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WOODLANDS SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER



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ABOUT OUR CENTER

OUR MISSION

To enable the senior citizens of Whitley County to live confident, dignified, independent and productive lives through education, programs and services.

OUR SERVICES

* Transportation
* Weekday Lunches
* Home Delivered Meals
* Lending Library
* Information & Referral
* Food Share Programs
* Annual Resource Fair
* Senior Caller Newsletter
* Tax Assistance (Feb-Apr)
* Social Gatherings & Entertainment
* Medical Equipment Rental Program
* Incontinence Items
* Health Programs/Exercise
* Educational/Informational Programs
* Non-Perishable Food Pantry & Bread Pantry
* Pet Food Pantry
* Bus Trips and Excursions

TITLE VI NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: All programs and services are provided without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with WCCOA.

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CONTACT US

Call 248-8944 for a ride! Toll Free: 1-800-290-1697

Hours: 7am - 5pm Monday - Friday.

A 48 hour notice (prior to 1 pm) is necessary.

INFORMATION WE NEED

- Name, address, phone number, birthday, any disabilities, and if the client has Medicaid.
- Appointment date and time.
- Destination, including address.
- Name and address of the responsible parties.

PRICING

Distance	Fees - One Way	Fees - Round Trip
1-4 miles	$6	$12
5-10 miles	$8	$16
11-15 miles	$12	$24
16-25 miles	$15	$30
Over 25 miles	$17	$34
Out of County	$29	$58

Whitley Co. TRANSIT

Stated mileage are for trips made within Whitley County.

* Children under 12 ride free with an adult. Adults must provide car seats if needed.
* Veterans: $20 Round Trip for trips outside of Whitley County.
* Working Seniors 60+: public rates apply.
* Seniors 60+: donation only; service is not denied to anyone who is not able to donate.

Exact payment is required. For your convenience, you may buy Transit Punch Cards for $40 per card (a $45 value).

CLIENTS MUST BE READY 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED PICK-UP TIME

All vans are sanitized throughout the day for your safety.



JOIN US!

FOOD DRIVE FOR COLUMBIA CITY ROTARY THANKSGIVING MEAL

"Cash Bingo" OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Whitley County Council on Aging



NOVEMBER 5TH & 19TH
5 PM TO 8 PM

- **$5 EARLY BIRD (3 ON 3)**
  (3 CARDS - EACH CARD HAS 3 BINGO GAMES)
  MUST PURCHASE REGULAR BINGO PACK TO PLAY
- **$20 REGULAR BINGO PACK(9 ON 6)**
  (6 CARDS - EACH CARD HAS 9 BINGO GAMES)
- **$1.00 SPECIALITY GAMES**

GET READY TO WIN SOME MONEY!

BY BRINGING IN PARISHABLE GOODS FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE SPECIALITY BINGO CARD!

UGLY SWEATER

"Cash Bingo"



DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH
5 PM TO 8 PM

GET READY TO WIN SOME MONEY!

BY WEARING A UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER OR CHRISTMAS ATTIRE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE SPECIALITY BINGO CARD!

- **$5 EARLY BIRD (3 ON 3)**
  (3 CARDS - EACH CARD HAS 3 BINGO GAMES)
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FOR QUESTIONS CALL MIRANDA: 260-248-8944 EXT: 900 - NO RESERVATION REQUIRED



CALLING ALL VETERANS

VETERANS LUNCHEON

(Free for Veterans and a guest)

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2026
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

at The Woodlands Activity Center

710 N. Opportunity Dr. Columbia City, IN 46725

Veterans – RSVP for the Luncheon

- Scan the RSVP QR Code Below and follow the instructions or
- Call 260-248-8944 to RSVP by November 4, 2026

Want to Honor A Veteran?

- Scan the "Honor Their Service" QR Code to choose from the options available.

SCAN to RSVP

SCAN to Honor Their Service

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Bus Trips & Excursions

November 10th: Firekeepers Casino
Let's try a new casino!! Senior Tuesdays offers $5 in Red Hot Credits!
Cost is $30 due by November 6th!

