

THE GOLDEN TIMES

The Michigan City Senior Center

2 on the Lake * Michigan City, IN 46360

(219) 873-1504 * Hours: 8am-4pm * Mon-Fri

Director: Tara Miller Assistants: Laura Garbacik; Laura Steele

Dec

2025



Christmas Party



Fri, Dec 12th 11:30am-2:00pm

Potluck Lunch. Bring a dish to share (enough to serve 8) according to your last name:

A-H Dessert I-N Side Dish O-Z Main Dish

We provide fried chicken. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$5 gender neutral gift. Gift certificates are great! Last chance to buy raffle tickets and winners will be drawn at the party. If we all pitch in for set up & clean up, it will

only take minutes. Thanks!

Holiday Cookie Sale



To be held same day as our Christmas Party on Fri, Dec 12th from 10am-2pm. Cookies will be \$7 per dozen. **We need people to bake cookies.** Please bake 4 dozen (or more) standard size cookies (no giants, no mini's). If you're willing to donate HOMEMADE cookies, please sign up at the front desk. If you would prefer to just donate money, that's great too!

If you'd like to volunteer to help price the cookies ON THE DAY BEFORE, sign up at the front desk (times will be on THURS, Dec 11th from 10am-2pm) If you would like to work the sale, sign-up at the front desk (times are approx. 10am-2pm on Fri, Dec 12)

A Holistic Approach Massage Therapy

By Abigail Harmon, LMT

Abby will be offering 10 minute chair massages for \$10 for Senior Center members here at the Center. Cash payments only directly to Abby. Call 219-873-1504 to schedule your appointment. Appointments every 15 minutes

Tues, Dec 2nd: from 12noon-3:00pm

Thurs, Dec 18th: From 9:30am-12:30pm

TREAT yourself to a relaxing, revitalizing 10 minute chair massage for the holidays!



Holiday Closings: Wed/

Thurs, Dec 24/25 in observance

of Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

and Wed/Thurs, Dec 31/Jan 1

in observance of New Year's Eve/New Year's Day.



HEADS UP!

The Franklin St Bridge will be closed Jan 5-March 15, 2026.

SOUP DAY

Tues, Dec 16th at 11:30am



Chicken & Drop Dumpling

Creamy Chicken & Noodle

\$3.00/bowl

\$4.00/Small To-Go \$6.00/Large To-Go

Sponsored by Aseracare

Volunteers please sign up at front desk.

Chair Zumba Gold 45 minute Classes



with Michele

Dec 16th & 23rd at 1:00pm

\$5 per class Walk-ins welcome (pay instructor)

This is perfect for those who aren't keen on early morning exercise but still want to be active. Class is geared towards seniors.

REMINDER!

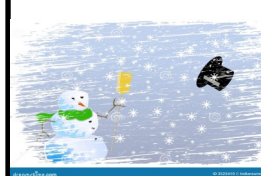
We DO NOT follow the Michigan City Area Schools CLOSINGS OR DELAYS. The Center will remain opened

unless there is a State of Emergency declared, or unless the Mayor declares a snow day and closes us. If one of those 2 situations occur, the only way to notify you is through the Radio Stations & Facebook. Please listen to WIMS, WEFM & 96.7

The Eagle. **As always, use**

YOUR best judgment in deciding whether to venture out in

the weather even if we are open.



DEC ~ 2025

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
9:00am Stretch It Out! 9:45am Exercise 10:45am T'ai Chi w/Tom 12:00pm Duplicate Bridge 1:00pm Knitting & Crocheting Bee 1:00pm Hand & Foot	9am: Billiards 9am: BYOD Computers 9:30am Mahjong 9:30am Tai Chi (video) 10am 1-on-1 Comp Class 11am 1-on-1 Comp Class 12noon Five Crowns 1:00pm Euchre	8:30am SHIP (by appt) 9:00am Stretch It Out! 10:00am Casual Bridge 9:45am Exercise 10:00am Casual Bridge 11:00am Pinochle 12:30pm Mexican Train/Dominoes 12:30 Rummikub 1:00pm BUNCO	9:00am Billiards 9:00am-2pm Woodcarving 9:30 Tai Chi (video) 9:30am Samba Card Game 1:00pm BINGO 	9:00 Stretch It Out (\$1 Fee) 9:30 Jokers & Marbles 9:45am Exercise 10am Sing-along 10am Chess Club 10:30-12:30 Italian 10:45am T'ai Chi w/Tom 12:30pm Pinochle 12:30pm Rummikub

