



**Celebrate all fathers and special mentors on** Friday, June 14th at participating Broome County Senior Centers. Enjoy a delicious luncheon of chicken cordon bleu or beer battered fish and a black forest pudding for dessert.

It's a wonderful opportunity to honor those fathers, brothers, sons, and friends who strive to make a difference in our community! Consider treating someone special in your life to lunch, or just gather your friends together for a great meal.

Call the senior center of your choice to make meal reservations and to ask what special activities are planned. Phone numbers are listed on the Look What's Happening pages of this issue.

Lunch is a suggested contribution of \$4 for those age 60+ and their spouse; those under age 60 pay \$5.

We hope to see you on June 14th!

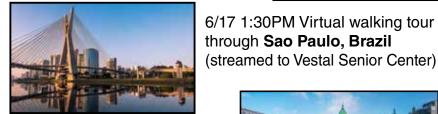
## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO **THESE BROOME COUNTY RESIDENTS!**

See page 7 for more information.

Join us as we travel virtually with Discover Live. You can experience different cities around the world through interactive walking tours. An experienced tour guide will take you through their favorite places in their city. You get to interact and ask questions. In the month of June, we will be visiting London, Sao Paulo, and Buenos Aires. These are free classes, and no reservations are required.

6/12 10:30AM Virtual walking tour through London, England (streamed to Johnson City Senior Center)





6/25 1:30PM Virtual walking tour through Buenos Aires, Argentina (streamed to Broome West Senior Center)



6/17 1:30PM Virtual walking tour

# **ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS**

You Asked & We Answered! How do we receive a Farmer's Market Coupon? See page 7 for the answer!

Learn how to have fun in the sun safely on page 12!

Are you a caregiver looking for some respite time? There are local options for Saturday respite! See page 4 for more information.

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# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### <u>Chair Yoga</u>

Postures and movements are very gentle, easy to maintain and adapted to each students' ability.

Monday 11:00	0AM First Ward Senic	or Center (Binghamton)
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#### Beginner Gentle Yoga

Help improve flexibility and strength; allow you to work at your pace and increase as your body begins to adapt

Monday	9:30AM	East. Broome Sr. Center (Harpursville)
Monday	9:30AM	Johnson City Senior Center (\$3 charge)
Friday	10:00AM	Johnson City Senior Center (\$3 charge)

#### **Bonesaver Class**

A low-intensity class, using light weights to help prevent osteoporosis and improve balance. No fee for this class.

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Mon, Wed & Fri	10:00AM	First Ward Senior Center (Binghamton)
Mon & Wed	1:00PM	Johnson City Senior Center
Tues & Thurs	10:00AM	Northern Broome Senior Center
		(Whitney Point)
Wednesday	10:00AM	Broome West Senior Center (Endwell)

#### Line Dancing

Choreographed dance with a sequence of steps done in lines or rows. Monday 10:45 AM Johnson City Senior Center (\$3 charge)

#### Zumba

Low impact dance aerobics class. Based on dance moves choreographed to Latin and international music.

Mon & Fri	9:30AM	First Ward Senior Center
		(Binghamton) (\$3)
Tuesday	10:30AM	Johnson City Senior Center (\$3)

#### Low-Impact Aerobics

Modified stretches, body movements and routines that improve and tone your body.

Thursday 10:00AM Johnson City Senior Center (\$3 charge) Tai Chi

Relieve stress, in	nprove balance	e, increase flexibility, and promote wellness.
Thursday	1:00PM	Johnson City Senior Center (\$3 charge)
Weds & Fri	9:00AM	Chenango Bridge Senior Center
		(In Person or Zoom)
Friday	9:30AM	East Broome Sr. Center (Harpursville)

#### **Chair Exercise**

Increase flexibility	ncrease flexibility, range of motion and circulation. No fee for this class.						
Tues & Thurs	10:30AM	Broome West Senior Center (Endwell)					
Tues & Fri	12:30PM	Johnson City Senior Center					

\*Complete addresses and phone numbers for all Senior Centers located on pages 10 & 11

#### **Virtual Zoom Classes**

Advanced registration is required for Zoom chair exercise. To obtain more information and sign up, please call (607) 778-2411.

#### **ZOOM Chair Exercises**

Mon, Wed, & Thurs 9:00AM - 9:45AM

ZOOM Chair Drum Exercises 9:00AM - 9:45AM

Tuesday

#### **ZOOM Chair Yoqa**

Friday 9:00AM - 9:45AM

#### **ZOOM Drum Exercise Class**

Chair exercise using cardio drumming for seniors. 1:30PM Monday

## Eating Healthy on A Budget - Mini Workshop

With food prices rising, the grocery bill is giving many people



sticker shock. It is critical for good health not to toss out healthy eating goals when the food budget gets squeezed. To address food budget challenges, the Office for Aging Nutrition Team will be leading an interactive 30-minute workshop entitled, "Eating Healthy on a Budget" area senior centers.

During this workshop we will be sharing smart-shopping and meal-planning tips

authored by experts in the field as well as hearing/sharing money saving ideas sent into the Office for Aging from Broome County residents like yourself.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these scheduled workshops. No registration is required and walk-ins are welcomed. If you have any questions, please call the Office for Aging at 607-778-2411.

Deposit Senior Center - Tuesday, June 4th at 12:30PM Broome West Senior Center - Friday, June 7th at 12:15PM First Ward Senior Center - Thursday, June 20th at 12PM

Eastern Broome Senior Center - Thursday, June 27th at 12:15PM





# Join the Nature Walking Club

The Nature Walking Club invites you to join them for a new season of outdoor exploration. Come join this fun group! Each group walk will be held weather permitting. Each participant will walk at their own risk. We will explore native and invasive plants, as well as the history and lore of the places we visit.

June 13th 10AM - Greenwood Park. Pack a lunch to enjoy with fellow hikers after exploring the park's well groomed trails. Meet us at the beach parking lot.

June 27th 10AM - Cole Park in Town of Colesville. Circle the lake on easy trails. Meet us at the parking lot to your right after entering park.

Reservations are **not required.** For more information on the walks, please call Mary Lou at (607) 343-4985.

# Caregiver Corner

## Ideas and information for people caring for others.

#### The Johnson City Caregiver Chat:

**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2024 **Time:** 1:00 - 2:30 PM **Location:** Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton Street, Johnson City, NY 13790

Below are no cost respite programs hosted by area church communities on Saturdays monthly.

# Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 11 – 2PM • First Saturday of the Month Join Social Saturdays!

Social Saturdays is a group respite program providing small group social engagement for care recipients while providing a break for caregivers. Participants will engage in discussions, activities, and a light lunch.

The program will host participants at the:

#### St. Anthony's Church Hall, 300 Odell Ave, Endicott Please call 607-754-4333 for more information or to register.

This free caregiver respite program is sponsored by St. Anthony's, St. Ambrose, and St. Joseph's parish communities. Do you feel called to volunteer in this Respite? Would you like to register your loved one for this program?

# Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1 – 4PM • Second Saturday of the Month Grace's Place

Free Senior Respite is Provided by Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Church, 709 Main Street, Vestal Please contact (607) 748-0840 or email GraceVestal709@gmail.com

Guests should be able to eat and toilet independently. Registration packets are available online at <u>www.gracelutheranchurchvestal.com/graces-place</u>

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 11 – 2PM • Third Saturday of the Month Saturday Afternoon at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Church, 795 Route 11, Kirkwood

Please call 607-775-0086 to register.

## A Divine Calling

The Broome County Office for Aging is calling on faith based communities to support caregivers with brief periods of respite.

Think of your own congregation/parish. Are there members who are stretched thin by their caregiving responsibilities? How can we support them? Let's work together to offer restorative respite. Respite programs improve the wellbeing of caregivers.

Be a part of the win-win-win:

- Participants enjoy activities like art, music, games & exercise
- Caregivers benefit from the opportunity to recharge
- Volunteers feel personally rewarded when helping families

Often, caregivers are reluctant to ask for help. But they will come to a familiar setting for social events and take the break that they need. Your church might be a safe comfortable space.

Throughout NYS, congregations are starting Caregiver Respite Programs that provide a break to caregivers and social opportunities for other older adults. We are excited to establish a network of faith based respite programs in Broome County.

Participants and volunteers will engage in discussions/trivia games/gross motor skill games/exercises/art projects/community projects/sing a long and a meal or snack. Programs can run monthly/weekly or daily for 2-4 hour sessions. Respite programs improve the quality of life for the participants and improve the health of their caregivers.

If your church would like to provide this type of support to caregivers and join our network, please contact Shellie Spinelli at 607-778-2946 or email <u>Machelle.Spinelli@broomecountyny.gov</u>

## **Caregiver Dinner**

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: Dinner: 4:30PM

Creative Aging Presentation for Caregivers: 5:15PM Music for Care Receivers: 5:30PM

**Location:** 2801 Wayne St. Endwell, NY 13760 (Broome West Senior Center)

Caregivers, join us for an evening out with your loved one (or come alone)! Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm (menu: broccoli cheese stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, veggie blend, dinner roll and strawberry shortcake) followed by a presentation of Creative Aging by Christina Muscatello from the Memory Maker Project for Caregivers. Staffing, activities, and musical entertainment by Kevin Oriole will be provided for Care Receivers.

Reservations are required, please call **607-778-2411** by 6/5 to reserve your spot.



Fun and Games is a social connections group for seniors 60+. The group meets on Friday afternoons in the church hall for cards, table games and conversations.

## **Join us Fridays 1 - 3PM** Church of the Holy Family: 3600 Phyllis St., Endwell

Get competitive with a round of "Golf" or "Hand and Foot" cards games. Various table games are also available from the oldfashioned classics to current top party picks! Fridays will be more fun with you!



Help someone with medical needs? Talk to their doctor? Pick up their medication? ... Feel like you are always "On Call"?

# You are a caregiver. Support is available.

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# Events at the Centers

## Broome West Senior Center

Pizza Day & Trivia Friday, June 28th Meal Served at 12PM Trivia with Deanna and Lisa 1PM Bring your team and let's have some fun! Please call 607-785-1777 for a meal reservation by 6/27 at 12PM.

## Chenango Bridge Senior Center

Music Day Friday, June 21st 10 – 2PM Join us as we listen to music all day long!

## <u>Deposit</u>

Western Day Tuesday, June 11th 11AM Come watch country line dancing performed by Mindy Mills!

## Eastern Broome

Evening Meal with musical guest Friday at Fred's! Thursday, June 27th Doors Open: 4PM Meal served: 4:30PM Entertainment: 5:15PM

Enjoy a BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner with Macaroni Salad, Corn, Roll, Beverage, and a Peanut Butter Pie Cup! Please call 607-693-2069 for a meal reservation by 6/26 at 12PM

#### **First Ward**

Breakfast for Lunch is back at the First Ward! 1st and 3rd Monday of each month 10:45 – 12:15PM Monday, June 3rd: Western Omelets Monday, June 17th: Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy

#### Johnson City

Doug's Fish Dry Fundraiser Wednesday, June 26th 11 – 6PM Join us for our fundraiser, raffles, brownie sale, and a table of free books!

## Northern Broome

Cornhole Outside! Thursday, June 6th & 20th 10:30 – 11:30AM Come enjoy a fun game and some sunshine!

## North Shore

Pizza Day! Thursday, June 13th 12PM Pizza, Side Salad, Soda, and a Cookie for \$5 Please call 607-772-6214 for a meal reservation by 6/11 at 12PM, prepayment is also required.

## <u>Vestal</u>

Breakfast for Lunch Monday, June 17th 11:45AM Breakfast sliders, hashbrowns, and yogurt parfaits! Please call for a meal reservation by 6/14 at 12PM

## Senior Center closings:

Wednesday, June 19th in observation of Juneteenth Please see page 6 to learn more about Juneteenth.

## **Res**•pite

/'respət/ *noun* an interval of rest

Are you the "I can handle it type"? Often the devotion we feel to our loved ones prevents us from taking care of our own needs. Doing it all can leave us feeling overwhelmed, yet somehow seeking help for ourselves can make us feel weak. The reality is, forgetting about our own needs is what weakens us.

#### "Sometimes asking for help is the most meaningful example of self-reliance" - Unknown

As caregivers, we schedule medical appointments and all kinds of therapies for our loved ones, but have you considered therapy for yourself? Scheduling time for yourself is critical. Keeping friendships intact and finding joy in hobbies is what will help you push through when you are feeling overwhelmed. Without meaningful activities we all become short tempered, and we feel less energetic.

We all have been told to reduce our stress by taking time to go to lunch with friends, join an exercise class or an art class. This month I challenge you to seek community supports and know that this will help you be the best caregiver possible. There are several community resources in Broome County such as Yesteryears, Faith Based Saturday Respite Programs, Caregiver Services, and other respite options that can help. The Yesteryears and the Faith Based Saturday Programs provide your loved one with supervision and socialization, giving you time to meet your own needs. Support groups, "Caregiver Chats", referrals for in home respite workers, and education are also a phone call away.

## Get a little R- E -S- P- I- T -E...the time you need to relax, recharge, and revive!

The Broome County Office for Aging can connect you to these resources. Contact us at **607-778-2411** for more information.

# Downsize & Declutter Discussion Topic: Inventory & Why We Do It

Yes, it's time consuming, but an inventory of your valuables is helpful for many reasons such as a home disaster and insurance documentation.

Explore more at our Declutter Discussion on Tuesday, June 11th at 3PM at the Broome West Senior Center or on Zoom.

To attend via Zoom, contact Joan Sprague at <a href="mailto:spraguejm@verizon.net">spraguejm@verizon.net</a>.

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## Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Community Events

## Psychic/Holistic Fair by Unity of Light Spiritual Center

Saturday, June 1st 10:30 – 4:30PM 955 Main Street, Vestal

No entry fees. Many vendors will be present with beautiful and unique gifts. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Various readers and healers of different modalities available. \$5 donation for entry to a full day of spiritual presentations on a variety of subjects.

## Used Book Sale

Broome County Public Library 185 Court Street, Binghamton Friday, June 7th and Friday, June 28th 9:15 – 2PM Saturday, June 8th and Saturday, June 29th 9:15 – 12PM

Book sale open to everyone and supports the library. Book Sale Prices: Hardcovers \$1 each/Paperbacks \$.50 each Children's Hardcovers \$.50/Children's Paperbacks \$.25 Saturday - "fill a bag" for \$5, bring your own bag

### Binghamton Downtown Singers present, "Love, Harmony, and Spirit"

Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church 308 Main Street, Johnson City Saturday, June 8th 7:30PM \$21/ticket online/credit card \$20/ticket cash For more information visit, <u>www.downtownsingers.org/tickets</u> or call 607-205-8741

## Pride Palooza

Otsiningo Park 1 Otsiningo Park, Binghamton Saturday, June 8th 12 – 6PM No entry fee. Vendors, Food, and Entertainment! Come celebrate Pride Month with us!

## **Juneteenth Celebrations**

48 Carroll Street Binghamton Saturday, June 22nd 12 – 4PM

Join in the celebration with food, music, and vendors. For more information, please visit <u>https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/ny-state-health-2024-juneteenth-event</u>

## **Broome Bands Together Concert Series**

Otsiningo Park 1 Otsiningo Park Binghamton, NY 13905 Tuesday's starting in June from 6 – 8PM

Free summer concert series presented by Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP. The event is free to Broome County residents and will be held at Otsiningo Park on most Tuesdays, weather permitting.

## Garden Tour 2024 presented by

Binghamton University Lyceum, Preservation Association of the Southern Tier (PAST) and United Women of Faith of Central UMC

Saturday, June 22nd 10 - 3PM

Tour local gardens in the Endicott/Endwell area for \$20 Tickets may be purchased at Central United Methodist at 17 Nanticoke Ave, Endicott (M-F 9-2PM) or online at <u>www.lyceum.binghamton.edu</u>

# Scam of the Month

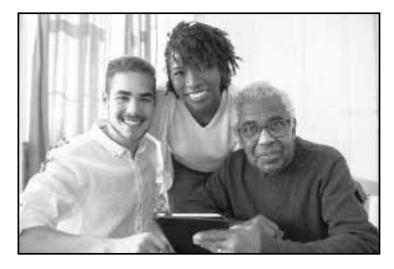
#### **Grandparent Scams**

Scammers contact someone, typically by phone, claiming to be a family member—usually a grandchild—and state that they are in immediate financial need.

#### What might this look like?

Scammer calls the victim posing as a family member (most of the time as a grandchild) in distress or someone claiming to represent the family member (such as a lawyer or law enforcement agent). The family member of the grandparent states they are in trouble and needs their grandparent to wire them funds that will be used for bail money, lawyer's fees, hospital bills, or another false expense.

## Binghamton University Research Study on Memory Processes and Aging Seeking Participants



If you are a community member over the age of 65, please consider participating in a research study by Professors Ian McDonough and Michael Dulas from the Binghamton University Psychology Department. This study seeks to understand how people become aware of their memory processes and how this awareness differs across the adult lifespan. Our results will help improve memorybased education, as well as contribute to research surrounding declines in memory that develop with brain aging. The study will involve the completion of survey questions, memory tasks, and an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan. MRI scans are a safe and painless way to measure brain structure and function. These scans are at no cost to you.

