

The Sentinel

On the Road Again!



Danny O'Donnell

Join RVSC seniors on **Thursday, October 24** as we hit the road to enjoy singer **Danny O'Donnell** at the **Blue Gate Theater** in **Shipshewana, Indiana.** You will travel in the comfort of a deluxe motor coach bus. Cost is **\$95 per person** which includes the show ticket, deluxe motor coach bus, lunch buffet, and gratuity for driver and wait staff. **No refunds.** The bus will depart at **10 a.m.** and return at **6:30 pm** to the senior center parking lot. (Please park on the lower level.)

Danny O'Donnell's music is described as a mix of country and Irish folk, and he has sold over ten million records to date.

He is widely considered a cultural icon in Ireland. O'Donnell is known for his charismatic and engaging stage presence that you are sure to enjoy. Please call the center at **(269) 469-4556** to make your reservation. **Payment is due at the time of sign-up.** There is limited seating, so make your reservation soon.

Danny O'Donnell Trip

- Thursday, October 24
- 10 am 6:30 pm
- Deluxe motor coach
- \$95/Person (no refunds)
 (Ticket, transportation, lunch buffet, and gratuity included)



Barbara Wojtczak RVSC Board President

Greetings Seniors,

Can you believe your grandkids already started school in Berrien County? Today, I glanced out the windows and saw leaves falling from one of the trees behind our building.

One of our senior center members mentioned their grandchild was leaving for her first year of college. This

begs our favorite question: "Where did the summer go?"

But summer isn't over yet! There is still time to enjoy more of Michigan. I hope you have been able to enjoy some outside activities with family, friends and neighbors. Whether you attended activities at the senior center or elsewhere, I hope you had fun and spread some cheer.

The farm stands and produce markets are in full swing right now. The senior center received several generous donations of fresh-picked produce. I hope you have had the opportunity to visit, so you can pick out some garden goodies to enjoy at home.

As summer winds down and we look forward to fall festivities, please know how much we care about you. Please join us at the center, if you can, and sign up for an activity that might be new to you.

Enjoy summer's end. -Barbara

New Yoga Class: Essentrics® with Cecily Sept. 10 at 10 am, Gentle Aging Backwards

We are so fortunate to have Cecily Crowther of New



Cecily Crowther Essentrics® Instructor

Buffalo, an L1 Certified Essentrics® Yoga Instructor, come to RVSC to teach **Gentle Aging Backwards**.

workout will activate all your muscles, free your joints, and increase mobility. Cecily leads an easy-to-follow full body technique

This gentle, low-impact

through your muscle chains, liberating and empowering your muscles, relieving tension in the process — making you feel more energetic.

This class is excellent for injury prevention and recovery, pain relief, stress relief, and promotes healing. Some of the benefits Essentrics participants may experience:

- · Unlocks tight muscles
- Increases flexibility and mobility
- Strengthens the spine and core
- Improves posture
- Tones and defines muscles

Please call RVSC at (269) at 469-4556 by September 4 to reserve a spot in Cecily's class. Bring a mat, water, towel, and wear comfortable clothing to class.

RVSC Mission Statement: To offer residents of our service area who are 60 years and older a range of educational, recreational, social, transportation, and referral services.

Explore the Region of Three Oaks Museum 5 Featherbone Avenue, Three Oaks



Join other history buffs as they meet at the Region of Three Oaks Museum on Wednesday, **September 18** at **10 am**. This museum collects and display histor-

ical artifacts, papers, and records that tell the story

of the historical heritage of our region. It serves the citizens of New Buffalo, Chikaming, and Three Oaks Townships. Originally housed in the Three Oaks Township



Film: Three Oaks Against the World

Public Library, the museum is now located in a building behind the library in a large parking lot. Look for the signs. Admisssion is free, donations are welcome.

Our group will **meet at the front of the museum** at **10 am** on **September 18** to take a private, guided tour. You'll still have time to pursue your own interests, too. Transportation is on your own.

