

December 2025

Chisago County

Senior Center News

Chisago County Community Center
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

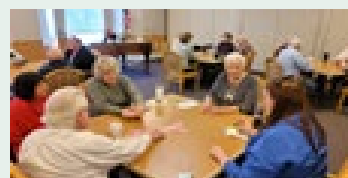
DECEMBER 21, 2025, at 1 pm - 3 pm

Music by Anthony & Friends
Light lunch, Fellowship & Entertainment
At the Chisago County Community Center

Free will offering

500 Card Game

Every Monday & Wednesday
at 1:00 pm



Happy Feet Foot Care

will be available on
Wednesday, December 17th.
Please note, this is the only
visit scheduled for
December since the fourth
Thursday falls on a holiday

Cribbage

Every Friday at 1:00 pm



CONNECT WITH US

651-674-8658

<https://www.chisagosrcenter.org>

chisagocountyseniorcenter@gmail.com

*Merry
Christmas!*

ACTIVITIES

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 are grateful to Roberta Elmstrand for her thoughtful donation in memory of Gloria Still.

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](#)

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

Family Pathways Aging Services, 651-674-8040, [Aging Services - Family Pathways](#)

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

Dice Game Wednesdays!



Every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30, we gather for an hour of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. Every week brings a fresh roll of the dice—Yahtzee, Left Right Center, Horse Racing, and plenty more surprises to keep things exciting.” We’re always looking for more players, so grab a seat at the table and let the good times roll!

* Volunteers Needed *

Catholic Charities Congregate Dining

Join us in making mealtimes special at the Chisago County Senior Center!

Help with weekday lunch service: set and wash tables, prepare coffee, serve lunch, and assist with cleanup.

Hours: 10:30 AM–12:30 PM,
Monday–Friday.

Call 651-674-1956 or visit their website at [Dining Room Volunteer-North Branch](#) to learn more.

Your time and care bring joy and connection to the lives of our seniors!

Give Blood.

Blood Drive



Tuesday, January 20, 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>

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MN WILD vs EDMONTON OILERS Saturday, December 20th

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Come Travel with Me Group Travel Opportunities:

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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>

Presidents Corner

Greetings from the Chisago County Senior/Community Center

Last month, I shared that the Chisago County Senior/Community Center is a self-funded, volunteer-run nonprofit organization. We rely on donations throughout the year, along with space rentals and fundraising events, to keep our doors open.

Many of you are familiar with the online fundraising platform [GiveMN.org](https://www.givemn.org). As a previous donor and user of the site, I'm reminded each year—right about this time—of their “Give to the Max” Day. It's a great reminder for me to let our readers know that the Chisago County Senior/Community Center is listed on this website and can receive donations through it.

While our primary mission is to serve the seniors in our community, the Center is also a vital gathering place for many other nonprofit and community groups—organizations that don't have the revenue to rent meeting space. Groups such as 4-H, Cub Scouts, Master Gardeners, We Are Able, the Grange, and many others use our building free of charge. Your support helps ensure that these organizations have a place to meet and thrive. Without a space like ours, some of them might not exist.

As we enter this season of giving, please consider visiting [GiveMN.org](https://www.givemn.org) and making a donation to support the Chisago County Senior/Community Center. Your generosity keeps the lights on, the doors open, and the entire community connected.

Thank you from all of us.

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If your house
is cold. Just
stand in the
corner. It's
always 90
degrees there.



Lakes and Pines Community Action Council

Energy Assistance Program

Primary heat assistance. Assists in paying a portion of the household's home heating bills.

Reach out for Warmth

Assists households when funds for Energy Assistance are no longer available.

Energy Crisis Assistance

For emergencies such as utility shutoff notices or non-delivery of fuel.

Energy Related Repair

Helps homeowners repair or replace a failing furnace.

Call 320-679-1800 or visit

<https://www.lakesandpines.org/energy-assistance>

Board Meeting Minutes Update

To streamline our newsletter, board meeting minutes will no longer be included in future editions. The latest updates and full minutes will continue to be available online for your convenience.

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



Merry Christmas from the Chisago County Senior Center!

As the year draws to a close, we pause to celebrate the joy of the season and the gift of community. Here at the Senior Center, we are grateful for the laughter, friendship, and support that fill our halls each day. May your Christmas be wrapped in peace, sprinkled with kindness, and tied together with love.

