



# Uncle Buck's PUMPKIN PATCH

by Susan E. Hohman

A field-trip favorite, especially in the Midwest, is the local pumpkin patch. Once the weather turns cooler, and the leaves begin to change, many school children and families with small children make their fall pilgrimage to the patch.

For those near Dixon, MO, Uncle Buck's Pumpkin Patch offers patrons a great deal for the admission cost. Usually starting sometime in September, the patch is open each Saturday and Sunday from 10 am-6 pm. However, the patch schedules schools and other groups each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday by appointment only. All school children get a small pumpkin to take home, as part of the patch experience.

Uncle Buck's, owned and operated by A.W. "Buck" Moehle and his wife, Marilyn, filled a need in the community and provides great seasonal fun for a reasonable price. Guests are invited to participate in a variety of fun and interactive

games and events. The Moehles add something new every year, to keep things fresh for returning guests and to encourage new patronage.

The ever-popular Corn Bin is open for the kids to explore, and the Kiddie Train Ride, 9-Hole Golf and Spooky Tunnel are just a few of the other favorites at Uncle Buck's, located at 10800 Hwy. D in Dixon. Adults can even enjoy the Rolling Pipe Slide, added in 2017, since "the heavier you are, the faster you go!" stated Marilyn Moehle. Tire swings, the tube swing, tether ball, corn-hole games, giant sling shots, and two zip lines afford more prospects for fun.



A sale barn, featuring pumpkins, corn shocks, gourds, and mini pumpkins provides adult patrons a convenient place to purchase fall décor items. There are also numerous picture-taking areas, for great photography opportunities.

Magic shows can be seen on the multicolored Magic schoolbus, and puppet shows are performed for the audiences at the puppet stage at Uncle Buck's. Hot dogs, popcorn, cupcakes,

and their signature decorator cookies can be purchased at the concession all season. Drinks include soda and water for warmer days, and hot apple cider and hot cocoa when the temperature is colder.

For more information or to schedule a visit, contact Uncle Buck's at 573-759-9045 or 573-239-1757. The patch's Facebook page also contains helpful information for prospective customers who want to enjoy the great fall season destination.



## Uncle Buck's Pumpkin Patch

10800 Highway D • Dixon, MO  
573-759-9045 573-239-1757

OPEN:

LAST 2 WEEKENDS in September.

Saturdays & Sundays in October.

Open Columbus Day!

Schools WELCOME by appointment.

PETTING AREA, ZIP LINES,  
CORN BIN, HAYRIDES,  
MAGIC SHOWS, SLING SHOTS,  
and LOTS MORE.

Health Dept. Approved Concession Area.

[www.unclebuckspumpkinpatch.com](http://www.unclebuckspumpkinpatch.com)



# Dixon Senior Center



"I just want to get people to come in the doors – to get them to see the building. We have a beautiful Senior Center," said Administrator, Brenda Doyle. Her love for the seniors she serves is evident in her enthusiasm in providing activities they will enjoy. Just a few of these are the Senior Expo, Luau Days, the Ice Cream Social, or the center's annual Christmas Bazaar. If you live in the Dixon area and you visit the Dixon Senior Center, you might

find yourself a part of any of these events, and many more! Ms. Doyle simply wants to keep our community seniors active and to provide numerous opportunities for them to meet and fellowship in various ways. Another goal is to get them out of their homes and involved with one another to develop and strengthen friendships and to share enriching moments with others.

Although each day--Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm--the center offers a great hot meal, Ms. Doyle emphasizes that the senior center is NOT just a place to have lunch! The center is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday for activities that include the TV room, pool table, and Country Store. Every fourth Thursday, Phelps County Health comes to the center to take blood pressure for all interested seniors. There is also an exercise class three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 am.

The only criteria for being involved here is to be 60 years of age or older. The senior center can fill the needs, regardless of the income of the patron, because the criterion is age-driven, and not income-based. Ms. Doyle stated, "Illnesses do not discriminate. If someone has Parkinson's, they need a place to come and eat, and not have to worry about preparing a meal. If someone is undergoing chemotherapy, and is too weak to cook, they still need to eat, and we can provide that for them." Meal cost is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for seniors and \$6.50 for anyone under age 60. Live entertainment is provided by Music with Friends on the third Thursday of each month during lunch. In addition, occasionally the senior center hosts Musical Jam Sessions with snacks, game nights, and other evening activities. The annual Senior Expo has various informational booths set up, and door prizes are awarded to some of the attendees.

Dixon Senior Center also enters a float in the annual Cow Days parade, and has a booth at the two-day event, wherein visitors can enter to win a quilt or other items. The center also hosts a commemorative ceremony for Memorial Day, and there is a "Decoration Tree" always on display at the site, that recognizes all the national holidays.

The community of Dixon is indeed blessed to have a facility such as the senior center available for its seniors to appreciate. Located at 301 Old Y Road, the building is a modern place that receives regular updates and improvements to make it a desired destination for area seniors. The basement received new flooring in 2017 and is available for rental for reunions, anniversaries, parties, and more (200 capacity). Phone 573-759-6313 for more information about senior center events or rental.

## Dixon Senior Center

Serving Ages 60 & Older

Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Lunch Served 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Meals on Wheels served 20,000 meals in previous year.  
(9,772 of them to homebound seniors.)

Activities Include:

- Pool Table
- TV Room
- Country Store



Monthly - Country Music Live  
Entertainment & Birthday Recognitions

Basement Rental Available for  
Reunions, Anniversaries, Parties, etc.  
(200 Capacity)

Phone 573-759-6313  
Brenda Doyle, Administrator  
Located at 301 Old Y Road • Dixon, MO  
Chartered by CMAAA  
Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging