

October 2026

Chisago County

Senior Center News

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



**Chisago County Community Center
Annual Fall**

Arts & Crafts Fair!

Saturday, October 24th, 2026
38790 6th Avenue, North Branch, MN
9 am – 3 pm



Shop unique handmade goods! Browse fishing lures, stained glass, crocheted and quilted items, Christmas décor, kids' art kits, cards, florals, upcycled and handmade fashions, bird feeders, ceramics, 3D-printed pieces, diamond art, wearable art, and laser-engraved creations—a great mix of one-of-a-kind items from local makers. And while you're here, treat yourself to our bake sale and a warm bowl of wild rice soup!

A fundraiser Event

Vendor payments should be
made only to the Center

Pot Luck Sunday



Every 2nd Sunday of the
Month at 12:30 pm
Bring a dish to share.
Donations Welcome

Dominoes



Every Tuesday at 10 am
No experience? No problem!
We'll teach you everything
you need to know.

Puzzles and a warm cup of coffee



Every morning
Monday – Friday
8 am to 1 pm



CONNECT WITH US

651-674-8658

<https://www.chisagosrcenter.org>

chisagocountyseiorcenter@gmail.com

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. Check our calendar to see what's playing this month.

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

Puzzles – Mon-Fri from 9 am to 1 pm; always a warm cup of coffee and good conversation.

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



CredibleMind is a free online wellbeing resource with easy videos, articles, and self-care tools on topics like sleep, stress, grief, and staying mentally sharp. It's simple to use and available 24/7 — a helpful support for anyone looking to feel their best.

<https://chisagocounty.crediblemind.com/>

RESOURCES

Food

Catholic Charities Senior Dining, Monday – Friday at 11:45, Call for reservations (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



Annual Meeting Notice – Chisago County Board on Aging

The Chisago County Board on Aging will hold its Annual Meeting on

Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 9:30 AM

at the Chisago County Senior/Community Center, 38790 6th Ave, North Branch, MN 55056. This year's meeting features the election of officers for the following two-year positions:

Vice President

Treasurer

Five Directors

Community members age 50 and older who live or work in Chisago County are eligible to serve on the Board. If you're interested in helping guide programs, support local seniors, and strengthen community connections, we encourage you to get involved.

To have your name added to the ballot, contact any current board member. We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming new voices to the Board!

A graphic for a Red Cross Blood Drive. It features a large red cross on a blue background. Below the cross, a hand is shown holding two small red blood donation vials. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of red and black colors.

**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**
Tuesday, October 27th, 2026
From 9 am to 3 pm

Hosted at
Chisago County Senior Ctr
38790 6th Ave, North Branch

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

Two logos are displayed side-by-side. The left logo is for 'PRECISION DRIVING CENTER' with a shield icon and the text 'A DIVISION OF ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY'. The right logo is for the '55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM' with a large '55+' and a plus sign.

**PRECISION
DRIVING CENTER**
A DIVISION OF ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

**55+ DRIVER
DISCOUNT
PROGRAM**

**GET UP TO 10% OFF YOUR CAR INSURANCE
FOR 3 YEARS!**

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

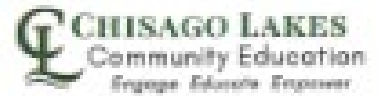
4-Hour in-person classes at the Senior Center:

November 17th, 2026
12 noon to 4:00 pm

Subscribe to our E-Newsletter at www.chisagosrcenter.org



FREE EVENT



2026 CHISAGO AGE WELL EXPO

"It's Never Too Late to Learn Something New!"

Friday, October 16th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Chisago Lakes High School Performing Arts Center (PAC)

www.ChisagoAgeWell.org for more information

Come Travel with Me – UPCOMING DAY TRIPS

October 20th - Pride & Prejudice - Festival Theatre, St. Croix Falls

November 11th - Annie – Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

December 16th - Christmas Show - Seasons Dinner Theater

Carline Sargent Email: cometravelwme@gmail.com Call: 612-270-3403

Word Scramble

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| 9. EDSCVOIR | _____ | 19. CSAHER | _____ |
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OFFICE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Ready to make a real difference?

