



INSIGHT

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Happy Holidays



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2025 DAY TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



STAY TUNED FOR MANY MORE TRIPS COMING UP IN 2026



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SENIOR CENTER/ RECREATION FACILITIES DIRECTOR, SUE KIENER

Stop in at the Berlin Senior Center Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to meet our new Senior Center director, Sue Kiener. Sue started with the City of Berlin in 2003 as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant City Administrator and held that position until 2012. She earned her degree in Business Management and Supervision and then worked at the Green Lake Conference Center as the Housing Services Director. She came back to the City of Berlin in early 2024, as the Assistant to City Administrator Sara Rutkowski, as well as a part-time utility clerk.

Sue will also be working with the Parks and Recreation Department which includes the campsite and shelter house rentals.



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT— TERRY'S MARKET



Terry's market consists of jams, jellies, relishes and maple syrup as well as sourdough bread, plain and a variety of flavors, sourdough scones and sourdough bars of various flavors. Terry is available all year long by appointment. Terry has jams anytime, but baked goods need to be ordered. Check out her market/Facebook page "Terry's Market" to see all of her products. She can be contacted by calling or texting 920-290-7015 to place an order.

TERRY WILL BE AT THE BERLIN SENIOR CENTER SELLING HER DELICIOUS PRODUCTS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 FROM 9 UNTIL NOON.

Come and grab a treat for yourself or a stocking stuffer for a loved one or co-worker. Public is welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Thursday, December 18
11:00 am
Berlin Senior Center
Ages 60+

11:00: Rich Bauman, singer
Noon: Meal: Ham, Au Gratin
Potatoes, mixed vegetables,
apple/raisin bread pudding

Please call the Senior Center at
920-361-5422 to sign up.

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THE FOLLOWING HAVE BIRTHDAYS
IN DECEMBER. PLEASE REACH OUT
AND WISH THEM A
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6	Harriet Henke	19	Mickey Millonzi
6	Mary Plavec	19	Dan Petersen
6	Margaret Kasten	21	Jeanne Shead
6	Judy Martin	21	Donna Anderson
7	Sarah Anderson	22	Cathy Young
7	Kathleen Nelson	22	Marcia Petersen
8	Dee Patelski	23	Julie Becker
8	Mary Jo Smith	23	James Durkee
11	Cecile Rucks	23	Carol Nation
12	Susie Malnory	27	Rogene Schmidt
12	Eugene Hess	28	Kathleen Rodencal
13	David Pommerening	28	William Poho
15	Cindy Stobbe	28	Paul Datta
15	Jeanette Radovich	29	Ruthann Kuble
15	Cathy Jezwinski	30	Kay Kraus
16	Gerene Bartol	31	Caroline Schmuldach
17	Jerry Downs	31	Barb Christensen
17	Judy Cerbins		

THANK YOU
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BIRTHDAY MEAL
The December birthday meal will be
on Tuesday, December 9. The meal
will be Lasagna, mixed vegetables,
spinach salad and cherry southern
salad and birthday cake donated by
Whispering Pines, Ripon. Call the
Senior Center at 920-361-5422 to
sign up.

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FRIENDS OF THE BERLIN SENIOR CENTER

The winners for the door prizes donated by the Friends of the Berlin Senior Center and given out at the Thanksgiving meal are: Penny Kasuboski , Dorothy Nelson, Leroy Petit, John Luttrell, Kevin Parsons, Julie Holmes, Jane Seiler, Annelle Greening, Mary Ellen Young, Chuck Kelm and Kate Norman. The next meeting of the Friends of the Berlin Senior Center will be Monday December 8 at 9:30 at the Berlin Senior Center. Please consider joining the friends so you may become a member. The Friends do a lot of wonderful things for the Senior Center and Seniors. Call to get involved.

