Button Shop Bugle

Willington Senior Center --
860-429-8321
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President's Corner:
The Medicare Workshop was a very informative event. Many in attendance took advantage of being able to have a one on one meeting with the representative on hand. There were quite a number of questions asked by those in attendance. The overall opinion of those in attendance was positive. We will be placing this event on the calendar for next year. This raises another concern. There are a lot of people out there that use Medicare counseling as a way of scamming seniors into giving away their monthly allowances in the form of payment for services rendered. It is important to remember that any services that are offered for Medicare or supplemental insurance from a reputable agency should be free. If someone is asking to be paid for this kind of service you should call your senior center for advice on whether or not the person is legitimate. We can easily look into it for you or refer you to a state agency to have them checked out. We are a resource that is here for you. Remember the November 21st Breakfast and signups for the Holiday Banquet are now underway. See you at the Center.

Ed

Our condolences to:

Judd Hunter on the loss of his wife Gloria on October 27th,

Roger Wilson on the loss of his sister Gloria on October 27th,

Ken and Claudia Nunn on the loss of Claudia's mother.

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on December 10th at Kathy's Plaza Restaurant in Somers at 12:30 pm. Please call Claire 860-429-1041 if you wish to join us. Regulars please call if you cannot make it.

The **Banquet** will be held on December 10th at 12 noon.
Members are $10.00 and non-members are $15.00.
The sign-up sheet is on the table.
The cutoff date is December 11th.

Computer Classes

The classes will start January 26th at 10 am and last 1 hour. After that they will be held every second and fourth Tuesday. You must sign-up. The sheet is on the table or call Jean at 420-8321.

There will be no Health Clinic in December.

Wii Bowling

We bowl every Monday and Thursday at 12:30 pm.
Come and join in the fun.
All are welcomed.

Thanks to Pat and Joe Piatek for cleaning the front and sides of the Center. Nice job.

Get well wishes to:
Frank Luchon
Ernest Gunn
Virginia Thorsen

Do you know any shut-ins who would like a visit??
Please call Jean if you do at 429-8321.

Wii BOWLING

	10/22	10/26	11/2	11/5	11/9
Jim LeFavre	278	260	205	226	243
Betty Robertson	176		198		246
Claire Pelletier	203	191	235	194	178
Jean LaFramboise	244	246		226	
Loretta Carlson		266	300	266	300

♠ ♣ ♥ ♦ PINOCHLE ♠ ♣ ♥ ♦

SCORE

October 23, 2015

First Place	Nancy L.	1591
Second Place	Dorothy D.	1445

October 30, 2015

First Place	Nancy L.	1625
Second Place	Dorothy D.	1233

November 6, 2015

First Place	John	1328
Second Place	Nancy L.	1083

November 13, 2015

First Place	Dennis	1591
Second Place	Dorothy D.	1498

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SETBACK RESULTS

October 24, 2015

Ernie Morris	High
Joe Piatek	2nd High
Clair Pelletier	Most "0"
Dorothy Daley	Bid 4/Made 4

October 31, 2015

Cory Passardi	High
Clair Pelletier	2nd High
Joe Piatek	Most "0"
Dorothy Daley	Bid 4/Made 4

November 8, 2015

Cory Passardi	High
Ernie Morris	2nd High

The Mirror
By John T. West Jr.

The other day, I happened by chance,
As I passed a mirror, to give it a glance.
And I wondered who that old man could be,
Who, with his mouth wide open, was looking at me.
His bald head was sprinkled with a little gray fuzz,
And he wasn't at all handsome (like I always was).
He looked like a sack of mismated parts,
Put together without aid of instructions or charts.
And while I know that my shoulders don't slump,
This person's were misshapen in one ugly hump!
Now, if that was my image, I only can say,
They don't make mirrors like they did in my day.

