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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Approach the New Year  
with resolve to find the  
opportunities hidden in  
each new day."*  
-Michael Josephson



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### 2024 - Thanks for the memories!

Wow - this past year has flown by! Thank you to everyone who has made 2024 a year full of fun and adventure. We are thankful for another year of serving our community and can't wait to see what lies ahead.

### 2025 - Let's celebrate 50 years of service!

As we look forward to an exciting 2025 at Main Street Community Center, we invite you to get involved in the many activities we have scheduled! Check out our newsletter and website for monthly activities and plan to help us celebrate our past 50 years of service to the community! Your lively presence each day truly makes our Center a vibrant and welcoming place. We love having you here!

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our generous donors for helping us reach our goal of \$50,000 in 50 days. Your support ensures we can continue offering these wonderful programs and more. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce our 50th anniversary gala on March 27th, 2025, at the LeClaire Room. Please come and help us celebrate this special occasion! More information about the gala will be available in our February newsletter. Let's make 2025 our best year yet!

Warm regards,  
The Main Street Community Center Team  
Jessica, Carissa, Val, Jennifer, Lori, Kelly, Sherri & Lewis



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### VOLUNTEER Susan







Susan is an invaluable volunteer at the Center. She dedicates her time and expertise to serving on our board of directors, where her insights and leadership are greatly appreciated. Additionally, Susan plays a crucial role in managing our resale shop, ensuring everything runs smoothly and efficiently. Her commitment and hard work make a significant impact, and we are incredibly grateful for her contributions.

Nolan is a cherished participant at the Center. Each morning, he brings a warm smile and a keen mind, diving enthusiastically into our puzzles. His presence is a delight, and we all look forward to his company. Nolan's love for puzzles not only keeps him engaged but also inspires others to join in the fun. His positive energy and friendly demeanor make our mornings brighter and more enjoyable.

### PARTICIPANT Nolan



JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Check us out! www.mainstcc.org www.facebook.com/mainstcc info@mainstcc.org		1 	2Center Closed to Celebrate the New Year	3
Center Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday - Friday	6 12:00pm Pinochle*	7 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Evening Book Club: Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston	8 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 10:00am Technology Drop-In Help 11:00am Blood Pressure Screenings 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 5:00pm Dining With Friends: Sugo's Spaghetteria** 7:00pm Tai Chi** 	9 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 1:00pm Afternoon Book Club: Becoming Madame Secretary by Stephanie Dray 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group <i>Golden Write Your Own Story</i>	10 11:00am Film Friday: A Star is Born (1954) 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo
*activities require appointments/prior registration **activities have a fee and require prior registration	13 9:30am Euchre 12:00pm Pinochle*  <i>National Sticker Day</i>	14 12:15pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Mah Jongg	15 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 12:30pm Watercolor Class* 1:00pm Bunco 7:00pm Tai Chi**  <i>Golden Bunco</i>	16 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	17 11:00am Film Friday: Breathe 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo
Film Friday titles are not guaranteed. If the film listed becomes unavailable, we will substitute for a similar film.	20  Center Closed	21 9:00am Paralegal* 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg  <i>Popcorn Day</i>	22 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 10:00am Technology Drop-In Help 11:30am Lunch and Learn: Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 7:00pm Tai Chi**	23 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	24 11:00am Film Friday: Escape from Alcatraz 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo
 <i>Golden Road to the Gala events will appear in gold</i>	27 9:30am Euchre 12:00pm Pinochle*  <i>Chocolate Cake Day</i>	28 12:15pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Mah Jongg 3:30pm Happy Hour: Oaxaca**  <i>HAPPY hour</i>	29 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 12:30pm Watercolor Class* 7:00pm Tai Chi**  <i>Puzzle Day</i>	30 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 11:00am Blood Pressure Screenings 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	31 11:00am Film Friday: Stan & Ollie 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo





## Golden Road to the Gala January Event Details

**9th** – Golden Write Your Own Story: Wear gold/yellow. We'll have golden treats!

**13th** – National Sticker Day: Sticker for first 50 participants; sponsored by It's a Small World Adventures

**15th** – Golden Bunco: Wear gold or yellow and enjoy some golden treats while you play; sponsored by Hospice of Southern Illinois

**21st** – Popcorn Day: Chef's Shoppe popcorn for first 50 participants; sponsored by Joe DeVary Country Financial

**27th** – Chocolate Cake Day: Piece of cake to the first 50 participants

**29th** – Puzzle Day: Puzzles set up throughout the Center and a puzzle race

### PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP SERIES

BEGINS TUESDAY FEB 18, 2025  
10AM

In collaboration with local playwright ek doolin we are offering a FREE 12-week workshop that culminates in A PLAY WRITTEN BY THE CLASS & PERFORMED FOR THE COMMUNITY\*

