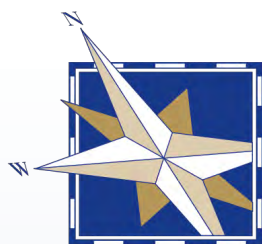


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## **CENTER HOURS**

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

HAVE A BLESSED  
*new year*

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As we turn our calendar pages to 2024, together let's embrace the many positive things to get excited about in the days and year ahead. Let's also remember to be grateful for our many blessings.

Our mission is: "Enriching the lives of seniors by providing a wide variety of diverse and dynamic programs, activities, and services."

So, if you're fortunate to be able to live independently, we encourage you to visit the Center to participate in the many events, activities, and trips... or to just visit with friends. After all, that aligns perfectly with our mission. And with all the changes that will be taking place at City Hall in the new year, we look forward to embracing those changes, as well. We want you to get as excited about the future as we are... for the new opportunities and changes that await us all in 2024.

Happy New Year!!!

*"You can get  
excited about the  
future. The past  
won't mind."*

Hillary DePiano

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# 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.

# Announcements



## We're Back!

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

AARP Tax Aide assistance will be available on **Tuesdays** each week, from February 6 through April 9, 2024.

We will begin taking calls to schedule appointments for AARP Tax Aide assistance beginning on **Monday, January 8, 2024**. (Please do not call before January 8, 2024.)

See details listed to the right for information you need to bring. Call **740-387-6100** weekdays from 9 am and 3 pm.



*175 Members & Guests attend our annual Christmas Dinner last month. We enjoyed a delicious catered meal followed by a wonderful performance by our choir 'Seniors in Song'.*



## INFORMATION TO BRING WITH YOU FOR TAX RETURN PREPARATION

1. Previous year's tax return.
2. Social security cards or other official documents that shows ID numbers for you & everyone on your return.
3. Government issued Photo ID for each taxpayer.
4. Banking account numbers and routing numbers if you want direct deposit or debit.
5. Identity Pin (IP PIN) for 2023 returns if applicable.

### INCOME

1. W-2 for each employer
2. 1099-G for unemployment compensation or state/local income tax refunds.
3. SSA-1099 social security benefits or RRB-1099 Tier 1 Railroad retirement.
4. 1099 forms such as: 1099-INT interest, 1099 DIV dividends or 1099-B sales of stock.
5. 1099-R for pension, annuity, or IRA distributions.
6. 1099-MISC, 1099-NEC, 1099-K or other 1099s.
7. Information about **any other income**.

### PAYMENTS

Records of any federal and/or state income tax and/or local income tax paid.

### DEDUCTIONS

1. 1098 form showing mortgage interest paid.
2. **Summary of medical/dental/vision expenses** including doctor and hospital bills, insurance premiums, prescriptions, assisted living services, long-term insurance and medical related personal (glasses, etc) and home improvements (ramps).
3. Summary of cash and non-cash charitable donations.
4. Property tax bills.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

Any 1095-A forms if you purchased insurance through the Marketplace.

### CREDITS/ADJUSTMENTS

1. Dependent care provider information-name, address, telephone number and employee. ID or Social Security number and the amount paid to the provider.
2. 1098-T for education expenses plus an account of any other educational expenses.
3. 1098-E for student loan expenses.

**Be sure you have ALL your Income Documents before scheduling an appointment!**



*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**. Class resumes this month with a "Pop-up Valentine's Day Card" as the project (pictured below).



175 Members & Guests attended our Christmas Dinner!

## 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. This month’s theme is **“Something You’ve Never Made Before”**. So bring your favorite prepared dish along with copies of your recipes. This group meets out front by the kitchen. *Leader:* Kathy Hampel

# January 2024 • Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>1</b>  <b>The Senior Center is Closed Today</b>	<b>2</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance & BS 1:00-Rummikub	<b>3</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot	<b>4</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble
<b>8</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle	<b>9</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance & BS 1:00-Rummikub	<b>10</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot <b>2:00-Quarter Bingo</b>	<b>11</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble <b>12:30-Popcorn &amp; Movie</b> <i>'Book Club: The Next Chapter'</i>
<b>15</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming <b>10:15-New! "What Am I?" Trivia</b> 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle	<b>16</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance & BS 1:00-Rummikub <b>1:00-ETA with Kristin</b>	<b>17</b> Open Pool Room Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Board Meeting 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot <b>12:30-Kingston Bingo</b>	<b>18</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:00-Annual Meeting 10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble
<b>22</b> <b>Senior Center is Closed Today for Food Box Day &amp; Deep Cleaning</b>	<b>23</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  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	<b>24</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming 10:30-'Tech Time' with Angela 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot	<b>25</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Choir Resumes 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble
<b>29</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Box Lunch Bingo 12:00- Euchre 12:00-Pinochle	<b>30</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  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	<b>31</b> Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room  9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Color Me Happy 12:00-Hand & Foot <b>12:00-Jam Session Lunch</b> <b>1:00-Jam Session*</b>	



