

SCOTTVILLE AREA SENIOR CENTER

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November Happenings and Histories

November is fickle. Sometimes it gives us inches of snow; other times it lingers with the warmth of the sun. It represents friends, families, and the beginning of holidays. November's Full Moon is often called the Frost Moon, for the hard frost that typically happens in November or the Beaver Moon, for the beavers who are busy building dams and getting ready for winter. And November signals football rivalries, fires in fireplaces, and cozy cups of tea.

Veterans Day:

Celebrated on November 11 (Monday) in 2024, Veterans' Day is a federal holiday that honors military veterans. It has been observed for 69 years, and SASC offers all seniors who are veterans a free lunch on that day!

Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors: Sunday, November 24, 12 — 2 pm

Every year, the Scottville Area Senior Center sponsors a complete turkey dinner for Mason County seniors. There is no set charge, but donations are as welcome as our seniors, and those generous donations help cover the cost of the turkey and other food prepared by Lois Cole and the clever staff of the Mason County Central Schools Nutrition Services team.



*Again this year the dinner will be held in the Mason County Central high school cafeteria. Parking is in the high school lot bordering US 10. The meal is served from **noon until 2 p.m.** (or until the food runs out!)*

Please come join us, and our volunteers. as we greet our friends and neighbors and have a yummy meal of the traditional turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, and a dessert!

November Fun Facts

Four towns in the USA are named "Turkey:" Arizona, Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina!

Pardoning a turkey by a President of USA is believed to have begun with President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, although historians doubt it. Presidents John F. Kennedy and President Richard Nixon appeared to spare turkeys at some point during their times in office, but it wasn't until President Ronald Reagan's term in 1981 that sending a turkey to a farm became the norm. President George H.W. Bush formalized the presidential pardon and, as has become the tradition, sent the turkey to a children's petting zoo/farm.



The every-year tradition of playing football on Thanksgiving, NFL style, dates back to 1934, when the Detroit Spartans hosted the Chicago Bears.



November Updates:

My Story, My Life, led by Karen Rogers, will NOT meet in November.

Book Club: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer Meets the second Thursday each month (November 14th at 1:15); new joiners are welcome, but are requested to have read the book prior to attendance.

Parkinson's Group: Speaker is Lauren Jensen, the Boston Scientific (November 20th at 1:30)

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Social Media discussion with law enforcement personnel; bird feeders for kiddos. 5:30, November 20th is dinner; discussion follows (kinship caregivers may wish their kids to attend the discussion). For more on the program,, see page 15.