2 on the Lake Talk



November 2026

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Michigan City, IN 46360

Mon-Fri 8am-4pm 219-873-1504 michigancityparks.com/senior



Thanksgiving Dinner

Thurs, Nov 19th

$15.00/ticket

Tickets will be sold in 3 time slots. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. We cannot HOLD tickets for anyone.



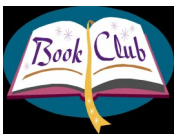
50 tickets sold for the 4:00pm time slot
50 tickets sold for the 4:30pm time slot
50 tickets sold for the 5:00pm time slot

Advance tickets ONLY. NO REFUNDS for any reason. We will only sell 150 tickets total. **Last day to buy a ticket is Fri, Nov 6th**. NO EXCEPTIONS! **Turkey dinner with all the fixin's: mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, green beans, cranberry sauce, dessert & beverages.**

Please arrive no more than 10-15 minutes prior to your time slot.

Holiday Cookie Sale

To be held during our Thanksgiving dinner on Thurs, Nov 19th. Cookies will be $7 per dozen. We don't need volunteers to work the sale (we have those already) but we DO need people to bake cookies. Please bake 4 dozen (or more) standard size cookies (no giants, no mini's, and ONLY cookies please). If you're willing to donate HOMEMADE cookies, please sign up at the front desk. ALSO, if you would prefer to just donate money, please do! This is a fundraiser for us so please consider donating your yummy homemade cookies and/or money! *Cookies should be dropped off by 12noon on Thurs, Nov 19th (or beforehand). Do NOT separate, bring in bulk and do NOT price.*



Book Club

Meets 3rd Thurs of ea month

Thurs, Nov 19th at 1:00pm

***October's Book: The Women by Kristin* Hannah.**

November's Book: TBD

New members welcome!

Group Leader: *Barb Miller*

Military Veteran Stand Down With a Heart At LaPorte County Fairgrounds/ Small Projects Building

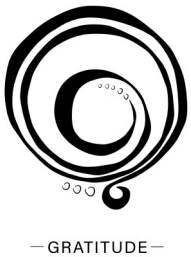


Sat, Nov 14th

Enjoy a hot meal, camaraderie, hygiene items, VA services.
Please bring your DD214, Military ID, VA Health Care Care to receive services.
Questions? Contact Jill Powers 574-472-7300 Ext 8081

CLOSINGS:

Wed, Nov 11th for Veterans Day Thurs/Fri, Nov 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving.



Attitude of Gratitude

Presented by Ange Benz

Tues, Nov 17th at 2:00pm

Let yourself pause long enough to savor the beauty that surrounds you, the gifts life has placed in your hands, and the countless threads of friendship and love that have helped shape your journey. Ange reminds us to cherish what truly matters, the quiet wonders we too often overlook amid the noise of everyday life. This is an invitation to slow down, breathe deeply, and rest for a moment in reflection as you consider all that has been given and shared. FREE and no need to sign up.



SOUP DAY

Tues, Nov 10th at 11:30am

Creamy & Cheesy Broccoli

$3.00/bowl

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

Sponsored by AseraCare

Volunteers please sign up at front desk.

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
9am Stretch It Out! 9:45am Exercise 10:45am T'ai Chi w/Tom 12:pm Duplicate Bridge 12pm Hand & Foot 1:00pm Knitting & Crocheting Bee 1pm: Chair Zumba ($5) (Not on Mon, Nov 16th—moved to Fri Nov 20th (see below)	9am: Billiards 9am: BYODComputers 9:30am Mahjong 9:30am Tai Chi (video) 10am 1-on-1 Comp Class 11am 1-on-1 Comp Class 12noon Five Crown 1:00pm: Euchre 1pm: Chair Zumba ($5) 1:30pm: Line Dancing ($5) No Computer classes in Dec, Jan, or Feb. Resumes in March.	8:30am SHIP (by appt) 9:00am Stretch It Out! 10am: Casual Bridge 9:45am Exercise 11:00am Pinochle 12:30pm Mexican Train/Dominoes 12:30 Rummikub 1:30pm: Texas Hold 'Em Yahtzee	9:00am Billiards 9:00am-2pm Woodcarving 9:30 Tai Chi (video) 9:30am Samba Card Game 1:00pm BINGO NO BINGO on Thurs, Nov 19 due to the Thanksgiving Dinner.	9am: Stretch It Out ($1 for this class) 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:noon Rummikub 1:00pm Pinochle



Special Events



Thank you to our sponsor for the month of Sept: Seniors Helping Seniors

DATES TBD: Holistic Approach Massage Therapy 9:30-12:30pm (see pg 3)