THANKSGIVING MEAL 2025

We had record numbers on November 20th for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Our Mayor Catrina Burgess joined us for the very first "Dine with the Mayor" event, the harmonic group supplied us with enjoyable music and the Friends of the Berlin Senior Center gave away great door prizes which were donations by so many of the wonderful activities that happen right here. Thank you to all of the many volunteers and staff who worked so hard to make this event come together. Please plan on joining us for our Christmas meal on Thursday, December 18th. Just call the Senior Center at 920-361-5422 to sign up. Deadline is Tuesday, December 16



DAILY ACTIVITIES

EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY	EVERY THURSDAY	EVERY FRIDAY
10:30 Exercise	10:00 Harmonic	9:00 Woodcarvers	9:00 Quilters	10:30 Exercise w/ Judy
11:30 Sheepshead	11:15 Chair Yoga	9:30 Mahjong	10:30 Weight Loss	11:30: Sheepshead
10:30 2nd Monday Vets Group	1:00 1st Tuesday Diamond Painting	10:30 Exercise w/Judy	11:15 Chair Yoga	12:30: Bridge
1:00 3rd Monday Farkel	9:30 4th Tuesday Committee on Aging	12:30 2nd Wednesday Cardmaking w/Judy	12:30 Cribbage	9:00 2nd Tuesday Painting Together
	1:00 4th Tuesday Cardmaking w/Judy (except Dec.)	1:00 3rd Wednesday Crafting w/Anne	2:00 Berlin Singers at different locations	
		9:30 3rd Wednesday Even months Pool League	1:00 1st Thursday Berlin Singers practice	
			4:30 2nd Thursday Dining Club	
			2nd & 4th Thurs Footcare	

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ACTIVITIES



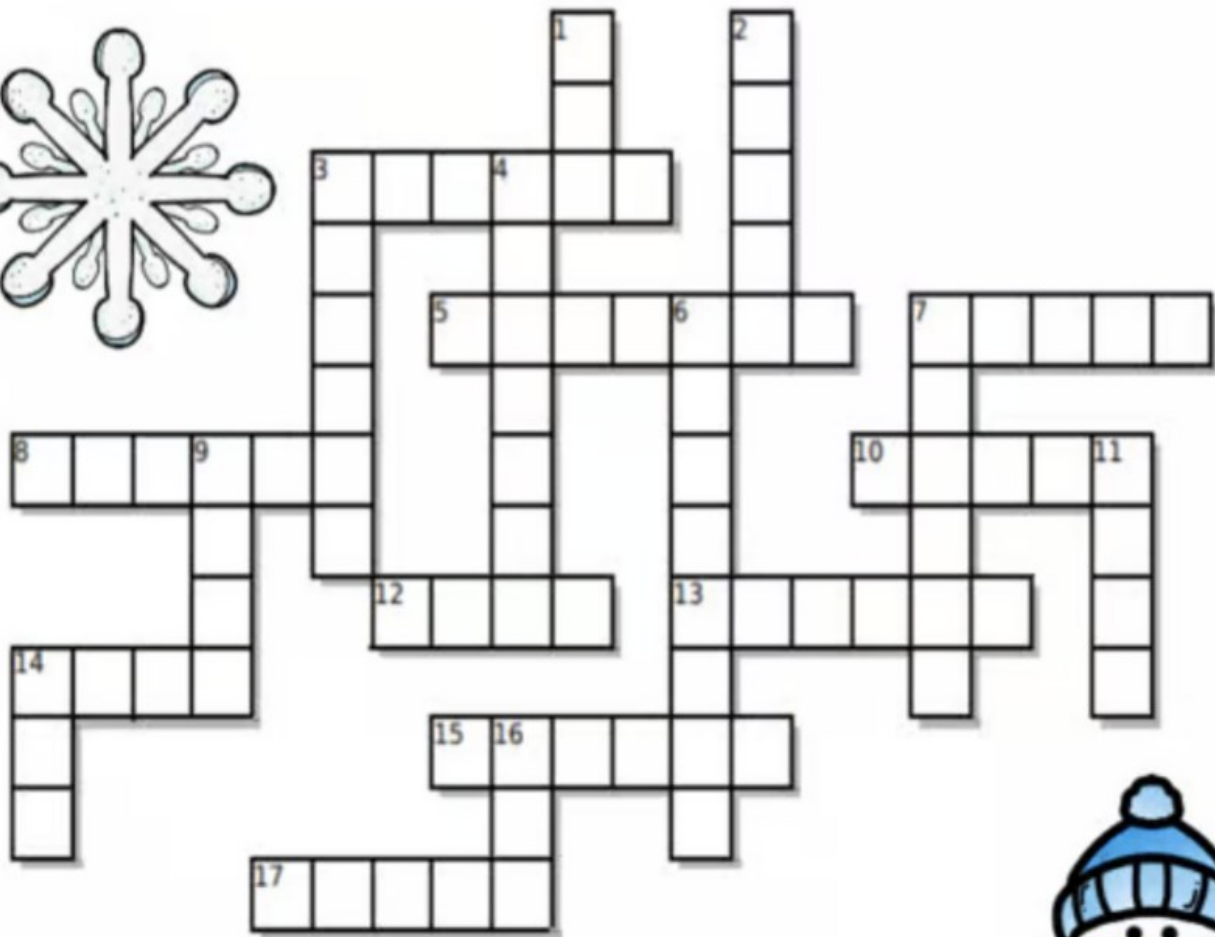
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8 9:30 Friends Meeting 10:30 Exercise w/ Judy 10:30 Vets meeting 12:00 Sheepshead 1:00 Dementia	9 9:00 Business Spotlight 10:00 Harmonic 11:15 Chair Yoga 1:00 Cardmaking w/ Judy	10 9:00 Woodcarving 9:30 Mahjong 10:30 Exercise w/ Judy 1:00 Cardmaking w/ Judy	11 Foot Care Clinic by Appt 9:00 Quilters 10:30 Weight loss 11:15 Chair Yoga 12:30 Cribbage 2:00: Berlin Singers—Prairie Place 4:30 Dining Club—Silvercryst Wautoma	12 9:00 Painting Together 10:30 Exercise w/ Judy 12:00 Sheepshead 12:30 Bridge Call Gerene 920-361-3323
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DEC MEALS