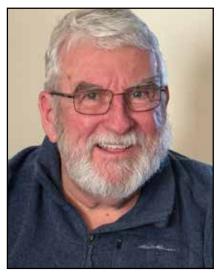
The study is split into two sessions:

**Session 1:** Interested participants will be screened over the phone for eligibility to complete the study. If eligible, participants will come to our space on Binghamton University's campus to fill out a survey and complete some cognitive tasks. The survey will ask questions about demographics (gender, education level, income, etc.) and health history. All responses to the survey will be kept confidential. The first session will take approximately 35-45 minutes.

**Session 2:** Participants who completed session 1 will be scheduled for an MRI scan at the UHS Vestal Hospital. During the scan, participants will alternate between periods of rest and periods of cognitive tasks. After the scan, participants will fill out a survey related to the memory strategies they used during the tasks. Participants who complete both sessions will be paid \$50 in cash. The second session will take approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.

All interested participants will be screened to ensure that an MRI scan will be safe for them to do. Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. If you have any questions or would like to participate in this study, please contact Dr. McDonough's lab at 607-444-2864 or mac2research@binghamton.edu.

## 2024 HIICAP Counselor of the Year John Clark



John has been a valued member of our HIICAP volunteer team since 2016. He came in for counseling for himself and was so impressed with the service, he decided to become a volunteer. He is a kind, compassionate person who makes people feel welcome and heard. The clients he has helped write, "John is wonderful, knowledgeable, professional, and thorough." During the pandemic, he shifted seamlessly to remote appointments to make sure people's needs were being met. He is willing to go above and beyond to help the most vulnerable clients he serves when he can see they need an advocate. Over the course of his volunteer experience with the HIICAP program, he has counseled over 1,000 people and saved \$924,700 for his clients. We are very lucky that John chooses to give his time to provide Medicare counseling services for the residents of Broome County. Thank you, John!

# **Juneteenth** Freedom Day June 19

## What is Juneteenth ?

June 19, 2021, marks the 156th anniversary of the last African American slaves being freed in Texas. This year, President Biden signed into law Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, S. 475, creating a federal holiday to commemorate Juneteenth. This is the first federal holiday approved since Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983.

On June 19, 1865, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. This, however, was two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect in January 1863. This day, the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, has become a day for African Americans to celebrate not only their freedom, but their history, culture, and achievements.

"On Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to the work of equity, equality, and justice. And we celebrate the centuries of struggle, courage, and hope that have brought us to this time of progress and possibility. That work has been led throughout our history by abolitionists and educators, civil rights advocates and lawyers, courageous activists and trade unionists, public officials, and everyday Americans who have helped make real the ideals of our founding documents for all."

- A Proclamation on Juneteenth Day of Observance, 2021, President Joseph Biden, June 18, 2021

For more information, please visit https://www.govinfo.gov/features/juneteenth.



Eastern Broome Contact: Arlene 607-759-6306

June 27th - West Point August 5 – 10th - Indiana Amish Area September 20th - Skaneateles Luncheon Cruise and Merry Go Round Theater September 23 – 26th - Cape May December 2nd - Nellie's Irish Christmas

#### **First Ward Travel Group**

Contact: Liz W. 607-222-8440

July 10th - Hudson River Cruise August 7th - Turning Stone Casino September 23 – 27th - Cape May

#### Johnson City Senior Center

Contact: Lucy 607-427-6143

August 15th - Skaneateles Dinner Cruise (Sign up by 7/10) August 29th - The Not-So-Mystery-Tour in Cooperstown (Sign up by 7/20) September 17th - Penn's Peak – Believe! The Cher Show (Sign up by 8/14)

#### Kirkwood Senior Trips

Contact Jeanie 607-655-2685

June 25th - Cooperstown September 19th - Moravia October 22nd - Penn's Peak: The Carpenters

#### Northern Broome Golden Agers

Contact Sandy 607-761-0629

September 22 – 27th - Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC (Sign up by 7/15) November 4 – 5th - Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country (Sign up by 8/28)

#### **North Fenton Seniors**

Contact: Ruth 607-648-8425

July 26th - Shawnee Playhouse: CABARET September 8 – 16th - Branson, Missouri (due 8/1) October 1st - German Fest

#### Port Crane Seniors

Contact: Donna 607-648-6071

June 11-13th - Ohio Amish Country - Sight & Sound "Ruth"

#### **Vestal Senior Citizens Club**

Contact: Jean 607-754-4479

July 18th - Golden Horseshow for Elvis Sign up: Thursday June 27th at Noon August 2nd - Cortland for Beauty and the Beast & Lunch at Heuga's Sign up: Thursday, July 11th at Noon September 27th - Rev Theater: May We All – Meal at Sherwood Inn Sign up: Thursday, September 12th at Noon October 9th - Penn's Peak: Everly Brothers tribute Sign up: Thursday, September 26th at Noon November 13th - Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show Sign up: Thursday, October 24th at Noon

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# HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

The Senior News wants to wish a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to these two **Broome County Centenarians!** 

Dorothy H. Weaver (6/7/1924) Binghamton

"Keep on pecking away, when things are rough keep going....also nice to have a big family...and I'm lucky to have lived this long to see new generations."

Catherine R. Corse (6/29/1923) Binghamton "Two things, Be outdoors all the time...coffee and prayer, heavy on the prayer."

## We wish you laughs, love, and all the joy in the world!



Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots or trying to sleep in the treehouse; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape.

— Harper Lee



"Very easy process and set up."

- Subscriber

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## **Ask The Office**

Is the Office for Aging providing Farmers' Market Coupons this year? I look forward to getting fresh produce!