Thurs, Nov 5th Blood Pressure Checks by North Shore Health 12:30pm

Thurs, Nov 5th: SSSeniors Investment Group 11am

Tues, Nov 10th: Advisory Board 9:30am

Tues, Nov 10th: Soup Day 11:30am (see front pg)



Wed, Nov 11th: CLOSED/Veteran's Day

Mon, Nov 16th: Popcorn & A Movie/"" 1:00pm (see pg 3)

Tues, Nov 17th: "Attitude of Gratitude" at 2:00pm (see front pg)



Wed, Nov 18th: French Club 1:00pm

Thurs, Nov 19th: Book Club 1:00pm (see front pg)

Thurs, Nov 19th: Thanksgiving Dinner & Cookie Sale 4:00pm (see front pg)

Fri, Nov 20th: CHAIR ZUMBA (Notice new day—only on the week of Popcorn & A Movie)



Tues, Nov 24th: Coffee with the Mayor 9:30am

Tues, Nov 24th: Card Making with Jeneane at 1pm (see pg 3)

Wed, Nov 25th: Newsletter Assembly 8:30am NOTE NEW DAY DUE TO HOLIDAY!!!!!

Thurs/Fri, Nov 26th27th: CLOSED/Thanksgiving Holiday



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. Thanks!

NEW for the Christmas Party on Dec 11th



- Any member 90 years of age or older (as of any time in 2026), is invited to attend the party for FREE. No need to bring a dish, no need to purchase a ticket! You've earned a free ride!
- Any member that NEEDS to purchase a ticket due to extenuating circumstances can do so for $20. This is NOT available to those who just find it more convenient. Only for those who truly need it. Please see the Director if this applies to you.

Card Making with Jamie
Tues, Nov 24th at 1pm

We will make 3 cards at this session (which should take about a 1-2 hours or so.) Theme TBD **Cost is $15** and includes ALL materials to create three cards. **If you have attended this class previously, please notify Jamie you are signing up for this session and pay her directly at the session. If you're new, sign up & pay at front desk by Wed, Nov 18.**



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. ***Dates To Be Announced.***

Call 219-873-1504 to schedule.

Chair Zumba Gold 45 minute Classes with Michele

$5 per session. Walk-ins welcome

Mondays and Tuesdays 1:00pm



This is perfect for those who aren't keen on early morning exercise but still want to be active. Class is geared towards seniors. No sign up required.

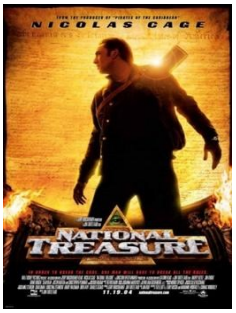
On the week of Popcorn & A Movie, Chair Zumba will be held on that Friday at the same time instead of Monday. For the month of November, Popcorn & A Movie is on Monday, Nov 16th, so Chair Zumba that week will be Tues, Nov 17th and FRIDAY, Nov 20th

Popcorn & A Movie



Mon, Nov 16th at 1:00pm
"National Treasure"
Sponsored by AseraCare

National Treasure follows historian Benjamin Franklin Gates (Nicolas Cage) as he races to uncover centuries-old clues left by the Knights Templar to locate a legendary hidden treasure linked to America's Founding Fathers, deciphering cryptic clues while protecting the Declaration of Independence from rival treasure hunters. Blending fast-paced action with historical intrigue, it offers clever riddles, iconic settings, and charismatic performances.



Rated PG
Action/Adventure

Firecracker Fillies
Red Hatters



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

Wed, Dec 16th: "Christmas Party" @ Kolasa's Polish Peasant Restaurant on Corner of 8th & Franklin St, MC @ 12noon: Wear your holiday outfit or your Red Hat attire. Come join us to celebrate the season. Raffles, prizes and a good time! **Cost $24.**

Deadline for sign-up is Dec 4th.

Call Jeannie if you have to cancel, even last minute! Reserv/Pymt 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.



LAKESHORE TRAVEL 2027 TRIPS

Spring 2027
The Dolly Parton Tribute Tour
7 days/6 nights

(Cost is not set yet but approx $1,799/pp dble occupancy)

Motorcoach Transportation

4 Nights Deluxe accommodations at Dolly's Dreammore Resort in Pigeon Forge, TN

2 Nights Stopover hotels

6 Breakfasts

4 Sumptuous Southern inspired dinners at fine local restaurant including: Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede dinner & show

Guided tour of Dolly's Hometown Sevierville, TN. See the following:

The Dolly Parton Statue

Red's Café Mural

The Pines Theater where Dolly got her start at 10 years old!

