January / February 2024

WYANDOT COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING Living Smart Aging Strong

From the desk of our director: Terry Ratliff



On March 19th, 2024, during the primary election, voters will have the opportunity to vote for the 5-year renewal of our current levy. The money generated by this levy ensures that we can continue to provide much needed services, regardless of the client's ability to pay. All our services have suggested donations which provides a small percentage of income to the agency. Without the levy we could

do all that we do. To help you understand the impact that WCCOA has on the 60 and over population, I have put together some interesting facts.

- In 2023 WCCOA provided nearly 29,000 meals to the seniors of Wyandot County.
- In 2023, our transportation drivers drove over 150,000 miles to ensure our clients were able to make hundreds of medical appointments, run personal errands, even attend activities and social functions.
- In 2023, our homemakers provided over 3,500 hours of housekeeping to ensure our clients live in a clean, safe environment.
- In 2023, approximately 200 hours were devoted to the CHORE program which helps with small repairs and maintenance concerns.

Our services provide peace of mind for loved ones and family members. Often while interacting with our clients, our staff hears "we don't know what we would do without you guys!" Nothing makes us prouder of what we do than these kind words.

In addition to the services mentioned above, we have a dedicated Activities Department who work tirelessly to ensure our clients are engaged and stimulated both creatively and socially.

As previously mentioned, this is a renewal, not a new tax. The voters and taxpayers of Wyandot County have graciously supported our mission at WCCOA for many years and we humbly ask for your vote on March 19th.

Celebrating 50 years of Service!

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.

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Monday - Friday 419-294-5733

127 S. Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky Ohio 43351

SERVICES



What are the qualifications to receive meals, transportation, and homemaking services?

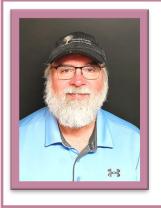
It's quite simple 1) be a Wyandot County resident 2) be at least 60 years of age

That's it!

Our services do have suggested donations, we have no income guidelines for eligibility.

Our team of seasoned drivers offers non medical transportation inside of Wyandot County and medical transportation inside the state of Ohio. Our fleet of vans are accessible for all abilities. We can assure you or your loved one gets to physical therapy, the grocery store or pick up medications. Reservations can be made by calling our office and require advance notice. **Give Patty a call to schedule Transports!**





Our agency provides hot, home delivered meals five days a week along with frozen and shelf stable meal options. Our menu is set by a nutritionist with a focus on a balanced, low sodium diet. Our Home Delivered Meal program offers a great opportunity for our staff to interact with clients daily. We also offer a dine in option in our office from 11:30am to 12:30pm Monday through Friday. **Give Ron a call to set up Home Delivered Meals!**

In an effort to allow our clients to safely remain in their homes for as long as possible, our homemaking team provides light housekeeping services. Keeping homes clean and free of clutter make for happier, safer homes. This also allows our team an opportunity for social interaction with clients who otherwise may not have people to interact with. **Give Alesta a call to set up Homemaking!**



SPOTLIGHTS

Homemaker Spotlight: JoEllen

Years of Service: 1.5 years

Best Part(s) of the Job:

"I love knowing that I'm helping them stay in their homes and enjoy hearing their stories and providing a bit of companionship while I'm with them.

Client Feedback:

Kind Caring Thoughtful Does a wonderful job! Always goes above and beyond!

In honor of our 50th Anniversary:/

SANDRA COPPLER

3 - \$500

SCHOLARSHIPS

Open to all <u>Wyandot County</u>

students pursuing a

Gerontology degree

in 2024.

Short Answer / Essay

Application available at

wyandotseniors.com

or in our office.

EMORIAL SCHOLARSHI



In Loving Memory Donna Orians Janet Snodgrass Paul Amos George Bowen

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

If you would like to make a memorial donation to Wyandot County Council on Aging, please send donations to:

> Wyandot County Council On Aging 127 S. Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

MONTHLY CALENDAR

JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 11:30am Pickleball JS 12:30pm Euchre SC	4 10:00am Bible Study CD	 ⁵ 9:00 am Pickleball JS 9:00 am Chair Exercise SC 1:00pm Bridge SC
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22 1:00pm Crochet SC 3:00 am Chair Exercise SC	23 9:30am Bowling WL	24 11:30am Pickleball JS 12:30pm Euchre SC	25 10:00am Bible Study CD 6:00pm BINGO & Pizza TDP	26 9:00am Pickleball JS 9:00am Chair Exercise SC 10:30am Fun Fridays Trip 1:00pm Bridge SC
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SENIOR CONNECTION







Ron Boose Directors' Assistant



Teresa Brodman Activities Assistant



Trey Miller Activities Assistant



ACTIVITIES Page 7 CROCHET **EUCHRE** CRAFTS ARTS & CRAFTS Mondays 1PM Wednesdays 12:30PM Thursdays 10AM HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE SENIOR CONNECTION? CHAIR BINGO BRIDGE EXERCISE BINGO Mondays 3PM Thursdays 1PM Fridays 1PM Fridays 9AM Senior Connection - 1:00pm January 16th The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese February 20th The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr TUESDAY FEB 6PM - 8PM TUESDAY Senior 124 S Sandusky Ave FEB Connection **Upper Sandusky**



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Slippery	Slushy	Snowman	Snowstorm
Sparkling	Sweater	Toboggan	Winter

SPORTS

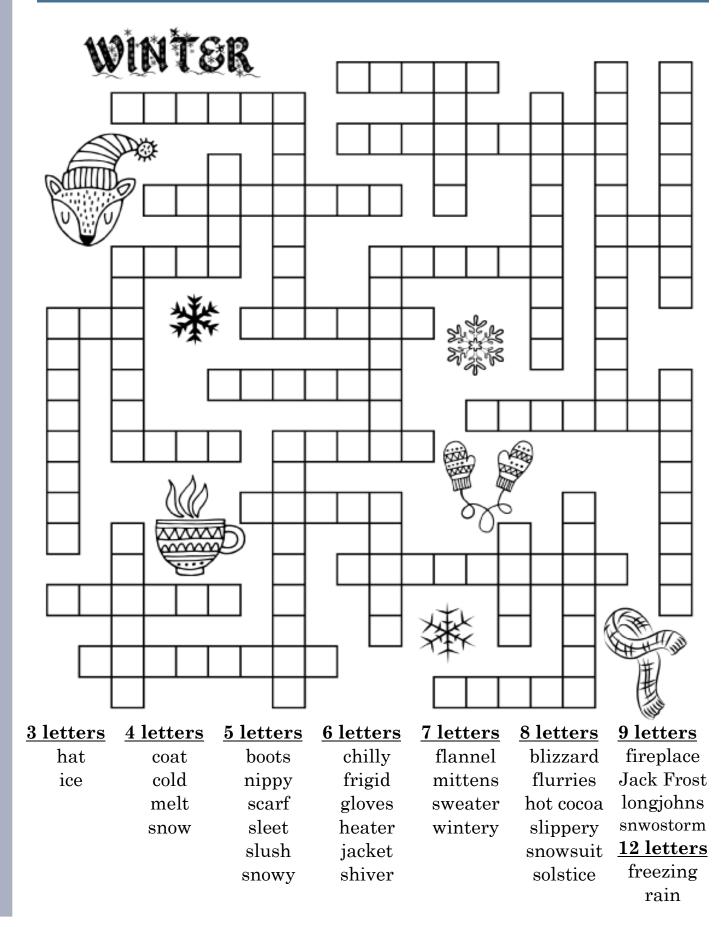
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PUZZLE



WCCOA BOARD MEMBERS

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-levies to keep our operations prospering.

BOARD OFFICERS

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Thank YOU!!

Our "Senior Tree" fundraiser was a great success again this year! Through corporate donations and individual sponsors we were able to raise almost \$2,500 for seniors in our county. Thank you for allowing us to help spread some holiday cheer!

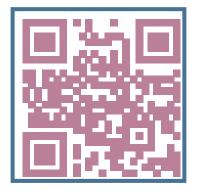


Facility Rentals

- Family Gatherings
- Wedding Showers
- Baby Showers
- Holiday Events
- Birthday Parties
- Retirement
 Parties

Call 419-294-5733 for more information

A very special A very special Thank You to all of our Wyandot County area businesses who donated money to provide an ad in our newsletter! We truly appreciate your support!



If you would like to make an electronic donation, scan this QR Code to be directed to our website.

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