

MONTI SENIOR NEWS

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MONTICELLO SENIOR CENTER APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our Volunteers are THE BEST!

Monticello Senior Center volunteers will be honored at the center on Monday, April 17. If you volunteered in any capacity for the center in 2022, we want you to attend and your spouse is welcome too! Invitations will be distributed. The noon dinner will be provided by Style Catering, followed by a short program, entertainment (hint—Elvis will be in the building!), and prize drawings. Please sign up for this event by April 13.

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Breakfast Fundraiser

Please come to the senior center
breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, April 23.
This all you can eat breakfast includes
pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, sausage,
donuts, milk, juice, and coffee. It will
take place in the community center gym
from 8 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$9 in advance (\$10 at the door) for people age 13+, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, and kids age 5 and younger eat free. Tickets are available now in the senior center.

Volunteers are needed for the 8-10 a.m. and 10 a.m.-noon shifts.

Free to All, Libraries of Minnesota

Enjoy a trip back in time when your small-town library opened your eyes to the big wide world. Learn about the role Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish American entrepreneur and businessman had in expanding libraries in Minnesota and across the nation.

Professional photographer and historian Doug Ohman will present this interesting program at the center on Monday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Volunteers are needed to display and/or demonstrate their hobbies at the Senior Hobby Day event on Thursday, May 18. Talk to Pam for more details.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

IF THE MONTICELLO SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED OR HAVE EARLY RELEASE, THEN THE SENIOR CENTER WILL AS WELL. CHECK LOCAL NEWS AND RADIO CHANNELS FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS.

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Free Tax Assistance

Low to moderate-income people of all ages can get their taxes prepared at the center free of charge on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays thru April 13. Appointments are required.

Bring with you to your appointment a copy of your last return, picture ID, Social Security card, W2's, 1099's, SSA-1099 forms and other income and/or tax documents for 2022 and rent receipts (CRP) for 2022 or property tax statements for 2022 and 2023.

Be sure to organize your information before your appointment.

Blood Pressure Checks

*Tuesday, April 11, 11 a.m. to noon *Everybody welcome!

Let's Talk Travel

Join us on Friday, April 21 at 10 a.m. to learn about a number of extended tours with Landmark Tours. You do not have to sign up to attend. A local, family-owned tour operator, Landmark's inclusive packages feature round-trip airfare, quality accommodations in great locations, many enjoyable meal experiences, admission to all itinerary attractions, deluxe motorcoach transportation, and the services of a professional Tour Manager. Many spectacular destinations!

> **River City Riders Bike Group Meeting**

Help plan this season's weekly rides Meet Thursday, April 13, 9 a.m.

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APRIL 2023 MENU					
Tuesday Meals from Chin Yuen	Wednesday Meals from American Legion Post 260	Thursday Meals from VFW Post 8731	Friday Meals from Cornerstone Café		
Sesame Chicken Egg Roll Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	5 Cheeseburger French Fries Pickle	Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Vegetable Dinner Roll	7 Vegetable Lasagna Caesar Salad Dinner Roll		
Beef Mixed Vegetables Chicken Wings Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	Spaghetti Lettuce Salad Breadstick	Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	Chicken Ranch Wrap Chips Pickle		
Teriyaki Chicken Wontons Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	19 Beef Stew Lettuce Salad Dinner Roll	20 Lasagna Breadstick	21 Chicken Alfredo Caesar Salad Dinner Roll		
Sweet & Sour Chicken Egg Roll Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	26 Sloppy Joe Cole Slaw Pickle	Turkey Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Dinner Roll	28 French Dip Garden Salad Chips		

Many thanks to the following restaurants for providing the meals: Chin Yuen, American Legion Post 260, VFW Post 8731, and Cornerstone Café. Menu is subject to change. Dinners are served at noon to persons age 55+ and spouse regardless of age. The meal cost is \$5. Meal reservations must be made at least one business day in advance by noon. People must pay for all meals they order.

Free Legal Aid Monday, April 24 Appointments required

Voluntary Membership Drive

Please consider participating in the Monticello Senior Center 2023 Voluntary Membership drive. The dues are \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a household per calendar year and are tax deductible. Thanks go to all of you who have already participated in this drive.

Please note: Membership is not required to take part in senior center activities.

