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Christmas Fun!



Merry Christmas



AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS FUN WEEK — DECEMBER 16—20!

Monday: CHRISTMAS PAJAMA DAY

Hot Cocoa Bar and Christmas Trivia

Tuesday: CHRISTMAS HAT DAY

Hot Cocoa Bar and Left/Right Game

Wednesday: DRESS IN YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST DAY

Photos in front of Tree

Thursday: UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

Punch and Christmas Cookies

Christmas Noon Meal (reservation required, see page 7)
Gift From Santa, Entertainment from Harpist Amaria Larson

Friday: WACKY CHRISTMAS OUTFIT DAY

Hot Cocoa Bar and Popcorn
Special Christmas Movie
Dolly Parton's Christmas
on the Square

Activities
Start at 10:00 am Daily!
Win Prizes!
Share your
Christmas Spirit
with your
Senior Center Family!

Movie Days

Friday Movie Matinees at 1:00 pm

Dec 6: Adeline

A small midwestern community becomes the epicenter of miracles when a mysterious woman brings a healing horse to town.

Dec 13: Lucy Shimmers & the Prince of Peace Second chances start when a hardened criminal crosses paths with a precocious little girl who is helped by an angel to change hearts during the holiday season.

Dec 20: Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey
A grouchy woodcarver bonds with a boy while
constructing a Nativity scene for him.

Dec 27: Coach Carter

A successful businessman returns to his high school basketball team as coach, only to take controversial action to make sure that his players succeed in the classroom as well as on the court.

Special Christmas Movies

Dec 20, 10:00 am

Dolly Parton's Christmas on the Square

Hot Cocoa Bar and Popcorn Served.

Dec 24, 10:00 am

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Hot Cocoa Bar and

Dec 31, 9:30 am
Forrest Gump

Popcorn Served.

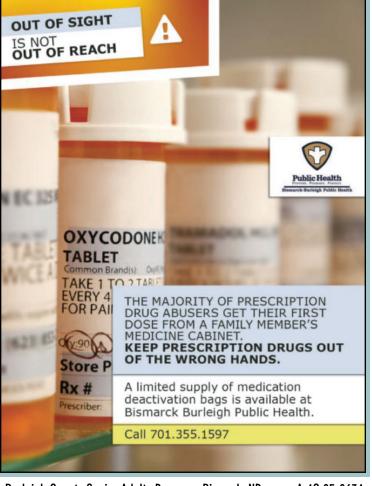
Pop and popcorn served.



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Christmas Fun!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TOUR



On Monday, December 9, at 7:00 pm, West River Transit is offering a Christmas Lights Tour!

This tour will leave and return to the Century Baptist Church parking lot at 205 Colt Avenue, Bismarck.

Arrive at the church no later than 6:45 pm and park under the lights. The bus will leave at 7:00 pm sharp for a 1.5 to 2 hour tour, and then return you to your car.

There is a limit of 18 people for this tour and the cost is \$7.00 per person. Please sign up at Client Services or call 701-255-4648. Your reservation is confirmed when

you have paid the \$7.00 and signed a waiver.

MANAGING STRESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

'Tis the season for dozens of tasks to finish, shopping, wrapping, decorating, baking, holiday parties and guests!

How do you do it all and keep your stress level down? Join Shelly Kuntz from NDSU Extension on Monday, December 2 at 10:00 am and find out!

GRIEVING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season can be especially challenging if you are dealing with the death of someone close to you. Whether it was a recent loss or one that occurred some time ago, feelings of grief can be heightened and may seem overwhelming during the holiday season.

Join Judy Daniels from Sanford Health on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 am for a conversation in dealing with the many emotions you may face during the holidays.



Milt Bradford will entertain us with special holiday music on Thursday, December 5 at 12:30 pm.

Special performances from school choirs will also be scheduled throughout December.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please note the following changes to Senior Center hours due to the holidays:

Tuesday, December 17: Close at 1:30 pm Close at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25: Closed

Tuesday, December 31: Close at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1: Closed

Volunteer Breakfast Party Tuesday, December 10, 8:30 am Senior Center Dining Room

Volunteers, RSVP by Monday, December 2. See page 16 for more information.

BCSAP staff wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lifelong Learning



COMPUTER/TECH SUPPORT

Digital technology, including the Internet, computers, smart phones and social media, is an important component of modern life. Nowadays, almost all services require the use of technology to access them. But what

if you don't know how to do this? Now, we can help!

On Tuesdays 12:30 to 3:00 pm, Mike will be on hand to help you. Whether you need some assistance on how to use that new smart phone, or need help with accessing a service online, he will assist you.

