A		N	B	C
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SUDOKU ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

9	1	5	8	2	6	7	4	3
8	3	4	7	1	9	5	6	2
2	7	6	5	3	4	9	8	1
1	6	7	2	5	8	3	9	4
5	2	8	4	9	3	6	1	7
3	4	9	6	7	1	2	5	8
4	5	3	9	8	7	1	2	6
6	9	1	3	4	2	8	7	5
7	8	2	1	6	5	4	3	9

ENIGMA Cryptogram Answers (pg. 10)

E083: "Half the time men think they are talking business, they are wasting time." - Edgar Watson Howe

E084: "To be proud of learning is the greatest ignorance." - Jeremy Taylor

Life at the Center



We had a great turnout for our annual Veterans Day Celebration last month, with nearly 70 folks joining us to enjoy a delicious lunch, along with a poignant presentation by our special guest speaker LTC David Larcomb, US Army (retired). It was an honor and privilege to individually recognize our 30 veterans in attendance (pictured) and express our heartfelt gratitude for their service.

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If you, or someone you know age 60 and older, are seeking transportation for needs-based appointments, the Marion Senior Center is here to help. We provide transportation (on a donation basis) to and from appointments in Marion County. Transportation is available every **Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am & 3:30 pm**, excluding holidays. **To learn more, contact the Center's Transportation Desk at (740) 387-5444**

****Handicap-accessible transportation is now available!***

Need a Personal Shopper?

We have a personal shopper available to help homebound Seniors age 60+. If you, or someone you know, could use ongoing assistance with shopping needs, **please contact Social Services Coordinator Emilee Evans at (740) 387-6100.**

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