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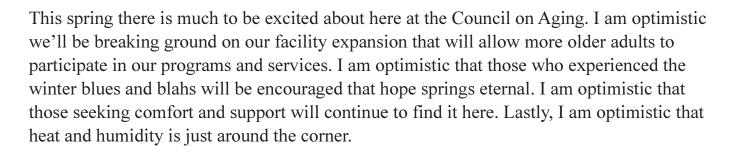
### Council on Aging

March 2021

#### **Rich Thoughts from the Executive Director**

Greetings family and friends,

I say it every year but I love spring. It represents so much of who we are as people. We go through times of ups and downs, darkness and cold, years like 2020 and yet, we look ahead to something positive, new and fresh like spring 2021.



Take a good look at all the events happening here this month. There are so many cool and new programs that I am sure you will enjoy. If you have not liked us on Facebook or have not been on in a while, take a moment to check it out. We have almost 2,000 people who follow us and keep up on the constantly changes programs and events. Social media is the fastest way for us to communicate with people quickly. We are also on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

We know for many of you it has been a rough year and I wish we could make it go away but only time can heal. We take one day at a time and do the very best we can with the resources we have. We appreciate your continual support and probably, most importantly, the grace you show us. From our COA family to yours, we are here for you if you need us.

Have a great day!

Rich

Rich Zeck



# CAREGIVER Corner Learning to be an Effective Caregiver Sleep Strategies for Caregivers

Some caregivers struggle to get a good night's sleep. This may occur due to the stress of caregiving or being woken up by the care recipient, or other reasons. Why is good sleep essential? Having enough sleep is important to help you concentrate, be more patient with the care recipient, improve your mood, and help you be more productive.

Here are a few strategies to help you sleep better:

- Consider having a regular sleep routine such as reading or doing a quiet activity before bed
- A dark, quiet, room, which is slightly cool, has been shown to promote sleep.
   Consider using a baby monitor to help you monitor care recipient if needed.
- If needed, set aside time, prior to bedtime, to write a 'to do' list for the next day or journal about your concerns (to avoid thinking about this at night).
- Avoid large meals prior to your bedtime
- Reduce caffeinated beverages
- Try to get some incorporate physical activity each day into your caregiving routine.

## ~Healthy Aging Tip~

A great way to stay healthy is to modify your home to help compensate for aging changes. There are numerous positive aging benefits to modifying your home such as:

## Preventing falls and reducing the fear of falling Improving safety and quality of life

The Council on Aging works with experts that can install grab bars on a variety of surfaces and locations.

We can also install stair hand railings and/or may be able to assist or provide resources for other modifications. Give us a call and ask to speak to an Aging Services Specialist about modifying your home today!

## Journey Classes



### Wills and Trusts

April 7, 2021

3-4pm

A FREE Workshop on the basics of wills and trusts

Presented by Charlotte-Anne Alexander

Seating is limited Call 752-1717, x201 to register

Charlotte-Anne T. Alexander has been licensed in North Carolina since 1996 and currently practices with the Greenville law firm of Colombo, Kitchin, Dunn, Ball & Porter, LLP, focusing primarily on elder law, estate planning/administration, asset protection,

## **Gardening Class:**

Dig It! -A Gardener's Guide to Soil Testing



Wednesday, March 17 2021 2:00-4:00pm

Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

## **Conversational Spanish**

March 11-April 15, 2021 6:30-7:30 Cost: \$15



If you've completed our first class, or have had a little Spanish and want to learn more, This is the class for you! Call today to register: 752-1717, x201

## "Financial Planning in Retirement"

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:30-8:00pm

- **Social Security Maximization**
- Health Care Costs in Retirement
- Aging in Place
- **Choosing Eldercare professionals**
- **Estate Planning Essentials**
- Special Needs planning
- Safeguard Your Digital Estate Presented by Randy Moorehead, Wealth Advisor with LEVEL FOUR Wealth Management

Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

## **Beginning Wood Carving**

Master Wood Carver, Leo Trujillo, teaches you the fundamentals of wood carving. All supplies are included.