This service is available by appointment only. Please call 701-255-4648 or stop by the Client Services Desk to schedule your half-hour appointment. Please let us know what kind of assistance you need and bring your device, paperwork, or anything necessary for him to assist you. (For December, offered on December 3 and 10 only.)

SENIOR CENTER TOUR

Ever wonder what goes on at the Senior Center? Now is your opportunity to find out! If it is your first time or you have been attending for a while, you will discover something new about our facility and programs. Join our tour guides, Nanc and Norma on Monday, December 16 at 1:00 pm in the Dining Room. The session will include:

- Orientation
- Tour
- Q&A Session
- Coffee and a Treat



Please call 255-4648 or stop by the Client Services Desk to sign up for this session.

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Nutrition Program

BCSAP NUTRITION PROGRAM

The BCSAP Nutrition Program offers a variety of meal options for older adults. Congregate meals, drive-thru/take out meals, home delivered meals and frozen meals are options for you to choose from.

Congregate Meals are provided in a group setting with an opportunity for socializing with others. Congregate meals are available Monday through Friday at the Burleigh County Senior Center and Crescent Manor in Bismarck.

Drive Thru/Take Out Meals are available to those who choose to not participate in a congregate setting. These meals may be picked up by the client, or a family member, friend, case manager, etc. Drive Thru/Take Out meals are available Monday through Friday at the Burleigh County Senior Center and Crescent Manor in Bismarck.

Home-delivered Meals (hot and frozen) are provided to clients within Burleigh County. Within Bismarck city limits, meals are delivered Monday through Friday. Outside of city limits, meals are delivered weekly.

Frozen Meals are available for weekends and evenings. These meals are flash frozen at the Burleigh County Senior Center and are a great alternative to those found in the grocery store.



Mom's Meals are available to clients MOM'S in need of a medically-tailored meal or MEALS to those living in the rural areas of Burleigh County.

Meals are made fresh and shipped directly to your home. Meals will stay fresh in the fridge for up to 14 days. You may also place in the freezer for up to three months. After your initial shipment of meals, you are able to choose the meals you receive.

Medically-tailored meals include: lower sodium, vegetarian, pureed, renal-friendly, protein plus, heart-friendly, diabetes-friendly and gluten-free. A letter from your doctor is required to receive these meals. Rural residents will receive general wellness meals, unless they have need of a medically tailored meal.

For information on receiving Mom's Meals, please call 255-4648, Option 4.

OAA REQUIREMENTS

Under the Older Americans Act, each meal served must provide at least one third of the daily nutrition needs for older adults. It must also include a food item from every food group. Each meal includes:

Protein – minimum of 3 ounces Vegetables – 2 servings Fruit – 1 serving Whole Grains - 2 servings Dairy - 1 serving

Suggested donation is \$5.50/meal. The meal price for those under 60 is \$12.00. SNAP/EBT and credit/debit cards are accepted. No one 60 or older is denied meals due to their inability or unwillingness to make a donation.

OAA federal regulations require individuals age 60 and older to complete a meal assessment to participate in the Nutrition Program. Meal Clients are required to update their assessment annually. Individuals are notified when their assessment is due for updating.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: PLEASE CALL AT LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE TO MAKE A RESERVATION OR CANCEL YOUR MEAL!

- —For Congregate, Drive Thru or Frozen meals at the Burleigh County Senior Center, call 255-4648, Option 1 or stop by the Client Services Desk (from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm)
- —For home delivered meals, including meals for rural Burleigh County residents, call 255-4648, Option 2
- —For Congregate or Take out meals at Crescent Manor, call 258-6646 (from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm)

MEAL SCHEDULE

Burleigh County Senior Center:

- —Drive-Thru Meal Service: 11:15 am 11:45 am
- —Congregate Meal Service: 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm

Crescent Manor:

- —Congregate Meal Service at 11:45 am
- —Take-Out Meal Service at 12:15 pm

December Dining Calendar

What's on the menu?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Beef Bolognese Lasagna Roll-Up Cucumber Salad Vegetable Gratin Mandarin Oranges	3 Chicken Marsala Mashed Potatoes Italian Vegetable Blend Seasonal Fresh Fruit WG Breadstick	4 Baked Ham Au gratin Potatoes Peas & Carrots Chilled Pears WG Dinner Roll	5 BBQ Ribs Baked Beans Glazed Sweet Potato Cinnamon Apples Corn Muffin	6 Open Face Hot Hamburger Chive Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Snicker & Apple Salad
9 Turkey & Dumplings Parsley Egg Noodles Country Trio Vegetables Apricots	10 Stuffed Pepper Garlic Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Beets Tropical Fruit	11 Chef Salad Fresh Grapes Pretzel Breadstick	12 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Candy Corn Vegetable Blend Winter Fruit Salad WG Dinner Roll	13 Herbed White Fish Potatoes & Onions Glazed Carrots Cranberry Peaches
16 Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Roasted Vegetables Fruit Cocktail	17 Chicken Cordon Bleu Tri-Color Potatoes Scandinavian Vegetable Blend Blushing Pineapple	18 Fall Apart Pork Roast Roasted Baby Potatoes Balsamic Brussel Sprouts Fresh Fruit	19*SEE BELOW Beef Medallions with Hollandaise Caramelized Shallot Mashed Potatoes Green Bean Medley Christmas Fruit Salad Pecan Pie Fresh Baked Dinner Roll	20 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Ranch Beans Coleslaw Dark Cherries WG Bun
23 Country Fried Chicken w/Gravy Roasted Potatoes 5-Way Mixed Vegetables Berry Applesauce	24 Sausage & Kraut Steamed Red Potatoes Parslied Carrots Apple Crumble WG Bun	25 CLOSED MERRY CHRISIMAS	26 Cabbage Roll Garlic Mashed Potato Capri Vegetable Blend Asst. Fruit Cups	27 Shrimp Scampi Wild Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli Fruited Gelatin WG Garlic Toast
30	21			

30 Swiss Steak Buttered Red Potatoes Lemon Asparagus Peaches & Pears

31
Braised Pork Chop
Baked Sweet Potato
Pacific Vegetable Blend
Fresh Apple
WG Dinner Roll

Each meal is served with 8 oz. of 1% milk and 2 slices of whole grain bread (unless otherwise indicated).

Coffee and water is served at meal sites.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE!



*Please join us on Thursday, December 19 for our Christmas Celebration!
The meal will be served beginning at 12:00 noon. The number of meals is limited and tickets are required for both congregate meals and drive-thru meals. Please see page 21 for information on the NEW SPECIAL/HOLIDAY MEAL SIGN UP POLICY.

You DO NOT need a meal ticket to join us for the music.
All other afternoon activities will be cancelled for this special event.

December Senior Center Activity Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
9:00 Chair Exercise 10:00 Strength Finders 10:00 Managing Stress 11:00 "Feel the Drum" 12:45 5 Crowns 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle	3 9:00 Strength Finders 9:15 Advisory Committee 10:00 Grieving—Holidays 10:00 Art with Nicole 12:30 Comp/Tech Support 12:30 Whist 12:30 Bday/Anniversary Celebration 12:45 Farkel 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Trivia 1:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Hand & Foot	9:00 Standing Yoga 10:00 Grief Group 10:00 Low Vision Support Group 10:00 Cribbage 10:30 Pool Lessons 10:45 Strength Finders 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle / Bingo 1:00 Mahjong 1:30 Caregiver Connections	9:00 Strength Finders 9:30 Curiosity Stream 10:00 Strength Finders 12:30 Holiday Music with Milt Bradford 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Bridge 1:00 BUNCO 1:00 Cornhole	6 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Movie Matinee 1:00 Pinochle				
9 9:00 Chair Exercise 9:30 Art from the Heart 10:00 Strength Finders 11:00 "Feel the Drum" 12:45 5 Crowns 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 Christmas Lights Tour	10 8:30 Volunteer Breakfast 9:00 Strength Finders 12:30 Comp/Tech Support 12:30 Whist 12:45 Farkel 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Variety of Games 1:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Quilting Group	11 9:00 Standing Yoga 10:00 Grief Group 10:00 Cribbage 10:30 Pool Lessons 10:45 Strength Finders 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle / Bingo 1:00 Mahjong 1:30 Caregiver Connections 1:30 Legal Services	12 9:00 Strength Finders 9:30 Curiosity Stream 9:30 Yoga Talk 10:00 Strength Finders 10:00 Computer/Phone Basics 11:00 Walk This Way 11:00 Alliance Center for Hearing 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Cornhole BOOKMOBILE	13 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Movie Matinee 1:00 Pinochle				
16 9:00 Chair Exercise 9:30 Art from the Heart 10:00 Hot Cocoa Bar & Christmas Trivia 10:00 Strength Finders 11:00 "Feel the Drum" 12:45 5 Crowns 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Senior Center Tour CHRISTMAS PAJAMA DAY	9:00 Strength Finders 10:00 Hot Cocoa Bar & Left/Right Game 10:30 Hearing Loss Group CLOSE AT 1:30 PM NO AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES CHRISTMAS HAT DAY	18 9:00 Standing Yoga 10:00 Pics in front of Christmas Tree 10:00 Coffee w/Cop 10:00 Grief Group 10:00 Cribbage 10:30 Pool Lessons 10:45 Strength Finders 12:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Pinochle / Bingo 1:00 Mahjong 1:30 Caregiver Connections DRESS IN YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST DAY	19 9:00 Strength Finders 10:00 Punch & Christmas Cookies 10:00 Strength Finders 12:00 Christmas Noon Meal/Celebration 1:00 BCCA Meeting NO AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY	9:30 Chair Yoga 10:00 Hot Cocoa Bar & Special Christmas Movie 10:45 Strength Finders 1:00 Movie Matinee 1:00 Pinochle WACKY CHRISTMAS OUTFIT DAY				
23 12:45 5 Crowns 1:00 Pinochle	24 10:00 Special Christmas Movie CLOSE AT 1:00 PM NO AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	25 CLOSED	26 9:30 Curiosity Stream 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Cornhole	27 1:00 Movie Matinee 1:00 Pinochle				
No Fitness Classes December 22—January 4								
30 12:45 5 Crowns 1:00 Pinochle	31 9:30 Special Christmas Movie CLOSE AT 2:00 PM NO AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	Jan 1 CLOSED	<u>DAILY</u> Coffee Bar: 8:00 -10:30 am Wednesday is Caramel Roll Day ~ Beginning at 8:30 am! Pool: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm					
No Fitness Classes December 22—January 4 SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.								