For more information & sign up: 618-656-0300

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## LEARN SPANISH

**8 Week Course**  
**February 18th - April 8th**  
**Meets on Tuesdays**

<b>Beginning Spanish</b>	<b>10:00am to 11:00am</b>
<small>For those wanting to learn basics of Spanish</small>	
<b>Intermediate Spanish</b>	<b>11:00am to 12:00pm</b>
<small>For those who have a base knowledge of Spanish.</small>	
<b>Advanced Spanish</b>	<b>9:00am to 10:00am</b>
<small>For those who have attended a previous Intermediate level session.</small>	

**We will be using Spanish Now! Level 1; 8th edition by Barron's.**  
**Purchase the book on your own or ask us to order for you. Book will cost \$30.**

## CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SERVING SENIORS: JOIN US FOR AN 8-MONTH JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER



### PART 6 Hopes are Rekindled on Local Senior Citizen's Project -Edwardsville Intelligencer September 27, 1973

Edwardsville Mayor Clyde L. Hartung said Tuesday he hasn't given up after all on securing the old Rohrkaiste Dairy building as a senior citizens center.

Earlier this month, the Mayor's Senior Citizens Advisory Council decided to abandon plans for refurbishing the former restaurant and milk store at 1003 N Main St because they could find no source of money to pay for the work. However, Hartung told the council's executive board last night, he was persuaded by members of an Edwardsville service club to reconsider the Rohrkaiste project.

They urged his not to give up, Hartung said, saying they thought funds could be found somewhere. The club itself pledged some funds, the Mayor said. Hartung said he had assigned First Ward Alderman Jim Woods to study replacing the roof of the building. Woods, who attended last night's meeting in the Mayor's office, said it would require \$2,500 to \$3,200 to have a new roof put on the building. However, he added that if the city could get volunteer labor, the materials for a "cold-tar" roof would cost about \$300. Woods said he considered the furnace situation at Rohrkaiste and guessed that a new heating plant would cost roughly \$1,600. Tentative plans call for remodeling the interior of the building to include lounge and dining areas, and other areas appropriate for a senior center. The building would be leased for \$1 a year from Eden United Church of Christ, which owns the property. Hartung said the church continues to be interested in leasing the building to the seniors, perhaps for five or ten years. Currently, the newly-formed group - Senior Citizens of Edwardsville Township - use the old St. Mary's Cottage, 216 Crane St., as a meeting place. The building is owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, which has announced plans to sell it. The building is currently being appraised, Hartung said. Hartung appointed five special committees to look into specific aspects of setting up a service program for seniors here, including a building

committee whose initial job will be to come up with a specific plan for refurbishing the Rohrkaiste building. Other committees are the following: Survey, to make plans to survey local seniors to determine what services they need; Equipment, to determine what equipment will be needed here; Meals, to make plans for a "Meals On Wheels" program to provide nutritious food for elderly, using some federal funds, and Transportation, to determine how to provide a minibus or other vehicles to get local elderly from place to place. Members of the committees will be announced later, after Hartung has contacted his appointees. Helen King of the Regional Office on Aging of the Madison County Economic Opportunity Commission outlined how a nutrition program here could work. She said her office has been appropriated \$157,000 this fiscal year for "Meals on Wheels" programs in Madison, Bond, and Clinton counties. To get some of the money, she said, local senior organizations would have to come up with a specific proposal for providing the meals, Mrs. King said. However, one of the purposes of Meals on Wheels is to get lonely seniors out of their homes and mixing socially with others, so that senior would be encouraged to come to a center. Transportation would be provided. Meals could be served out of a school, church, union hall, civic club hall or a community center, Mrs. King said. Federal funding would pay for food, cooks, rental and other items. The program could also use volunteers. In Wood River, a Meals on Wheels program operates out of a restaurant there, she said. Executive board members attending last night's meeting were William Tudor, Dora Harper, Kay Kendall, Alfred F. Meyer, and Irving Rosvold.

**We hope you enjoyed a part of our history at Main Street. Stay tuned for Part 7 of our 8-part history series next month!**

## Mark your calendars! The Center will be closed on the following dates in 2025.

Monday, January 1, 2025  
Thursday-Friday, January 2-3, 2025  
Monday, January 20, 2025  
Monday, February 17, 2025  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
Friday, April 18, 2025  
Monday, April 21, 2025  
Monday, May 26, 2025  
Thursday, June 19, 2025  
Friday, July 4, 2025  
Monday, September 1, 2025  
Monday, October 13, 2025  
Thursday, October 30, 2025  
Tuesday, November 11, 2025  
Wednesday, November 26, 2025  
Thursday, November 27, 2025  
Friday, November 28, 2025  
Monday, December 22, 2025  
Tuesday, December 23, 2025 -  
Friday, January 2, 2026

New Year's Day  
Holiday Break  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Presidents' Day  
Closed for Staff Development - Meals only  
Good Friday  
Day after Easter  
Memorial Day  
Juneteenth  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Indigenous Peoples' Day  
Closed for Staff Development - Meals only  
Veterans Day  
Day prior to Thanksgiving  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Closed for Staff Development - Meals only  
Holiday Break



## TRAVEL WITH US! - OVERNIGHT & INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

### ELVIS PRESLEY'S GRACELAND

May 19 - 22, 2025  
\$1,835 / person, double occupancy  
\$50 deposit, non-refundable  
Final payment due March 20, 2025

Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging, tips gratuity for tour director and driver & 8 meals. A few tour highlights include: City tour of Memphis, Graceland, National Civil Rights Museum and King's Palace Cafe.