Join our office team and help create a positive impact in the community!



One day a week from 8 am to 1 pm

Email: chisagocountyseniorcenter@gmail.com

Forever Young Club

For Older Active Adults

Oct 6th – Tour of Lindstrom

Oct 16th – Age Well Expo 9 am – 1 pm

Oct 20th – Meeting & Speaker

Nov 4th – Mill City Museum

Nov 17th – Meeting & Speaker

Dec 2nd – Chanhassen – Annie

Dec 15th – Holiday Luncheon

Jan – Forever Young Meeting

Chisago Lakes Community Ed

[Forever Young Club](#)

20. ENTHUSIASM
14. ANALYZE, 15. EXPLORE, 16. PROBE, 17. PONDER, 18. OBSERVANT, 19. SEARCH,
7. INTRIGUE, 8. INVESTIGATE, 9. DISCOVER, 10. EXCITEMENT, 11. EAGER, 12. KEEN, 13. QUEST,
1. INQUIRY, 2. WONDER, 3. INTEREST, 4. EXPLORATION, 5. INQUISITIVE, 6. QUESTION,
PUZZLE ANSWERS - THEME: CURIOSITY

For Our Veterans: A Hidden Risk You Should Know About

If you served in the military, you may have been around asbestos far more than anyone realized at the time. It was used everywhere—on ships, in vehicles, in barracks, even in protective gear. Decades later, many veterans are only now discovering that this exposure can lead to serious health issues.

We've added a new resource to our website that breaks down **20 common places where service members encountered asbestos**. It's clear, easy to read, and may help you understand whether your own service put you at risk.

If you or someone you love served, take a moment to review it. Your health matters, and being informed is the first step toward getting the support you deserve.

Link: [20 Places in the Military with Asbestos Exposure](#) | [Oslund Udo Little](#)

Arts & Crafts Fair

Sneak peek

MR. TIK'S TREASURES LLC
Handmade Concrete
mtikstresures@gmail.com
Facebook: Mr. Tik's Treasures LLC

OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN
BAPTIZED BE THINE NAME
IN WATER AND IN THE SPIRIT
AMEN

THE LOVE BETWEEN family KNOWS NO BORDERS

Memorial Angel

LIBRARY

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Sneak peek

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Created by our talented local artists: Richard and Christine Demarre,
Mr. Tiki's Treasures L.L.C. & Linda Miller. Representing a larger group of over 40 contributing artists.



Like and follow us on Facebook



Join us on the Nextdoor App

Come Join Us!

There's always something happening at the Senior Center—games, music, movies, and more! Pick the activities you enjoy, meet up with friends, or just stop in and see what's going on.

**No reservations or invitations
needed—just walk in, join the fun,
and make yourself at home!
Weekdays | 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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
Todd Fisk, Treasurer
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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		October 			2 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	3
4	5 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	6 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music - TBD	7 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	8 10:00 Bingo	9 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	10
11 12:30 Pot Luck	12 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	13 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music on Wed 12:00 Driving Class 1:30 Movie - Straight Story	14 10:30 Exercise 11:15 Music - Wire & Wood 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	15 9:30 Board Mtg 10:00 Bingo	16 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	17
18	19 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	20 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music on Wed	21 10:30 Exercise 11:15 Music - Gunny 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards Happy Feet	22 10:00 Bingo Happy Feet	23 No Activities Today	24 Arts & Crafts Fair 9 am to 3 pm 
25	26 10:30 Exercise 1:00 500 Cards	27 9:00 Blood Drive 10:00 Dominos 11:15 Music - Dave Gourhan	28 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Dice Games 1:00 500 Cards	29 10:00 Bingo	30 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Cribbage	31

