

Chisago County

Senior Center News

Chisago County Community Center
38790 6th Avenue | North Branch, MN 55056 | 651-674-8658

What Kind of Senior Are You?

Find Your Place in the Hive of Community Life

Everyone brings something special to the table—whether you're leading the charge or quietly keeping things running. Take our quick quiz to discover your role in the community!

- 1. When there's a community event coming up, you...** A. Offer to help set up or clean up B. Jump in to organize and delegate tasks C. Share ideas and offer support where needed D. Show up early and ask, "What needs doing?" E. Stay behind the scenes, making sure everything flows. F. Share wisdom or resources to help others succeed
- 2. Your favorite kind of project is...** A. One where you can move, build, or create. B. One that brings people together C. One that lets you contribute without pressure D. One that needs reliable hands E. One that lets you teach or advise F. One that lets you lead with heart
- 3. People often describe you as...** A. Energetic and helpful B. Inspiring and organized C. Supportive and steady D. Reliable and hardworking E. Wise and generous F. Flexible and engaged

Tally Your Answers!

- Mostly A's → **The Doer**
- Mostly B's → **The Leader**
- Mostly C's → **The Contributor**
- Mostly D's → **The Worker Bee**
- Mostly E's → **The Resource**
- Mostly F's → **The Contributing Member**

Your Role Matters. No matter your type, you're a vital part of the community hive. Lean into your strengths, connect with others, and continue making a difference! Continued on page 4

Pot Luck Sunday

Nov 9th at 12:30 pm



Bring a dish to share.
Donations Welcome

Dice Games

Every Wednesday
at 12:30 pm



Bring your dimes!
Everyone is welcome!

Movie Day

Nov 11th at 1:30 pm



The Old Man & the Gun
with Robert Redford

ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

500 Card Game - Every Monday & Wednesday at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$1

Bingo - Every Thursday at 10 am. \$.25 per card, 2-card limit.

Cribbage – Every Friday at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$1.

Dice Games - Wednesdays at 12:30 — bring your dimes and enjoy a fresh dice game each week!

Domino's - Every Tuesday at 10 am. Come, even if you've never played, and we will teach you!

Exercise With Connie - Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Hand, Foot, and Arm - Every Thursday, from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

Happy Feet Foot Care - Appointments are available on the 3rd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of the month. Call 763-346-3390 for an appointment.

Live Music - Every Tuesday at 11:15 am. See the activities calendar for who is playing each week.

Movie Day - Every second Tuesday at 1:30 pm for a fun-filled movie afternoon—everything is free! Enjoy homemade popcorn and beverages. See our calendar for what's playing this month.

Pot Luck Sunday - Second Sunday at 12:30 pm. Bring a dish to share. Donations are welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities - Call the Senior Center for information at 651-674-8658

THANK YOU



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Judy Nelson for her generous donation in memory of Murial Kennedy.

We received memorials for Gloria Stil and Muriel Kennedy, both generously given by Carol Stradinger.

RESOURCES

Food

Catholic Charities Senior Dining, Monday – Friday at 11:45, Call for reservation (651)-674-1956

Fare For All, Trinity Lutheran Church, (763)-450-3860

Ruby's Pantry, Access Church, 2nd Saturday of the month. Starts at 9:30 am

Miscellaneous

Arrowhead Transit, 800-862-0175, option 13, [Arrowhead Transit](https://www.arrowheadtransit.org/)

Chisago Age Well Coalition, No phone #, <https://www.chisagoagewell.org/>

Family Pathways Aging Services, 651-674-8040, [Aging Services - Family Pathways](https://www.familypathways.org/)

Lakes & Pines, 320-679-1800, <https://www.lakesandpines.org/>

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, Senior Law Project, 1-888-360-2889 <http://www.mylegalaid.org>

Minnesota Aging Pathways, (651) 431-2500, <https://mn.gov/aging-pathways/>

Veterans Guide – Website: veteransguide.org, Email: outreach@veteransguide.org

Please see our website for the full list of resources www.chisagosrcenter.org

Thank You for a Wonderful Arts & Crafts Fair!

Our recent Arts and Crafts Fair wouldn't have been possible without the amazing volunteers and talented vendors who brought it all to life. Whether you helped behind the scenes, in the kitchen, or shared your beautiful work, we are deeply grateful for your time, energy, and enthusiasm.

A special shout-out goes to **Sara McNeely**, whose dedication and organizational magic made the entire event run smoothly. Thanks to all of you, the day was a success—and a reminder of what makes our community so special.



Just a few of the amazing volunteers who made it all happen!

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 21st
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Light lunch, Fellowship & Entertainment
Music by Anthony & Friends
Bring your Christmas spirit

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Free Will Offering

Give Blood.

Blood Drive



Tuesday, November 25, 2025

from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

At the Chisago County Senior Center,

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: North Branch to schedule an appointment.

Come Travel with Me - Carline Sargent

**The Christmas Pickle,
 Thursday, December 4th, 2025**

A musical comedy at the Seasons Dinner Theater
 Cost is \$118. Email: cometravelwme@gmail.com
 or Call 612-270-3403. Follow her on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/ComeTravelwMe>

Come Travel with Me - Group Travel Opportunities 2026 & 2027

- 2026 Hawaiian Adventure** - <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1338058>
- 2026 Greece Island Hopper** - <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1315850>
- 2026 Canadian Rockies** - <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1315916>
- 2027 Spectacular Scandinavia** - <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1383959>

President's Corner

Greetings from the Chisago County Senior Center! As many of you know—and some may not—the Chisago County Senior Center is entirely operated by volunteers. We are also primarily self-funded through annual fundraisers, room rentals, donations, a sublease of our commercial kitchen to Catholic Charities, and service contracts with a few participating cities and townships in Chisago County. We're always on the lookout for creative ways to raise funds and reduce expenses. This mindset recently led us to a great opportunity with WCMP Radio. Thanks to the help of their marketing consultant, Sarah, we've listed two half-price room rental coupons on the station's Deals Page. Here's what's available: Dining Room Rental holds 75–120 people and includes a fully equipped kitchen. Now \$75 (regularly \$150), the Activity Room Rental holds up to 60 people and includes a partial kitchen. Now \$50 (regularly \$100). In exchange for offering these deals, we receive advertising time on WCMP Radio. You may have even heard our ad leading up to the recent Arts & Crafts Fair on October 25th! This partnership is a win-win. Community members can rent event space at a reduced rate. The Senior Center gains valuable advertising, and WCMP earns revenue through the promotion. If you're planning a gathering and want to take advantage of these great deals, visit www.wcmpradio.com and click on the "Deals" section. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Center! Warmly, Carol, Chisago County Senior Center

This month, Live Music isn't limited to Tuesdays!
Take a peek at our calendar for updated showtimes!

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Suggested Roles for Each Type

Type	Ideal Roles or Jobs
A's Doer	Action-oriented, hands-on, energetic - Setup crew, Decorating team, Errand runner, or helper
B's Leader	Visionary, organized, confident - Event coordinator, Committee chair, or Speaker
C's Contributor	Creative, enthusiastic, idea-driven - Flyer designer, Puzzle or game creator
D's Worker Bee	Reliable, steady, behind-the-scenes - Newsletter folding, Kitchen, clean up, or supply manager
E's Resource	Wise, experienced, thoughtful - Mentor or advisor, Historian or storyteller, or a Workshop facilitator
F's Contributing Member	Team-oriented, supportive, flexible - Greeter or welcome desk, Group activity assistant, Volunteer coordinator

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Board Meeting Minutes Update

We're keeping things simple! From now on, board meeting minutes won't be included in the newsletter. But don't worry—you can always find the latest updates online.

Visit: <https://chisagosrcenter.org/board-meeting-minutes/>



Celebrating Our New and Returning Board Members

We're pleased to announce the election and re-election of several dedicated individuals to the Senior Center board. Their two-year terms will begin in January 2026.

We welcome **Floyd Pinotti** as a new board member. His fresh perspective and energy will be a valuable addition to our team. We also celebrate the re-election of **Cathy Buda**, **Connie Jaques**, and **Carol Gilquist**. Carol is stepping down from her role as President and will continue to serve as a board member. We're grateful for her leadership and ongoing commitment.

At this time, the **President** and **Secretary** positions remain open. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please reach out—we'd love to hear from you!

Congratulations to all, and thank you for your continued dedication to our community.

From 500 to Forever

In 2018, Dan and Joanne Miska each found their way to the Chisago County Senior Center—both recently widowed and seeking connection. Though they joined six months apart, their shared love of the card game 500 sparked a friendship that soon blossomed into love. This summer, they celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary and continue to be a cherished part of our senior center family, reminding us that new beginnings can happen at any age.



Word Scramble

DOG BREEDS



1. EELBAG _____
2. DLOEGN VIREETRER _____
3. YUSKH _____
4. HACUHIUAH _____
5. XOBRE _____
6. DROABLOE _____
7. NEMAGRHESHPERD _____
8. TCEARIRREIRN _____
9. HCSUDNHDA _____
10. KJAC SRUESL REIERRT _____

11. DOPLOE _____
12. GHSEINL DLGUBOL _____
13. LOPNLIPA _____
14. RZESNCHUA _____
15. NODHU _____
16. ROEBDRLOECLI _____
17. YRRTEROTIE _____
18. RIEVRETER _____
19. EOMADBNR _____
20. NIKG CHSLEAR NLAESPI _____



"My memory really sucks Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect"



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Mission Statement

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

Board of Directors:

Carol Gilquist, President
 Betty Anderson Schlipp, Vice President
 Terry Reyer, Secretary
 Todd Fisk, Treasurer
 Directors: Barb Cuppett, Carol Stradinger, Cathy Buda, Connie Jaques, Henry Scott, Connie Kaiser, Gwen Swenson, Marge Scheele & Pam Schultz
 Board Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 am at the senior center

OPEN TO ALL!

Puzzle Answers:

Theme: Dog Breeds

1. Beagle, 2. Golden Retriever 3. Husky 4. Chihuahua 5. Boxer 6. Labrador 7. German Shepherd 8. Cairn Terrier 9. Dachshund 10. Jack Russell Terrier 11. Poodle 12. English Bulldog 13. Papillon 14. Schnauzer 15. Hound 16. Border Collie 17. Toy Terrier 18. Retriever 19. Doberman 20. King Charles Spaniel

Senior Center Activities

Office Hours are Monday - Friday 8 am to 1 pm

Website: www.chisagocountycenter.org Email: chisagocountyseniorcenter@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 	3 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	4 10:00 Dominos	5 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	6 10:00 Bingo 12:30 Hand, Foot & Arm	7 10:30 Exercise 12:00 <i>Music Karlynnna</i> 1:00 Cribbage	8
9 12:30 Pot Luck	10 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	11 10:00 Dominos 11:15 <i>Music - Dennis Schaefer</i> 1:30 Movie - The Old Man & the Gun	12 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	13 10:00 Bingo 12:30 Hand, Foot & Arm	14 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	15
16	17 10:30 Exercise 11:15 <i>Music Randy Luebesmier</i> 1:00 500 Cards	18 10:00 Dominos	19 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards Happy Feet	20 9:30 Board Mtg 10:00 Bingo 12:30 Hand, Foot & Arm	21 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	22
23	24 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	25 9:00 Blood Drive 10:00 Dominos 11:15 <i>Music Kathy Coury</i>	26 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	27 	28 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	29