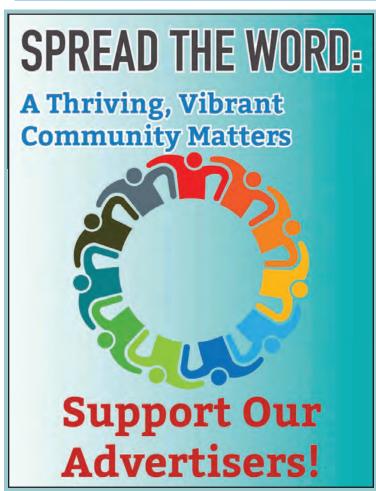


Tuesdays, April 13-May 18 3:30-5:30pm Cost: \$35



Blood Drive
Thursday, March 11
8am-1pm
Call 752-1717, x201
to reserve your spot!

The Blood Connection makes a donation to our home delivered meals program every time you donate blood.



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## March 2021 Screenings



## **Mental Health Screening**

Tuesday, March 2, 10am-12pm



## **Blood Pressure Screenings**

Tuesday, March 9 and 23 10am-12pm



## **Hearing Screening**

Wednesday, March 17 10am-12pm



## **Physical Therapy Screenings**

Thursday, March 18 10-11:30am

## Time for Sewing!

Master Your
Sewing Machine

Wednesdays,

**March 3-17** 

10am-12pm

**Cost: \$39** 

**Quilt Prep:** 

**Rotary Cutting 101** 

Wednesday, March 24

10am-12pm

**Cost: \$15** 

Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



# Advance Care Planning and Education Clinic



Join us for FREE Advance Care Planning & Education Clinics to aid you & your family in planning for your future medical care.

The educational presentation will provide information about the advance care planning process and the importance of making your medical choices known.

Certified Respecting Choices© facilitators and notaries will be available during the clinic to assist in the preparation of living wills & healthcare power of attorney documents.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

1pm Education | 2pm Clinic

Picture identification required to complete documents. \*Registration Required For more information or to register, call: 752-1717, x201

## "Final Answers"

for those hard to ask questions about end of life planning



Lewis Cahoon, Advance Planning Director, Wilkerson Funeral Home

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2-3pm Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



Zumba Gold is designed for active older adults, with original Zumba moves at a lower intensity.

Join us Fridays at 5:30!

Registration required.

Call 752-1717, x201

Or virtually at gerishare.com

## **Jewelry Class**

Wednesday
March 24, 2021, 2-4pm
Cost: \$5



Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

## Road to Resources

A Guide to Services for Older Adults

## Should I Stay or Should I Go:

A Workshop for Housing Options as We Age

Considering a change for you or a parent?



Come explore the options available.

Monday, March 15 3:00-4:00pm Class is free, but seating is limited.

Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

## Honoring the Life and Memory of Your Loved One



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www.SmithFCS.com



Community Calendar					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday			
1	2	3			
12:00-4:00pm Scrapbooking 1:00-3:30pm Billiards ET Group 7:00-8:00pm \$6 Line Dancing	9:00am-12:00pm *Beginner's Bridge 10:00am-12:00pm Mental Health Screening 1:00-3:00pm Knit & Crochet Group 1:00-5:00pm R \$25 Memoir Writing Class 2:00-3:00pm Virtual Silver Sneakers** 2:00-5:00pm Card Games & Billiards 3:30-5:00pm R \$35 Wood Carving 6:30-9:00pm R \$60 Watercolor Class	9:00-11:30am Beginner's Chess 10:00am-12:00pm Billiards 10:00-11:00am R \$39 Mastering Your Sewing Machine 11:00am-3:30pm Billiards ET Group 1:00-4:00pm American Mahjong 2:00-3:00pm R Final Answers			
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March 2021						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
4	5	6				
10:00am-12:00pm Acrylic Painting Class 10:00am-2:00pm Canasta or Hand & Foot 11:00-3:00pm *Rosie's Cards 12:30-5:00pm Quilting Group 2:00-3:00pm Virtual Silver Sneakers**	1:00-3:00pm Card Games Spades 1:00-4:00pm Billiards Drop In 2:00-3:00pm Chair Yoga ** 5:30-6:30pm R Zumba Gold**	9:00am-4:00pm Scrapbooking Group				
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	Drop in any day for Arts & Crafts, Billiards, Cards, Mahjong, or to use the Media Center. ++Call Amanda Biggs 252.414.3230	*For Rosie's Cards and Beginners Bridge, please call in advance 902-8240  Key: \$ = Fee R = Registration Required  **Register for Virtual Classes at  Gerishare.com				