Special Events

Mon, Dec 1st: Hearing Evaluations (call for appt)
Tues, Dec 2nd: Massage Therapy 12:00noon-3:00pm (see front pg)
Thurs, Dec 4th: SS Seniors Investment Club 11:00am
Tues, Dec 9th: Advisory Board Meeting 9:30am
Wed, Dec 10th: Red Hat Christmas Party (by invite)—see pg 3
Thurs, Dec 11th: Blood Pressure Checks by North Shore 12:30pm
Fri, Dec 12th: Christmas Party & Potluck 11:30am-2pm (see front pg)
Thurs, Dec 16th: Soup Day 11:30am (see front pg)
Tues, Dec 16th, 23rd: Chair Zumba 1:00pm (walk-ins welcome) see front pg
Wed, Dec 17th: French Club 1:00pm
Thurs, Dec 18th: Massage Therapy 9:30am-12:30pm (see front pg)
Tues, Dec 23rd: Newsletter Assembly 8:30am (NOTE NEW DAY!)
Wed/Thurs, Dec 24 & 25th: CLOSED/Christmas Eve/Christmas Day
Mon, Dec 29th: Popcorn & A Movie 1:00pm (see pg 3)
Tues, Dec 30th: Card Making with Jamie 1:00pm
Wed/Thurs, Dec 31st/Jan 1st: CLOSED/New Year's Eve/New Year's Day

Did you know we have greeting cards for sale 4 for \$1.00 and postcards 8 for \$1.00. It's a small way we can raise money for our programming here at the Senior Center. We have a good variety to choose from so the next time you're in need of a card, consider choosing some from our selection. And if you have unused greeting cards you'd like to donate, please bring them to the Asst Director or Director and we'll add them to our inventory.

NO Coffee with the Mayor in Dec. We'll resume in January.

**Computer Classes AND
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Classes
Canceled for the month of Dec,
Jan, Feb. Resumes March.**

CERAMICS



Is cancelled until further notice.

Thank you to Trail Creek Place in conjunction with Aseracare for their BINGO Sponsorship for the month of November!



JOYRide is offering holiday rides through Washington Park from December 6-20.

See below for details.



JOYRide is pleased to offer one-of-a-kind pedicab rides, spreading holiday joy through Michigan City's beloved Festival of Lights!

- A cozy blanket
- A ride for two
- A 20-minute ride through Washington Park
- A hot drink (optional for purchase)
- Book your ride for any Friday or Saturday Night from 5-7 pm. (weather permitting)

Get \$5.00 off your ticket if you book before November 30th. Use promo code EARLYBIRD



Questions?
Please call **219-955-RIDE**
or email smile@joyridemc.com
joyridemc.com

Scan to book
your JOYRide!



Celebrity Spotlight!

Our very own Stephen Zolvin-ski won an award at the LaPorte Sunflower Fair for growing a sunflower with the largest head! Congratulations Stephen!



Welcome to our newest
Lifetime Members:
Raelene Kennedy-Jurkowski
Susan Kahn
Beth Kepcha

Popcorn & A Movie

Mon, Dec 29th at 1:00pm

Sponsored by AseraCare



FREE! We will try to post the movie to be shown on the bulletin board outside of the Director's office within a week of the show. Reminder to donate gently used, good movies for our library collection. Thanks!

Firecracker Fillies Red Hatters

Wear red hats & purple clothes to events. Birthday girls wear opposite.

Wed, Dec 10th: "Christmas Party" @ Senior Center 12noon

Catered by Café Elite. Come dressed in your holiday or Red Hat attire and wear your favorite holiday pins. Come join us to celebrate the season.



Beautiful decorations, raffles, prizes and a good time! **Cost \$24.**

Deadline for sign-up is Nov 28th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO EVENT IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

FEB EVENT TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Call Jeannie if you have to cancel, even last minute!
Reserv/Pynt CHECK ONLY to: Firecracker Fillies and left at Sr Ctr in sealed envelope marked w/your name, phone #, & event. Add'l info: Jeannie at 874-7794.

Tannehill Community Soup Kitchen



Has an urgent need for helping hands in their kitchen.