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1:00 500 Cards

November



Catholic Charities Senior Dining Menu

November 2025

Lunch served at 11:45 a.m. at Chicago County Senior Center, North Branch - For reservations, please call 651-674-1956 before 8:00 a.m.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3 Mexican Hotdish Pineapple Churro Bread	4 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Noodles Green Beans Bun or Breadstick Cookie	5 Baked Chicken O'Brien Potatoes Carrots Jello w/ Whipped Topping Bread	6 Ham Salad on Croissant Pasta Salad Fresh Fruit Chocolate Ice Cream Cup	7 Hamburger Tomato Casserole Peaches Chocolate Pudding Bread		
10 Chicken Ala King over 1 biscuit Carrots Cookie	11 Porcupine Meatballs Half of a Baked Potato Broccoli Brownie	12 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit (sandwich) Applesauce Yogurt Cup Cinnamon Roll	13 BBQ Chicken O'Brien Potato Green Beans Cake	14 Pizza Casserole Corn Oranges Bread Cookie		
17 Breaded Salmon Oven Roasted Potatoes Cream Peas Bread Cake	18 Turkey Burger on a bun Sweet Potatoes Coleslaw Ice Cream Cup	19 Swedish Meatballs over Noodles Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Bread Jello	20 Liver & Onions Mashed potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Cake Bread	21 Macaroni & Cheese Beef Brisket Broccoli Spiced Apples Bread		
24 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Vegetable Normandy Fruit Salad Bread	25 Flatbread Sausage Pizza Chuckwagon Corn Brownie	26 Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dressing Green Beans Dinner Roll Pie	27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> CLOSED	28 Sloppy Joe on bun Tator Tots German Potato Salad Vanilla Ice Cream Cup		
		Milk is served with every meal. Menu is subject to change. Dining/MOW closure announcements: P WCMP FM 100.9 FM 106.5 AM 1350 Partially funded under contract with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging as part of the Older Americans Act and Administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud.				

November

Rental Spaces

Looking for a welcoming space to host your next gathering? The Chisago County Senior Center offers a variety of rental rooms in different sizes—perfect for meetings, celebrations, dinners, and more. Whether you're planning a cozy get-together or a lively event, our inviting spaces are open to the public and ready to make your occasion special.

Dining Room Rental

Capacity: Up to 120 guests

Features: A spacious dining area with access to a fully equipped kitchen, perfect for hosting events and gatherings.

Cost: \$150 per activity

Create memorable experiences in a comfortable and accommodating space!



Activity Room Rental

Capacity: Up to 60 guests

Features: A spacious and versatile open area with durable tile flooring, a convenient countertop, a microwave, a fridge, and a sink for added ease.

Cost: \$100 per activity

Perfect for gatherings, meetings, or celebrations!



Conference Room Rental

Capacity: Up to 20 guests

Features: Equipped with four 4' square tables and 20 chairs, providing a comfortable and functional setting.

Cost: \$50 per activity

Ideal for meetings, presentations, and small gatherings!



Reservation Process

Please call us at 651-674-8658 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to inquire about rental availability.

Rental information can be found on our website under the "Rentals" tab.

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Physical Address 38790 6th Ave, North Branch, MN 55056

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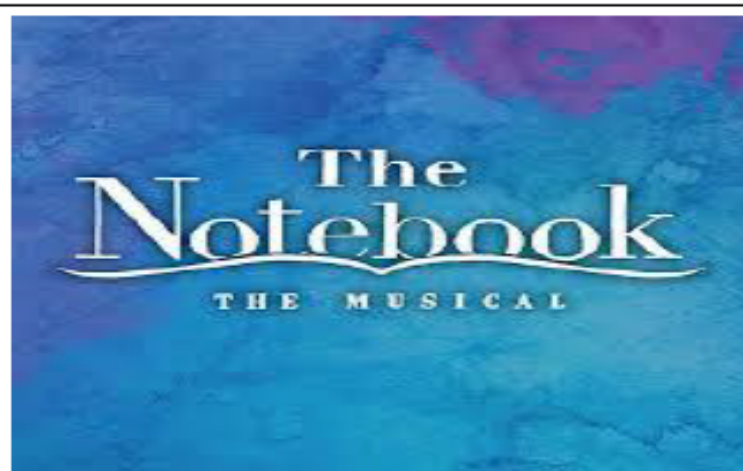
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**ORDWAY THEATER
DAY TRIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd**



The Notebook, is a Broadway musical based on Nicholas Sparks' best-selling novel about a couple's lifelong romance, told from the perspective of an older couple, one of whom has Alzheimer's. The Ordway Theater is an elegant venue with excellent acoustics!