Meals include menu as is listed and are subject to change.
**\$5.00 contribution for those age 60+. This is a Green Lake County
 Elderly Nutrition Meal site. Please call 920-361-5422 at least one day
 before to order. We serve daily at noon. Cancellations must be made
 at least the day before.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Mac & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Spinach Salad Peaches	Beef Tips Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Peas Pineapple Birthday Cake	Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Spinach Salad Cherry / Pineapple Dump Cake	Hot Ham Sandwich Baked Beans Sweet Potatoes Lemon/Blueberry Bundt Cake	Tilapia Twice Baked Potato Spinach Salad Strawberry Shortcake
8	9 Birthday meal	10	11	12
Turkey Soup Spinach Salad Pumpkin Bars Crackers	Lasagna Mixed Veggies Spinach Salad Cherry Southern Salad 	Loaded Baked Potato W/ Cheese & Diced Ham Cowboy Beans 7 Layer Salad Orange	Meat Loaf Baby Bakers Mixed Vegetables Strawberry Shortcake	Battered Cod Glazed Carrots Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole Peaches
15	16	17	18 Xmas meal	19
Beef Chili w/ Beans & Noodles Spinach Salad Pears Corn Bread w/ Honey Butter	Salisbury Steak w/ Caramelized Onions Potatoes & Gravy Corn Taffy Apple Salad	Roasted Chicken Sweet Potato Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	 Ham Aug Gratin Potatoes Mixed Veg. Apple Raisin Bread Pudding	Fish Sandwich Potato Salad Spinach Salad Banana Cream Pie
22	23	24	25	26
Sloppy Joes Calico Beans Coleslaw Pineapple	Chicken Teriyaki Asian Vegetables Garden Blend Wild Rice Spinach Salad Cherry Crisp	Closed For The Holidays	Closed For The Holidays MERRY CHRISTMAS	Tuna Casserole Sweet Potatoes Spinach Salad Fresh Fruit
29	30	31		
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Spinach Salad Cheesy Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Bread Sticks	Meat Balls Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Pineapple	Closed For The Holidays Happy New Year	ALL MEALS INCLUDE MILK WHOLE GRAIN OR WHITE BREAD W/ BUTTER	ALL SALADS INCLUDE Tomatoes, Carrots & Cucumbers