## **Farmers Market Coupons Available to Local Seniors**



Farmers Market Coupons are vouchers that can be exchanged for produce at local farmers' markets. This program is meant to assist individuals who meet age and income guidelines with buying fresh produce from local farmers markets.

Eligibility requirements and voucher distribution sites will be listed in the July Senior News.

You must meet the following guidelines to be eligible:

- 1. Provide proof of age (must be age 60 or older)
- 2. Be a New York State resident
- 3. Have a BC Office for Aging ID Card with you or fill out an ID application on site AND

Meet income guidelines (published in July)

Please bring your Office for Aging ID Card. ID Card applications are available at all Broome County Senior Centers and can also be printed from our website at gobroomecounty.com/senior/idcard

#### Looking for Answers? Ask the Office!

Send questions to Broome County Office for Aging PO Box 1766, Binghamton, NY 13902 or by email at ofa@broomecountyny.gov

We look forward to hearing from you!

#### Sudoku

Each Sudoku Puzzle has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, and every 3x3 square. Answers on Page 13.

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## **Apple Coleslaw**

The sweet and crunchy coleslaw blends cabbage, carrot, apple, and green pepper for a colorful side dish. You can also try it without the mayonnaise!

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups cabbage
- 1 carrot (medium, grated)
- 1/2 green pepper (chopped)
- 1 apple (chopped)
- 5 tablespoons yogurt, low-fat
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise, low-fat1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon dill weed

#### Directions

- 1. Wash the cabbage. Cut it into fine shreds, until you have 2 cups of cabbage.
- 2. Peel the carrot. Grate it with a grater.
- 3. Chop half a green pepper into small pieces.
- 4. Remove the core and chop the apple.
- 5. Put the cabbage, carrot, green pepper, and apple in a large mixing bowl. Stir together.
- 6. Put the yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, and dill weed in a small bowl. Stir together to make a dressing.
- 7. Pour the dressing over the salad. Toss to mix.

Source: <u>https://www.myplate.gov/recipes/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/apple-coleslaw</u>

## Banana Cocoa Yogurt Pops

Take a bite out of these creamy frozen yogurt pops! Banana, cocoa, and yogurt is the perfect combo for a frozen treat!

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 medium banana
- 2 teaspoons cocoa powder
- 1 ice cube tray (or paper cups)

#### Directions

- 1. Mash banana with a fork.
- 2. Mix banana and yogurt well.
- 3. Stir in cocoa powder.
- 4. Divide into 4 small paper cups (or 8 mini muffin cups) and place in popsicle sticks (or cut paper straws).
- 5. Freeze.
- 6. Enjoy as a frozen treat!

Source: https://www.myplate.gov/recipes/myplate-cnpp/banana-cocoa-yogurt-pops

# Affordable Senior Independent Living



## **BBQ Chicken Pizza**

BBQ sauce, chicken, and bell peppers jazz up these English muffin pizzas.

#### Ingredients

- 6 English muffins (whole wheat)
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 1/2 cups chicken breast, skinless (cooked, cut-up)
- 3/4 cup cheddar cheese (shredded, smoked, or regular)
- 1 bell pepper (chopped)

#### Directions

- 1. Heat oven to 450 °F.
- 2. Slice English muffins in half and place on ungreased, large cookie sheet.
- 3. Cut up bell pepper.
- 4. Spread barbecue sauce on English muffins to within 1/4 inch of edges. Top with chicken, cheese, and bell pepper.
- 5. Bake 7 to 12 minutes or until cheese is melted.
- \* Substitution options:

English muffins = Pizza bread

Chicken = Pinto beans, chopped tomatoes, and chopped onions

Source: <u>https://www.myplate.gov/recipes/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/bbq-chicken-pizza</u>

## Cucumber Blueberry Salad

A quick, simple, and refreshing salad featuring fresh blueberries and crisp cucumber chunks with feta cheese, arugula, and a lime vinaigrette.



#### Ingredients

#### Vinaigrette

- 1 1/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white balsamic (or other) vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lime juice, freshly squeezed or bottled
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

## Salad

- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 medium greenhouse-grown cucumber, cut into small chunks
- 4 cups fresh arugula
- 1/4 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup crumbled reduced-fat Feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped walnuts (toasted optional)
- 4 slices whole grain bread

## Directions

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- 1. In a small bowl whisk together vinaigrette ingredients.
- 2. In a large bowl mix together all salad ingredients, except bread.
- 3. When ready to serve, add vinaigrette to salad and toss.
- 4. Toast bread, then cut into four pieces.

\* Substitution options:

English muffins = Pizza bread

Chicken = Pinto beans, chopped tomatoes, and chopped onions

Source: https://www.myplate.gov/recipes/myplate-cnpp/cucumber-blueberry-salad

# Laugh Break!

What do you call someone who doesn't believe it is June yet? *A May-Sayer.* 



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## Broome County Family Violence Prevention Council



June 2024

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is recognized on June 15th each year. This day is an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons. The goal is to raise awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes

affecting elder abuse and neglect.

It is important for all communities to raise awareness and combat abuse. In Broome County, the Family Violence Prevention Council is a dedicated group of individuals committed to fostering safe and healthy relationships within our community. They also aim to decrease the incidents of family violence, including elder abuse.

The Council works with community agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive, coordinated community program for preventing, identifying, assessing, and treating all forms of family violence. This program aims to address various aspects of family violence prevention and intervention.

The Council's main functions include:

- 1. Preventing family violence, maltreatment, and neglect in all its forms child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse
- 2. Protect the most vulnerable members of families and end family abuse where it has occurred
- 3. Strengthen and support families and individuals to live free of family violence

One subcommittee of the Family Violence Prevention Council is the Elder Abuse Prevention Committee. This committee made up of agencies who serve older adults in Broome County provides an ongoing forum to review issues surrounding elder abuse and neglect.