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September Bingo

- Friday, September 13, 11 am,
 Lifecare with lunch. Reserve by Sept. 10.
- Friday, September 27, 11 am,
 RVSC with lunch. Reserve by Sept. 20.

Movie-Rain Man, Sept. 10, 11 am

After a selfish L.A. wheeler-dealer learns his estranged father left a fortune to his autistic-savant brother (that he didn't know existed), he absconds with his brother and sets out across the country, hoping to gain a larger inheritance. Call (269) 469-4556 for reservations by September 9.



Tom Cruise & Dustin Hoffman

Telephone Reassurance

The Senior Center has a Telephone Reassurance Program for those that live alone and would appreciate a daily call to check on their welfare. If you would appreciate a call, or have an elderly relative who lives alone and would be assured to hear a friendly voice on a daily basis, please call the center at 269-469-4556. If you would like to be a volunteer caller, let the senior center know.

Weekly Recurring Activities

Monday

9 am—Exercise Class (LL) 10 am—Exercise Class (LL) 1:30 pm—Yoga, Chair (LL) 2:30 pm—Yoga, Beginners (LL)

Tuesday

9 am–Crafts (call for reservations) (LL) 10 am –TOPS, 9/10 and 9/24 1 pm–Cribbage (UL) 2 pm–Choir

Wednesday

9 am–Exercise Class (LL)
10 am–Exercise Class (LL)
12:30 pm–Monthly Commodities (2nd Wed.)
12:30 pm- Quarterly Commodities
(3rd Wed.) Nov., February, May, and August
1 pm–Line Dancing (LL)
1 pm–Cards/games (UL)
1 pm–Wii Bowling

Thursday

1 pm—Cribbage (UL) 1:30 pm—Tai Chi (LL) 6 sessions \$48 2 pm—Alzheimer's Caregiver Support (UL)

<u>Friday</u>

9 am–Exercise Class (LL) 10 am–Exercise Class (LL) 10:45 am–Blood Pressure Checks (UL) 1:30 pm–Knitting & Crocheting (LL)

Sally Stein Coming to RVSC
October 4 at 11 am
Music on the Patio with light lunch

Medicare Changes with Marcie Ritter Thursday, September 26, 10 am

Marcie Ritter, an independent insurance broker, will present an informative session on major Medicare changes and updates for 2025 on Thursday, **September 26** at **10 am** at the senior center. The new drug law, a part of the Inflation Reduction Act, makes improvements to Medicare that will expand benefits, lower drug costs,



keep prescription drug premiums stable, and improve the strength of the Medicare program.

Marcie will take questions after the presentation. Please call ahead to register at (269) 469-4556.

Watercolor: Pumpkin Patch Tuesday, September 17, 12:30 pm

Join Roy and Peg Hruska, who are both Madden Certified Teachers. Classes are geared to those who have never tried watercolor before or who like the loose paintings of TV teacher, Terry Madden. Create something beauti-



Please call (269) 469-4556 to reserve your spot.



Friday, September 27 & Monday, September 30

RVSC offers Foot Clinic services by Jane Sherwin, RN of Blessed Feet, LLC. Prior to receiving services, you must bring a release

form signed by your Health Care Provider. No exceptions. If you are a new Foot Clinic client, please **call (269) 469-4556** to have one mailed to you. In January 2024, prices for the Foot Clinic increased. A patient's first visit is \$40, and their return visit is \$30. The Foot Clinic is by appointment only.

Neighbor by Neighbor



Need help with food, rent, utilities, car or home repairs? Call Neighbor by Neighbor at 269-231-0648. Neighbor by Neighbor links residents of Chikaming, New Buffalo, Three

Oaks Township, the Village of Three Oaks, and the City of New Buffalo with resources and services. We have access to funds to keep people from getting behind on rent/mortgage payments, and/or utility bills. There are no age restrictions on who we serve. We will serve those of any age within our boundaries who are at or below 225% of the federal poverty level.