Celebrate Your Inner Artist!

ART FROM THE HEART



Join Nina in the Craft Room on Monday, December 9 or Monday, December 16 at 9:30 am as she leads a class in painting a Baby in a Manger.

There is a 10 person limit for each class and a \$5 suggested donation which can be made when you

arrive. Stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255 -4648 to reserve your spot. Participants are limited to attending one class from Nina per month.

ART WITH NICOLE

Join Nicole in the Craft Room on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 am as she leads the class in painting Birch Trees (watercolor).

There is a 10 person limit and a \$5 suggested donation which can be made when you arrive. Stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to reserve your spot.



The BCSAP Volunteer Advisory Committee meets on Tuesday, December 3 at 9:15 am in the Library.

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FITNESS CLASSES

The 8 week session for December 8—February 15 is closed. There will be no fitness classes from December 22, 2024 through January 4, 2025. Registration for the next 8-week session (February 16—April 12) will begin on **January 27** at 9:00 am.

Standing Yoga (Session Fee \$20.00)

Wednesdays, 9:00 am

This class aims to build strength and balance by combining a mix of seated and standing poses. Chairs and props will be available to create a safe environment and no mats are required. (Limited to 10 people/class.)

Chair Yoga (Session Fee \$20.00)

Fridays, 9:30 am

Chair Yoga will help you increase your strength, flexibility and balance while relieving stress and tension, all while using a chair for balance. (Limited to 15 people/class.)

Line Dancing

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm

In this class, you will learn a variety of line dances and western struts. It is a fun and social way to exercise. No partner needed! (Limited to 10 people/class.)

Strength Finders

Group 1—Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:00 am

Group 2—Mondays/Wednesdays, 12:45 pm

Group 3—Wednesdays/Fridays, 10:45 am

Group 4—Mondays/Thursdays, 10:00 am Strength Finders is a specific, strength-training program designed to address osteoporosis risks that so often lead to the loss of independent living. The program focuses on controlled movements to improve balance and weight, which are critical factors in reducing the risk for osteoporosis fractures. (Limited to 12 people/class.)

"Feel the Drum"

Mondays, 11:00 am

Instructed by Maxine Doll and Debbi Hegney. This class uses movement through drumming to benefit both the mind and body. Build muscle stamina, relieve stress, improve coordination and stimulate brain function. ALL WHILE HAVING FUN! (Limited to 10 people/class.)

YOGA TALK WITH BONNY & MARLENE

Chair yoga instructors Bonny and Marlene are going "beyond the mat" to help you learn more about yoga! December presentations include:

Thursday, December 12 at 9:30 am Sounds of Yoga

You may attend this class in person in the Library at the Senior Center or join in via Zoom from your home computer. Please stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to register.

WALK THIS WAY

Lace up your tennis shoes and pump up your heart! Join Katie Johnke on Thursday. December 12 at 11:00 am in the Fitness Room. Please stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to sign up.



CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS

McKenzie Dockter will lead this class which will help you move your whole body, mostly from the comfort of your chair. Time will be spent testing your balance near your chair as well. The goal is to leave class feeling warm and awake!

This class will be offered on the following Mondays: December 2, 9, and 16 at 9:00 am.

There is a limit of 15 people for this class. Sign up at the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648.



DID YOU KNOW...

You can use the Fitness Room on your own? The Fitness Room is available between classes for individual use. You may use the stationary bicycles, DVDs and weights.

You can use the Fitness Room as a starting point for walking laps?

Twenty laps around the Dining Room equals one mile. What a great way to get your steps in!

Please stop by the Client Services Desk if you need assistance.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment

MEDICARE PT D OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you are on Medicare, you may be on a prescription drug plan, a.k.a. Medicare Part D. These prescription drug benefit plans are offered by private insurance companies approved by Medicare.

Even if you have an insurance plan and think you are set for the coming year, you should consider having your Medicare Part D plan reviewed. People who re-examined their plan last year saved an average of \$600 / year.

The annual open enrollment period for Medicare is October 15 through **December 7.** This window of time is when you may make changes to your policies. The available plans and what they cover change from year to year. So if your plan was the best option last year, it might not be the best option for the coming year!

To assist you with this process, Irene Rankin and Deb Lee, volunteers at the Senior Center, will be accepting appointments to review your policy and show you new options that may be available. **To** schedule your appointment, please call us at 255-4648 or stop by the Client Services Desk.

Please bring the following documents with you to your appointment: medicare

- -A list of your medications, including dosages and frequency;
- -Your Medicare card:
- -Your Medicare Part D prescription drug plan card and your 'yellow' ID card (if you have one).

If you have any questions regarding your Medicare policies, please contact the ND SHIC Program at 701-328-2440 or 1-888-575-6611.

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Lifelong Learning



CURIOSITY STREAM

Join us for these programs on Thursdays at 9:30 am.

December 5:

Epic Exploring USA/Cyprus

Cody encounters wild animals and thrilling attractions at the abandoned Six Flags New Orleans. Meanwhile, thanks to the U.N. peace-keeping force, Josh is in Cyprus exploring the abandoned Nicosia International Airport and the U.N. buffer zone.

December 12: Wild Poland

Huge wandering dunes on the Baltic, thousands of lakes in the dream landscape of Masuria, gigantic river systems of Biebrza and Narew, mystical primeval forests, and the rugged crags of the Southern mountains: all of this is Poland.

December 19: No Curiosity Stream

December 26: The Coral Triangle A Moveable Feast

> The Coral Triangle is the major junction of three great oceans: a veritable highway for great ocean travelers, such as the leatherback turtle, whale sharks, and blue whales.

The Book Club does not meet in December. Their next meeting will be held on January 27, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Information the January Book Club meeting will be in the January 2025 Edition of *The Senior* Sentinel.



COFFEE & CARAMEL ROLLS

Join us on Wednesdays at 8:30 am for coffee and \$1 caramel rolls!

Officers Clint Fuller and Caity Horne will join us on Wednesday,

December 18 at 10:00 am to discuss current scams and issues to be aware of in our community.

COMPUTER & PHONE BASICS

Staff from the ND Center for Independent Living will be in the South Conference Room on Thursday, December 12 at 10:00 am.

Please bring your laptop, tablet or cell phone to receive individual assistance and learn how to get the most out of your technology!

These sessions are limited to **five** people, and pre-registration is required. Please call 255-4648 or stop by the Client Services Desk to sign up for this session.

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Join us on Tuesday, December 3 for our monthly Birthday and Anniversary Celebration! Ice cream will be served at 12:30 pm, following the noon meal.



"JUST GET IT DONE SOMEDAY" QUILTING GROUP

The "Just Get It Done Someday" Quilting Group will meet in the South Conference Room on Tuesday, December 10 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm This group welcomes new members! If you are interested, please call Lori at 255-4648.

TIME TO SOCIALIZE!



The Coffee Bar is open each day from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Come in for coffee and fellowship.

Join us for Caramel Roll Wednesday!

Caramel rolls (\$1 each) are served on Wednesdays from 8:30 am until sold out. Sorry, no take-outs are allowed.

Game Time!



FUN AND GAMES!



CARDS

Pinochle: 1:00 pm,

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bridge: 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday Hand & Foot: 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday

Whist: 12:30 pm, Tuesday 5 Crowns: 12:45 pm, Monday

Pinochle, Bridge and Hand & Foot are played in the Rec Room. Whist and 5 Crowns are played in the Craft Room.

CORNHOLE

Cornhole is played every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Fitness Room. Sign up weekly for cornhole at the Client Services Desk or call 258-4648. This game has a limit of 8 people per session.



Join us for **BINGO** on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Bingo cards are \$1 each, and you may buy as many cards as you like. Purchased card(s) will be used for ALL games played. All sessions have 100% payout. **This month, Bingo will be held on December 4, 11 & 18 only.**

POOL LESSONS

Are you interested in learning to play pool? Or maybe you just need a refresher course to get going again.