Hear stories of Dolly's childhood and lots of places associated with her life

Scenic drive thru Locust Ridge/Sevier County where Dolly lived

FULL DAYS ADMISSION to Dollywood Theme Park

Fall 2027
Castles of New York & Thousand Islands
6 days/5 nights

(Cost is not set yet but approx. $1,700/pp dble occupancy)

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Overnight Lodging to/from New York
- 3 Nights Lodging at the Edgewood Resort on the St. Lawrence River
- 5 Breakfasts
- 1 Boxed Lunch
- 3 Dinners
- Uncle Sam's Boat Tour along St. Lawrence River, including visits to:

Singer Castle with Guided Tour

Boldt Castle with Self-Guided Tour

- Antique Boat Museum
- Thousand Islands Museum-the History Place
- Visit to Alexandria Bay

Travel Policies:

Reservation & Payment Policy: Reservations are accepted and held via phone. Full payment is due in house by the due date noted. Any reservation made after the noted due date may be subject to an increased late booking fee. Lakeshore accepts payment plans! Talk to Lisa for specifics. All payments must be mailed to:

Lakeshore Travel, 301 W Hwy 20, Michigan City, 46360. **Check ONLY. No credit cards or cash. DO NOT send to the Senior Center.**

Physical Limitations: If you have physical limitations that may make traveling more difficult please consult with Lakeshore Travel beforehand. We can advise you of the level of activity as well as accommodations (or lack thereof). Some trips are more strenuous than others. Know your limits!

Pricing Policy: All trips are priced at current expected fuel rates & are subject to increases. Gratuity for motorcoach driver not included.

Cancellation Policy: All trips are non-refundable unless a replacement is secured.

Questions? Call Lisa at Lakeshore Travel at 219-872-7217

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Tamara Ansell
Janie Byrne
Ken Coulter
Robin Cross
Cheryl Daurer
Kathy Dennis
Barbara Flora
Mary Hoppe
Alan Lindmark
Barry Nothstine
Anthony (Tony) Pavlak
Linda Pavlak
Mary Prendiville
James Ryan
Mary Ryan
Kathy Smeets
Robert Smeets
Barbara Varro
Pam Yttri





- **Why did the Cranberry blush?** ***It saw the turkey dressing***
- **What smells the best at a Thanksgiving Dinner?** ***Your nose***
- **When is turkey soup bad for your health?** ***When you're the turkey***
- **What is something usually insulting, except on Thanksgiving?** ***Someone giving you the bird***



Reminder: Just a few weeks remaining to get your raffle tickets before the drawing on Fri, Dec 11th!



Director's Corner



Am I grateful enough for all the things that have gone right in my life and for the many blessings I've received? Do I appreciate them as much as I should? And perhaps more importantly, do any of us?

I recently read a book by our very own member, Sandy Morris, called "***The Tornado Lady***." In it, she shares how she was incapacitated for months and how deeply grateful she felt simply to be able to walk on her own again. It was a powerful reminder that many of the things we take for granted each day are things someone else is working hard to regain, or wishes they could experience at all.

Thanksgiving is always a reflective time for me because it's also my mother's birthday month. This year, her birthday actually falls on Thanksgiving Day. Like many people who have lost a parent, I sometimes find myself wondering whether I fully appreciated her while she was here, or whether I thanked her enough for all she taught me.

As I've gotten older, I've come to recognize more clearly the sacrifices parents make that often go unnoticed at the time. I may not have understood all of them then, but I certainly appreciate them now, and I am grateful for the love, guidance, and opportunities she gave me.

It's interesting how becoming a parent ourselves can give us an entirely new perspective on what our own parents experienced. I suspect my daughter has gained some of that same understanding now that she is a mother. Life has a way of bringing those lessons full circle.

We never really get the opportunity to repay our parents directly, and I'm not sure it's even possible. What we can do, however, is pay it forward. We can pass along the love, values, patience, and support that were given to us onto our children and grandchildren. In doing so, we become part of a gift that spans generations, growing a little stronger with each one.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, perhaps it's worth taking a moment to appreciate both the extraordinary and the ordinary blessings in our lives. Gratitude has a way of multiplying when it's shared, and that may be one of the greatest gifts of all.