#### GREAT MOTHER'S DAY/GIRLS TRIP!

### DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BARBARIA

August 27 - September 5, 2025  
\$4,899 / person, double occupancy  
\$698 deposit due, non-refundable  
Insurance \$549  
Final payment due February 28, 2025

Collette Tours Trip: Includes airfare, transfers, lodging, 13 meals, and travel insurance. Tour includes Bern, Habkern, Lucerne, Lichtenstein, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Bavaria! Highlights: Alphorn Maker, Yodeling Demo, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Restaurant.

#### ONLY TWO HOTEL STAYS!

### COASTAL VIRGINIA & THE OUTER BANKS

September 20 - 27, 2025  
\$2,410 / person, double occupancy  
\$50 deposit due, non-refundable  
Final payment due August 6, 2025

Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging & 10 meals. A few tour highlights include: Wright Brothers Museum, Kill Devil Hills, Colonial Williamsburg, Casemate Museum, Naval Base Cruise, Shirley Plantation.

#### 5 NIGHTS SAME HOTEL! OCEAN VIEWS!

### BRANSON CHRISTMAS

November 11-13, 2025  
\$935 / person, double occupancy  
\$50 deposit due, non-refundable  
Veteran's Discount - \$100 off!  
Final payment due September 27, 2025

Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging & 5 meals. A few tour highlights include: Grand Jubilee, Guided Tour of Branson, Daniel O'Donnell Show, Presley's Country Jubilee Show, Veteran's Honored.

#### GREAT TRIP FOR VETERANS!



# WE APPRECIATE YOU!

## THANK YOU, DONORS! WE MADE OUR GOAL OF 50K IN 50 DAYS!

We would not be able to operate without the financial support of individuals and local businesses and corporations. Thank you to those who have donated funds to our Annual Fund Drive this year. With your support, we met our goal of 50k in 50 days! Contributions are vital for the overall operations of our organization. as an independent non-profit. A comprehensive list of donors may be found on our website.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We LOVE our volunteers! We cannot thank them enough for all they have done for our Center & the community. We rely on hundreds of volunteers to help with delivering meals, greeting visitors and answering phones, leading activities, organizing the resale boutique, building and grounds maintenance, serving on Center committees and much more.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER, CONTACT: [info@mainstcc.org](mailto:info@mainstcc.org) or 618-656-0300

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT OUR MEALS PROGRAM

We want to help our home-delivered meal clients feel special, so we have local restaurants and caterers who rotate to provide a special Restaurant Thursday meal every quarter. In addition, we deliver a special birthday treat to them on their special day and they receive fresh produce twice a month. We are grateful to all of them:

- Artisan 222 Bakery
- Big Daddy's
- Cafe Birdie
- Chicken Salad Chick
- Clean Eat
- Creations by KiKi
- Culver's
- Dierberg's
- Doc's Smokehouse
- GC Cuisine
- Joe's Market Basket
- McAlister's Deli
- Teaspoons Cafe
- Weeping Willow Tea Room
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (produce)

IF YOU OWN A RESTAURANT THAT IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A RESTAURANT THURSDAY PARTNER, CONTACT: Jennifer Jackstadt, Nutrition Coordinator - [jennifer@mainstcc.org](mailto:jennifer@mainstcc.org) or 618-656-0300

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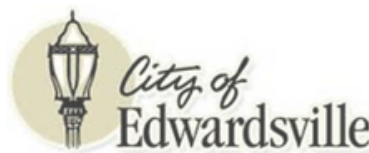
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## WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT & LANDLORD

Contributions to the Center from the City, the Village and the Township support essential services of nutrition and transportation. We also receive funding from the City to support our day trip program. Eden Church, our landlord, leases the property to the Center for \$1/year. We maintain the building and grounds and provide insurance reimbursement, but the low rent is a great support to our operations and mission to serve the community.



## SAVE THE DATE

MSCC IS TURNING 50!

*Celebration  
Gala*

THURSDAY | MARCH 27TH 2025

LeClaire Room, Edwardsville IL

DINNER BY BELLA MILANO

LIVE MUSIC BY EHS ALUMNI PLAYERS

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