Bill Beaman will be providing lessons for people who want to learn more about playing pool. These sessions will be held in the Rec Room on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am.

Please sign up at the Client Services Desk or call 701-255-4648. There is a maximum of two (2) people per session. Must sign up monthly.

VARIETY OF GAMES

A variety of games are played on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Dining Room.

This month, a Variety of Games will be held on December 10 at 1:00 pm only.

BUNCO



Bunco is played the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the South Conference Room. This month, BUNCO will be held on December 5 only.

CRIBBAGE

Cribbage is played every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Dakota Room.

FARKEL

Farkel is played every Tuesday at 12:45 pm in the Dining Room.

MAHJONG

Mahjong is played every Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Dakota Room.



<u>TRIVIA</u>



Trivia is played the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the South Conference Room. This month, Trivia will be held on December 3 at 1:00 pm only. Trivia is a great way to

trick your brain into learning and increasing your capacity to recall!

Pool Tables are open daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. \$1.00 / day suggested donation.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Burleigh County Senior Center maintains its room temperature at 72 degrees. If you tend to be chilly, please dress accordingly.

Support Groups & Free Services

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Kathy Frelich from the ND School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be at the Senior Center for our Hearing Loss Support Group on Tuesday, December 17 at 10:30 am. This group meets

in the Library. Pre-registration is required. Stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to register.



Representatives from Alliance Center for Hearing will be at the

Senior Center on Thursday, December 12, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Craft Room to provide hearing screenings and hearing aid cleanings. No appointment necessary.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP



Betsy Hermanson, Vision Specialist from ND Voc Rehab will lead the Low Vision Support Group in the Library on Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00 am. This group is limited to 8 people. Pre-registration is required. Stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648 to register.

DEMENTIA CARE CONSULTANTS

Free individualized assistance, problem solving and identification of resources are available to individuals with memory loss and care partners through care consultation provided by the Alzheimer's Association. Call 701-258-4933 to schedule an appointment. If you need immediate assistance, please call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Services of North Dakota will be at the Burleigh County Senior Center on Wednesday, December 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm to meet with individuals by appointment only. Call 701-222-2110, ext. 303 to schedule your appointment.



GRIEF/LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

We all experience loss, whether it's through the death of a loved one, loss of mobility, health concerns, or the passing of a pet.

Having a safe place to talk about grief and learning ways to cope will help you on a long-term basis. Being with others who are having the same thoughts, feelings, and experiences is helpful to know that you are not alone.

Kathleen Meckler facilitates this group each Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Newcomers are encouraged to join, however, we request that you contact Renee at 255-4648 prior to attending your first session.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

CAREGIVER CONNECTIONS

Build a support system with people who understand. This group is a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues and ways of coping
- Share feelings, needs and concerns
- Learn about community resources

Kathleen Meckler, an Alzheimer's Association trained facilitator, encourages you to join her every Wednesday from 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Please contact Renee at 255-4648 before your first session.

No Grief/Loss Support Group or Caregiver Connections Group on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

Drive-Thru Meals & Parking

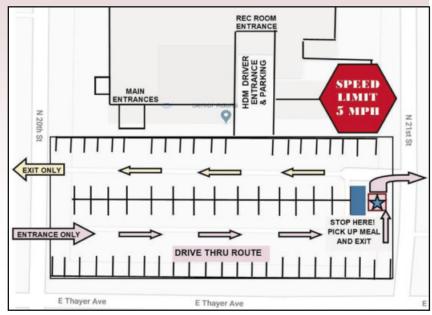
The Senior Center parking lot is a <u>one-way!</u> Please follow the map and instructions below and use extreme caution while in the parking lot. The speed limit is <u>5mph</u>. **GO SLOW AND WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS!** Safety is our #1 priority!

Clients may choose between a Congregate meal or a Drive-Thru Meal.

DRIVE-THRU CLIENTS: Proceed to the "star" on the map and wait there to pick up your meal. Please do not get in the Drive Thru line until 11:15 am. If you are early, park until 11:15 am. After meal pickup, please exit onto 21st Street (right turn only).

CONGREGATE MEAL/OTHER CLIENTS: Clients coming to the Senior Center for a meal, activities, or other reason, may park where they choose, following the one-way arrows.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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Volunteer Opportunities!

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Currently, volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Home Delivered Meal Drivers As we move into fall and winter, additional home delivered meal drivers are needed.
- Substitute Shuttle Drivers
- Greeter/Kiosk Assistant
- Computer/Cell phone assistance for patrons
- Instructors for additional Line Dancing, Yoga and Drumming Classes
- Tai Chi Instructor
- A variety of jobs requiring a few hours one day per week

Volunteer as little, or as often as you like—we will work with your schedule!