A beautiful face will age, and a perfect body will change, but a beautiful soul will always be a beautiful soul.

Transportation & Services

Please allow 10-14 business days advance notice to reserve transportation. Emergency service will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The Senior Center provides many services for those 60 years and older. They include transportation for medical, shopping, and other necessary trips. The Center has a wide service area that includes Bridgman, New Buffalo, Lakeside, Union Pier, Sawyer, Harbert, Three Oaks, New Troy, Grand Beach and Galien.

Our volunteer drivers will see that you get to your doctor's appointment located in Berrien County, LaPorte, Michigan City and parts of South Bend on time between 8:30 am and 1 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

The Senior Center will gladly accept donations for maintaining our increasing transportation expenses. When using our transportation, please be patient. Our drivers practice all safety regulations.

Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.

-John C. Maxwell

Important Service Numbers

• Alzheimer's Help Line	1-800-272-3900
 Area Agency on Aging 	1-800-654-2810
• Benton Harbor VA Clinic	1-269-934-9123
• Elder Abuse Prevention	1-855-444-3911
 Eldercare Locator 	1-800-677-1116
 Lakeshore Legal Aid 	1-888-783-8190
 Long Term Care 	
Ombudsman	1-866-485-9393
 Medicaid Hotline 	1-800-642-3195
 Medicare Questions 	1-800-633-4227
Medicare/Medicaid	
Asst. Prog.	1-800-803-7174
 Northern Indiana 	
V.A. Clinic	1-574-272-9000
• PACE	1-855-243-8876
• Senior Nutrition Service	1-855-925-0137
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Telemarketer:	1-888-382-1222
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Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan Senior Nutrition Services Home Delivered Meals Menu Congregate Menu

September 2024

Menu is subject to change without notice

Meals are funded in part by:



Along with Participant Contributions, United Way Partners, Grant Awards and Donations

HAPPY : LABOR : DAY :	3 Turkey Burger on a Bun Ketchup/Mustard/ Mayo Cheesy Potates Seasonal Veggie Cinnamon Applesauce	4 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Seasoned Potato Wedges Green Beans Apricots	5 Sweet Potato Black Bean Quinoa Casserole Seasonal Vegetable Tropical Fruit	6 Spanish Rice with Beef Tossed salad with Ranch Fruit Crisp
9 Philly Cheesesteak Pasta Seasonal Vegetable Fruited Jello	10 Chicken Stir Fry Over Rice Oriental Vegetable Blend Fruit Crisp	11 Chef Salad w/ Turkey, Cheddar, Eggs, Cucumbers, Tomatoes Thousand Island Dressing Croutons	12 Roasted Chicken Quarter Whipped Potatoes Five Way Mixed Veggie Applesauce	13 Breaded Fish Sandwich w/Cheese & Tartar Sauce Coleslaw Roasted Carrots Peaches
16 Scalloped Potatoes with Ham Mixed Vegetables Tropical Fruit Fluff	17 Bean Burrito w/ Cheese Mexican Street Corn Pepper & Onion BlendDiced Pears	18 French Toast Bake Cooked Spinach Baked Apples	19 Sweet and Sour Meatballs over Rice Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	20 Garlic Chicken Linguini Zucchini and Summer Squash Texas Toast Seasonal Fruit
23 Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Garlic Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple	24 Baked Ziti with Cheese Italian Vegetables Fruit Crisp	25 BBQ Roast Beef on a Bun Apple Cranberry Coleslaw California Blend Vegetables	26 Tuna Noodle Cas- serole Wax Beans Berry Cobbler	Staff Training
30 Chicken Cordon Bleu Green Peas Peaches			Meals provide (average per week) Carbs: 75 grams Calories: 800 Sodium: 800 milli-grams Protein: 19 grams Total Fat: 30% 2% milk Sodium:800	Your donation to-ward the cost of the meal helps to make sure that these meals can continue. Please be as generous as you can! We thank you!