Their mission is simple: to ensure no one in our community goes hungry. They believe everyone deserves a hot, nutritious meal and to be treated with dignity and respect. They are able to serve many of our neighbors in need each week due to the devotion of their volunteers. Could you volunteer your time to help out? No special skills required; just a positive attitude and a willingness to help. Even a few hours of your time can bring a smile to someone's face and provide essential support.

Interested in joining their team? Contact Kelly Shepherd, Executive Director at 219-239-0011 or kshepherd@tannehillcsc.com

FIRST TRAVEL 2025 TRIPS

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME!

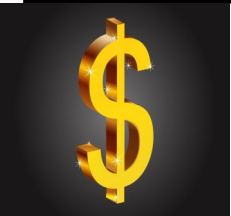
First Travel is working on our day trips and over-nighter schedules for 2026! We'll get that information out to you as soon as it's available!



Thank you Gerry & Nancy Schoff for their Easter Egg donations!



Thank you to Dan Mallon for your office supplies donation.



Thank you Barb Macudzinski, Raelene Kennedy-Jurkowski and Jim & Janet Dolph for your generous cash donations!



Thank you Joe & Sharon Jokantas and Faye Ibrahim for donating coffee!

Card Holder
from CDs



Thank you to Jo Ann Conley for donating playing card holders (they're made out of old CD's.)

These are located in the pool table area on the shelves. Help yourself to one if you need one and please return it when you're done.

Holiday-Themed Jokes

- What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? (Claus-trophobia!)
- How do you know when Santa's around? (You can always sense his presents.)
- Why was Santa having money problems? (He was nickel-less.)
- What's every parent's favorite Christmas carol? ("Silent Night".)
- Why did Santa go to the podiatrist? (Because he had mistletoes.)
- What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? (Stick with me, and we'll go places.)
- What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs? (Candy canes.)
- What kind of photos do elves take? (Elfies!)



Thank you Georgiana Timm for your kind donation of needlepoint creations for our BINGO group! The tissue boxes are especially a big hit!

Joseph Blanchard
Cynthia Brown
Laura Chomiak
James Coburn
Bill Crosslin
Jerry Crosslin
Peg Cullen
Denise DeClue
Tracy Flanagan
Chris Fredenburg
Joe Gallo
Vernedta Johnson
William King
Mary Kowalski
Marc Majot
Pat Matsey
Michael McCluskey
Alfreda Nelson
Dorothy Palmer
Louis Prischker
Deb Reason
Greg Robbins
Patricia Schroeder
Karyn Schuck
Eva Severt
Gregory Shepherd
Kelly Shepherd
Marcia Ulan
Pamela Walter
Wayne Washluske
Doris Woods

Director's Corner


With the holidays upon us, sometimes it feels like we're being pulled in a thousand different directions. But luckily for you, I found this handy-dandy Holiday Excuse Generator so if you really don't want to attend that holiday party, you've got excuses ready to go!

Happy Holidays & Happy New Years to you all, Tara



Computer/Internet/
FACEBOOK /BYOD Classes

Bring Your Own Device
(BYOD)

 **NO COMPUTERS
FOR THE MONTH OF
Dec, Jan or Feb. WE
WILL RESUME March.**

CHOOSE AN INTRO

Sorry I can't come

Please forgive my absence

This is going to sound crazy but

Get this

I know you're going to hate me but

I can't go because

I was minding my own business and boom!

I feel terrible but

I regretfully cannot attend,

CHOOSE A SCAPEGOAT

The North Pole head
meteorologist

The ghost of Christ-
mas past

Frosty the Snowman

Santa

Rudolph the Red
Nosed Reindeer

A professional
hockey team

Yeti

A large elf

The Grinch

CHOOSE A DELAY

Wouldn't stop telling me knock, knock
jokes and I can't stop laughing

Is having a nervous breakdown and I'm
the only one here to help out.

Threw snowballs at my feet and now
my boots are waterlogged.

Poured lemonade in my gas tank and
the car won't run.

Is repairing my sled

Stole my snow globe and I have to
search for it.

Climbed down my chimney and is
demanding hot chocolate

Is making snow angels in my drive-
way and won't go away.

Was baking Christmas cookies and
caught my oven on fire.

1 Michele Eckert
N. Mark Gosa
Ree Labaj
Darlene Murphy
2 MaryJo Chabala
Sheila Ito
Vivian Ott
Barbara Otto
Debbie Strnad
Holly Welk
3 Darlene Henderson
Dawn Odle-Nelson
Rebecca Schultz
5 David Hahn
Sema Hernandez
Patrick Malicki
Patricia McGrath
Natalie Solomon
6 Caral Bayler
Larry Clifford
Donna Ottersen
James Timmons
Jenny Wysmier
7 Lisa Feldman
Jane Ryszk
Sharon Staback
8 Judith Gleason
Debbie Handtke
Pennie Lombard
Dennis Mann
9 Chris Coburn
Patricia Herman
Faye Ibrahim
Christopher Leonard
10 Carol Hemczak
Tina Kintzele
Judith Wolford
11 Mary Abbott
Paul Allen
Jeff Jirtle
Marvin Guenther
Lawrence Rogers
12 Alice Fay Gayheart
Dennis Grether
Kate Kelley
Margaret Maitland
13 Barb Faber
Eileen Morrison
John Ormins
Sandra Phillips
14 Michele Bartels
Kay "Linda" Miller
Michael Salmon
15 Clarence Finnie
16 Edie Rae Crosley
Lynn Jackson
Gayle Pryor

December Happy Birthday!



17 Ruth Adrian
Kathleen Mosley
Carol Radke
18 Gail O'Connor
19 Carl Kush
20 Pamela Gonzales
Peggy McAnally
Morene Stark
21 Kimberly Antisdel
Jean Doran
Paulette Sandberg
Karin Woodruff
22 Karen Bammer
Susan Casey
Virgil Miller
23 Don Glossinger
Patricia Manning
Debi Sawa
John Tiedeman
24 Kathleen Gazzolo
Deborah Henckel
Rev. Albert Isbell
Deborah Karczewski-Smith
Sherri Kempf
Patricia Young
25 Kathy Brown
Larry Ferris
Nancy Gonzalez
Durbin Shikany
Molly Trafas
26 Evelyn Peo
Harold Wolf
27 Nancy Ash
28 Joseph Dabkowski
Tim Leary
James Leonard
Laurie Wilson
Barbara Rice-Wisthof
29 James Dolph
James Schroeder
Norma Welches
Zaina Zainal
Stephen Zolvinski
30 Barbara Bailey
Delain Hahn
Stuart Metzing
Michael Vinson
31 Carol Briggs
Yolanda Ferrari
Ed Hollander
Susan Dziak
Gerry Schoff
Jeanne Schoff



"A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L.""



2026 Advisory Board Members Welcome back to our returning members:

Shirley Bushong
Sue Childress
Larry Ferris
Faye Ibrahim
Susie Lutz
Barbara Macudzinski
Patricia Manning
MaryLou McFadden
Linda Parrish
Kathy Stout

Thank you to out- going members for their commitment and service to our

Senior Center: Cecilia Brinckman Janice Gonzales and welcome to our new Board Members:

Dorothy Biller
Betty Sobecki

Toys for Tots

We have a collection box for Toys for Tots near the front desk. We are asking anyone who is able, to please donate a new, unwrapped toy for this program.



**We will collect through
Fri, Dec 12th.**

Use it or Lose It

New research on the human brain shows that the brain responds well to the right kind of stimuli (both mental and physical activity). This month, "Linking as a Way to Improve Memory."



Parties for Seniors

Imagine that you have started a service which plans and organizes parties for seniors over 60. Suggest four possible themes you think those over 60 would enjoy.

For each party idea, plan invitations, decorations, favors and food to follow the theme.

Do not be concerned about money

Be as creative as you possibly can.

Let ideas run rampant.

Try for new and different ideas.

Is there a way that you might actually carry out some of your party ideas?

Better yet, submit your ideas to the Director and maybe we'll try to work your ideas

into one of our upcoming events!



2025 Things to Come 2025

January

1st: CLOSED/New Years Day
19th: CLOSED/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Snow Birds!

Reminder to Snow Birds to give us your change of address or ask us to put your newsletter on hold til you return, otherwise we get charged for each return. Thanks!



Reminder that we take UNEXPIRED boxed, canned goods & packaged food donations year round and donate to the Salvation Army. Please give generously when you can.



Thank you!

Michigan City Yearbooks!

Elston Still needed:: 1914 and before, 1917-1922, 1978, 1987



St. Mary's still needed: 1942, 1956, 1962-1968

Marquette: 1969-1974, 1976-1979, 1981+

Rogers High School still needed: 1973-1983, 1987-1989, 1991-1994

MCHSchool still needed: 1995, 1998-2003, 2005+

Please be sure to check with the Director to be sure we still need any of these years. Sometimes they're already donated by the time you read this.