# DID YOU KNOW?

The COA rents space for your events! Family reunion, shower, birthday, reception, business meeting? Call 752-1717, x205

## **Does Your Loved One Need Grab Bars?**



We can have one of our experts conduct a home safety falls risk assessment. We work with contractors who install grab bars and stair hand railings to make the home safer.

Call the COA 752-1717

#### Make A Difference



The COA is currently recruiting for volunteers to assist in our office. We need volunteers for front desk, our new tax assistance program, and general clerical duties. Sound interesting? Call 752-1717, x205

We need YOU to help deliver meals to homebound adults in our community!

Volunteer Training: Tuesday, March 16th at 10:00am

Please contact us at 252-752-1717



## **Greenville Center Regular Activities**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 9:30-10:30am Bible Study 10:30-11:30am Music 11:30am-12:00pm Lunch	9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15-11:15am Bingocize/Fun and Fit 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch	9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 9:30-10:15am Spanish Class 10:30-11:30am Music 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15-11:00am Fun & Fit Exercise 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch	9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:00-11:00am Bingo \$1 per card 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch	

## Excellence in Aging Resources, Programs and Resources

March Meal Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
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Jumbo Cheese Ravioli Italian Tomato Sauce Peas Wheat Bread 100% Orange Juice 2% Milk (half-pint)	Beef Stew Carrots Bread Stewed or Glazed Apples Sugar Cookie 2% Milk (half-pint)	Chicken Fried Rice Irish Blend Vegetables Bread Fruit 2% Milk (half-pint)	Ham w/Gravy Sweet Potato Soufflé Cauliflower Bread 2% Milk (half-pint)	Beef Patty w/Green Pepper & Onion Gravy Mashed Potatoes Cabbage Bread Cinnamon Apples 2% Milk (half-pint)		
8	9	10	11	12		
Fish Fillet Mac & Cheese Creamy Coleslaw Corn Bread 2% Milk (half-pint)	BBQ Pulled Chicken Cajun Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Hamburger Bun Cinnamon Applesauce 2% Milk (half-pint)	Fried Chicken Breast w/ Gravy Maple Mashed Sweet Potatoes Grilled Zucchini Squash Dinner Roll 100% Orange Juice 2% Milk (half-pint)	Creamed Chicken Macaroni w/Parsley Beets Bread Fruit 2% Milk (half-pint)	Chili Con Carne w/ Beans Carrots, Brown Rice Corn Chips Strawberry Banana Yogurt 2% Milk (half-pint)		
15	16	17	18	19		
Creamed Turkey Mashed Sweet Potatoes Corn O'Brien Cabbage Dinner Roll 2% Milk (half-pint)	Italian Meat Sauce Macaroni w/Parsley Cauliflower & Carrots Dinner Roll 100% Apple Juice 2% Milk (half-pint)	Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Onions Greens Bread Oatmeal Cookie 2% Milk (half-pint)	Fajitas w/Sauteed Peppers & Onions Flour Tortilla Rice & Pinto Beans Salsa (Mild) Warm Glazed Apples 2% Milk (half-pint)	Ham w/Pineapple Glaze Peas Black-eyed Peas Bread Fruit 2% Milk (half-pint)		
22	23	24	25	26		
Roasted Turkey Breast w/ Gravy Bread Dressing Beets Corn 100% Orange Juice 2% Milk (half-pint)	Chicken Parmesan Macaroni w/Parsley Peas Carrots Dinner Roll Vanilla Pudding 2% Milk (half-pint)	Stuffed Green Pepper Broccoli Wheat Bread Fudge Brownie w/ Powdered Sugar Topping 2% Milk (half-pint)	BBQ Chicken Mac & Cheese Peas & Corn Apple Blueberry Oat Crisp 100% Orange Juice 2% Milk (half-pint)	Tuna Salad w/Lettuce & Tomato Potato Salad Cucumber, Onion & Tomato Salad Fruit, Bread Sugar Cookie 2% Milk (half-pint)		
29	30	31				
Jumbo Cheese Ravioli Italian Tomato Sauce Peas Wheat Bread 100% Orange Juice 2% Milk (half-pint)	Beef Stew Carrots, Bread Stewed or Glazed Apples Sugar Cookie 2% Milk (half-pint)	Chicken Fried Rice Irish Blend Vegetables Bread Fruit 2% Milk (half-pint)				

## 2021 COA Trips



3 Days/2 Nights in **Pennsylvania Dutch Country**, Sight & Sound Theater Production of Queen Esther, Amish Farmer's Market, Tour of Hershey's Chocolate World and more!

April 20-22, 2021 Only \$419/Person -Double Occupancy



6 Days/5 Nights in **Boston/Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard**. Ferry ride/tour of Martha's Vineyard, tour of Boston, explore Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, tour Hyannis, Plymouth, historic Newport Rhode Island, just to name a few!

June 1-6, 2021

Only \$899/Person-Double Occupancy



3 Days/2 Nights at **Dover Downs Hotel and Casino**. Headline entertainers, state of the art gaming, poker, and luxurious South Pacific-inspired full-service spa. Casino bonus package of 2 buffet breakfasts, 1 buffet dinner, 2 \$50 in FREE slot plays, gift from Santa, and tickets to a show (based on availability)

July 20-22, 2021

Only \$329/Person-Double Occupancy



4 Days/3 Nights **West Virginia Train Adventure**! Includes dinner and a show at the Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater, Scenic Railway Journey onboard the New Tygart Flyer and the Cass Scenic Railway, Greatest Show on Rails performance
September 20-23, 2021 Only \$729/Person-Double Occupancy



9 Day/8 Night trip **Rhine Getaway River Cruise** on board the Viking Longship "Gersemi." A lifetime experience includes roundtrip airfare, all onboard meals, visiting 4 countries and 10 ports, 6 included shore excursions, visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and so much more!

November 3-November 11, 2021

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4 Day/3 Night Christmas in **New York City**! Trip includes orchestra seating for a fabulous Broadway Show, NYC Guide Service, visit to the Rockefeller Center featuring the Christmas tree, visit the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Chinatown, Little Italy, and shopping in NYC!

December 8-11, 2021 Only \$679/Person-Double Occupancy

Contact Cyndi @752-1717, x205 for more information

#### Excellence in Aging Services, Programs & Resources

## Medicare's Coverage of FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines



#### **Your costs in Original Medicare**

You pay nothing for this vaccine if you have Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) or you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C). Be sure to bring your Medicare card so your health care provider or pharmacy can bill Medicare.

If you have Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) only, you pay nothing for this vaccine, but some providers or pharmacies may still charge an administration fee for giving you the shot. Check with the provider or pharmacy who gives you the vaccine to see if they charge this fee.

### Things to Know:

- •Be sure to bring your red, white, and blue Medicare card so your health care provider or pharmacy can bill Medicare. You will need your Medicare card even if you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan.
- •If you fill out a form to get the vaccine, you may be asked for your insurer's group number. If you have Part B, leave this field blank or write "N/A." If you have trouble with the form, talk with your vaccine provider.
- •Medicare also covers COVID-19 tests, COVID-19 antibody tests, and COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments.

Source: www.medicare.gov/coverage/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccine



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## **Coming in 2021!**

We are excited to show you the first picture of our new addition! The light blue shows our existing building. The dark blue indicates the upcoming addition. This addition will allow us to expand the programs and services we offer the seniors of Pitt County.









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# **2021 Council on Aging Holidays and Closings**

Please note that on these days **ALL** Seniors Centers will be closed and Meals on Wheels will NOT be delivered.

April 2 Good Friday

May 31 Memorial Day

**July 5** Independence Day

**September 6** Labor Day

November 11 Veterans Day



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