Older adults who are at greatest risk of being abused or neglected include:

- Those who lack social supports in the community
- Those who have physical or mental impairments
- Those who are over the age of 80
- Women

Older adults are sometimes reluctant to report when they are being abused or have been victimized. In fact, as many as 1 in 10 older Americans are abused or neglected each year, only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse ever come to authorities' attention. Here are some the reasons older adults may not want to report the abuse or tell someone:

- Fear of retaliation
- Fear of unknown consequences (e.g., like having to go into a nursing home)
- Shame and embarrassment
- Fear of being alone
- Loyalty to caregiver

If you believe that you know someone who is being victimized, please notify the proper agency of your concern. The following are places that you can call to seek help for the individual:

- If the person resides in their home in Broome County, you should call Broome County Protective Services for Adults (at the Department of Social Services) at 607-778-2635; Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. If it is an emergency that cannot wait for normal business hours call your local police department.
- If the person you are concerned about does not reside in Broome County, you can call your local Department of Social Services in the county where they live and ask for Protective Services for Adults, or in other counties in New York State you can call 1-844-697-3505 (M-F 8:00am -5:00pm)

If you are interested in a presentation on elder abuse prevention, please call Kristin Beylo, the Coordinator of Family Violence Prevention Council at **607-778-2626** or email <u>Kristin.Beylo@broomecountyny.gov</u>.

Information provided by <u>https://worldelderabuseawareness.com/</u> & <u>https://www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc/eai</u>



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# Look What's Happening at the Centers!

## **Broome West Senior Center**

2801 Wayne Street, Endwell, NY 13760 Center Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 – 3PM Gift Shop: Monday – Friday, 9 – 2PM **Lunch is served at 12PM** 

607-785-1777

#### Weekly Activities

Monday: BoneSavers 9:30AM; Hand and Foot Card Game 12:30-2:45PM Tuesday: Adult Coloring 9:30AM; Mahjong Group 10AM; Chair Exercises 10:30AM; Scrabble 12:30 - 2:45PM; Ping Pong 1 - 2:45PM; Yarn Group 1PM Wednesday: BoneSavers 10AM; Canasta 1 - 2:45PM; Floor Shuffleboard 1 -2:30PM Thursday: Wii Bowling 9:30AM; Chair Exercises 10:30AM; Social Connections 1PM; Chair Yoga 1PM Friday: Mahjong 12:30 - 2:45PM; Ping Pong 1PM; Cornhole 1PM

#### **Special Activities**

- 6/3, 10, 17, & 24 Breakfast for Lunch! 10:30 12PM
- 6/3 Nutrition presentation by Kathleen Cook, CCE 11:30PM
- 6/6 Legal Aide 9AM Please call to make an appointment.
- 6/7 Fun Friday with BINGO, Gene Civic, Birthdays & Anniversaries 11AM
- 6/7 OFA Nutrition: Eating Health on a Budget 12:15PM
- 6/11 Downsize & Declutter 3PM
- 6/11 Creative Aging Caregiver Dinner 4:30PM Presentation for Caregivers 5:15PM Music by Kevin Oriole 5:30PM Reservations required by 6/5 by calling 607-778-2411
- 6/12 GFJ Tech Class presentation on AI 11AM
- 6/14 Father's Day Luncheon with entertainment by Jim Lamb 11AM6/17 Alzheimer's Organization:
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia 12PM
- 6/21 Emergency Preparedness presentation 11AM
- 6/24 Historian Jack Shay 12PM
- 6/25 Discover Live Buenos Aires, Argentina 1:30PM
- 6/25 Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs 12PM
- 6/28 Pizza Day and Trivia 12PM

## **Chenango Bridge Senior Center**

740 River Road, Binghamton, NY 13901

Located in the First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge Center Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 – 2PM Lunch is served around 12PM

#### 607-663-0406

#### Weekly Activities:

**Monday:** In-Person or Zoom Sit Down Chair Yoga 9AM; In-Person or **Zoom:** Drumming 2PM; Walk with Friends 1PM; Marbles 10 – 2PM **Tuesday:** ZOOM ONLY: Chair Dance Yoga 9AM

**Wednesday:** In-Person or Zoom Tai Chi 9AM; Chair Dance and Yoga 11AM In-Person or Zoom; Walk with Friends 1PM; Wii Wednesdays 10 – 2PM; Hand & Foot Card Game 10AM

Thursdays: ZOOM ONLY: Chair Dance Yoga 9AM

**Friday:** In-Person or Zoom Tai Chi 9AM; Chair Dance and Yoga 11AM In-Person or Zoom; Walk with Friends 1PM; Mahjongg 10AM

## All Zoom Classes

#### Meeting ID: 706 942 1672 • Password: 123456

#### **Special Events:**

- 6/3 Saving Money with Medicare by AOP 12PM
- 6/5 & 28 BINGO with Sallie 10:30AM
- 6/5 Clover Chat 1PM
- 6/7 Donut Day 10 2PM
- 6/10 Iced Tea Day 12PM
- 6/10 & 24 Crochet with Kathy 10:30AM
- 6/14 Father's Day Luncheon 12PM
- 6/14 OFA's 50th Anniversary Memory Maker Project 1PM
- 6/17 Eat Your Vegetables Day 10 2PM
- 6/17 Afternoon Summer Dance with Rich Wilson 1:30 2PM
- 6/21 Music Day 10 12PM
- 6/28 Nutrition presentation by Kathleen Cook, CCE 12PM

## **Deposit Senior Center**

14 Monument Street, Deposit, NY 13754 Located in Christ Episcopal Church Center Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10 – 2PM Lunch served at 12:30PM 607-467-3953