If you are interested, or would like more information, please stop by the Client Services Desk or call 255-4648.



Featured Volunteer



JIM SKARET

Jim has been volunteering at the Burleigh County Senior Center for about eight years. Jim is a volunteer home-delivered meal driver, as well as a Burleigh County Council on Aging member.

In his free time, Jim enjoys playing bridge here at the senior center. Jim also works part-time at Harlow's as a school bus driver.

Jim attended the University of Minnesota where he received a degree in engineering. Jim owned his civil engineering practice for forty-two years, before selling it in 2014.

Jim is married to Nanc, a fellow volunteer at the Senior Center, and has been married for 42 years. Jim began coming to the Senior Center when Nanc talked him into it, and he was old enough. Jim enjoys all the social aspects of the senior center as well as being around good people and giving back to the community.

Thank you, Jim, for all you do!



VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 10, 8:30 am Senior Center Dining Room

Join us for Christmas Cheer and allow us to show our appreciation for all you do!

Please RSVP to Client Services or call 255-4648 by Monday, December 2

Health Maintenance

SUGGESTED **CONTRIBUTIONS**

In Office Services

Foot Care: \$25.00 (Full Cost \$71.61)

Blood Pressure: \$3.00

(Full Cost \$10.23)

Fasting Blood Sugar: \$5.00

(Full Cost \$10.23)

Home Visit: \$40.00

(Full Cost \$143.22) (Includes any combination of above services)

Clients may, but are NOT required, to contribute toward the cost of services.

Foot Care Services are available by appointment only.

For an appointment at the Burleigh County Senior Center, call 255-4648. Option 3. When you arrive for your appointment at the Senior Center, please check in at the Client Services Desk.

Upcoming Foot Care Clinics:

December 9: Wilton January 13: Wina January 28: Sterling

An appointment is required for the Wilton, Wing and Sterling Foot Care Clinics. To schedule, please call 255-4648 at least one week in advance.

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BURLEIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

The Burleigh County Senior Center is open to patrons Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. All activities must conclude no later than 4:00 pm to allow staff to clean up and prepare to close for the day.

Please note that effective immediately, the doors into the Senior Center will NOT be unlocked until 8:00 am. Please do not arrive at the Senior Center prior to 8:00 am.

The Rec Room and West Main Doors will be locked at 3:30 pm. Please use the South Main Door if coming to the Senior Center after 3:30 pm

As we move into the winter season, it will be dark outside later in the morning and earlier in the evening. Please be aware of your surroundings prior to leaving the safety of your vehicle when coming here and going other places.

Safety should be everyone's first concern. Thank you for your understanding.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Bad weather days may force the Burleigh County Senior Center and the Crescent Manor meal site to close for meals and activities. Please check to make sure we are



offering a meal before venturing out on a snowy winter day, and keep a few of our frozen meals on hand

To find out if we will be offering meals: Call the Senior Center at 255-4648; tune in to KFYR TV or KXMB TV (or check their website); or check our Facebook page - Facebook.com/ BismarckSeniorCenterND.



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for your generosity



Thank you to all who donated items and bid on items on the **Chinese Auction to** benefit the Missouri Slope United Way!

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Special/Holiday Meal Sign Up Policy

Over the past 5 years, the BCSAP Nutrition Program has seen tremendous growth in the number of meals being provided to older adults in our community.

Due to this, the program is now, occasionally, unable to accommodate everyone that would like a hot meal. This is especially true when a special/holiday meal is offered.

Therefore, we will be implementing a new SPECIAL/HOLIDAY MEAL SIGN UP POLICY.

This policy will be in effect anytime a ticket is required for the meal. An explanation of this new policy:

The Nutrition Program has the staff and storage space to prepare 650 meals a day. This provides:

- —300 meals to home delivered meal clients,
- -60 meals to residents at Crescent Manor, and
- —290 meals to patrons at the Senior Center (Congregate and Drive-Thru).

When a special/holiday meal is offered, Nutrition Program staff increases their meal count to no more than 750. This allows us to offer up to 100 more meals at the Senior Center.

However, seating capacity at the Senior Center is 275 if the Dining Room and side classrooms are used. All other meals must be provided in the Drive-Thru. This is why tickets are used for the special/holiday meals.

BCSAP also maintains an 'everyday' list of patrons that are signed up to eat daily – either via congregate or drive-thru. This list is useful to staff for planning purposes, however, there is about a 20 percent cancel/no show rate (i.e., if there are 200 patrons on a meal list, about 40 will cancel or not show up). This causes issues on special/holiday meal days because those meals could have been provided to a patron that wanted to have a meal.