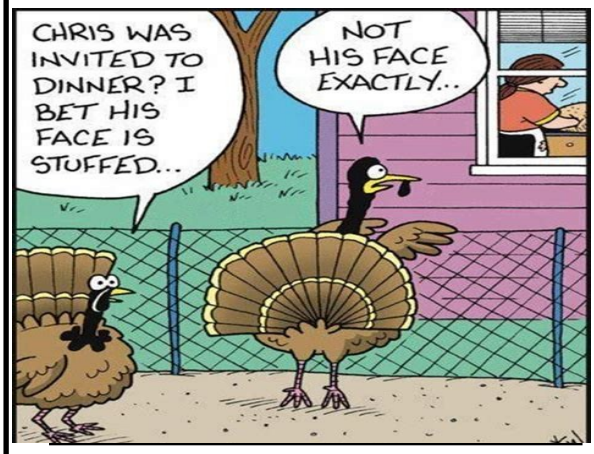
A big salute to all the Veterans out there as we observe Veteran's Day on Nov 11—Thank you for your service. And Happy Thanksgiving to all! .....Tara

Computer/Internet/ FACEBOOK /Etc./ BYOD Classes



- **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Tuesdays at 9am.** Bring your own laptop, Ipad, Smartphone, Tablet etc. ***No sign up required.***
- **One on One classes on Tuesdays at 10am & 11am** ***Sign up required!*** *Call 873-1504.*
- ***NO CLASSES IN DECEMBER, JANUARY, OR FEBRUARY. RESUMES IN MARCH***





Gobble 'til you Wobble!





Did you know you can get our Newsletter online at ***michigancityparks.com/senior***

Happy Birthday!



Nov

1 * Jerry Bailey
*Michael Rucker
*Judy Costello



2 Sue Vail
3 *Paula Waak
*Katie Gallagher
4 *Gene Davis
*Sandy Morris
*Patricia Potempa
Nancy White



5 *Pamela Blake
*Mary Hoppe
*Dolores Wilhelm
6 Cheryl Kodicek
*Ranell Lazzeri
Wendy Shaver
Esther Venice
7 *Larry Tangerman
8 Patsy Murphy
Louise Pawloski
Sue Pelis
Randy Schermerhorn



9 *Susan Bortell
*Larry Colvin
*Sheila Rich
10 Elizabeth Armstrong
Douglas Schroeder
*Dee Sturgeon
11 *Diana Ford
*Joan Geoffrion
*Michael Goodale



RoseAnn Kelly
*Jeffrey Kirsch
12 *Sharon Carnes
*Lynn Hiatt
Jane Passaglia
Dolores Waaso
13 Liliana Ganz
Janice Urban
14 *Diann Gonsorek
*Vanessa Paul
James Walker
15 *Gloria Carney
John Covington
Chris Kmiecik
*Julie Leonard



16 *Andrea Janes
Linda Martinez
Rosemary Shaw
17 Donald Harrison
Susan Utpatel
18 Cindy Montgomery
Barbara Richie



19 Jeanne Dornbrock
James Kuhn
Kathy Pahs-Rhodes
*Cheryl Skwiat
20 *Laura Kittle
*William Linehan
*Brenda Martin
*Megan Polarek
*Dennis Wildhart
21 *Ingrid Anderson
Irene Dudek



*Thelma McIntosh
*Iliana Miller
*Candy Ward
22 *Kathy Andruszkiewicz
*Michelle Emmons
*Don Mays
23 *Judy Colvin
*Karen Levendoski
*Dave Milcarek



Rick Pelis
Jeff Pickford
*Laura Plonka
24 *Lester Busch
*Charles O'Neal
25 Barbara Eastman
Harold Hamilton
Betsy Stewart



26 *Jane Hayman
*Carol Korn
*William McCooey
Lois Rejak
Robert Valantiejus
27 Eric Majied
Francine Kalita
*Carl Milcarek
*Stefanie Olson



Chuck Polarek
*Lynn Scott
28 Judith Swiger
*Lynn Weiler
29 *Janet Beutner
Sharon Brooks
Kenneth Callaway
Brian Gross



*Nancy McGeady
Kay Story
30 Linda Byers
*Marian Coburn
*Ruben DeAvila





Dale Rehbein for your donation of coffee creamer, Ardell Wozniak for donating a beautiful handcrafted afghan for our trivia challenge, and Zaina Zainal for the tree of life sculpture to be raffled in the spring. Thanks!

When the Wind Blows REMINDER

When the wind is blowing hard here at the beach, we do not open the side door. Sometimes the gusts are so strong that they fling the glass door back against the brick wall. So while we recognize it is inconvenient, and even difficult for some of you to walk around to the front door, it is necessary in times of high winds. Please plan accordingly.



Thank you,
~The Management & Mother Nature

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). In each issue of the Golden Times (space permitting), I'm going to be sharing some exercises for your brain. I'll also give some tips I encourage you to incorporate them into your daily life and let's keep ourselves as active & healthy as we can! This month, "Spelling Words Backwards"

Drawing with Straight Lines

Draw a picture using a ruler and a pencil and no more than 12 straight lines. The lines may be of any length that you choose but they must be straight.



