



Wyandot County

COUNCIL ON AGING

2026

SEPT / OCT

Living Smart ~ Aging Strong



Small Acts of Assistance. A Big Difference.

To date, in 2026, the Wyandot County Council On Aging (WCCOA) has distributed over \$5,800 through our Seniors At Risk Account, providing timely assistance to local seniors facing unexpected challenges. The SARA program is funded entirely through our annual purse derby and private donations.

No taxpayer funds are used.

Here are just a few examples of the difference these funds can make:

- A senior who ran out of propane during the cold winter months, ensuring they could stay warm and safe in their home.
- We helped restore electric service for a senior who relied on breathing treatments.
- Assisted a client who had been scammed out of a small amount of money and needed minor car repairs to maintain reliable transportation.
- We partnered with Carey Christian Assistance and The Salvation Army to help a client obtain a water heater after living without one for more than a year.

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If you would like to support the Seniors At Risk Account, donations can be sent to:

Wyandot County Council On Aging

127 S. Sandusky Ave.

Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Please note **"SARA"** with your donation.

Thank you for helping us make a difference when our seniors need it most.

Terry Ratliff, Executive Director

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Mission Statement:

**Wyandot County Council
On Aging engages
Wyandot County
citizens of all ages and
provides services to our
60+ community to
enhance the quality of
their lives.**

127 S. Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

It is with great pride and appreciation that we recognize **Bonnie Conley** as the **2026 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year for Wyandot County**.

Her life of service is an inspiration to us all, and this honor is a fitting tribute to a remarkable woman. Bonnie has devoted countless years to serving her church, Grace United Methodist, where she has been an active member of the women's group. For more than 20 years, she served as the church's financial secretary. She also helped establish and lead the "GLOW" program—God Lights Our Way—which provided a safe and meaningful Halloween experience for local children for five years. In addition, Bonnie chaired the funeral committee and led the Greeting Card Ministry for more than two decades.



Her commitment to young people is equally remarkable. Bonnie served as a dedicated 4-H advisor for nearly 20 years and embraced every opportunity to support the youth of Wyandot County. In 1984, she became an Assistant 4-H Program Assistant in a pilot program in Wyandot County. From 1988 through 2001, she worked at The Ohio State University Extension Office as the 4-H Program Assistant for Wyandot County. In 2002, she was honored as an Honorary Member of the Wyandot County 4-H program. Bonnie continued her service to the agricultural community as the Junior Fair Administrator for the Wyandot County Agricultural Society from 2003 through 2010. In 2019, Bonnie began another chapter of community service when she joined the Board of Trustees of the Wyandot County Council On Aging. For the past six years, she has proudly served as president. In that role, she oversees and assists with all committees and continually demonstrates her willingness to serve wherever she is needed. Throughout her life, Bonnie has given her time, talents, and heart to her family, her church, young people, and the entire Wyandot County community. Her decades of service have touched generations and have made Wyandot County a better place.

Barbara Griffin



**Nutrition Supervisor
& Data Entry**

Our Home Delivered Meal program offers a diverse selection of meal options—hot, cold, and frozen—available to seniors five days a week. Our meals are prepared by the Seneca County Commission on Aging and then thoughtfully packaged at our facility by our outstanding kitchen team. Our dedicated meal route drivers deliver these meals, accompanied by a smile, across Wyandot County. Barbara continues to oversee our Chore Program as well as Care to Chat. The Chore Program is designed to assist those who require help with minor home repairs and maintenance tasks. Care to Chat is a volunteer initiative that connects callers with individuals who would benefit from a friendly conversation. These calls can vary in duration and offer an excellent opportunity for personal connection.

Our dedicated homemaking team is here to support you, ensuring a clean and comfortable living environment so you can focus on what truly matters - enjoying life and spending time with loved ones.

We understand the importance of maintaining a tidy home, and our services are tailored to meet your individual needs. Whether you require assistance with laundry, wet and dry mopping, changing bed linens, washing dishes, vacuuming, dusting, or keeping kitchens and bathrooms clean we are here to help.

