

Chisago County

Senior Center News

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

More Than a Card Game



Just look at the smiles in this photo—this is what 500 at the Senior Center is all about: friendship, laughter, and spending time with a wonderful group of people. Every Monday and Wednesday at 1:00 pm, players gather around the card tables for a little friendly competition and a lot of fun. Whether you're a seasoned player or haven't played in decades, you'll find a welcoming group ready to deal you in.

For many of our members, 500 is more than a card game. It's a chance to get out of the house, stay connected, share stories, and enjoy the company of friends. The cards may bring people together, but it's the camaraderie that keeps them coming back. With just a \$1 entry fee, you'll enjoy an afternoon of fun and a chance to split the pot with the day's winners.

Take a look at those happy faces—there's always room for one more. Pull up a chair and join us!

The snacks alone are worth the trip →



Puzzles and a Warm Cup of Coffee



Every morning at 9:30
Monday - Friday

Catholic Charities Senior Dining



Monday - Friday 11:45 am
See page six for the menu

Volunteers Opportunities



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

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.

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.

Puzzles – Mon-Fri at 9 am to 1 pm, where there's always a warm cup of coffee and good company.

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

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, [Fare For All Schedule - The Food Group](#)

Family Pathway Food Shelf, by Appt, 651-674-8040, [Home - Family Pathways](#)

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS THEME: SURPRISE

1. ASTONISH, 2. STARTLE, 3. SHOCK, 4. AMAZE, 5. DELIGHT, 6. WONDER, 7. UNEXPECTED, 8. ASTONISHMENT, 9. UNPREDICTABLE, 10. WOW, 11. BEWILDER, 12. JOLT, 13. THRILL, 14. REVELATION, 15. ASTOUND, 16. CURIOSITY, 17. BAFFLE, 18. STUN, 19. STARTLING, 20. EXCITE



Fall Arts & Craft Fair

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Saturday, October 24th 2026
9 am - 3 pm

\$45 per space. All art & craft pieces must be handmade by the vendor. Vendors will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration form and information letter are on our website, www.chisagosrcenter.org



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To register for these or other classes in your area, call: 320-308-1400 or 888-234-1294

You can also register online at
www.DriverDiscountProgram.com
4-Hour in-person classes at the Senior Center:

Sept 15th, 2026
12 noon to 4:00 pm

Dine & Discover

Hosted by the Chisago Age Well Coalition
with the assistance of the Initiative Foundation and a Title III Grant
from the Central Minnesota Council on Aging as part of the Older Americans Act

Save the Date:

**Thursday, August 13, 2026: Alzheimers and Dementia
Diagnosis, Treatment, and Caregiver Support**

9:00 am- Chisago County Senior Center, 38790 Sixth Ave., North Branch
Light Breakfast served

12 Noon- Zion Lutheran Church, 28005 Old Towne Rd., Chisago City
Light lunch served.

3:30 pm- Rush City Community Center, 720 W 14th St, Rush City
Afternoon Appetizers Served

Registration requested. Call 651-674-1025. To register online, go to North Branch Community Education, choose Senior Offerings, and scroll to Dine & Discover





Summer Fun Around Town



Summer is one of the best times to get out and enjoy everything our local communities have to offer. From county fairs and hometown celebrations to live music and great food, there are plenty of opportunities to make memories with family and friends.

Be sure to check out the **Chisago County Fair** in Rush City (**July 9–12**), **Winehaven's July Jam in the Vines** (**July 18**), and **Harris Days** (**July 24–26**). Looking ahead, **Ki Chi Saga Days** in Chisago City (**August 20–23**) will feature crafts, food, entertainment, and community fun for all ages.

Whether you're strolling through a fair, listening to live music, or simply enjoying a summer evening with friends, we hope you'll take advantage of these wonderful local events and celebrate the season!



See Us on WCMP's Deals Page!

Our Community Center room rentals are featured with special discounts on wcmpradio.com → Deals!