COST: \$130

Includes coach transportation (drop-off at the entrance) and ticket to the ORDWAY Broadway production of *The Notebook*. Beverages and snacks will be available to purchase during intermission. Food & beverages are allowed on the coach bus.

TRANSPORTATION PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOCATIONS & TIMES:

Princeton Walmart (Garden Center parking lot), 300 21st Avenue: **DEPART PROMPTLY @ 11:00 AM**
Cambridge Senior Activity Center, 140 Buchanan Street: **DEPART PROMPTLY @ 11:30 AM**
North Branch Outlets (Bath & Body), 38500 Tanger Drive: **DEPART PROMPTLY @ 12:00 PM**

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Come Travel with Me/Carline Sargent, 32914 Nacre Street NW, Princeton, MN 55371

Please make checks payable to: Come Travel with Me

Questions call: 612-270-3403

THE NOTEBOOK – Ordway Theater, November 23, 2025 – Registration Form

First & Last Name _____ Email _____

Phone # _____ Who do you want to sit with? _____

Of tickets _____ If more than one ticket, please list names and contact information of people tickets are for:

Pick-up/drop-off location (circle one): Princeton Cambridge North Branch



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

HOLIDAY DAY TRIP

Thursday, December 4th



Join us for this delightful, musical comedy, wrapped up in family dynamics and sibling rivalries as Dot's family tries to unravel the mystery behind what seems to be driving mother nuts!! The Seasons Dinner Theatre does a wonderful job of putting everyone in the Christmas Spirit!!

COST: \$118 Includes coach transportation, lunch, show and gratuity.

Menu choices: Walleye, Herb Crusted Pork Loin, or Three Cheese Stuffed Shells. Also includes: Bread, Salad, Chef's selected accompaniments, coffee or tea.

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The Christmas Pickle, December 4, 2025 – Registration Form

First & Last Name _____ Email _____

Phone # _____ Who do you want to sit with? _____

Of tickets _____ If more than one ticket, please list names, contact information & meal choice for each person.

Meal Choice (circle one): Walleye Pork Loin (gluten & dairy free) Three Cheese Stuffed Shells (vegetarian)

Pick-up/drop-off location (circle one): Princeton Cambridge



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Pickup/drop off locations:

Princeton, Cambridge, North Branch



MINNESOTA WILD vs EDMONTON OILERS

SATURDAY, December 20, 2025 – 2PM GAME

Enjoy a MINNESOTA WILD HOCKEY GAME without the hassle of driving and finding parking!!

EVERYONE WELCOME: Adults, Seniors, Grandkids, Youth Hockey Players

COST: \$118 – Includes round trip coach bus ride to Grand Casino Arena & Game Ticket (section 214).

TRANSPORTATION PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOCATIONS & TIMES:

Walmart Parking Lot (by garden center), 300 21st Ave N, Princeton - **DEPART PROMPTLY @ 11:30 AM**

Cambridge Senior Activity Center, 140 Buchanan St. N, Cambridge – **DEPART PROMPTLY @ 12:00 PM**

North Branch Outlets (Bath & Body), 38500 Tanger Drive, North Branch – **DEPART PROMPTLY @ 12:25 PM**

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Minnesota Wild Game, December 20, 2025 – Registration Form

First & Last Name _____ Email _____

Phone # _____ Who do you want to sit with? _____

Of tickets _____ If more than on ticket, please list names and contact information of people tickets are for.

Pick-up/drop-off location (select one): Princeton Cambridge North Branch