WINTER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 3. famous snowman
- 5. time away from school (eg. Christmas)
- 7. neck warmer
- 8. frozen spike
- 10. winter footwear
- 12. breeze
- 13. type of glove
- 14. snow vehicle
- 15. coldest season
- 17. falls from the ski in winter

DOWN

- 1. head covering
- 2. hot chocolate mix
- 3. turns to ice
- 4. has a carrot nose
- 6. last month of the year
- 7. tool for scooping snow
- 9. more than cool
- 11. white fluff
- 14. glide over snow
- 16. frozen water



WORD BANK

Boots, Cocoa, Cold, December, Flake, Frosty, Frozen, Hat, Holiday, Ice, Icicle, Mitten, Scarf, Shovel, Ski, Sled, Snow, Snowman, Wind, Winter

Christmas Mishap

Fred and Marge had been happily married for years. They got along wonderfully — except for one small daily disaster: Fred’s morning trumpet solos. Every dawn, without fail, Fred would wake up, stretch, and let out a blast that could probably register on the Richter scale. The noise shook the windows. The smell. . . Well, let’s just say Marge sometimes considered buying a gas mask. “Fred!” she’d groan every morning, waving a pillow. “One day you’re going to blow your insides out!” Fred would just grin. “It’s natural, honey! A sign of good digestion.”

Years went by, and so did Fred’s daily performances. Then came one Christmas morning — a morning Marge would never forget. While Fred was still asleep upstairs, Marge was in the kitchen getting the turkey ready for roasting. As she looked at the bowl of leftover bits— the giblets, the neck, and other mystery parts — a mischievous grin crept across her face. “Let’s see how natural things feel tomorrow,” she muttered.

Quiet as a mouse, she tiptoed upstairs, bowl in hand. Gently pulling back the covers, she slipped the turkey innards into the waistband of Fred’s pajama shorts and hurried back down before laughing herself into tears. A few minutes later, she heard it— the usual morning blast, followed by a blood-curdling scream and the sound of frantic footsteps racing to the bathroom. Marge was doubled over with laughter, tears streaming down her cheeks. For years she’d suffered — and today, sweet justice was hers!

Twenty minutes later, Fred appeared at the top of the stairs, pale as a ghost, holding the waistband of his pajamas like a man who’d just seen the afterlife. “Marge,” he whispered, “you were right all along” “About what dear?” she asked, barely containing her laughter. He swallowed hard. “You said one day I’d blow my guts out — and it finally happened. But don’t worry. . .” he said, looking mighty proud of himself, “ . . . I managed to put most of them back in.

Marge collapsed in laughter again. And that Christmas, she decided, was truly one for the books.



CHRISTMAS WORD SCRABBLE



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HOLIDAY HOURS

Berlin Senior Center will be closed for meals and activities on the following days.
Wed. & Thurs, Dec. 24 & 25
Wed. & Thurs, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

If the Berlin Public School closes for snow or ice, the Senior Center will also be closed. All activities, transportation and meals will be canceled. A two hour delay will not affect the Senior Center.



Senior Center/Recreation Facilities

Director: Susan Kiener

Senior Assistant Programming

Coordinator: Jill Dittmann

Head Cook: Deb Mirr

Chauffeurs and Meal Delivery

Cindy, Diana & Sheri

Meal Delivery: Deb, Tim & Nancy, Stan

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NOON MEALS

Green Lake County Nutrition Program

Monday through Friday at noon

\$5.00 contribution for 60+. Under age 60, please inquire for current price. Please call by 4:30 pm the day before to sign up.

For home bound meals call 920-294-4070

MISSION STATEMENT

To actively involve, enlighten, enrich, and empower the independence of older adults in our community.

Day Trips

Cancellations & refunds: If you need to cancel, please call the Senior Center office as soon as possible. If you have somebody that will be able to take your spot, please let the Senior Center know as soon as possible. You are responsible for your spot unless either you notify the Senior Center you have a replacement or we have a waiting list. **If you must cancel and we cannot find a replacement, you are still responsible for the cost.**

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