BCSAP staff appreciate your cooperation with this new policy. It is our goal to have a fair process that provides as many patrons as possible the opportunity to participate in our Special/Holiday meals.

SPECIAL/HOLIDAY MEAL SIGN UP POLICY

*This policy is in effect anytime a ticket is required for the meal.

Special/holiday meals will be announced in the official BCSAP newsletter, *The Senior Sentinel*. Patrons will be able to sign up for the special/holiday meal at Client Services*. Sign up begins on the 23rd day (or following Monday if it falls on a weekend) of the previous month.

Patrons wishing to dine inside, MUST have a congregate meal ticket.

Patrons wishing to use the drive-thru, MUST have a drive thru meal ticket.

BCSAP staff is unable to provide a hot meal to patrons that do NOT have a ticket for the Special/Holiday Meal, however, a frozen meal will be available.

Patrons should also note that a congregate meal ticket cannot be used in the drive thru and vice versa.

The 'every day' list will <u>NO LONGER</u> be used on a Special/Holiday Meal day. If 'every day' list patrons would like a ticket for the special/holiday meal, they <u>MUST</u> sign up at Client Services.

When Special/Holiday Meal tickets are no longer available, BCSAP Client Services will maintain a 'waiting' list. If a patron with tickets has to cancel their meal(s), staff will then call patrons who are next on the waiting list to offer them the tickets.

*Client Services: Call 255-4648, or stop by their desk located in the main lobby of the Senior Center.

Questions/comments regarding this new policy may be directed to:

Renee Kipp, Executive Director at 701-255-4648, Reneek@burleighsenioradults.org, or stop by Client Services and request to speak with her.

Thank you!

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MY SENIOR CENTER

Please check in on My Senior Center each time you come to the Senior Center and/or volunteer to log your hours. If you have lost your barcode key, or you are new to the Center and don't have one, please stop by the Client Services Desk.

BOOK MOBILE/SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the Burleigh County Bookmobile brings large print books to the Senior Center. If you would like to check out a book, stop by the Dining Room Desk. Books are on a 25 day loan and must be returned to the Senior Center when you are done. The Senior Center Library also has books for check out. Put your name and book(s) checked out on the 'checkout log'. Return the book when you are done. Please stop by the Client Services Desk if you have questions.

FALLS POLICY

The staff and volunteers of the Burleigh County Senior Center are not to lift anyone who has fallen. If a person cannot get up on their own, 9-1-1 will be called. Staff will stay with the person and make them as comfortable as possible until emergency personnel arrive.

NOT FEELING WELL?

If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

If you are at the Senior Center or one of our meal sites, and staff sees that you are under the weather, we will ask you to leave. Our goal is to keep clients and staff healthy, so please follow this request.

If you have Covid, RSV, the flu or another virus, please do not come to the Senior Center until vou feel better and have been fever free for 24 hours. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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ASSISTIVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Burleigh County Senior Center has medical equipment available to you on a 'loan' basis.

Equipment that can be loaned out for up to 90 days includes transfer/shower benches. walkers, canes, commodes,

toilet risers, and other small items. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 for each piece of equipment borrowed.

Wheelchairs and knee scooters are available on a limited basis for seven days only. A deposit of \$100 for wheelchairs and \$50 for scooters is required. Deposit is returned when equipment is returned.

SENIOR CENTER SHUTTLE

Shared transportation from your home to the Burleigh County Senior Center and back!

Transportation is provided within Bismarck and Lincoln city limits Monday through Friday from 8:15 to 11:45 am and 12:45 to 4:00 pm. (The last shuttle run is at 3:30 pm). Our shuttle allows Clients of the Burleigh County Senior Center to enjoy meals, receive health maintenance services, participate in activities and socialize with friends at the Senior Center. The suggested donation is \$2.50/one way trip. Riders must be 60+ and complete a one-page registration form. No participant will be denied services due to an inability or unwillingness to contribute.

ALL ACTIVITIES MUST END NO LATER THAN 4 PM TO ALLOW STAFF TIME TO CLEAN AND SECURE THE BUILDING.

The Burleigh County Senior Adults Program and its governing board, the Burleigh County Council on Aging, assure that they will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L.88-352): If otherwise eligible, no person shall be denied or excluded from participation or benefits or be otherwise subjected to discrimination due to race, color or national origin. Any person, otherwise eligible who feels he or she has been denied service from participation by reason of race, color or national origin should contact the BCSAP Executive Director at 701.255.4648.

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