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The full moon is 12/4 and is a **SUPER MOON** again, the last for this year. It's known as the Cold Moon or Long Nights Moon or the Little Spirits Moon. The Geminid meteor showers will peak 12/13 & 12/14.

It's Read a New Book Month, Stress-Free Family Holiday Month, Universal Human Rights Month, Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month, Write A Friend Month, and National Cat Herders Day is the 15th. Festivus is the 23rd. The 30th is National Bacon Day!



Wishing you love, joy, and peace
this Christmas and every day—
from all of us
at Benzie Senior Resources
and The Gathering Place Senior Center

Our holiday closures are as follows:
December 24th, 25th, and 26th
December 31st, January 1st, and 2nd.



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From Our Director

As we close out the year, I'm reminded that every gift we receive is really a neighbor saying, "You matter" to older adults in Benzie County. Our county millage—of which we are deeply grateful—currently covers about 56% of our service delivery budget. The remaining 44% must be raised through donations, grants, and other revenue so we can continue to be the focal point for older adults and sustain the 26 different services we provide, including more than 225 meals a day, five days a week.

This season, many organizations with whom we partner are asking for support, and we do not take it lightly when someone chooses Benzie Senior Resources as one of their giving priorities. Each gift, no matter the size, translates directly into service: a hot meal delivered to a homebound neighbor, a reassuring phone call, help with housekeeping, a safe ride to a medical appointment, or a friendly face at The Gathering Place. When someone gives \$10 or \$25, that gift is not "small" to us—it is a tangible expression of trust and partnership in caring for our community's elders.

We are especially humbled that two anonymous donors have stepped forward with a combined challenge gift to match community donations dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. This means that every contribution—again, no matter how modest—will be doubled, turning individual acts of generosity into twice the impact. A single gift becomes two meals instead of one; two rides instead of one; twice the reassurance that older adults in Benzie County are not forgotten.

We are profoundly grateful for our community members who are considering Benzie Senior Resources in their year-end giving. Your decision to include us among the many worthy causes this holiday season is both an honor and a responsibility that we hold with great care.

Wishing you a hope-filled and joyous holiday season!

Brigit Hassig

Executive Director, Benzie Senior Resources



Please get items in by December 8th so we can assemble them on the 12th! Thank you for your help!

We will close The Gathering Place on Friday December 12th to work together to assemble our bags. Home Delivered Meals will still be delivered as usual.

Each November we reach out for help in the spirit of Christmas for our Annual Holiday Christmas Gift Bags. This program focuses on seniors who are homebound and have mobility or health concerns. Isolation is always difficult, but loneliness during the holiday season can be uniquely painful. These lovingly assembled gift bags help our recipients know they're remembered.

Each bag is filled with a variety of items, such as: unscented hand lotion, facial tissue, socks, large print crossword/word search puzzle books, playing cards, protein/breakfast bars, trail mix, cheese crackers, pencils/pens, hand sanitizer, hot cocoa packets, disinfectant wipes, hand soap, paper towel, non-refrigerated Jello and pudding cups, small jigsaw puzzles, small flashlight w/ batteries, microwave popcorn, and small games. Our goal this year is to distribute at least 250 bags.



December Menu Our meals meet 1/3 of the recommended daily allowance nutrition requirements

Benzie Senior Resources is committed to providing nutritious, enjoyable meals for all participants. Please be aware that our meals are prepared in a shared kitchen where common allergens—including dairy, eggs, wheat, soy, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, and shellfish—may be present. While we take every reasonable precaution to minimize cross-contact, we cannot guarantee that any meal is completely free of allergens. Your health, safety, and comfort are very important to us. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Smoked Sausage and Sauerkraut, Italian Vegetable Blend, Warm Diced Beets, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Classic Applesauce	2 Chicken tenders w/ House Dip Sauce, Parmesan Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Malibu Vegetable Blend, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Fresh Banana	3 Grand Rapids Style Wet Burrito, Authentic Refried Beans, Tortilla Chips w/ Fire Roasted Salsa, Oven Baked Peaches	4 Cornmeal Dusted Catfish, Oven Baked Potato, Steamed Spinach, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Diced Peaches	5 Homemade Meatloaf w/ Gravy, Herbed Mashed Potatoes, Sicilian Vegetable Blend, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Fresh Cut Oranges
8 Hearty Turkey Tetrazzini, Scandinavian Vegetable Blend, Steamed Cauliflower Florets, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Classic Applesauce	9 Savory Sausage Cassoulet, Capri Vegetable Blend, Steamed Broccoli Florets, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Fresh Grapes	10 Chicago Style Italian Beef Sandwich, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Malibu Vegetable Blend, Tropical Fruit Blend	11 New Orleans Bourbon Chicken w/ Rice, Japanese Vegetable Blend, Green bean Blend, Lucky Fortune Cookie, Mandarin Oranges	12 <u>HDM ONLY</u> Caribbean Style Roasted Pork, Whipped Sweet Potatoes, Key West Vegetable Blend, Sweet Hawaiian Rolls, Tropical Fruit Blend
15 Hearty Three Bean Chili, Steamed Sweet Corn, Capri Vegetable Blend, Oyster Crackers, Classic Fruit Cocktail	16 Classic Chicken Parmesan, Italian Vegetable Blend, Steamed Parisian Carrots, Soft Baked Breadsticks, Fresh Cut Oranges	17 Whole Wheat Blueberry Pancakes, Freshly Scrambled Eggs, Savory Sausage Links, Oven Baked Pears	18 Homestyle Beef Stew, California Vegetable Blend, Steamed Sweet Corn, Fresh Baked Biscuits, Apricot Halves	19 Slow Roasted Beef, Herbed Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli Florets, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Apricot Halves
22 Homestyle Shepard's Pie, Steamed Parisian Carrots, Steamed Sweet Peas, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Fresh Banana	23 Roasted Turkey w/ Herb Stuffing, Parmesan Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Blend, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Bonnie's Famous Cranberry	24 CLOSED 	25 CLOSED 	26 CLOSED 
29 Classic Liver w/ Onions (Salisbury Steak option) w/ Bacon, Herbed Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli Florets, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Diced Pears	30 Spanish Rice w//Beef & Bacon, Fire Roasted Corn & Black beans, Steamed Cauliflower Florets, Stoneground Wheat Bread, Pineapple Tidbits	31 CLOSED 	We accept cash, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Personal Checks also accepted—made out to BSR Lunch is served 11:30am to 1:30pm	
				\$4.00 suggested donation for age 60 and older. Under 60 is <u>\$8.00</u> Caregivers under 60 are \$4.00

Nutrition Notes —Pumpkin Pie Recipe You Can Count On

October is National Pumpkin Month, but Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays beg for a good pumpkin pie.

Pumpkins provide numerous health benefits, including supporting immune function with vitamins A and C, promoting eye health through beta-carotene, lutein, and zeaxanthin, and aiding digestion with their high fiber content. They also contribute to heart health by helping to lower blood pressure and cholesterol, support healthy skin, and aid in weight management.

And so, to pie... my mother ALWAYS used the Libby's can of pumpkin recipe. So that is what I use. It has never failed me. It's here for you.

I encourage you to try it if you haven't. And if you have, and do use it you know the magic it is! Enjoy!—AKH





FAMOUS PUMPKIN PIE

(Makes 2 pies, 16 servings)

1½ cups sugar	1 can (29 oz.) LIBBY'S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
1 tsp. salt	2 cans (12 fl. oz. each) CARNATION® Evaporated Milk
2 tsp. ground cinnamon	2 unbaked 9-inch (4-cup volume) deep-dish pie shells
1 tsp. ground ginger	
½ tsp. ground cloves	
4 large eggs	



MIX sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger and cloves in small bowl. Beat eggs in large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk.

POUR into pie shells.

BAKE in preheated 425°F. oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°F.; bake 40-50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate.

NOTE: Do not freeze pie, as this will cause the crust to separate from the filling.





- 3½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice may be substituted for the cinnamon, ginger & cloves, however, the taste will be slightly different.



View **Step-By-Step Videos** to make LIBBY'S® Famous Pumpkin Pie or Pumpkin Roll at VeryBestBaking.com/video



Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Stretch and Balance</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>5:30 Zumba</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 The Melody Makers</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>3:30 Chair Yoga</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 Zumba</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Bingo—Wear Red!</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 Holistic Nutrition & Fitness</p> <p>10:30 Cornerstone Book Group</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 BUNCO</p> <p>1:30 Glow Jars w/ Joan</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 BUNCO</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p><u>Birthday Celebration with Cake and Song</u></p> <p>12:00 –4:00</p> <p>Medicare help w/ Michelle Veliquette</p> <p>First come, first served</p> <p>1:00 Wii Bowling</p> <p>2:00-3:30 Helping Hands Workshop</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Stretch and Balance</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>5:30 Zumba</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 The Melody Makers</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>Consider getting a to-go meal so you'll have lunch for Friday when we close to do our Christmas Bags!</p> <p>3:30 Chair Yoga</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 Zumba</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Bingo—Wear Green!</p> <p>We'll have a special drawing on the 23rd with Bingo so join in the fun, wear red, green, a holiday sweater!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Holistic Nutrition & Fitness, 10:00 Altered Books w/ Pam, 10:00 Coffee and Donuts w/ Vets, 10:00 Snowman Craft w/ Sandy, 10:30 Cornerstone Book Group, 10:30-12:30 BP Clinic</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 BUNCO</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>NO ACTIVITIES</p> <p>We're putting together our Christmas bags!</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Stretch and Balance</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>Cookie decorating at TGP all afternoon! Join us!</p> <p>5:30 Zumba</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 The Melody Makers</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>3:30 Chair Yoga</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 LAST Zumba for the Season</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>Wear a Christmas Sweater to Lunch!</p> <p>12:30 Bingo</p> <p>4:30 Board of Director's Meeting Annual Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Holistic Nutrition & Fitness</p> <p>10:00 TGP Book Group</p> <p>10:00 Wine Cork Tree w/ Sandy</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 BUNCO</p> <p>PINGO! Snack 4:00 p.m., Games at 5:00 p.m. Required sign-up!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 BUNCO</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 Wii Bowling</p> <p>1:30 Real Wreath Making with Mixed Greenery with Judy</p> <p>2:00-3:30 Helping Hands Workshop</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Stretch and Balance</p> <p>11:30--1:30 Lunch</p> <p>From 12:30 on, Christmas movies & Hot Cocoa!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 The Melody Makers —Christmas Music & Fun!</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Special Meal for Christmas!</p> <p><u>NO CHAIR YOGA</u></p>	<p>24</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p></p>	<p>25</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p></p>	<p>26</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p></p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Stretch and Balance</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>Open Games Time in the Afternoon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 The Melody Makers—New Year's fun! We'll have a countdown & something sparkly!</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Lunch</p> <p>New Year's Party during the day!</p> <p><u>NO CHAIR YOGA</u></p>	<p>31</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p></p>	<p>We are closed December 24, 25, & 26th for Christmas. We are closed 12/31, 1/1, & 1/2 for New Year's</p> <p>We appreciate your understanding so that we may have time for our families.</p>	<p>Note on Activities: So you are aware of activity fees that have long been attached to these offerings:</p> <p>Chair Yoga \$5.00</p> <p>Zumba \$3.00</p> <p>Bingo \$2.00/2 cards</p>

Staff Milestones



Traci's birthday is 12/2 and her anniversary of 9 years is on 12/8. Traci says, "Whereas the beautiful is limited, the sublime is limitless, so that the mind in the presence of the sublime attempting to imagine what it cannot, has pain in the failure but pleasure in contemplating the immensity of the attempt!"

Happy birthday & Happy Anniversary Traci! We are so grateful for your help, your presence, and your spirit.



Lori's birthday is 12/3...she says, "I love my work, love my clients, and everyone at BSR is a gem!" Happiest of birthday Lori! You're a gem and we love you, too!



Bea's birthday is 12/13 and she's retiring 12/15/25! It has been a pleasure to work with her. We have truly been blessed with Bea as part of our team. She will be missed, but we hope she'll come to visit and that she knows what a difference she makes every day! Thanks and all the best wishes Bea!



★ Welcome ★



Phillip Joined us just before Thanksgiving as client services at our Human Services Office. He's at the front desk. We are grateful for his experience, exuberance, and the joy he brings. Phillip has a wealth of experience, plus he knows so many people--a big help each day.

We welcome Phillip in this adventure of connecting with our seniors, with you, each day to keep navigating and enjoying this life. Thanks for joining us Phillip!