The Activity Room or Dining Room is half off.

Head to

<https://www.wcmpradio.com/deals>

to purchase directly—quick, easy, and budget-friendly.

Share with friends and start planning your event today!

Questions? Call 651-674-8658.

Schedule a Pontoon Trip

Enjoy a relaxing outing on the water with Let's Go Fishing! We operate two handicap-accessible pontoons: one at Flickabirds Resort on East Rush Lake in Rush City and one on Chisago Lake in Chisago City.

The Rush Lake pontoon seats up to 10 guests (2 wheelchairs).

The Chisago Lake pontoon seats up to 8 guests (2 wheelchairs). You can sign up as a group or individually—we'll match you with a group if needed. Whether you want to fish or simply enjoy a peaceful cruise, we'd love to have you aboard.

Rush Lake Schedule: Mon–Thur: 9–11am & 11:30–1:30pm Fri: 10am–Noon Additional trips: Tues 6–8pm; Wed 2–4pm & 6–8pm

Chisago Lakes Schedule: Mon–Thur: 9–11am & 11:30–1:30pm Fri: 10am–Noon Additional trip: Wed 6–8pm (Other times may be available upon request.)

We provide life jackets (adult sizes), fishing gear, bait, water, and cookies—just bring yourself and enjoy the day. **To schedule a trip, call 651-402-5960.**



Volunteer Spotlight: Jeanne Fox

Many of the wonderful Tuesday music programs enjoyed at the Senior Center wouldn't be possible without Jeanne Fox. As the volunteer who coordinates our musicians, Jeanne helps bring great entertainment, friendship, and fun to our community each week.

Before retiring, Jeanne spent 20 years working at Ford Motor Company. Her love of music began early, performing as a lead in *Show Boat* during high school. Over the years, she has continued sharing her musical talents by singing at weddings, funerals, and other special occasions.

Jeanne's generous spirit extends beyond music. She enjoys creating shoebox gifts for people in need around the world and has traveled extensively, visiting Europe, Israel, the Czech Republic, and many other destinations.

We are grateful for Jeanne's dedication, enthusiasm, and all she does to make the Senior Center a welcoming place for everyone. Thank you, Jeanne, for sharing your time and talents with us!



For Sale



Ricoh Aficio MP 3010 Printer/Copier/Scanner

Asking \$200 OBO pickup at the Senior Center, North Branch, MN.

You're welcome to stop by and test it before buying. It's ready to go.

Call 651-674-8658

For more details

Word Scramble

SURPRISE

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| 3. OSHKC | _____ | 13. LRHITL | _____ |
| 4. ZMEAA | _____ | 14. VTERENOIA | _____ |
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| 7. EENUTXEPDC | _____ | 17. BAEFFL | _____ |
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| 10. OWW | _____ | 20. EEITCX | _____ |

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CHISAGO COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

DICE GAMES EVERY WEDNESDAY

Games start at 12:30 -1:30 pm

We enjoy a wide variety of fun, easy-to-learn dice games, including Yahtzee, Horse Races, Bunco, Farkle, Left-Right-Center, and many more.

- ✓ Everything is provided, from the games to the coffee. All that's missing is you!

📍 38790 6th Ave, North Branch

MORE INFORMATION

🌐 www.chisagosrcenter.org



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DONATIONS

Support Our Seniors

Your gift helps keep programs strong, doors open, and seniors connected.

Every contribution helps.

Donate today:

- Online: www.chisagosrcenter.org
- In person at our front desk
- By mail: Chisago County Senior Ctr
38790 6th Ave, North Branch, MN
55056.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

Mission Statement

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

Board of Directors:

Cathy Buda, President

Betty Anderson Schlipp, Vice President

Terry Reyer, Secretary

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Directors: Carol Gilquist, Barb Cuppett,
Carol Stradinger, Connie Jaques, Henry
Scott, Connie Kaiser, Marge Scheele,
Pam Schultz, and Floyd Pinotti

Board Meeting every 3rd Thursday
of the month at 9:30 am at the
senior center
OPEN TO ALL!