Alesta Altvater



**Homemaking
Supervisor**

Patty Nye



**Transportation
Supervisor**

We provide transportation services throughout Ohio for medical appointments, while non-medical appointments are also available specifically in Wyandot County. Please note that medical requests take precedence over non-medical ones.

Our exceptional drivers offer door-to-door service to ensure you arrive at your appointments safely; however, they are unable to assist with lifting. If you need to cancel an appointment, we kindly ask that you do so as early as possible, allowing us to assist someone else who may need a ride that day.

We are dedicated to ensuring that every senior in Wyandot County has the necessary resources to age safely, comfortably, and with dignity. Recognizing that each individual's needs are distinct, our caring team is ready to listen and provide customized support.

Whether you're in search of information, a particular service, or a community connection, we are here to partner with you on this journey. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or to discover more about how we can assist you or your loved ones.

Tim Griffin



**Office
Administrator**

Ways to Connect

Our Website: wyandotseniors.com



On our website, you will discover a variety of resources, including monthly meal menus, activity calendars, information on upcoming trips, a digital version of our newsletters, and much more.

On Facebook: [@wyandotseniors](https://www.facebook.com/wyandotseniors)



Follow us on Facebook for reminders about events, updates on schedule changes, cheerful posts, and a lot more!

Receive updates via text message:

(855)651-4568



Some updates and reminders are sent by text message. Save this number in your phone so you know it is from us.

ACTIVITIES TEAM



Activities Director

Amy Gardner

Activities Assistants

Mindy Johns, Janine McMillan & Teresa Brodman

AUTUMN IS HERE

F	N	R	F	J	A	C	K	E	T
G	U	A	H	A	R	V	E	S	T
O	T	U	Y	Y	A	C	O	R	N
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M	L	U	S	L	W	G	N	P	F
K	T	M	N	E	E	Y	L	R	A
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C	R	I	S	P	T	Z	V	K	L
L	M	V	B	P	E	N	K	E	Q
Q	Y	S	Z	B	R	V	K	Q	S

Word list:

ACORN
AUTUMN
CRISP
FALL
HARVEST
JACKET
LEAVES
NUT
RAKE
SWEATER



Coffee at the Connection

**Wednesdays
Starting at
9:00AM**

All are welcome; come join the conversation

SEWING CLASS

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

October 27th



Feed Sack Bag

10:00AM - SENIOR CONNECTION
RSVP FOR SUPPLY LIST

A Novel Bunch Book Club

Senior Connection - 1:00PM

SEPTEMBER 15TH
LITTLE WOMEN
By Louisa May Alcott

OCTOBER 20TH
TRULY
By Lionel Richie

CROCHET



Mondays 1PM

EUCHRE



Wednesdays 12:30PM

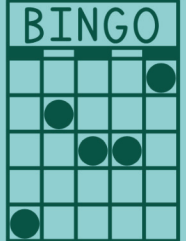
CRAFTS



ARTS & CRAFTS

Thursdays 10AM

BINGO



Thursdays 1PM

GAME NIGHT

6:00PM - 8:00PM

\$5.00 FOR PIZZA



SEPTEMBER 8TH & 22ND OCTOBER 13TH & 27TH

• **Senior Connection**

CHAIR EXERCISE



Mondays 3PM
Fridays 9AM

BRIDGE



Fridays 1PM

Line Dancing

September & October



Mondays & Wednesdays

10:30AM - 11:30AM

John Stewart United Methodist Church
130 West Johnson Street Upper Sandusky

*check calendar for exact days *

FALL OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL

TUESDAYS

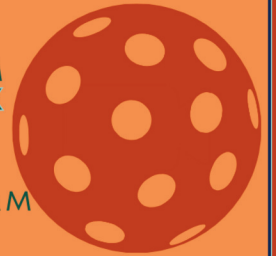
9:00AM - 11:00AM

BICENTENNIAL PARK
701 N. 8TH STREET UPPER SANDUSKY

FRIDAYS

9:00AM - 11:00AM

CAREY PARK
201 WORRELO STREET CAREY



WINTER INDOOR PICKLEBALL

*STARTING IN NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAYS

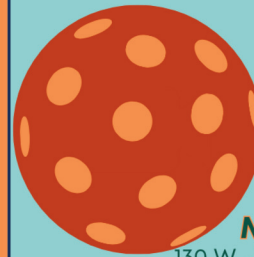
11:30AM - 1:30PM

FRIDAYS

8:00AM - 10:00AM

JOHN STEWART
METHODIST CHURCH

130 W. JOHNSON STREET UPPER SANDUSKY



WINTER SEASON STARTS NOV 9TH

SILVER STRIKERS

MONDAYS 9:30AM - NOON

\$3.00 Per Senior /
Per Game

ALL AGES
WELCOME

WYANDOT LANES

121 E FAIRVIEW ST, UPPER SANDUSKY

MOVING TO THE MUSIC

FALL SEASON

Monday, Wednesday &
Thursday

9:30 AM

John Stewart Methodist Church
130 W. Johnson Street
Upper Sandusky

Age is an issue of mind
over matter. If you don't
mind, it doesn't matter

~Mark Twain

BINGO  *IS ON THE MOVE...*

Thursday, September 3rd
Wyandot Skilled Nursing & Rehab
 7830 OH-199
 Upper Sandusky, OH

Thursday, October 8th
Vancrest of Upper Sandusky
 850 Marseilles Ave.
 Upper Sandusky, OH

PLAY STARTS AT 1:00PM - ALL ARE WELCOME

T-N-T BINGO!

\$5.00 PER PERSON FOR PIZZA
5:00PM-7:00PM

SEPT 24TH & OCT 29TH
PLEASE CALL 419-294-5733 TO RSVP
WCCOA OFFICE - 127 S SANDUSKY AVE.

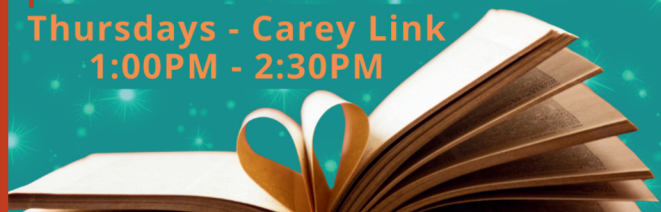
TAKE "2"SDAYS

September 29th Avalon
October 27th Night at the Museum

Movie starts at 2:00PM
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
 601 N Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky

Encounters with Jesus

Thursdays - Carey Link
1:00PM - 2:30PM



 *Carry on.*

WIDOWHOOD
SUPPORT GROUP
Living Life Again.

SEPTEMBER 10TH
Mt. Blanchard Gun Club
 1655 Township Hwy 186
 Forest

OCTOBER 8TH
Stoked Bar & Mechanical
 124 N Sandusky Ave
 Upper Sandusky

Established to foster connections among individuals navigating life after the loss of a spouse. This community is designed specifically for those experiencing widowhood.

RSVP by calling 419-294-5733.

MEETING STARTS AT 5:00PM -STAY FOR DINNER IF YOU WOULD LIKE

Bluebird of Happiness Day Celebration

SEPTEMBER 24TH

Doors open at 11:30
Lunch served at noon

Special Guest

RSVP by calling 419-294-5733



Senior Club POTLUCK

WCCOA Office
127 S Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky
2nd Thursday of each month
5:00pm - 7:00PM

Bring a dish to share!



Mystery LUNCH

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28TH

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30TH

(WEAR YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME)

RESERVATIONS BEGIN MONDAY, SEPT 7TH

DRIVING 2

Diners

DIVES

TEN SEATS
AVAILABLE FOR
EACH DATE.

YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR
ONE MYSTERY LUNCH PER
NEWSLETTER CYCLE.

\$10 FOR TRIP + YOUR LUNCH
BUS LEAVES AT 10:30
RSVP BY CALLING 419-294-5733

ONU Mobile Health Clinic



END OF THE MONTH LUNCHES

Thursday, September 24th

Thursday, October 29th

STARTING AT 11:00AM

Tinity Evangelical Church - 108 Malabar Drive Upper Sandusky

Community LUNCH

with Fall Fixens owner, Ted Stief

October 6th

Grace United
Methodist Church,
Carey

October 13th

Mohawk Community
Library,
Sycamore

Lunch 12:00pm

Please RSVP to 419-294-5733

2 0 2 6 W Y A N D O T C O U N T Y F A I R

SENIOR DAY

WEDNESDAY, *SEPTEMBER 16TH*

WYANDOT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - MASTERS BUILDING



COFFEE & DONUTS
Provided by Vancrest



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
-Eric Sowers - musician
-Matt "Major Scales"
Edick - Juggler



DOOR PRIZES



GIVE-A-WAYS



LUNCH (TICKET REQUIRED)
Provided by Wyandot Skilled
Nursing & Rehab

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00AM • LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30AM

*Lunch tickets will be available in our office as well as the Senior Connection - Tickets are limited

**Fair admission not included - Discounted price on Senior Day

Where History Meets Hometown Tradition
Rooted in History, Growing Hometown Pride

Historic Marietta



September 29th - October 1st



October 12th - 14th

SHOPPING LIST

Christmas Connection	✓
Huntington Convention Center	✓
November 20, 2026	✓
\$\$\$	✓
Have a great time!	✓



Friday, November 20th

Something's Brewing
at the
CLEVELAND PLAYHOUSE

December 10th

Road Trip Wednesdays

SEPTEMBER - Springfield
2nd, 9th, 23th, 30th

OCTOBER - Take me to the Mall
7th-Polaris, Columbus
14th-Belden Village, Canton
21st-Summit, Fairlawn
28th-Franklin Park, Toledo

West Liberty
September 25th
Ohio Caverns *

Coshocton
October 16th
Apple Butter
Stirrin' Festival *

Marion
November 6th
Harding Home *

Northwest Ohio
December 11th
Coffee Shop Hop

Fun Fridays

Additional ticket costs apply

PORTUGAL AND THE DOURO RIVER CRUISE

September 29th -
October 9th
2027



STOP BY THE SENIOR CONNECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION



PIZZA & PASSPORTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

TWO PRESENTATION TIMES AVAILABLE



**2027
TRIP
LINE-UP**

NOON & 5:00 PM

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
CHURCH**



**2028
GRAND
TOUR
REVEAL**

\$10.00 PER PERSON - TICKET REQUIRED

Tickets can be purchased at our office, the Senior Connection, and our booth at the Wyandot County Fair.



Tuesday, Sept 22nd

LUNCH & LEARN

Plan Ahead & Protect Yourself

Don Tomassos
123 W. Wyandot Ave.
Upper Sandusky

EVENT WILL BEGIN AT NOON

Please RSVP by calling 419-294-5733

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

**OCTOBER
6TH**



HEALTH CARE CLINIC

**OCTOBER
27TH**



FINANCIAL CLINIC

**NOVEMBER
17TH**



WILLS & ESTATES

VETERANS DAY

Lunch

NOVEMBER 13TH

TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 - LUNCH AT NOON

108 Malabar Drive Upper Sandusky
RSVP: 419-294-5733

Medicare Questions?

Sit down with an **OSHIIP** representative and find out what is right for you.



**Ohio Senior
Health Insurance
Information
Program**

**November 16th
9am - 2pm
Senior Connection**

CALL 419-294-5733 TO
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



Autumn Days Word Scramble

How fast you can unscramble the following autumn-related words?

1. Mangpic _____
2. Rinwee Astro _____
3. Rhyrec Epi _____
4. Mosse'r _____
5. Knippmu _____
6. Firbone _____
7. Rocn Zeam _____
8. Frupef Stev _____
9. Tharves _____
10. Ratsyr Thing _____
11. Flingal Slavee _____
12. Cholos _____
13. Tearsews _____
14. Crocsware _____
15. Taste Fria _____
16. Thingsinkvag _____
17. Rayhide _____
18. Wholelane _____
19. Kinghi Stobo _____
20. Palep Dicer _____

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	01 9:00am Pickleball BP	02 9:00am Coffee@Connection SC 9:30am Movin'to the Music JS 10:30am Line Dancing JS 12:30pm Euchre SC Wednesday Trip	03 10:00am Craft Class SC 1:00pm Bible Study CL 1:00pm BINGO WCSNR	04 9:00am Pickleball CP 9:00am Chair Exercise SC 1:00pm Bridge SC
 Offices Closed	08 9:00am Pickleball BP 6:00pm Game Night SC	09 9:00am Coffee@Connection SC 9:30am Movin'to the Music JS 10:30am Line Dancing JS 12:30pm Euchre SC Wednesday Trip	10 10:00am Craft Class SC 1:00pm Bible Study CL 1:00pm BINGO SC 5:00pm Senior Club COA Carry On-Mt. Blanchard Gun Club MB	11 9:00am Pickleball CP 9:00am Chair Exercise SC 1:00pm Bridge SC
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21 9:30am Movin' to the Music JS 1:00pm Crochet SC 3:00pm Chair Exercise SC	22 9:00am Pickleball BP 12:00pm Lunch & Learn DT 6:00pm Game Night SC 	23 9:00am Coffee@Connection SC 9:30am Movin'to the Music JS 10:30am Line Dancing JS 12:30pm Euchre SC Wednesday Trip	24 12:00pm End of the Month Lunch TEC 1:00pm Bible Study CL 5:00pm TNT BINGO COA	25 9:00am Pickleball CP 9:00am Chair Exercise SC 1:00pm Bridge SC Fun Friday
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OCTOBER CALENDAR

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COA =Council On Aging Upper Sandusky SC =Senior Connection Upper Sandusky FELC =First Evangelical Lutheran Church Upper Sandusky JS =John Stewart Methodist Church Upper Sandusky	TEC =Trinity Evangelical Church Upper Sandusky BP =Bicentennial Park Upper Sandusky V =Vancrest Upper Sandusky WSN&R =Wy. Skilled Nursing & Rehab Upper Sandusky	GUM =Grace United Methodist Church Carey CP =Carey Park Carey CL =Carey Link Carey MC =Mohawk Community Library Sycamore MB =Mt. Blanchard	O1 10:00am Craft Class SC 1:00pm Bible Study CL 1:00 BINGO SC Marietta Trip	O2 9:00am Pickleball CP 9:00am Chair Exercise SC 1:00pm Bridge SC
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WCCOA, Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation founded on August 9, 1974, and serving individuals since 1976.

Over the years, WCCOA has been made possible by grants, partnerships and most importantly - the voters of Wyandot County - who have generously voted to pass tax-leaves to keep our operations prospering.

THE DATE **SAVE THE DATE** **SAVE THE DATE** **SAVE THE DATE**

September 16th - Senior Day at the Wyandot County Fair

October 29th - Pizza & Passports

November 13th - Veterans' Day Lunch

December 18th - Community Christmas Party

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BOARD of TRUSTEES

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Tom Martin

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Marge Sink

Jim Stauffer



In Loving Memory
Linda Fox
Tom Fair

Thank you for thinking of us in your time of loss.

If you wish to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one, you may do so through our website, in person at our office or by mail.



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127 S. Sandusky Ave.
Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

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Name	
Address	
City; State: Zip	
Email	

"AUTUMN IS A SECOND SPRING
WHEN EVERY LEAF IS A FLOWER."

- ALBERT CAMUS