



# Castle Rock Senior Center

## THE CHATTER FOR AUGUST 2025

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### CASTLE ROCK FAIR/QUILT RAFFLE

A HUGE thank you to all of our members who so graciously volunteered to staff the Castle Rock Senior Center table at the Castle Rock Fair to provide information about the Senior Center and also sell raffle tickets at the Castle Rock Fair for this year's beautiful quilt donated by our very own Castle Rock Quilters. **We raised a total of \$600 in ticket sales.** Our local fair has been a large part of Castle Rock for so many years and it's always great to support it.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Red Canoe Credit Union's "Fill the Canoe" School Supply Drive started on July 28th. **The drive continues through August 15th**, so there is plenty of time to donate. Remember, the Red Canoe matches our contributions dollar for dollar, so any gift you give will automatically be doubled! AND, all of the money raised goes directly to school supplies for our Castle Rock students grades K-12. SO... If you would like to add your contribution to help "fill the canoe" and support our Castle Rock students, each group leader at the Senior Center has been given a contribution envelope. Just bring your contribution with you when you come to the Center for lunch, exercise, quilting, etc. and give it to the leader of your group. and you can. **Checks can be made to the Red Canoe Credit Union/ Memo: School Supplies.** If you prefer, you can send in your contribution to CRSC, PO BOX 652, Castle Rock WA 98611. Thank you!

### IN MEMORIAL

We are saddened to share that we lost two of our longtime members this month. **Ad Stinger** passed away on July 21st. Ad was an avid reader, and a regular at Wednesday lunch for many years. **Coni Bush** passed away on July 22nd. Coni has been our Senior Center Ambassador on Tuesdays and Fridays for the past three years and she has also headed up our Baked Potato Sale during that time. Both Ad and Coni will be greatly missed.

### NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to our new members **Marcella Dupettie, Thomas O'Neil Jim and Kathleen Gorton.** It's great to have you all 😊 Please be sure to take advantage of the free cinnamon roll and coffee. It's a great way to meet many of our members and make new friends.

### BOARD MEETING

A board meeting has been scheduled for **Friday, August 8th at 11 am.** Location, the Senior Center. Items of concern will be discussed and voted upon. **General membership is encouraged to attend.**



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## CALLING ALL DECORATORS

If you love decorating, we have an opportunity for you. Mary Nelson has been decorating the Senior Center every month for the past 29 years, and at 93, she's finally ready to retire. That means that we need someone (or a group of someones 😊) to take over the task of decorating. It doesn't need to continue to be done the way it's always been done. You get to bring your own design flair 😊 If you are interested or would like to learn more, please reach out to Mary Nelson at 360.274.7882.

## BLUEBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The blueberry pancake breakfast previously scheduled has been canceled, due to lack of volunteers. Maybe next time??????



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Highlight indicates 90+

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Clarence Knutson	1	Helena Sherman	11	Miller Fickett	21
Glen Spears	1	Helen Botten	11	Lucille Anderson	22
Aileen Klawitter	2	Bessie Baichtal	11	Colleen Moore	23
Jack Furchak	5	Ruth Cade	12	Sally Barnes	24
Glenn Petterson	6	Connie Heddlesten	12	Evelyn Kuehn	24
Paulette Dean	6	Mary Fleming	14	Judy Ensworth	25
Marcella Dupettie	7	Sue Walsh	14	Keith Stinger	25
Robert Chandler	8	Charles Brewer	14	Pat McNabb	27
Sue Nielsen	8	Autie Bergman	15	Ron Burger	27
Rowena Lollar	9	Eunice Waliser	15	Betty Finkas	27
Jean West	9	Donna Grose	16	Dwight Giffin	28
Tom Cunningham	9	Thelma Smith	17	Robert Hayes	29
Sherry Eychaner	9	Colleen Armstrong	19	Kenneth Williams	30
Janice Davis	10	Joe Wall	20	Barbara George	31
Bob Thomson	11	Diane James	21	Eugene Gilbert	
Georgina Cayan	11				



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## **After 30+ years of serving the Senior Center, the CAP Lunch program has come to an end.**

For over 30 years the CAP lunch program has been the heart beat of the Senior Center. It was the place where announcements were made, birthdays were celebrated, friendships were forged, community was created and where Bean Bag Baseball players were recruited 😊 For most of those years, CAP lunches were served on Wednesdays and Fridays, typically serving about 50 lunches per week. In the last ten years, lunches have been served to a smaller group of faithful "lunch people" on Wednesdays. Suffice it to say that over the years, CAP has served thousands of lunches to seniors in Castle Rock and will forever be part of the Senior Center's and CAP's shared legacy.

In addition to the end of the CAP program, this unfortunately also means the end of our collaborative relationship with the Castle Rock High School with the Bridging the Generations Program. Bridging the Generations was a program started 19 years ago, where High School students came to the Center to serve and share lunch with the Seniors. It was an opportunity to connect across generations. Many students described their experience with the Senior Center as one of the highlights of their High School experience. In addition, each year the Senior Center invited graduating High School seniors in the program to apply for a scholarship toward college. Each year 3-5 \$300 scholarships were awarded by the generous contributions of our members. Over the years thousands of dollars in scholarships were given out. The end of this collaboration is a significant loss for both the High School and Senior Center.

With that said, the Senior Center is making plans to contact the High School to determine if there are other ways to keep the Bridging of Generations program in place, and to continue our scholarship program. Hopefully, we will be successful.



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## Important Reminders

- **Make sure you sign the Sign-In Book** located on the table each time you come into the Center. This is important, as the number of people who use the Senior Center are counted.,
- **Please bring in your unwanted yarn** for Mary Chappell. Mary is the talented lady who makes the beautiful lap robes we sell.
- **Drop off any of your unwanted medications** in the box located in the City Hall lobby.
- **ON HOLD: Please continue to bring in your aluminum cans.** Mary and Wayne Chappell pick them up, and the money collected goes to benefit the Senior Center.
- **ON HOLD: Please continue to bring in your Oregon recyclable plastic bottles.** Mary Nelson collects and delivers them to the Rainier Oregon Senior Center to be recycled.
- **We are now also collecting Oregon recyclable beer bottles.** Mary Nelson collects and delivers them to the Rainier Oregon Senior Center to be recycled.
- **Donate your unwanted greeting cards** to the Senior Center.
- **Donate your glasses**, cases, etc., for the Lions Club.
- **Please consider buying raffle tickets for the quilt** hanging on the wall. Tickets are \$1 each, (6 for \$6). You can buy tickets anytime you are at the center.
- **Potluck 3rd Friday of the month.** Hope to see you there!
- **Commodities are delivered on the 3rd Thursday** of every month to our parking lot. Have your CAP ID card.
- **The Lions Food Bank delivers to the Eagles every Thursday** from 1-2 PM. Bring ID showing you live in Castle Rock or Toutle.



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

***"Every chapter of life has its own kind of beauty—this one just happens to be filled with wisdom, warmth, and wonderful stories."***