

BONNER SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

May 2026



A NOTE FROM PORTAGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, BRENDAN CLANCY

Greetings, Bonner Family!

Happy Mother's Day Month, I wish all mothers a happy and wonderful Mother's Day! I am super excited to have summer around the corner and major remodeling to begin soon. From a new parking lot to inside renovations and the new picnic shelter. We are anxious to get the work done! During construction and renovation, I am sure there will be some inconveniences and ask everyone for patience as the improvements are completed. I also want to thank everyone from the center that participated in the planning process! All programming will continue including lunch. From The Ways and Means Breakfast to the tea party, the luau, the senior health fair and trips it's going to be a great May! A special thanks to Avery and our entire Bonner team that works so hard to make the Bonner Center such an amazing place! Stay happy, healthy, and wonderful!

Brendan Clancy, Trustee



MAY 10: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Mothering is the act of shaping lives with care. Whether raising children, mentoring others, tending to the community, or offering love that helps someone grow.

"Motherhood is not defined by having children, but by the love, care, and wisdom we give to the world."

TRIPS

- **Shipshewana Flea Market, Yoder's & Lunch \$12**
Sign Up: 5/4 9AM-3PM
Trip Date: 5/12 BL 9am
- **MSAC Health Fair - Woodland Park**
5/19 10AM-1PM
Sign Up for bus: On hallway table
BL 9:45am
- **Supper Club - Golden Buffet**
\$12
Sign Up: 5/13 9am-3pm
Trip Date: 5/13 BL 4pm
- **Four Winds Casino \$15**
Sign Up: 5/6 9am-3pm
Trip Date: 5/27 BL 9:40am

NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Autism Acceptance Month encourages communities to move beyond simple awareness and focus on understanding, inclusion, and respect for autistic individuals. It highlights that autism is a natural part of human diversity and emphasizes supporting people in ways that honor their communication styles, strengths, and needs.

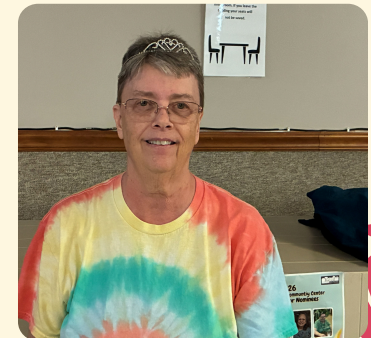
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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Thursday, May 7: Mother's Day Tea Party.**
The Fascinator Parade & Contest will be held at 10AM. Dress up for the Tea Party encouraged but not required.
- **Wednesday, May 13: Luau Picnic 8:30AM-12:30PM**
Eat a cookout lunch outside. Including grilled pineapple and ice cream! Also, enjoy NEW outdoor games like croquet and badminton. Bring your own lawn chair. Just pull up to the front and someone will help carry it to the courtyard for you.
- **Tuesday, May 19: MSAC Health Fair 10AM-1PM at Woodland Park**
Bus transportation provided by the Center & Snacks provided at the Fair!
- **Saturday, May 30: SENIOR PROM: Enchanted Garden 5PM-8PM**
Food and drinks provided. There will be a DJ and a professional photobooth. Tickets on sale now. Be sure to buy them in advance!

2026 HONORED SENIOR: LAURA McDONALD

Laura joined the Bonner Senior & Community Center in 2023 and has since assumed many responsibilities. She enjoys serving on the Ways & Means Committee, helping with lunches, assisting with the quarter sale, and playing pool. Laura is always actively engaged at the center. Her willingness to help wherever she's needed is truly appreciated.



A Year in Bloom: The Complete Birth Flower Guide



January – Carnation

Meaning: Admiration, devotion, resilience.

Why January: Carnations bloom reliably in winter and were long used in cold-season celebrations.

Someone who stays steady and warm even when life gets frosty.



February – Violet

Meaning: Loyalty, modesty, quiet strength.

Why February: One of the first flowers brave enough to push through late winter chill.

A gentle soul with a fierce inner core.



March – Daffodil

Meaning: Renewal, hope, new beginnings.

Why March: The classic early-spring bloom that announces winter's end.

The optimist who always sees the next chapter.



April – Daisy

Meaning: Innocence, clarity, fresh starts.

Why April: The classic early-spring bloom that announces winter's end.

The optimist who always sees the next chapter.



May – Lily of the Valley

Meaning: Sweetness, humility, return of happiness.

Why May: These delicate bells bloom briefly but beautifully in late spring.

Soft-spoken, elegant, and unforgettable



June – Rose

Meaning: Love, passion, gratitude.

Why June: Roses reach their lush peak as summer begins.

A classic romantic with depth and nuance.



July – Larkspur

Meaning: Positivity, grace, openheartedness.

Why July: Larkspur thrives in midsummer and grows tall and vibrant

The joyful spirit who lifts everyone around them.



August – Gladiolus

Meaning: Strength, Integrity, infatuation.

Why August: These dramatic, sword-shaped blooms love the heat of late summer.

Bold, loyal, and impossible to ignore.



September – Aster

Meaning: Wisdom, patience, elegance.

Why September: Asters bloom just as summer fades, bringing color into early fall.

Thoughtful, steady, and quietly radiant.



October – Marigold

Meaning: Creativity, warmth, remembrance.

Why October: Marigolds thrive in autumn and are central to many seasonal traditions.

Vibrant, expressive, and deeply connected to memory and meaning.



November – Chrysanthemum

Meaning: Friendship, joy, longevity.

Why November: A hardy bloom that thrives in late fall when most flowers fade.

Loyal, cheerful, and built to last.



December – Holly

Meaning: Protection, courage, goodwill.

Why December: Holly has been associated with winter traditions for centuries.

Echoing the spirit of the season.