From all of us to all of you—thank you for being part of our family. Wishing you a holiday season filled with cherished moments and a New Year brimming with hope and happiness.

The Four Stages of Christmas



You believe
in Santa.

You don't
believe in
Santa.

You are
Santa.

You look
like Santa



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Word Scramble

WEATHER

1. CDLO
2. OTDOANR
3. AHLI
4. IWDN
5. OTRSF
6. NIHNLGIT
7. ZLZRDIE
8. IARN
9. NMONOOS
10. RVSTEOCA

11. NSIEHSUN
12. NRHAIERUC
13. DOYULC
14. MIUDH
15. RODHUTG
16. RRTMTUHENDSO
17. WONS
18. IDRAZZBL
19. OFOLD
20. DSTRAMONS



"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: WEATHER

1. COLD, 2. TORNADO, 3. HAIL, 4. WIND, 5. FROST, 6. LIGHTNING, 7. DRIZZLE, 8. RAIN, 9. MONSOON, 10. OVERCAST, 11. SUNSHINE, 12. HURRICANE, 13. CLOUDY, 14. HUMID, 15. DROUGHT, 16. THUNDERSTORM, 17. SNOW, 18. BLIZZARD, 19. FLOOD, 20. SANDSTORM

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
	1 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	2 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music Dennis Schafer	3 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	4 10:00 Bingo 12:30 Hand, Foot & Arm	5 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	6
7	8 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	9 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music - Solid Rock Quartet 1:30 Movie -Christmas Chronicles 1	10 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	11 10:00 Bingo 12:30 Hand, Foot & Arm	12 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	13
14 12:30 Pot Luck	15 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	16 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music Jenni Thyng	17 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards Happy Feet	18 9:30 Board Mtg 10:00 Bingo 12:30 Hand, Foot & Arm	19 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	20
21 <i>Christmas Concert</i> 	22 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	23 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music - TBD	24 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	25 	26 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	27
28 Starts at 1 pm	29 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	30 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music Donovan & Family	31 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>New Years Eve</i>	<div> <div>December</div>  </div>		

Catholic Charities Senior Dining Menu

December 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
1 Polish Sausage Fried Onions & Peppers Half of a Baked Potato Vegetable Normandy Bread	2 Meatloaf Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy Beets Rice Crispy Treat	3 Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Pears Brownie	4 Tuna Noodle Casserole Carrots Pudding Bread	5 BBQ Chicken Potatoes O'Brien Green Beans Sugar Cookie		
8 Salisbury Steak Paprika Potatoes Peas Bread Pie	9 Chicken Patty on bun Green Beans Sweet Potato Chocolate Pudding w/ Whipped Topping	10 Tilapia Rice Pilaf Broccoli Bread	11 Tator Tot Hotdish Mandarin Oranges Cookie Bread	12 Baked Pork Chop Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy Mixed Vegetables Bread Spiced Apples		
15 Pork Tenderloin Cheesy Potatoes Vegetable Normandy Cookie Bread	16 Cheese Ravioli Broccoli Peaches Bread Churro	17 Chicken Alfredo Noodles Scandinavia Vegetables Cake	18 Flatbread Pizza (Sausage) Corn Brownie	19 Western Chili Half Sandwich Fruit Cocktail Cookie		
22 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham California Normandy Fruit Salad Bread	23 Hamburger Stroganoff Noodles Peas Strawberries	24 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Burrito Hashbrowns Fruit Cocktail Cinnamon Roll	25  CLOSED	26 Baked Chicken Garden Vegetable Rice Broccoli Cookie		
29 Lasagna Roll Up Peas Peaches Bread	30 BBQ Pork Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Brownie	31 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Oriental Vegetables Mandarin Oranges Cookie	Milk is served with every meal. Menu is subject to change. Dining/MOW closure announcements: 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.			



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.

Email Address chisagocountyseiorcenter@gmail.com

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



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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.

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

Princeton Walmart (Garden Center parking lot), 300 21st Avenue: DEPART PROMPTLY @ 9:00 AM

Cambridge Senior Activity Center, 140 Buchanan Street: DEPART PROMPTLY @ 9:30 AM

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 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

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