Monday December 7th 40th Annual Gingerbread Festival
First stop will be at IHop for a pancake breakfast. Then we are heading to downtown Fort Wayne for one of the community's holiday traditions. There will be over 100 gingerbread house creations to adore with designer's from age 10 to elite artist. While you're there you will have the opporunity to walk through the History Center of Fort Wayne. You will be learning and seeing all kinds of history about the city!
Cost is $45, due by November 23rd!
NOTE BREAKFAST IS AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE

December 10th: Fantasy of Lights
Fantasy of Lights is a 3-mile drive-through holiday light show at Franke Park in Fort Wayne. Before heading to Fort Wayne we will have a hot chocolate bar here at Woodlands to create a drink before heading to the show.
Cost is $25 due by December 4th!

January 5th: Four Winds Casino
Let's try a new casino!! Senior Tuesdays offers $5 in Red Hot Credits!
Cost is $30 due by December 29th!

February 19th: Pottery Bayou
Pottery Bayou, located in Winona Lake, is offering a fused glass art class. This class allows you to create your own unique piece of glass art using simple tools and techniques. After our class we will stop in Warsaw for a bite to eat from one of the following: McAlister's Deli, Moe's Southwest Grill, or Panda Express before heading back to town. Lunch is not included in this price, that will be on your own.
Cost is $50, due by February 12th!

contact Miranda at: trips@wccoa.biz with any questions!



Cooking for a crowd? We got you covered.

Thanksgiving Sides 2 Go

- One pan of the famous "DeMoney Chicken Stuffing."
- One pan of homemade pumpkin pie bars complete with whipped cream.

Each pan is 15-20 servings.
Deadline to order is November 16, 2026.



"DeMoney" Chicken Stuffing



Pumpkin Pie Bars

Only $20.00 each

Orders can be picked up November 24 or 25th from 11 AM - 2 PM at
The Whitley County Council on Aging at The Woodlands Activity Center
710 N. Opportunity Drive - Columbia City, IN - 260-248-8944

Order → Pick up → Reheat!

- Scan the QR Code to order
- Pay by Credit Card, Cash or Check
- Pick-up November 24th or 25th
  - Between 11 AM & 2 PM
- Questions or to order by phone 260-248-8944

SCAN To Order

Happy Thanksgiving



NOVEMBER

THE WOODLANDS 260-248-8944
WALK-IN MEALS AVAILABLE
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR DINE-IN

$7 PER MEAL
$10 FOR TENDERLOIN MEALS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 09:00 Strong & Balanced 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Health Class w/Darcy: *"Advanced Care Planning"* 11:30 Turkey Tettrazini 12:00 AIHS Respite Care 12:30 Movie 01:00 Mahjong	3 09:00 Euchre 09:00 Bible Study w/Cheryl 11:30 Beef Stew & Biscuit 12:00 Dominoes 12:30 Bible Study w/Bob	4 09:00 Pixie Bingo: Partner ***The Waters*** *Players must bring prizes! 09:00 Line Dancing 10:15 Drumming Class 11:30 Mostaccioli w/Beef Sauce 12:30 Painting w/Evie 12:30 Hand & Foot Game	5 10:00 Alzheimer's Discussion 11:30 Creamed Chicken over Biscuit 05:00 Cash Bingo: *Thanksgiving Food Drive for Columbia City Rotary*	6 09:00 Euchre 09:00 Strong & Balanced 10:00 Line Dancing 11:30 Cream of Broccoli Soup w/Deli Style Sandwich
9 PRIVATE EVENT *Dining Room Closed* 09:00 Strong & Balanced (in the Bus Barn) ***No Dine-In Available*** Lunch for Delivery Clients Only: Ham Salad Sandwich 12:00 AIHS Respite Care	10 09:00 Euchre 09:00 Bible Study w/Cheryl 11:30 Sweet & Sour Meatballs 12:00 Dominoes 12:30 Bible Study w/Bob	11 09:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Chair Exercise 10:45 Blood Pressure Check 11:30 Beef Bolognese over Pasta 12:30 Hand & Foot Game	12 BIRTHDAY WISHES 11:30 Tenderloins 12:15 Entertainment by: Jake Gamble 06:30 Grieving Friends Support Group ***No Cash Bingo Tonight***	13 09:00 Euchre 09:00 Strong & Balanced 10:00 Line Dancing 11:30 Potato Beef Casserole
16 09:00 Board Meeting 09:00 Strong & Balanced 10:00 Line Dancing 11:30 Beef & Noodles 12:00 AIHS Respite Care 12:30 Movie 01:00 Mahjong	17 09:00 Euchre 09:00 Bible Study w/Cheryl 11:30 Breaded Chicken Parmesan 12:00 Dominoes 12:30 Bible Study w/Bob 01:30 The League	18 09:00 Pixie Bingo: Partner ***Aspen Insurance*** *Players must bring prizes! 09:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:30 Beef Liver & Onions 12:30 Hand & Foot Game	19 10:00 Book Club with Peabody Library 11:30 Loaded Baked Potato 12:30 Euchre Tourney 05:00 Cash Bingo: *Thanksgiving Food Drive for Columbia City Rotary*	20 09:00 Euchre 09:00 Strong & Balanced 10:00 Line Dancing 11:30 Lunch N Learn *with Alicks Home Care* Today's meal is Sloppy Joe