Although we now have access to our emails, our computer files, and our database, we still do not have Wi-Fi. Which means we're unable to have you check in for activities or to record volunteer hours. In addition, since we had no access to that database for over 6 weeks, we are behind on getting dues recorded, birthdays/anniversaries/addresses/emails, etc. updated. So please bear with us as we try to play catch up. We're hoping to be back on track by mid-January at the latest. Thank you for your understanding.



"MICHIGAN CITY MATTERS" TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 5:30 p.m. City Hall 100 E Michigan Blvd.	Monday, March 31, 2025 5:30 p.m. HOPE Center 222 McClelland Ave.	Thursday, May 22, 2025 5:30 p.m. Skwiat Post 121 Skwiat Legion Ave	Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:30 p.m. Zion Hill MBC 123 Helen St.
Wednesday, August 27, 2025 5:30 p.m. DAV 2301 Ohio St.	Thursday, Sep. 25, 2025 5:30 p.m. New Hope MBC 819 W 7th St.	Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025 5:30 p.m. Fire Admin Center 2510 E Michigan Blvd.	Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 5:30 p.m. City Hall 100 E Michigan Blvd.

Department Heads & Common Council Members will be present at each meeting.

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Or Current Resident



Happy Anniversary

Richard Wornhoff & Regina Ruddell on their December anniversary

David & Sandra Mann on their 53rd on Dec 1

David & Shirley McColpin on their 31st on Dec 2

Dan & Frances Thode on their 20th on Dec 3

Terry & Rosanne Johnson on their 54th on Dec 4

Cecil & Evelyn Brown on their 40th on Dec 16

Charles & Judith Feldhaus on their 2nd on Dec 5

Dale & Lisa Johnson on their 29th on Dec 6

Everett & Jeannie Lawson on their 38th on Dec 6

Tom & Debbie Irk on their 51st on Dec 7

Mark & Joyce Linn on their 1st on Dec 7

Pat & Cheryl Rogers on their 57th on Dec 7

Joe & Pam Gonzales on their 30th on Dec 9

Mike & Becky Misevicz on their 53rd on Dec 9

Willie & Delsue Minfield on their 51st on Dec 10

Mike & Kristina Walles on their 8th on Dec 10

William & Maggie James on their 17th on Dec 12

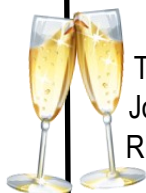
Gordon & Elaine Caufield on their 47th on Dec 16

Larry Brown & Martha Maust on their 42nd on Dec 17

Robert & Joyce Beckner on their 61st on Dec 19

Steve & Jan Kruger on their 66th on Dec 19

Robert & Joan Robinson on their 61st on Dec 19



Paul & Deborah Allen their 51st on Dec 20
Jonathan & Susan Leis on their Dec 20th anniversary

David & Deborah Palm on their 52nd on Dec 22

Frank & Carolyn McCarty on their 56th on Dec 23

Mr & Mrs Williams on their 49th on Dec 23

Thomas & Betty Sobecki on their 38th on Dec 24

John & Leslie Richardson on their 12th on Dec 26

Richard & Dorothy Sparks on their 67th on Dec 27

Jeffrey & Janet Mansfield on their 6th on Dec 29

Noel & Jan Schlegelmilch on their 63rd on Dec 29

Frank & Kathleen Gazzolo on their 64th on Dec 30

Gary & Iliana Miller on their 59th on Dec 30

David & Claudia Biela on their 54th on Dec 31



In Sympathy...

We wish to extend sympathy to:



Patricia Ann McGrath on the loss of her sister-in-law Patricia Aileen McGrath; Tara Miller and Mark Cichoracki on the loss of her brother Todd Miller; Richard Kennedy on the loss of his nephew Todd Miller; Richelle Wilke on the loss of her cousin Todd Miller; Raelene Kennedy-Jurkowski on the loss of her cousin Todd Miller; Laura & Darrell Garbacik on the loss of her cousin Todd Miller; to the families of Mick Richmond and James Meehan; and to anyone who may have lost a loved one.



Get Well Soon

Lynette Johnston-Martin, Virginia Orłowski and anyone else feeling a bit under the weather.