CLOSINGS: Fri, Dec 22 at 12noon, Mon & Tues, Dec 25 & 26, & Fri, Dec 29/Mon, Jan 1st. Happy Holidays!
**MON**
- 9:45am Exercise
- 9:30am Cribbage
- 10:30am Duplicate Bridge
- 1:00pm Knitting & Crocheting Bee

**TUES**
- 8am: Billiards
- 9-2 Ceramics
- 9:30am Mahjong
- 9:30am Tai Chi
- 11:00 German II
- 12:00 Spanish II
- 1:00pm Euchre

**WED**
- 8:30-11:30am SHIP (CALL FOR APPT)
- 9:30am Spanish I
- 9:45am Exercise
- 10:30am Centering Group
- 11am Double Pinochle
- 11am Beg Spanish
- 12:30pm Mexican Train/Dominoes
- 12:30pm Hillbilly Rummy
- 12:30pm Mhing

**THURS**
- 8:30-11:30am Wii Game
- 9am Billiards
- 9am Begin Line Dance
- 9:30 Tai Chi
- 9:30am Canasta
- 10:10am French II
- 10:30am Line Dancing
- 12pm Facebook
- 1:00pm BINGO
- 1:00pm Painting Club
- 1:00pm Woodcarving
- 1:00pm Open Skills

**FRI**
- 8:30-11:30am SHIP (CALL FOR APPT)
- 9am: Coloring Grp
- 9:45am Exercise
- 10am Sing-along
- 10am Chess Club
- 10:30-12:30 Italian
- 10:30 Centering Group Exercise
- 12:30pm Pinochle
- 12:30pm Bunco
- 1:00pm Spanish III

### Special Events

- **Fri, Dec 1st:** Mini-Tree Jubilee Judging 11am
- **Wed, Dec 6th:** Zip & Zap Book Presentation (see pg 3)
- **Thurs, Dec 7th:** Blood Pressure by Millers of LaPorte 12:30pm
- **Thurs, Dec 7th:** SS Seniors Investment Club 1:00pm
- **Fri, Dec 8th:** Christmas Party 11:30am (see front pg)
- **Mon, Dec 11th:** Hearing Evaluations (call for appt)
- **Tues, Dec 12th:** Advisory Board Meeting 9:30am
- **Wed, Dec 13th:** Red Hat Christmas Party (by invite)
- **Mon, Dec 18th:** Popcorn & A Movie/"Inferno" 1pm
- **Thurs, Dec 21st:** Soup Day 11:30am (see front pg)
- **Fri, Dec 22nd:** CLOSED at 12noon
- **Mon, Dec 25th & Tues, Dec 26th:** CLOSED/Christmas Holiday
- **Thurs, Dec 28th:** Newsletter Assembly 8:30am
- **Fri, Dec 29th & Mon, Jan 1st:** CLOSED/New Year’s Holiday

**Snow Birds!**
Reminder to Snow Birds to give us your change of address or ask us to put your newsletter on hold til you return, otherwise the post office charges us $.50 cents for each return. Thanks!

**Toys for Tots**
We have a collection box for Toys for Tots near the front desk. We are asking anyone who is able, to please donate a new, unwrapped toy for this program. We will collect through Fri, Dec 8th.

There will be no Holiday Festival of Lights (usually held on the 1st Sat of Dec). The lights will still go on in the park, but there will not be the usual festivities here at the Senior Center. Those who volunteered to hand out cookies & hot chocolate are NOT needed this year. But thank you for your willingness to volunteer.

**NO Coffee with the Mayor in Dec. We’ll resume in Jan.**
**FREE!**

**Popcorn & A Movie**  
**Mon, Dec 18th at 1pm**  
**“Inferno”**  
**Sponsored by Life Care Center of MC**

Famous symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) follows a trail of clues tied to Dante, the great medieval poet. When Langdon wakes up in an Italian hospital with amnesia, he teams up with Sienna Brooks (Felicity Jones), a doctor he hopes will help him recover his memories. Together, they race across Europe and against the clock to stop a madman (Ben Foster) from unleashing a virus that could wipe out half of the world’s population. *(Based on the book by Dan Brown—author of DaVinci Code)*  
**RATED:**  
**PG-13** *(for sequences of action and violence, disturbing images, some language, thematic elements and brief sensuality)*

**Firecracker Fillies Red Hatters**

Wear red hats & purple clothes to events. Birthday girls wear opposite.

**Sat, Dec 2nd:** “Regional Red Hat Christmas Party”, 830 Lincolnway East, Plymouth, IN  11:00am-3:00pm (EST)  
Doors open at 10:30am.