December 2015

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Flower---Narcissus
Birthstone---Zircon
Reporter---Donna Hardie 860-684-4808

BIRTHDAYS:

5	-	Marilyn Parizek
6	-	Joyce Sharp Navratil
11	-	Dwight Southwick
18	-	Jean Griffin
19	-	Don Berg
23	-	Betty Haber
25	-	Sharon Dunstan
25	-	Elaine Grant
29	-	Martin Whelan
30	-	Ken Nunn

ANNIVERSARIES:

27	-	Ernest & Betsy Gunn

BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On November fourth, 17 members helped those born in November to celebrate. MARYJANE SHOEMAKER, DOROTHY HILL and LEONILDA SULLIVAN were the honored members who attended with November birthdays . No Anniversaries were celebrated.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Laurel Millix, who turned her winnings over to the Center. Thank you Laurel.
We all enjoyed a delicious birthday cake thanks to Debbie Luchon.
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING

Eighteen members attended the meeting. We had a short meeting, then enjoyed refreshments supplied by Maryjane Shoemaker, Willie Gore and Joan Taraskiewicz. Thank you.
The 50/50 drawing was won by Willi Gore who turned her winnings back to the Center. Thanks Willie.
After the meeting we were entertained by Clayton Allen with country music and sing along. Thanks Marilyn and your group.

The E.O. Smith Chorale will be entertaining us at our December 16th Banquet.

Our Craft room at the Center is open all day every day. We have hand knit items and more. Hope you come and visit.

FOOD FOOD FOOD

We collect food all year round for the needy. Help us fill the box in the craft room.
Thanks to everyone who brings food for the food bank.

◈ EGGNOG WREATH PIE ◈

1 ¼ cup graham cracker crumbs
¼ cup packed light brown sugar
1/3 cup melted butter or margarine
1 30-oz. can apricot halves, drained
1 ½ cup eggnog
2 eggs, separated
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/8 tsp. salt
Dash nutmeg
2 tablespoons brandy
¼ cup sugar
½ cup heavy or whipping cream, whipped
Red and green candied cherries

CRUST
Combine cracker crumbs, brown sugar and butter in a 9-inch pie plate and stir until crumbs are well coated. Press mixture into sides and bottom of pie plate. Bake in a 400 ˚ oven for 8 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool.

FILLING
Reserve 6 apricot halves for garnish. Into a blender place remaining drained apricots and puree until smooth. In top of a double boiler, add pureed apricots, the eggnog, egg yolks, gelatin, salt and nutmeg. Cook, stirring constantly, over hot (not boiling) water until gelatin dissolves and mixture coats spoon. Meanwhile, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, and continue beating until stiff peaks form. Stir ¼ of this egg white mixture into cooked, cooled apricot mixture. Fold in remaining egg whites. Spoon into cooled crust. Refrigerate until set.

Empty Medicine bottles?? We collect them. The box is on the table.

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December Travel News…

December 8th , Tuesday - Walmart
Leave Center at 12:00

December 13th , Sunday - Trip to Coast Guard Academy for "Holidays with Family."
Leave Center at 12:30pm.
After the concert we will stop for a late lunch/early supper at Friendly's. Your only expense will be your food and a van donation for gas. Please consider joining us for an entertaining afternoon.

No Casino trip in December.

Please remember – all winter trips are "weather permitting".
Wishing everyone a happy holiday season.
Laurel

One Old Couple
An old man and woman were married for many years, even though they hated each other. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!" Neighbors feared him. They believed he practiced magic because of the many strange occurrences that took place in their neighborhood. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. To everyone's relief, he died of a heart attack when he was 89. His wife had a closed casket at the wake. After the burial, she went straight to the local bar and began to party as if there was no tomorrow. Her neighbors, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?" The wife put down her drink and said, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down…and you know men won't ask for directions!"

THE COMPUTER CORNER

IPhone tips

Dry out a wet iPhone: You're not the first one to drop an iPhone in a toilet or sink. If this happens, don't turn it on as you can damage the smartphone by short-circuiting it. Lightly towel dry the phone. Don't use a hairdryer on the phone as it can further push moisture into areas that aren't wet. Submerge the iPhone in a bowl or Ziploc bag of uncooked white rice and leave it overnight. If you have it, try using a desiccant packet you might find with a new pair of shoes or leather purse.

Dismiss suggested words: If you're typing an email or note and the virtual keyboard is suggesting the correct spelling of the word – and you don't want to accept it – you don't need to tap the tiny "X" at the end of the word in question. Simply tap anywhere on the screen to close the suggestion box.

♥ ♥ CRANBERRY STARS ♥ ♥

1 6-OZ package cherry gelatin
3 cups boiling water
1 cup unconcentrated orange juice
1 cup crushed cranberries
½ cup finely diced celery
½ cup chopped pecans
Sour Cream

Dissolve gelatin in the boiling water. Add juice. Stir and set aside to cool. Add cranberries and stir well. Then add celery and nuts. Pour into star-shaped molds. Refrigerate. When set unmold on lettuce leaves and top with 1 teaspoon sour cream.