Many drawings can come out of straight lines. A few possibilities are: trees, roads, buildings, trucks, trains, furniture, animals or people.

Try drawing on different sizes of paper. Or draw on a piece of wood or birch bark or—you name it.Try your hand at two, three or more such drawings.

The Naughty List!

Continuing each month: you're on the naughty list if you haven't had your picture taken. How do you know? You have an asterisk next to your name in your birthday month. It's so easy, just stop at the front desk and let them know you need to get your picture taken for the database. They'll walk you through it! Thanks!

On occasion, we have been made aware of members who have gone through some tough times and have had trouble paying their dues. If you (or someone you know) is in that situation, please see a staff member. We have scholarship funds available to help those who might be in need. And if you'd like to donate to the scholarship fund, please also see a staff member. Thank you.



2026 Things to Come 2026

December

11th: Christmas Party
16th: Red Hat Christmas Party
24th/25th CLOSED/Christmas Holiday
31st/1st CLOSED/New Year's Holiday

2027 Schedule Coming Soon!



Michigan City Yearbooks!



Elston Still needed:: 1914 and before, 1917-1922, 1987
St. Mary's still needed: 1942, 1956, 1962-1968
Marquette: 1969-1974, 1976-1979, 1981+
Rogers High School still needed: 1974-1975, 1977, 1979-1982, 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.

FUN FACT: According to Google, the earliest Yearbook available for Elston was 1915. Which we have. There are NO copies of the Elston yearbook from 1917-1922. Neither us, nor the MC Public Library, nor the LP Historical Society has those years either. Does anyone know why the yearbook is missing from those years? I'm wondering if there is a story behind it. Please let me know if you have any idea (even if you've only heard rumors as to why not). Thanks!



Reminder! When you renew your dues each year (which are due in the month you joined), please be sure to update your info (including emergency contact)! Thanks!

Reminder! If you volunteer for at least 24 hours a year at our events, you're invited for FREE to our Volunteer Luncheon in May. So sign up today! Thanks!

Be sure to have your picture taken at the front desk if you haven't done so yet. No one sees it (including you) except the staff.



Reminder to Snow Birds to give us your change of address or ask us to put your newsletter on hold til you return, otherwise the post office charges us for each return. Thanks!



We have t-shirts for sale!

2 colors

Sizes Small through 4XL. $20



"Feast? Heck yeah! What are we eating?"

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Happy Anniversary

Dean & Jackie Conrad on their Nov anniversary
Mike McCluskey & Denise DeClue on their 20th on Nov 2
Dale & Cindy Batz on their 41st on Nov 3
Jack & Margaret Grylewicz on their 35th on Nov 3
Robert & Katherine Vanlew on their 58th on Nov 4
Larry & & Rose Pollock on their 50th on Nov 6
Garry & Kaye England on their 56th on Nov 7
Donald & Denise Mohamed on their 39th on Nov 7
Lee & Aimee Purcell on their 25th on Nov 10
Jim & Dina Brooks on their 26th on Nov 11
Danny & Pauletta Morgan on their 35th on Nov 11
David & & Cheryl Daurer on their 38th on Nov 12
Casey & Gloria Macewicz on their Nov 13th anniversary
Jim & Sally McCrindle on their 44th on Nov 14
Robert & Donna Solberg on their 33rd on Nov 14
Keith & Susan Casey on their 29th on Nov 16
Albert & Patricia Kozvek on their 23rd on Nov 16
Don Harrison & Barbara Fisher on their 7th on Nov 17
Karl & Shannon Gast on their 37th on Nov 19
Dwayne & Debbie Hogan on their 48th on Nov 19
Ruben & Joan Marie DeAvila on their 16th on Nov 20
John & Nancy Roberts on their 62nd on Nov 21



Michael & Julie Wendling on their 39th on Nov 22
Ted & Joanie Binsz on their 57th on Nov 23
Lester & Maryann Busch on their 63rd on Nov 25
Anthony & Linda Pavlak on their 48th on Nov 25
Reginald & Debra Williams on their 12th on Nov 26
David & Jean McLachlan on their Nov 29th anniversary
Don & Cindy Montgomery on their 45th on Nov 29
Ken & Paulette Barkow on their 57th on Nov 30
Roger & Jerraly Stark on their 51st on Nov 30

Please notify us of any anniversary/birthday corrections, sympathies, or if anyone needs a get well wish.



In Sympathy…



We wish to extend sympathy to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one.



Get Well Soon

To anyone feeling a bit under the weather.