**Wed, Dec 13th:** “Fillies Christmas Party at Sr Center” at 12noon  
Catered by Café Elite. Collecting non-perishable food items for Sacred Heart Food Pantry. Wear holiday or purple/red attire.  
**Cost $22. Deadline 11/29.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Mon, Jan 8th:** Lunch at “Panera Bread” 5673 S. Franklin St, MC  
**11:00am**  
Menu choices:  #1 Bacon/turkey bravo sandwich; #2 Napa Almond Chicken Salad sandwich; #3 Roasted turkey/avocado BLT.  
All come with choice of soup: Onion, Tomato, Broccoli Cheddar or Chicken Noodle plus beverage & cookie.  
**Cost $14 Deadline 12/29.**

**Mon, Feb 12:** Lunch at “Olive Garden” 4441 S Franklin St, MC  
**11:30am**  
Menu choices:  #1 Soup & Salad; #2 Piadina w/chicken and salad; #3 Spaghetti w/meat sauce & salad.  
Includes drink, tax & gratuity.  
**Cost $14. Deadline 2/2/18.**

**Wed, Feb 21, 2018:** “Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook, IL  
Includes bus, play & lunch of #1 Lake Trout w/citrus caper sauce, #2 Herb Roasted Chicken Breast, #3 Bistro Steak (GF) w/bordelaise sauce.  
All include roasted shallot mashed potatoes, mixed green salad, dessert & beverage.  
**Cost $88.50. Deadline 1/26/18.**

**REMINDER:** Arrive no more than 1/2 hour prior to event. Be sure your dues are current with the Senior Center. Don’t forget to call Jeannie if you have to cancel, even if it’s at the last minute! Reserv/Pymt by CHECK ONLY may be left at Sr Ctr in sealed envelope marked with the event, your name & phone #. Checks payable to Firecracker Fillies. Add’t info: Jeannie at 874-7794.

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**Zip & Zap**

**Presentation**

**Wed, Dec 6th at 12:15pm**

Please join us for a 15-20 minute presentation about the recently released children’s book, Zip and Zap. Our very own member Janet Beutner has written a children’s Christmas Story about how being different can be a good thing! Books will be available for purchase ($12) at the presentation. These make great gifts for the grand, and great-grandchildren. For more info contact: zipandzapstory@gmail.com
First Travel to book trips at 879-4633. Please send all payments DIRECTLY to First Travel, 214 Pine Lake Ave, LaPorte, IN 46350

**Full 2018 Schedule Coming Soon!**

**2 BIG TRIPS FOR 2018!**

**Mt Rushmore & the Black Hills of South Dakota**
May 20-26, 2018
$599/pp based on dbl occupancy
- Motorcoach transportation
- 6 nights lodging (4 consecutive in S Dakota)
- 10 meals: 6 breakfasts/4 dinners
- Admission to the Unique Journey Museum
- Tour of Wildlife Loop Rd at Custer State Park
- Visit to the amazing Crazy Horse Memorial
- Guided Tour of Deadwood
- Gaming at Deadwood Casino

**Niagara Falls & Toronto**
Oct 1-5, 2018
$599/pp based on dbl occupancy
- Motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts & 4 dinners
- Guided tours of Niagara Falls & Toronto
- A Journey to the Falls on a Hornblower Niagara Cruise
- Gaming at Fallsview Casino
- A visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake & Queen Victoria Park

Contact First Travel for more info or to book your trip at 219-879-4633!

**Thanks to the Turkey Dinner Volunteers! It’s takes an Army of them!**

Chairperson: Pat Manning


Pat Manning, Chairperson of our Turkey Dinner wants to personally thank all of the volunteers for this event. She said it went very smoothly and everyone was so energetic and upbeat that it made the whole process more enjoyable. Thanks again!
Director’s Corner