#### **Weekly Activities**

Tuesday: BINGO 1PM Thursday: Wii Games 10:30AM – 12:30PM

#### **Special Activities**

- 6/4 OFA Nutrition: Eating Healthy on a Budget 12:30PM
- 6/4 Breakfast for Lunch 12:30PM
- 6/6 Clay Sculpting with Bridgette 11AM
- 6/11 Western Day 11AM
- 6/20 Delaware County OFA presentation 11 12PM
- 6/20 Nutrition presentation by Kathleen, CCE 12PM

#### **Eastern Broome Senior Center**

27 Golden Lane, Harpursville, NY 13787 Center Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 – 2:30PM

Lunch served at 12PM Breakfast Made-To-Order: Tuesdays, 8 - 9:30AM

607-693-2069

#### **Weekly Activities**

Monday: Shuffleboard (call ahead to sign up) 9AM; Gentle Yoga 9:30AM; Canasta 10:30AM Tuesday: Breakfast to Order 8 - 9:30AM; Music JAM 10AM, Mobile DMV 9 - 1PM (Closed 11:30 - 12PM) Wednesday: Crafters' Group & Wood Burning 9 - 11AM; Billiards 10AM Thursday: Painting Group 9 - 11AM; Bingo for Prizes 10 - 11:30AM; Golden Griddle Breakfast 11:45 – 12:45PM Friday: Shuffleboard (call ahead to sign up) 9AM; Gentle Tai Chi 9:30AM

#### **Special Activities**

- 6/3 June birthday celebrations! 10:30AM
- 6/7 Burger Bar 11:30 12:30PM Walk Ins Welcome!
- 6/7 Laughtercize with Traci Penna 1 2PM
- 6/11 & 25 Chop and Chat 12:30PM
- Reservations required by the Thursday prior.
- 6/12 Officers and Finance Meeting 9:15AM
- 6/12 Senior Center Site Council Meeting 10:45AM
- 6/14 Men's/Father's Day Observation 9 10:30AM Coffee, Bagels, and More! Followed by a Delicous Luncheon at 12PM
- 6/20 Golden Griddle Breakfast 11:45 12:30PM
- 6/24 Farm Animal Race! 10AM
- 6/26 Legal Aide Society 9 12PM Please call for an appointment.
- 6/27 OFA Nutrition: Eating Health on a Budget 12:15PM
- 6/27 Evening Meal and Entertainment 4:30PM

## **First Ward Senior Center**

226 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 Center Hours: Mon- Fri 8:30 - 3:30PM Lunch served at 11:15AM 607-797-2307 | Meal reservations: 607-729-6214

#### **Weekly Activities**

**Monday:** JFF Pool League 9AM; Zumba 9:30AM (\$3); Bonesavers 10AM; Chair Yoga 11AM (\$5); Penny Bingo 12:30PM; Texas Hold'em 12:30PM **Tuesday:** Shuffleboard 9AM; Knitting & Crocheting 9AM; Progressive Pinochle 11:30AM; Int. Mahjong 12:30PM

**Wednesday:** Ceramic 9AM; Bonesavers 10AM; Chorus 9AM (when in session; call for details)

**Thursday:** Sewing 9AM; Cornhole 1PM **Friday:** Ceramic 9AM; Zumba 9:30AM; Bonesavers 10AM

## Special Activities

- 6/3 Breakfast for Lunch 10:45-12:15PM (No take-out available)
- 6/4 & 18 15-minute Reiki; Chakra; Card Readings;
  - or Foot Reflexology 10 11:30AM \$3 (advanced registration and payment required; 607-797-2307)

- 6/4 Chop & Chat: Spaghetti Salad 1PM Reservations required 607-797-2307.
- 6/5 & 12 BT BOCES Practical Nurse Students Blood Pressure Screenings & Presentation 11 - 12:30PM
- 6/6 Executive Board Meeting 9:30AM
- 6/7 BU Aging Brain Series: "Current Trends in Aging Research" 12PM
- 6/10 Legal Aid 9AM (Appointment required, please call.)
- 6/11 Make Healthy Eating Part of Your Total Lifestyle presentation by Kathleen Cook, CCE 12PM
- 6/13 OFA's 50th Anniversary Memory Maker Project 10AM
- 6/13 & 14 AARP Driver Safety Course 9 12:15PM (advanced registration required)
- 6/14 Father's Day Luncheon w/ Musical Guest Jilissa Vellake @ 12PM
- 6/17 Breakfast for Lunch 10:45- 12:15PM (No take-out available)
- 6/18 Saving Money with Medicare presentation by AOP 12PM
- 6/18 Chop & Chat: Black Bean; Corn; and Quinoa Salad 1PM
- Reservations required one week in advance 607-797-2307.
- 6/20 OFA Nutrition: Eating Health on a Budget 12PM
- 6/21 Film Friday: "Like Father" 1PM (Free popcorn, soda for sale)
- 6/28 Film Friday: "Open Range" 1PM (Free popcorn, soda for sale)

## **Johnson City Senior Center**

30 Brocton Street, Johnson City, NY 13790 Center Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 – 4PM; Friday, 9 – 2PM Lunch served at 11:45AM 607-797-3145

#### **Weekly Activities**

**Monday:** Bingo Board Sales 12:30 – 1:30PM: Games Played 1:30 – 4:30PM, Guitar Group 9 – 12PM (\$2); Watercolor Painting 9:30 – 11:30AM (\$3); Gentle Yoga 9:30 – 10:30AM (\$3); Line Dancing 10:45 – 11:45AM (\$3); Knitting and Crocheting 11:30 – 1:30PM (no fee); Stretch Band Exercises 12:30 – 1:00PM (no fee); Balance + Mobility 1 – 2PM (no fee) **Tuesday:** TOPS 9 – 11AM; Zumba 10:30 – 11:30AM (\$3);

Chair Exercises: Stretch DVD 12:30 - 11:15PM (no fee);

Table Shuffleboard 12:30 – 3:00PM (\$1)

