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From: Matthew R. Schmitz
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To the Honorable City of Independence Mayor and City of Independence Council Members.

We wish to thank you for your past support for the seniors of Buchanan County.

The Council on Aging/BCSC is requesting funding from Buchanan County cities and the County for fiscal year 2024-2025. With the rising cost of utilities, a contribution of \$700.00 toward these expenses would be greatly appreciated.

We are continually looking for ideas and programs to bring more seniors into the facility.

The Senior Center provides a valuable service to Buchanan County seniors by supplying them with a place to socialize and play games. We also have programs throughout the year to aid senior living. This helps to keep our seniors mentally sharp and allows for continued aging in place. In addition to Bingo held at 12:30pm Monday thru

Friday, the Council on Aging hosts Euchre on Mondays at 1:30, Card Bingo on Thursdays at 1:30pm and 500 on Fridays at 1:30pm. There is a Men's Coffee group and pool playing at 8:00am, Monday thru Friday. In addition, we have a Facebook page (1) Buchanan County Senior Center located in Independence/Facebook, to assist in promoting services and activities. Everyone is welcome at the center, and we encourage you to pass the information on to your citizens.

The Senior Center in conjunction with Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A) provides noon home delivered meals to Buchanan County senior citizens or residents with other disabilities who meet program requirements. Communal meals are also offered Monday through Friday at the Senior Center and at other satellite meal sites throughout Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging 18 county region. Meals are provided on a sliding scale reduced rate for seniors depending on income and age.

We thank you for your continued support and consideration of this request.. Please feel free to reach out to me at dlshonka@gmail.com or my cell number 319-361-4541 with any questions or concerns.

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