Part IV of the series “Where is everybody?” Well we’ve explored the possible reasons why there might not be any intelligent life out there that has contacted us (yet) in our Group 1. Now, let’s look at Group 2 which says there is intelligent life out there, but there are logical reasons as to why we haven’t heard from them. The author lists 10 reasons why. #1 Super-intelligent life could very well have already visited Earth, but before we were here. After all, recorded history only goes back about 5,500 years. #2 The galaxy has been colonized, but we live in some desolate rural area. #3 The entire concept of physical colonization is a backwards concept. They might have advanced ways of reducing their need for resources and no interest in leaving their utopia to explore a cold primitive universe. Or they may have conquered their own biology and uploaded their brains to a virtual reality living in paradise. #4 There are scary predator civilizations out there and most intelligent life knows better than to broadcast any outgoing signals to advertise their location. Yikes I hope it’s not this one. #5 There’s only one instance of higher-intelligent life—a superpredator civilization—that is far more advanced than everyone else and they keep it that way by exterminating any intelligent civilization once they get to a certain level. I hope it’s not this one either! #6 There’s plenty of noise and activity out there but our technology is too different and we’re listening for the wrong things. Or our minds work exponentially faster or slower than another form of intelligence out there—e.g. it takes them 10 years to say “hello” and when we hear that communication, it just sounds like white noise to us. #7 We ARE receiving contact from other intelligent life, but the government is hiding it. #8 Higher civilizations are aware of us and observing us (Zoo Hypothesis). We might be treated like a protected national park by them. Look, but don’t touch. #9 Higher civilizations are all around us but we’re too primitive to perceive them. Let’s say there’s an anthill in the middle of the forest and we’re building a highway there. Would the ants understand what a highway is or what the intentions of us humans are in building it? Did our engineers stop at the anthill to communicate with the ants before building the highway? Or was the anthill of complete and utter irrelevance to them. That may be how they view us, if they even consider us at all. #10 We’re completely wrong about our reality. Maybe we’re a hologram. Or we’re an experiment of some higher beings. Or even that we’re all part of some computer simulation in which other forms of life weren’t programmed into the simulation.

So where do you stand? Is there intelligent life out there or not? And if so, why aren’t we having Christmas dinner with them this year? I tend to believe they’re out there, somewhere. As to why we haven’t heard from them, my opinion is it’s either #3, #6, or #9. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and your families. And if any friendly aliens are reading this column, stop by & say hello. I’ll show you around Earth. 😊.....Tara

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Gardening Group

NO meetings til March!

Computer/Internet & FACEBOOK Classes

Debbie Henckel hosts a FREE Facebook Class every Thurs at 12pm. Group class and you MUST bring a laptop computer to work on. Open Skills any Device Class! Every Thursday at 1:00pm FREE! Bring your own laptop, iPad, Tablet, Smartphone, etc. Get the most out of your device! Bring your own device.

Opera “101” will continue In JANUARY on Fri the 26TH at 1:00pm. No Class in December.

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to the M.C. Senior Center in loving memory of Elma Epple:

Caroline Trock
Shelly Harris
Debbie Sacks
Janice Gonzales
Mary Ann Boggs
Sharon Stich
And an Anonymous Donor
December

Happy Birthday!

1 Sandra Bailey
Karren Coplen
Mary Klosowski
Ree Labaj
Darlene Murphy
Mary (Ginny) Tarnow
2 MaryJo Chabala
Sheila Ito
Barbara Otto
Barbara Schillke
3 John Dagys
Dorothy Gardner
Mary “Kay” Havlin
Mary Healy
Darlene Henderson
Matt Jarrett
Phillip Sheridan
LaDonna Siegmund
Richard Wolseifer
4 Patti Bergerson
Kirk Burnett
Mary Loughnane
Joyce Miller
5 Anthony Birdsong
David Hahn
Patricia McGrath
Terrence Quandt
Camille Steele
6 Irene Brinkman
Judy Chapman
Larry Clifford
Mary Ennes
Mary Hodges
Donna Ottersen
Sandra Parish
Mary Samelson
Toni Sorensen
Al Volle
7 Margaret Clifford
Jane Ryszka
8 Eloise Brown
Judith Gleason
Debbie Handtke
Judith Hilbrich
Kathy Kenefick
Dennis Mann
9 Faye Ibrahim
Alice Timm
Karen Butts
Carol Hemczak
Tina Kintzele
Michael Mills
Judith Wolford
10 Ophelia Blalack
Marvin Guenther
Dianna Morris
Burley Patrick
Marge Winfield
12 Joan Enright
Joyce Gaston
Alice Fay Gayheart
13 Betty Bauer
Janet Edwards
Ronald Lewis
14 Jane Heath
Kathleen Kubsch
Kay Miller
15 Gregory Alberding
Dolores Evett
Estelle Katz
16 Marlene Meyers
John Murphy
Dennis Pendleton
Ronald Sanders
Melinda Zeigler
17 Ruth Adrian
Sandra Hixson
Clara Luchene
Anna Clare McDermott
18 Ione Eagan
Doretha Malone
Diane Murdock
Norma Whybrew
19 Carl Kush
20 Vesna Garber
Pamela Gonzales
William Kanger
Peggy McAnally
Phyllis Schultz
Morene Stark
21 Sandra Boilek
Jean Doran
Don Rogers
Thomas Sprenzel
22 Joyce Grant
Virgil Miller
Anthony Quartuccio
Viktoria Voller
23 Mattie Bell
Don Glossinger
Betty Hoffmaster
24 Deborah Henckel
Rev. Albert Isbell
Mark Sanders
25 Kathy Brown
Elaine Chilton
Jim Coplen
Tim Dietz
26 Carolyn Bowers
Mary Kay Budak
Lynn Martin
Denise Maynard
27 Sandra Stine
John White
28 Joseph Dabkowski
Tim Leary
James Leonard
Elaine Lilley
Roger Miller
29 Jim Albert
Charlotte Buckner
James Dolph
Mary Durazzo
2018 Advisory Board Members
Welcome back to our returning members:
Loren Adrian
George Benzing
Cecilia Brinckman
Janice Gonzales
Patricia Manning
Mary Frances Mitchell
Brownie Robb
William Schnick
Maxine Schwartz
Diane Sund
Congratulations to our New Members:
Floyd Colosky
Elizabeth Bigda
Ed Hollander
Jeanne Schoff
John Smith
Joyce Stark
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Kathy Becker
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January
1st: CLOSED/New Years Day
15th: CLOSED/Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Day