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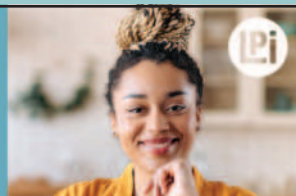
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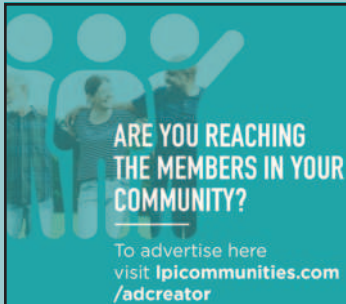


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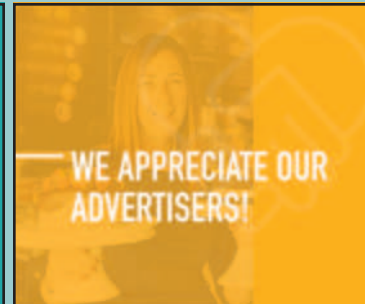
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*Join us for Coffee & Donuts w/ Vets
 December 11th at TGP at 10:00a.m.*

Essential Estate Planning
 Benzie Senior Resources offers Essential Estate Planning by appointment only. Meet with an estate planning attorney for free to review, update and/or create an estate plan.
 Call 231-525-0600 to schedule your appointment.

We still have room for you to join us on our upcoming trip to Washington DC March 26th – 31st. The total cost for the trip per person, double occupancy is \$779.00. Please contact the BSR office to sign up for this fun trip!

231.525.0600 call soon!



Benzie Senior Holistic Nutrition & Fitness
 9:00a.m. –

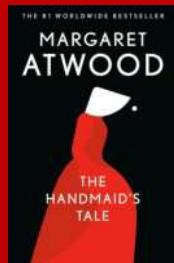


10 a.m. Thursdays, Private weigh in. Discussion relating to weight loss. Healthy recipe sharing, light activity. This will be weekly at TGP.

IMPORTANT: Call our office to cancel your BSR worker/contractor for Home Healthcare or for your Homemaking Service if you're sick or need to reschedule. Let's keep each other healthy! (231) 525-0600

The Gathering Place Book Group meets 10:00 a.m. December 18th

The Handmaid's Tale
 By Margaret Atwood



Free Computer Help
 The Darcy Library in Beulah
 Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 Noon
 Bring your computer or use one at the library. Questions? Call Carol at 231.882.4037

FOOT CARE CLINIC
 BY APPOINTMENT

Wednesdays at Benzie Senior Resources with our RN Stacey for age 60 and over for Benzie residents.
 Call 231-525-0600 to set yours up.
 There is a service fee for each client session — \$20.00 per client.

BRING US YOUR SKI POLES!

Thinking ahead...for those months of cold and possibly slick weather...We would like your spare ski poles, or if you see them for little to no \$ consider picking them up as a donation for us? We like to have some ahead to give out to help our seniors stay safe in the winter.

Please bring them to Angie at BSR. Thanks!



Here we Are...



Word Search

Christmas Food

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Produce Bingo

Produce Bingo is 12/18/2025.

A big thanks to our supporters of PINGO!

We will start at 4:00 p.m. for food, then 5:00 p.m. for games.

We'll be having: Homestyle BBQ Meatballs & Veggie Tray

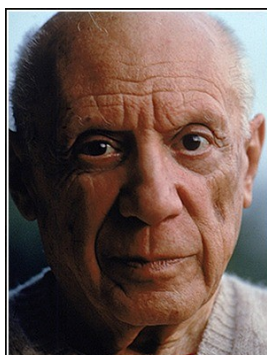
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We hope you can join us for this opportunity for fun and good fresh foods!



December Birthdays

Ed Fay	2	Pamela Crane	11	Elizabeth Kimbrough	21
James Foote	2	Gary Koenig	11	Gene Nowak	21
Tom Hafer	2	Lisa Clement	12	Scott Wills	21
Cindy Ivy	2	Kate Easlick	12	Patricia Hudson	23
Jim Buzzell	3	David Gregson	12	Carol Kirby	23
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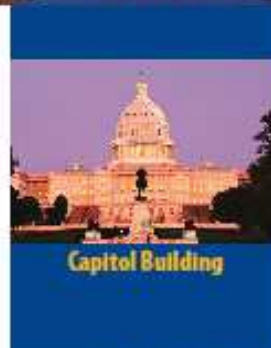
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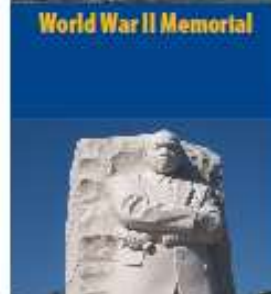
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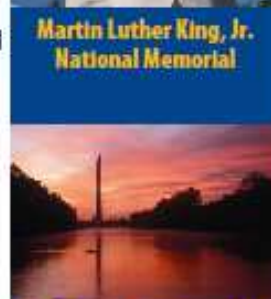
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