Senior Center Activities

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 1 pm

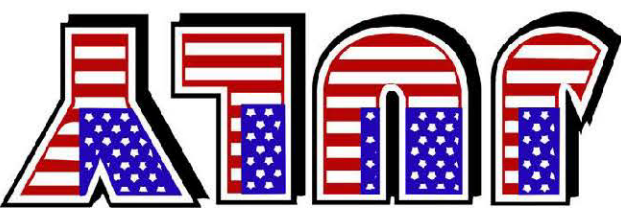
Website: www.chisagorcenter.org Email: chisagocountyseniorcenter@gmail.com Phone: 651-674-8658

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July			1 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	2 10:00 Bingo	3 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	4 
5	6 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	7 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music - Dave Gourhan	8 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	9 10:00 Bingo	10 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	11
12 12:30 Pot Luck	13 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	14 10:00 Dominos 1:30 Movie - No movie <i>Movies resume Sept 8th</i>	15 10:30 Exercise 11:15 Music - Wire & Wood 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards Happy Feet	16 9:30 Board Mtg 10:00 Bingo	17 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	18
19	20 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	21 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music - Dennis Schaefer	22 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	23 10:00 Bingo Happy Feet	24 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	25
26	27 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	28 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music - Johnson Brothers	29 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	30 10:00 Bingo	31 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	

Catholic Charities Senior Nutrition Menu

July 2026

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
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.						
6 Chicken Salad on a Croissant Fresh Fruit Kettle Chips Cake	7 Porcupine Meatballs Half of a Baked Potato Peas Brownie	8 Sliced Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Bread	9 Tilapia Rice Vegetable Normandy Bread	10 BBQ Pork Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Cookie		
13 Chicken O'Brien Potatoes Carrots Bread	14 Stuffed Pepper Casserole Garden Salad Brownie Bread	15 Turkey Meatballs over Noodles Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Bread Jello	16 Egg & Hashbrown Bake Applesauce Broccoli Pastry	17 Chow Mein Rice Oriental Vegetables Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie		
20 BBQ Chicken Tator Tots 3 Bean Salad Bread Cookie	21 Beef Tips w/ Mushrooms & Onions & gravy over Noodles Beets Bread	22 Soup Sandwich Banana	23 Chicken Ala King over 1 biscuit Pineapple Cookie	24 Salmon Patty on a bun Cucumber Salad Kettle Chips		
27 Beef Ravioli w/ Alfredo Sauce Vegetable Normandy Bread Rice Crispy Treat	28 Chicken Enchiladas Spanish Rice Black Beans Churros	29 Country Steak Whipped Potatoes w/ gravy Broccoli Bread Cookie	30 Turkey w/ Spaetzle Dumplings Peas Peaches Bread	31 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich Hashbrown Triangle Grapes		
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All vendor payments are to be made
only to the Senior Center

Sponsored by:

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Rental Spaces

Looking for the perfect place to host your next gathering? The Chisago County Senior Center offers a variety of rental rooms in multiple sizes—ideal for meetings, celebrations, dinners, and special events. Our inviting spaces are open

Dining Room

Capacity: 72 seated; max 120

Features: Spacious dining area with full access to a fully equipped kitchen. Ideal for weddings, reunions, corporate events, and special gatherings.

Rate: \$150 per activity



Activity Room

Capacity: 32 seated; max 60

Features: Bright, spacious room with durable tile flooring, countertop, microwave, fridge, and sink—easy setup and cleanup.

Rate: \$100 per activity



Conference Room

Capacity: Seating for 16

Features: Dedicated conference space with four 4' square tables and comfortable chairs in a clean, organized layout.

Rate: \$50 per activity



Reservation Process

Please call **651-674-8658** between **8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday–Friday**, to check rental availability.

Email: chisagocountyseiorcenter@gmail.com

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

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2027 – Canyon Country <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1423091>



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