Book Club Meets Monthly

The senior center Book Club meets on Wednesday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

The book, *Every Note Played*, by Lisa Genova, will be discussed. Participants will also pick up the next book the group will be reading. If you enjoy reading, please check out the Book Club.

Team Pool Tournament

- * Monticello Senior Center
- Wednesday, April 12, 9 a.m.
- Sign up in advance, \$4 fee

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Advance registration and payment is required for all trips. Refunds will not be given after the registration deadline unless your spot can be filled.

Treasure Island Casino

We will be sharing a coach bus to Treasure Island Casino on Monday, April 3 with participants from the Crow River Senior Center.

The bus will depart the Monticello Community Center at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 4:15 p.m. There is a \$20 charge and those going will receive \$15 on their casino card to spend and \$3 off food.

Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The trip to see this comedy at the Sidekick Theater on Thursday, April 20 may be full and you can add your name to the waiting list if you wish.

The bus will depart the community center at 9:45 a.m. and returns at about 4:30 p.m. The trip fee of \$75 includes coach transportation, show, lunch prior to the show, and escort.

Treasure Island Casino

We will be sharing a coach bus to Treasure Island Casino on Monday, May 1 with participants from the Rogers Senior Center.

The bus will depart the Monticello Community Center at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 4:15 p.m. There is a \$20 charge and those going will receive \$15 on their casino card to spend and \$3 off food.

Wabasha Street Caves

Explore the Wabasha Street Caves in St. Paul with a very knowledgeable tour guide on Wednesday, May 10. The Wabasha Street Caves are the only remaining restored Gangster Era site. The caves are carved into the hillside in a long abandoned mining venture from the 1800's. Later the caves were a mushroom farm, and then developed as a Restaurant Casino and gangster hotspot during the 1930's prohibition era.

Prior to the tour, you will have lunch onsite. The menu will be The Italian Mobster Buffet: Caesar salad, beef lasagna, penne pasta bake with chicken alfredo, fresh green beans, garlic bread sticks, and assorted cookies, bars and coffee.

The cost is \$75 per person and the deadline to register is April 10. The coach bus will depart the community center at 11:15 a.m. and return at about 3:45 p.m.

Stillwater River Boats

You can enjoy a 2.5-hour private boat cruise on the scenic St. Croix River, departing from Stillwater, on Wednesday, June 21. There are enclosed and climate-controlled levels with patio viewing decks on top. A delicious buffet lunch will be served on the boat and includes hamburgers, grilled chicken, sandwich trimmings, potato salad, fresh seasonal fruit, baked beans, and cookie assortment.

The coach bus will depart the community center at 9:30 a.m. and return at about 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$72 and includes transportation, river cruise, lunch, and escort.

Toenail Clipping

Wright County Public Health nurses will be at our center on Tuesday, April 4 & 25 to assist people age 60+ with toenail clipping.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling Patty Larson at 763-682-7460.

There is a \$20 charge for this service.

Driver Classes

People age 55+ completing a defensive driving class are eligible to receive a 10% auto insurance discount. The cost is \$25.

Four-hour refresher courses for those who have previously completed an eight-hour course will be held on April 19, May 10, and June 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can call for more dates.

Drop off or mail payment (cash or check) to the center in advance. Checks are payable to the Monticello Senior Center. Class size is limited and people must register in advance. Please note that refunds will not be given for no-shows.



Technology Support & Coaching

Need help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop or other device? Connect with an experienced digital handyperson, who visits the center each Tuesday and can help you:

- Virtually connect via Zoom or Facetime
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Memory Cafés



Join us with guest activity facilitators Wright County Extension Master Gardeners.

There is **no fee** for this activity, but **registration is required**. Call the Center to register.



Wednesday, April 19 1:30 pm

Wednesday, May 17 1:30 pm Wednesday, June 21 1:30 pm

Caregivers have the option to attend a concurrent caregiver support group.

This caregiver support group is funded under contract with the Centra MN Council on Aging as part of the Older Americans Act Program.



Card Tournaments...

Senior center card tournaments are open to people age 55+. All games have a \$2 entry fee and prize money is paid to the tournament winners.

Advanced sign up for all tournaments is not required. See calendar for schedule.

Monticello Senior Center

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Open Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. - Noon (office closed)

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