23 09:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:30 BBQ Chicken Sandwich 12:00 AIHS Respite Care 12:30 Movie	**24** 09:00 Euchre 09:00 Bible Study w/Cheryl 11:30 Ham & Beans with Cornbread 12:00 Dominoes 12:30 Bible Study w/Bob 06:00 Empower Whitley Women	**25** 09:00 Line Dancing 10:15 Drumming Class 11:30 Thanksgiving Meal: Turkey & Fixings 12:15 Miller's Games 12:30 Hand & Foot Game	**26** 	**27**
30 09:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:30 Loaded Ranch Chicken Potato Bake 12:00 AIHS Respite Care 12:30 Movie 01:00 Mahjong				

DECEMBER

	1 11:30 Breakfast Casserole	**2** 11:30 Chicken Cordon Bleu	**3** 11:30 Corn Dogs	**4** 11:30 Ham w/Scalloped Potatoes

* Take-Out & Delivery: Orders must be placed 2 business days in advance. The meal is $7. There is a $2 charge for meal delivery. Please note that shifting of food may occur during delivery; therefore, be cautious when opening the container(s). Evening dinners are not available for delivery.

* A Garden Salad can be ordered in place of any meal.

* This menu is subject to change at the discretion of our kitchen staff.

THANKSGIVING

Word Search

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Meal
Turkey
Parade
Pumpkin
Celebration

Pie
Family
Friends
Harvest
Cornucopia

Corn
Feast
Potato
Stuffing
Tradition

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL PROGRAM

SHORT-TERM EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Walkers, canes, crutches, and shower chairs: $10 rental fee.
Wheelchairs and knee scooters: $25 rental fee.

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Incontinence items are also available. Each recipient is allowed one package per month.

FOOD PROGRAMS

WEEKEND MEALS

Order as many weekend meals as you like by Wednesday at noon, then pick them up on Friday or have them delivered. Call the Woodlands for more details.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD PANTRY

The senior food pantry is available to seniors **50+** who find themselves short on non-perishable grocery items. It can be used as a supplemental food source **one time per month**. Pantry days/hours: Monday and Thursday from 9 am - 11 am & 12 pm - 3 pm.

WOODLANDS FOOD SHARE PROGRAM

Seniors living on a limited income and in need of additional food items on an ongoing basis can apply for a supplemental food program. The program provides a 10 to 15 lb bag of shelf-stable food items **one time per month**. Call the Woodlands for more details.

PET FOOD

PET PANTRY

Dog and cat food is available for pick up **once per month**. The Pet Food Pantry days/hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 am - 11 am and 12 pm - 3 pm.

Pet food is available dependent on supply.



HEALTH & WELL-BEING

FOOTCARE BY TIFFANY, RN



Tuesday, November 10

Call 248-8944 x5 to schedule.

$45

HAIRCUTS & EYEBROW WAXING BY LYNDAH



Wednesday, November 11

Call 248-8944 x5 to schedule.

Haircut $10 / Cut & Style $11 / Men's Haircuts $5 / Eyebrow Waxing $5

MANICURES BY LYNDAH



Wednesday, November 18

Call 248-8944 x5 to schedule.

Filing $3 / Polish $5 / Filing & Polish $8

Please bring your own nail polish.

MASSAGE



Massage by Annette Bear, LMT

Thursday, November 19

Enjoy a 15-minute chair massage!

$15 ~ Call 248-8944 x5 to schedule.

All equipment will be sanitized prior to each appointment time.

ONE ON ONE WITH DARCY

Darcy Hoopingarner, NP, from the Whitley County Health Department, is offering confidential one-on-one sessions. Need to talk to someone about a personal, medical, or mental health issue? Come see Darcy at the Woodlands!

Call 248-8944 x5 to schedule.

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