"Reaching out and still growing" **MONTICELLO SENIOR CENTER SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

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Flu Shots September 22

You can get your influenza vaccine at the senior center on Friday, September 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Be sure to bring your insurance card (Medicare or other) for billing purposes. Both high dose and regular flu vaccines will be available and appointments are not required.

Hospice 101

Join us for an educational discussion on Hospice and what the Medicare benefit offers you or someone you love for an extra layer of support. Hospice is completely different today to what you think it was initially years ago.... Hospice is a benefit that you are able to have right in your own home. Hospice is about a better quality of life and symptom management. Hospice is about keeping you and or a loved one comfortable rather than trying to cure.

This free session will take place at the center on Thursday, September 21 at 10 a.m. and people of all ages are welcome. Please sign up if you plan to attend.



If's Picnic Time!

Please join us for a picnic at Ellison Park next to the beautiful Mississippi River on Monday, September 25.

Contact the center to reserve your place. A delicious box lunch will be served at noon and then people can play bingo for the chance to win prizes.

The cost is \$8 per person and you are asked to pay in advance.

Down the Mississippi in Minnesota—Part 3

Enjoy America's best-loved river with photographer Doug Ohman as he paddles down the Mississippi. This part of the journey will take you from St. Paul to the Iowa border and Doug's photographs are beautiful!

This picturesque presentation will be given on Monday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Mark Your Calendars...

*Senior Center Breakfast Fundraiser *Sunday, October 22

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Board of Directors Election

Members of the Monticello Senior Center are encouraged to vote in the election to fill two Board of Directors positions.

The election will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on September 8. Absentee ballots will be available for those unable to vote in person.

Annual Meeting Follows Election

The Monticello Senior Center Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, September 8 at 1 p.m. Members of the senior center can come and vote and then stay for the meeting. Activity and financial reports will be given and election results will be announced.

Hearing Screening

Staff from Affinity Hearing in St. Michael will be at our center on the 3rd Monday of each month starting September 18 to conduct hearing screenings. Afternoon appointments are required for this free service and are made at the center. Hearing aid cleaning will also be provided.

Team Pool Tournament

- + Elk River Senior Activity Center
- Wednesday, September 13, 9 a.m.
 - Sign up in advance, <u>\$4 fee</u>

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SEPTEMBER 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		
	SEPTEMBER		1 Tater Tot Hotdish Dinner Roll		
5 Sweet & Sour Chicken Wontons Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	6 Chicken Pot Pie Salad	7 Lasagna Breadstick	8 Ranch Wrap Chips Pickle		
12 Beef with Broccoli Chicken Wings Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	13 Scalloped Potatoes with Ham Salad	14 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Dinner Roll	15 Sloppy Joe Chips Pickle		
19 Sesame Chicken Egg Roll Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	20 Lasagna Salad Breadstick	21 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Dinner Roll	22 Spaghetti Caesar Salad Dinner Roll		
26 Teriyaki Chicken Egg Roll Fried Rice Fortune Cookie	27 Ground Beef and Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Salad Dinner Roll	28 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	29 Chili Garden Salad Dinner Roll		

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.

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Book Club Meets Monthly

The senior center Book Club meets on Wednesday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m.

The book, *Say You're One of Them,* by Uwem Akpan, will be discussed. Attendees will also pick up the next book the group will be reading. If you enjoy reading, try the Book Club.

> Free Legal Aid Monday, September 25 Appointments required

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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.

Million Dollar Quartet

The September 7 *Million Dollar Quartet* trip to the Old Log Theater may be full and you can add your name to the waiting list if you wish. Trip cost is \$80 and the bus will depart the center at 9:45 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m.

St. Croix Casino

We will be sharing a coach bus to St. Croix Casino on Tuesday, September 12 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 \$30 charge and those going will have the opportunity to spin the wheel at the casino to win a minimum of \$10 in slot play.

Carlos Creek Winery

The October 3 trip to Carlos Creek Winery in Alexandria may be full—please check if you are interested in this trip. The cost is \$79 and lunch will be at Pike and Pint Grill. You will receive a tour of the vineyards and production area. Be prepared to walk a mile or so through various inclines in terrain. After the tour, sample and purchase your favorite wines. The bus will depart the community center at 9:30 a.m. and return at about 4:15 p.m.

Treasure Island Casino

We will be sharing a coach bus to Treasure Island Casino on Monday, October 2 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.

Church Basement Ladies Christmas <u>Away in the Basement</u>

Share a bus with seniors from Elk River and head to the Ames Center to take in the Church Basement Ladies Christmas show, *Away in the Basement* on Thursday, November 16. This is a one day only show, and we were lucky enough to get tickets! The ladies are kicking off the national tour of their famous show, *Away in the Basement* and it is sure to get you in the holiday spirit and make you feel like a kid again!

Prior to the 1 p.m. performance, you can enjoy lunch right at Ames. The buffet will include chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, coleslaw, green beans, rolls, and beverages. The bus will depart the center at 9:45 a.m. and return at about 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$80.

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.

November 4th Craft Sale Vendor Registration forms available at the senior center

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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 September 13, October 18, November 8, and December 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Need help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop or other device? Schedule a **free** appointment with a digital handyperson who can help you:

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Appointments are available the first and third Tuesdays each month. **Call the center to schedule.**

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Memory Café

The Memory Café is a safe and comfortable place where caregivers and their loved ones with memory loss can participate together in a creative activity while socializing with others. The café experience is free, and all the supplies are provided for you.

The September 20 meeting will be held at our center from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Caregivers have the option to attend a concurrent caregiver support group. Please sign up if you plan to attend, 763-295-2000.

> Blood Pressure Checks *Tuesday, September 12 *11 a.m. to noon *Everybody welcome!

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<u>Open Hours:</u> Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. - Noon (office closed)

> Director: Pam Loidolt