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## FRIDAY

5

Open Pool Room  
Open Fitness Room

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

12

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

## January Birthdays

Richard Berry	Jan 01	Brenda Crissinger	Jan 10	Nancy Waters	Jan 21
Judy Ulsh	Jan 02	Beverly Crist	Jan 11	Tom Pierce	Jan 21
Susan Davis	Jan 03	Carol Lee	Jan 11	Janis Holbrook	Jan 23
Ken Estes	Jan 03	Roxanna Craft	Jan 12	Joseph Clarke	Jan 25
Tracey Watson	Jan 03	Terry Kern	Jan 13	Delores Doyle	Jan 25
Martha Cocherl	Jan 04	James Grose	Jan 14	Marci Muciek	Jan 25
Marlene Huber	Jan 04	Jim Fisher	Jan 14	Cynthia Bentley	Jan 26
Sue Haskins	Jan 04	Eva Blankenship	Jan 15	Jim Devine	Jan 26
Carla Campton	Jan 04	Steve Badertscher	Jan 16	Leslicann Crabtree	Jan 27
Jan Johnson	Jan 04	Revana Haynes	Jan 16	Rosalie Dale White	Jan 27
Denny Byrd	Jan 07	Margaret Snyder	Jan 16	Nancy Eilerman	Jan 28
Carolyn Heimlich	Jan 07	Crystal Cox	Jan 16	Terry Fortney	Jan 29
Joyce Cumston	Jan 07	Cathy Pace	Jan 16	Shawn Hastings	Jan 29
Kenny Rider	Jan 07	Debby Shade	Jan 18	Rosalynne Rush	Jan 29
Donna McPeck	Jan 08	Lowell Harrah	Jan 19	Sandra Becker	Jan 30
Karen Winders	Jan 09	Ann Thomas	Jan 19	Marilyn Wells	Jan 30
Bonnie Smith	Jan 09	Tim Mantey	Jan 21		

## January Anniversaries

John & Linda Ostapuck	1/8/1972	52 years
Steve & Marlene Renick	1/22/1982	42 years
Steve & Karen Ward	1/8/1966	58 years

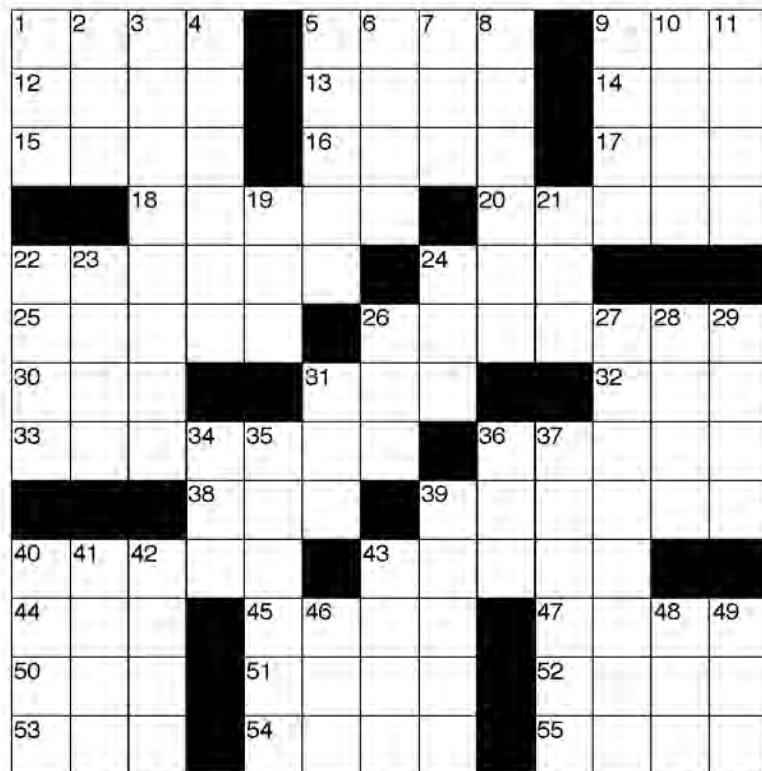
## New Members

We welcome the following New Members that have recently joined:

Beryl Reed	Pam Boyd
Mark & Pam Francis	David & Judy Haberman

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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### ACROSS

- 1 Charity
- 5 Body of water
- 9 Ohio college town
- 12 Hello (Ital.)
- 13 Molding
- 14 Self (Scot.)
- 15 Artificial fishing fly
- 16 Approve
- 17 Incorporated (abbr.)
- 18 Palmetto
- 20 Mau Mau country
- 22 Nose
- 24 Article
- 25 Reedbuck
- 26 Fr. month
- 30 Alfonso's queen
- 31 Babism founder
- 32 Luzon people
- 33 Taro
- 36 Transpire
- 38 Cutting tool
- 39 Indian falcon
- 40 Ming's planet

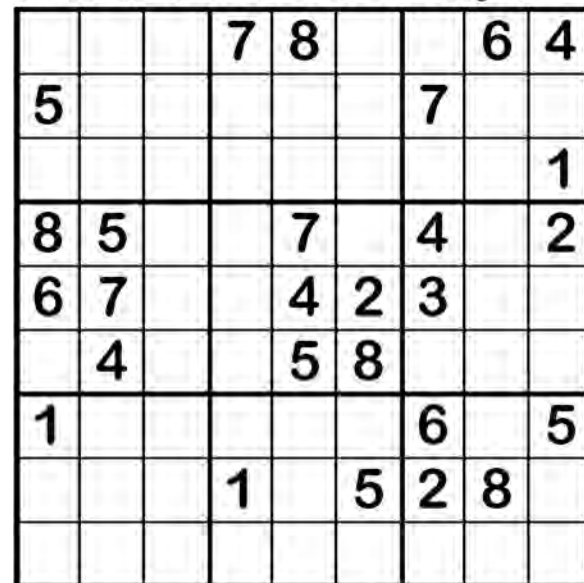
- 43 River into the Rhone
- 44 Father of Jehoshaphat
- 45 Devil (Scot.)
- 47 Munich's river
- 50 Army service number (abbr.)
- 51 Uncanny (Scot.)
- 52 Pleasant
- 53 Chin. chairman
- 54 Machine gun
- 55 Verb-forming (suf.)

### DOWN

- 1 Alas (Ger.)
- 2 Taradiddle
- 3 Methane (2 words)
- 4 Hot Med. wind
- 5 Birthstone
- 6 Bedouin
- 7 Legal action
- 8 Arabic script
- 9 Hindu month
- 10 Refuse
- 11 Razor-billed auk
- 19 Borough (abbr.)
- 21 Conger
- 22 Lop
- 23 Galilee town
- 24 Boat
- 26 John, Dutch
- 27 One of the Three Fates
- 28 Needle case
- 29 Mountain lake
- 31 Drone
- 34 Crone
- 35 Departure
- 36 Exclamation
- 37 Tooth
- 39 Drawing room
- 40 Lady's title
- 41 Mount near Olympus
- 42 Billionth (pref.)
- 43 Indian groom
- 46 Within (pref.)
- 48 Atl. Coast Conference (abbr.)
- 49 Arikara people

## 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: "N" = "R"

"IAO FQIMZVH ZS UOV FNO IAO  
ROHI MVIONBNOIONH ZS IAOMN  
IAZPJAIH."

- DZAV EZQWO

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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: "J" = "R"

"XSCZS MBQ HT IPS ZBOXJBOKFS  
BU XJKQZKXASF KF C  
FPBBI-AKWSN CZPKSWSOSQI."

- CYIPBJ YQLQBMQ

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### 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:

- **Sr. Citizens Day Celebration** - Monday, May 13

### 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* are taking a winter break and will **resume practice on Thursday, January 25**.

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, January 11 - 12:30 pm**

### 'Book Club: The Next Chapter'

The highly anticipated sequel follows our four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure.





# 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!



*We had 175 Members & Guests attend our annual Christmas Dinner last month. We enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a wonderful performance by our choir 'Seniors in Song', directed by Ednita Vaflor & accompanied by Terri Malone.*



### CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

M	E	D	E	A			I	C	I			T	A	V
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### SUDOKU ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

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

### ENIGMA Cryptogram Answers (pg. 10)

**E085:** "The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts." - John Locke

**E086:** "Peace won by compromise of principles is a short-lived achievement." - Author Unknown



## *Life at the Center*



*The 'Books, Balance & BS' ladies organized a collection for 'Veterans in Need' this holiday season. They packed 37 totes from our Veterans Day event (provided by the Center Board) and an additional 10 gift bags with essential items that were then delivered to our local VA office to distribute.*



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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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