Catholic Charities Senior Dining Menu

October 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.			1 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Peaches	2 Brat on a Bun Sauerkraut German Potato Salad Red Cabbage Apple Strudel		
5 Salisbury Steak Egg Noodles Green Beans Bread	6 Bouja Meat & Cheese on bun Spiced Apples Dessert	7 Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas Mandarin Oranges Dessert	8 Baked Pork Chop Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy Mixed Vegetables Bread Pudding	9 Beef Tips in Gravy over Rice Carrots Cookie Bread		
12 Egg & Cheese Burrito Hashbrowns Fruit Cocktail Danish	13 Chicken Alfredo Noodles Scandinavia Vegetables Dump Cake	14 Fried Chicken Sweet Potato Broccoli Brownie	15 Flatbread Sausage & Pepperoni Pizza Fruit Cocktail Peas & Carrots	16 Western Chili Half Baked Potato Breadstick Dessert		
19 Tilapia Rice Zucchini Bread Dessert	20 Tator Tot Hotdish Peaches Garden Salad Cookie Bread	21 Beef & Bean Burrito Fiesta Rice Corn Cake	22 Country Fried Steak Sweet Potato Mash Broccoli Bread Cookie	23 Pork Rib Patty Cheesy Potatoes Vegetable Normandy Cookie Bread		
26 BBQ Chicken Half of a Baked Potato Green Beans Cake	27 Sloppy Joe on a Bun 3 Bean Salad Lemon Bar	28 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham California Normandy Watermelon Dinner Roll/Bun	29 Hamburger Steak w/ w/ Sauteed Onions Oven Roasted Potatoes Creamed Peas Bread	30 Pork Chops POO-ghetti w/ Meat Sauce Noodles Broccoli Bread Dessert		

JOIN THE BOARD!

**Help Shape
Our
Community's
Future!**



**Be Part of
Something
Meaningful &
Rewarding!**

Why Become a Board Member?

Make a difference in the lives of seniors in our community.

Share your ideas to enhance programs, events, and outreach.

Support fundraising efforts and build local partnerships.

Join a caring team that values inclusion, wisdom, and teamwork.

How to Get Involved

1. **Attend a board meeting** to observe how things work
2. **Meet with current board members** for an informal Q&A
3. **Bring your passion and ideas**—no experience required!

Who We're Looking For

A heart for seniors and community service.

Experience in event planning, fundraising, outreach, or leadership.

Availability for monthly meetings and occasional volunteer opportunities.

Fresh perspectives and friendly collaboration.

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Contact by phone: 651-674-8658 or
Email: chisagoseniorcenter@gmail.com



Chisago County Community Center

RENTAL SPACES



Spacious dining area with fully equipped kitchen



Activity Room



Conference Room

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📍 38790 6TH AVE, NORTH BRANCH, MN

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Presentations:



10:30 am Keynote Speaker:

"Joy in Every Season"

Jenni Thyng Speaker & Entertainer



**1:00 pm "What's New in
Medicare 2027?"**

Laura Sakry, MN Aging Pathways

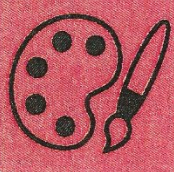
Mini-Classes

9:45



**Exercise
with Diane**

10:15



**Paint
with Pam**

11:45



**Line
Dancing**

12:15



**Ukulele
Lesson**

Over 60+ Vendors

from local organizations

Vaccine Clinic

Thrifty White Pharmacy

Bring your insurance card

Health Screens::

Blood Pressure

Hearing

Balance

and more!

Unexpected Company

12:30pm

Community Choir Performance

Sponsored by Fairview Health



Fairview



Lunch Concessions

Catered by

Dinner Rebellion

Come Travel with Me Group Travel Opportunities:



Tropical Costa Rica



Spectacular Scandinavia



Canyon Country

Click on the trip link for more information.

2027 - Spectacular Scandinavia <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1383959>

2027 - Tropical Costa Rica <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1417016>

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



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