



Mission Statement

"Our mission is to enrich the lives of Chisago County senior citizens and to support their individual lifestyles."

Chisago County

Senior Center

North Branch, MN

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July 2021

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Meet Dan Newes

Dan Newes is the current Chisago County Senior Center president. Growing up in East St. Paul, he attended school at Hill for 4 years. At one point, his dream was to live on a ranch in Montana with horses. His inspiration came from a part time job at a dairy farm where he and a few friends worked. In exchange for their hard work, they were allowed to ride the farmer's horses as much as they wanted.

In 1988, he moved to Chain Lake near North Branch. Even without the "SGM (Sergeant Major) Retired" embroidered on his hat, his military presence is evident. After serving 22 years in the Army Reserves, he was responsible for 150 soldiers and their training. Additionally, he worked for 35 years with 3M as chemist and a project engineer. Because of his enjoyment of school subjects like physics, chemistry, biology and calculus, his employment at 3M was a perfect fit. Toying with ideas as part of his job, he invented, developed and gained approval for a number of patents including grounding straps for shoes, rubber computer mats, hard chair mats, and flexible back lit seamless signs.



Dan and his wife, Diane, have three children and ten grandchildren who all live in Minnesota and Wisconsin. With his love of fishing, lakes and the outdoors, he and Diane spent a number of years camping on the weekends near Mora enjoying the time with family and other camping groups. Another interest of his is gardening. Dan's weed free raised bed provides an abundance of fresh vegetables. The community garden is also a pleasant place to gather with friends.

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Karen Kubat, a fellow gardener, approached us during the interview and said, “Dan is a good guy all around.”

Throughout the years Dan has volunteered in multiple organizations and in different capacities. While at 3M he was part of the clown club for five years. Participating in various parades throughout the summer, he created animals from long thin balloons and passed them out to the spectators. Other volunteer activities included Sunday school teacher, Sunday school administrator, greeter at Willow Brook Church, and Fare for All coordinator. His volunteer time began at Chisago County Senior Center by washing the floors and cleaning the bathrooms twice a week.

Dan’s dog, Cotton, accompanied him on his interview. Cotton, a rescue dog from Georgia, will be ten years old in August. She is a loyal friend. Riding in the vehicle with Dan, she often pokes her head into the front seat and nuzzles Dan’s ear reminding him that she appreciates his company.



Thank you Dan for your selfless service which is evident in so many areas of your life.

By—Michelle Fryc

Meet Catholic Charities

In the first five months of 2021, the North Branch Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels of Catholic Charities, St. Cloud provided 26,024 meals to the surrounding areas of North Branch, Isanti, Braham, and Rush City. This number also includes meals provided to seniors through the Family Pathways food shelves in Pine City, Sandstone, Cambridge, and Chisago City.



The North Branch Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels head manager and food coordinator is Jodi Payne. Edna Reichle-Terry is the Catholic Charities site coordinator. Sue Broden is the assistant food coordinator. Each week they assemble the cooked and frozen meals starting at 6:30 every Monday through Friday.

Meals can be picked up at the Chisago County Senior Center with the “Grab and Go” system or delivered via Meals on Wheels.

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Catholic Charities continued.....



Pick up times are as follows:

North Branch from 11:00 am –12:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays
Isanti from 11:30 am—12:00 on Monday
Rush City from 11:00-12:00 on Tuesdays

The only guideline for eligibility is to be age 60 or older. Contributions are accepted but not expected. A registration form must be filled out one time per year for each participant.

At the food shelves, food comes in prepackaged bags of 10 frozen meals. You can receive up to 30 meals per month. Each container is microwave and oven safe and is easy to heat. The meals provide meat, a vegetable, and a starch. These meals are nutritious and are prepared with no added salt. To order, please call 651-674-1956.

Hats off to Jodi, Edna, and Sue for their contributions to this valued service!

By—Michelle Fryc

Senior LinkAge Line

The Senior LinkAge Line provides free help to older adults who may need support remaining in or returning to their home. This is done by working with the person and/or caregiver to understand the person's needs and preferences, connecting them with services such as: housing resources, health insurance, financial assistance, caregiver supports, transportation, grocery shopping, and more!

Call for an appointment.

1-800-333-2433

<https://mn.gov/senior-linkage-line/>

Volunteers

Thank you to Connie Kaiser, Pat Menne-Hannigan, and Dan Newes for helping with the June newsletter.
Thank you to everyone for all the help with moving furniture and cleaning during the carpet installation.





The Center Is Open Again!

Chisago County Senior Center is open as of June 21. The doors are open from Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 1:00. Call the office to schedule activities or stop by to see the new carpet.

Dear Chisago County resident,

Your Chisago County Senior Center is preparing to reopen fully after being closed since March, 2020, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We will have rooms available for use again now that the carpet, which was damaged by a broken water pipe, was replaced June 3, 2021.

The Chisago County Board on Aging has updated the guidelines for use of the Center.

1. Each person or group who uses the Center must have a \$200 damage deposit on file in the office. This will be returned when the use has been completed if no damage has occurred and no further use is anticipated during the year. Groups that meet regularly at the Center can keep the deposit on file for the year.
2. Each renter is responsible for thoroughly disinfecting the areas used, including the bathrooms. Training in the use of the fogger system will be provided.
3. The rental charge for use of our rooms is as follows: Dining room and strip kitchen, \$100; Activity room, \$75; Conference room, \$25; Nurse's room, \$20.
4. If you are a non profit organization, you **must** have your identification number on file in the office to utilize space at no cost.
5. If you charge your attendees for your activity at the Senior Center, the Board will request reimbursement on sliding fee scale.

Please call the Senior Center office at 651-674-8658 with questions or to schedule rentals.

June Activities in North Branch

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Summer Music Series - Sweethearts Dinner Band *Alternative Rock from Then and Now*

6pm Food & Fun
6:45pm Story Time
7pm Concert

Held at the North Branch Central Park.

Please practice Social Distancing and follow COVID-19 Guidelines. This activity is made possible by voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

Family Pathways Food Shelf

The Family Pathways Food Shelf is open for appointments. Call to schedule.

North Branch—651-674-8313. Location is at 6381 Main St., North Branch, MN 55056.

Chisago City—651-257-1308. Location is at 10586 Liberty Lane, Chisago City, MN 55013.

Pine City—320-629-0128. Location is at 220 7th St. SW., Pine City, MN 55063.



"Got anything else? I gave up carbs."

Fare for All

Fare for All at Trinity Lutheran Church at 38460 Lincoln Trail N., North Branch, MN 55056 on **Wednesday, July 14** from 3:30 – 5:30.

Meeting and Transportation

Join us for the next **Chisago County Senior Center**

Board Meeting every

3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30.



June Board Meeting

WE'R'ABLE

Enjoy bowling every Thursday at JJ's Bowling in North Branch

Mention We'R'Able and pay \$6!

Enjoy a movie the 1st Thursday of the month
Pay \$8 for the 10:00 movie, popcorn and beverage at the GTI North Branch Theater.

Check their website for exact times, as they do vary.

<https://gtitheatres.com/>

For local transportation please call Arrowhead Transit at 1-800-862-0175, option 13.



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“If you live to be 100, I hope I live to be 100 minus 1 day, so I never have to live without you.”
- Winnie the Pooh



Visit the center for cards, coffee and exercise!
Enjoy spending time with friends!