2018 Schedule
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Alzheimer’s & Dementia Support Group

Topic for December:
Celebrating Moments of Joy
Tues, Dec 5th at 2pm at
Aperion Care/The Arbors in Michigan City, 1101 E Coolspring Ave
To RSVP or for more info, call 874-5211

United Way RSVP of NWI Annual Sample Size Drive
Many individuals don’t have the funds to buy hygiene products and government assistance programs can’t be used to buy them either. Donations will be given to food pantries, shelters, and to our troops overseas. Needed items: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap/body wash, shaving cream, feminine products, lotion. Drop off sample size items here at the Senior Center between now and Dec 29th.

Elston Yearbooks!
Still needed: 1922 and before, 1926, 1932, 1938, 1958, 1973-1976, 1978-1980, 1986+. NEW: ALSO, we have a member that is willing to take duplicates, so if you want to donate a particular year and it’s not listed above, bring it anyway and we’ll pass it along to him.

Reminder that we take canned, bored, & packaged food donations year round and donate to various food banks in the area. Please give generously when you can. Thank you.

The Michigan City Municipal Golf Course 2018 Passes on Sale!
Season passes on sale for 2018 at a discount from November 1, 2017 through December 28, 2017. This is a great option for seniors, juniors, or even those who might be new to the game. Are you still looking for that perfect Christmas gift? Do you have a golfer in your family that is impossible to buy for? Not sure what accessories a golfer might need? Your worries are over. By purchasing a season pass, you eliminate all the guesswork of what to buy your golf-lover. These offers are only valid through December 28th. After the December 28th deadline, passes will be regular price. GIFT CERTIFICATES, cart packages and professional lessons are also available!!!! These passes are available at the Golf Course during regular business hours weather permitting, or at the Park Department Office from 8am-4pm (located in the lower level of City Hall) Monday-Friday. Additional information and rates are available online at www.michigancitygolfcourse.com or contact the Pro Shop at 219-873-1516 or the Michigan City Park Office at 219-873-1506 for info
Happy Anniversary

David & Sandra Mann on their 45th on Dec 1
David & Shirley McColpin on their 24th on Dec 2
Paul & Patricia Aragon on their 41st on Dec 3
Michael & Janet Jasicki on their 46th on Dec 4
Dan & Frances Thode on their 12th on Dec 5
Warren & Rose Dankert on their 65th on Dec 6
Everett & Jeannie Lawson on their 30th on Dec 6
Jeff & Maryellen Reynolds on their 37th on Dec 6
Tom & Debbie Irk on their 43rd on Dec 7
Joe & Pam Gonzales on their 22nd on Dec 9
James & Patricia Burdett on their 40th on Dec 10
David & Gloria Lewis on their 54th on Dec 10
Kevin & Diane Warnke on their 30th on Dec 12
Howard & Linda Daniel on their 37th on Dec 13
Sherman & Carolyn Ososki on their 48th on Dec 13
Terry & Judith Stratman on their 51st on Dec 13
Carl & Karen Wipperman on their 21st on Dec 16
Larry Brown & Martha Maust on their 34th on Dec 17
Bruce & Mary (Diann) Jones on their 12th on Dec 17
Tim & Evelyn Cassin on their 41st on Dec 18
Robert & Joyce Beckner on their 53rd on Dec 19
Terry Boguslawski & Dianna Morris on their 33rd on Dec 19
Steve & Jan Kruger on their 58th on Dec 19
Robert & Joan Robinson on their 53rd on Dec 19

Get Well Soon

Everett Lawson, Bill Manning

In Sympathy…

We wish to extend sympathy to:

Geri Potter on the loss of her mother-in-law Elizabeth Potter; Marilyn Pokorny on the loss of her husband Edward Pokorny.