Monthly Commodities Wednesday, September 11, 12:30–2 pm

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income persons who are at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods. Any senior who meets federal income guidelines can come on the <u>second</u> Wednesday of the month and pick up their food allotment. Pick up time is from 12:30 pm–2 pm. For more information, please call (269) 469-4556.

Mobile Food Pantry Schedule Feeding America's West Michigan Foodbank

- Tuesday, September 3, 3:30 pm Harbert Community Church
- Wednesday, September 4, 4:30 pm Woodland Shores
- Thursday, September 19, 3:30 pm Harbert Community Church
- Monday, September 30, 4 pm
 Galien River Church @ Galien American Legion
- Cupboard Mobile Food Pantry

This food pantry serves those who meet federal guidelines and live in the service areas of Bridgman, Baroda, Stevensville, Glendora, New Troy, Sawyer, and St. Joseph.

- ◆ Location: Bridgman Fire Department or Woodland Shores Baptist Church in Bridgman during the summer months.
 - Thursdays, 10 am-12 pm and 6:15 pm-7:30 pm. First and third Sundays of each month.
- ◆ Location: Bread of Life Food Pantry at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 3903 Lake Street, Bridgman. Tues. 10 am-12 Noon

Board of Directors Nominations

The River Valley Senior Center Nominating Committee is currently accepting applications for election to the Board of Directors. Residential requirements of Board Membership includes geographic service area which includes Townships of Chikaming, Lake, New Buffalo, Three Oaks, parts of Galien and Weesaw Township, and west of Cleveland Avenue. This includes the following cities/villages: Michiana, Grand Beach, New Buffalo, Three Oaks, Union Pier, Lakeside, Harbert, Sawyer, New Troy, and Bridgman.

Applications are available at the River Valley Senior Center, 13321 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, MI 49115 or contact Elna (Ellie) Rogers, Committee Chairperson, (269) 756-9596 or edelrogers@sbcglobal.net for further information. Applications are due by October 1, 2024.

Medicare



Consider a Medicare Review

We have an MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) trained counselor at the senior center to help sift through your questions regarding Medicare coverage. We don't sell Medicare plans--we just help you to understand them. We offer personal assistance at no charge. We will begin to take appointments for Medicare Review at the senior center on **Tuesday, October 15.**

The 2024–2025 annual Medicare Open
Enrollment period takes place from October 15—
December 7 with new coverage effective on January
1, 2025. During Open Enrollment, if you are enrolled in Medicare, you can review and make changes to your health plans or prescription drug plans. This includes switching from traditional Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan (or vice versa), switching between Medicare Advantage plans, and electing or switching between Medicare Part D prescription drug plans.

If you would like to review your Medicare coverage, please call the senior center at **(269) 469-4556** to make an appointment with our MMAP counselor. All appointments will take place after October 15. Please bring your **Medicare Card** and a list of all your **current prescription medications** with **dosages** to your appointment.

Courage doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is the little voice
at the end of the day
that says "I'll try again tomorrow."

-Mary Anne Radmacher

Thank You!

- All van drivers
- All Center volunteers
- Facebook support:
 Marci Stephenson
 Diane Kirk, Sharon Phillips



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Help Wanted

The River Valley Senior Center is currently seeking to fill the following position:

Part-Time Senior Services Coordinator

Requirements are strong Computer, Organizational, and Time Management Skills. Must be a Team Player and focus on serving our clients. Please send resume to director@rvseniorcenter.org or mail to River Valley Senior Center, P.O. Box 275, Harbert, MI 49115.



Looking for Crafters

We are recruiting crafters for our Annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 9 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm. Please call Tim Hawkins at (269) 469-4556 or email director@rvseniorcenter.org. If needed, we will provide a display table.



River Valley Senior Center P.O. Box 275 13321 Red Arrow Highway Harbert, MI 49115

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Website: www.rvseniorcenter.org Email: director@rvseniorcenter.org

Phone: (269) 469-4556 Fax: (269) 469-0321 Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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