**Wednesday**: Quilting 9 – 12PM; Bridge 10:30 – 2:30PM; Penny Bingo for Fun 12:30 – 3PM; Progressive Pinochle 12:30 – 3PM; Mahjong and Beginners Mahjong 1PM; Stretch Band Exercises 12:30 – 1:00PM (no fee); Balance + Mobility 1 – 2PM (no fee)

**Thursday:** Guitar Group 9 – 12PM (\$2); Oil Painting & Drawing 10 – 1PM (\$3); Low-Impact Aerobics 10 – 11AM (\$3); Tai Chi 1 – 2PM (\$3) **Friday:** Gentle Yoga 10 – 11AM (\$3); Chair Exercises: Strength DVD 12:30 – 1:15PM (no fee)

#### Special Activities

- 6/3 Stay Healthy Caregiver Support Group 1 2:30PM
- 6/5 The Medicine Shoppe
- (glucose, blood pressure & O2 checks) 10 12PM
- 6/6 Dealing with Family Issues with Rev. Hilda 10 12:00PM
- 6/7 OFA's 50th Anniversary Memory Maker Project 10 11:30AM
- 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 Poetry Group 12:30PM
- 6/12 Discover Live London, England 10:30AM
- 6/12 LGBTQ+ Senior Social Group 3 4PM
- 6/13 CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) with Officer Peets 1 2:00PM
  6/14 Eather's Day Lypeboar 11:45 AM
- 6/14 Father's Day Luncheon 11:45AM
- 6/18 CapTel Phone Presentation 10:30 11:30AM
- 6/20 Legal Aid 9AM 12 PM. Call 607-797-3145 for an appointment.
- 6/21 Make Healthy Eating Part of Your Total Lifestyle presentation by Kathleen Cook, CCE 10:30 – 11:30AM
- 6/26 Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser 11 6:00PM
- 6/27 + 6/28 AARP Driver Safety Class 1 4:15PM (call to register)

# Northern Broome Senior Center

12 Strongs Place, Whitney Point, NY 13862 Center Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 – 3PM Senior Center Store: Monday – Friday, 9 – 3PM Lunch served at 12PM 607-692-3405

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Weekly Activities Monday: Bingo 10:30 – 11:30 AM; Mobile DMV 9 – 1PM **Tuesday:** Crochet & Knitting Class 9AM; Osteo Bonesavers Class 10 – 11:00AM; Wii Bowling 10AM

Wednesday: Sewing 10:30AM; Bridge 12PM; Shuffleboard 10AM Thursday: Pitch 9AM; Osteo Bonesavers Class 10 – 11AM Friday: Bingo 10:30 – 11:30AM; Mobile DMV 9 – 1PM

### **Special Activities:**

- 6/4 OFA's 50th Anniversary Memory Maker Project 10AM
- 6/6 & 6/20 Cornhole outside! 10:30 11:30AM
- 6/13 Homemade Breakfast for Lunch 10AM
- 6/4 & 6/18 Golden Agers 12PM
- 6/14 Father's Day Celebration with door prizes and special BINGO! 12PM
  6/28 Northern Broome's 50th Anniversary 10 3PM Please see page 14 for a breakdown of events.

The Northern Broome Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help with meal service. Volunteers are needed M-F from approximately 11 – 1PM, talk with Heather about joining our team!

## **North Shore Towers Senior Center**

24 Isbell Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 Center Hours: Monday - Friday, 10 – 2PM Lunch served at 12PM 607-772-6214

## Weekly Activities

Monday: Wii Bowling 10AM Tuesday: Greed Game 10 - 11:30AM Wednesday: Shuffleboard 10AM Thursday: Greed Game 10 - 11:30AM Friday: Greed Game 10 - 11:30AM; Gardening 10AM

#### **Special Activities**

- 6/3 Plant Gardens in Courtyard (Weather permitting) 10:30AM
- 6/5, 12, & 26 Indoor Walking Club 1PM
- 6/7 National Donut Day! 10:15AM
- 6/13 Pizza Day! 12PM Please call for a meal reservation by 6/11 at Noon.
- 6/14 Father's Day Celebrations and Flag Day 12PM
- 6/21 Summer Solstice 10 2PM

## **Vestal Senior Center**

201 Main Street, Box #4, Vestal, NY 13850 Located in Old Vestal High School Cafeteria Center Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 – 2PM Lunch served at 11:15AM 607-754-9596

#### **Weekly Activities**

Monday: Mahjong 12PM

**Tuesday:** Pinochle (new players welcome) 9AM **Wednesday:** Knitting 9:30AM; Sandwich Bar 11:15AM (reservations appreciated); Bridge (new players welcome), 12PM; Oil Painting 1PM **Thursday:** Card Group 9AM; Bingo 10AM; Ice Cream 12PM **Friday:** Chef Salads 11:30AM (reservations required)

#### **Special Activities**

- 6/3 King High Card Game 12PM
- 6/5 Saving Money with Medicare presentation by AOP 10:30AM
- 6/10 & 6/24 Chop and Chat 10AM Please call to reserve.
- 6/11 Craft Class 10AM \$10
- 6/12 Tech Help from the Vestal Library 10AM
- 6/12 Understanding Alzheimers & Dementia presentation 11:45AM6/14 Father's Day Celebrations: Luncheon 11:15AM
- All fellas will receive free ice cream at 12PM! 6/17 Discover Live - Sao Paulo, Brazil 1:30PM
- 6/17 Breakfast for Lunch 11:45AM
- 6/25 Vestal Senior Club Meeting Day 12:15PM
- 6/26 Nutrition presentation by Kathleen Cook, CCE 10:15AM
- 6/27 Vestal Club trip sign up: The Golden Horse for Elvis 12 2PM
- 6/28 Pizza or Chef's Salad 11:15AM
- 6/28 Bunko 12PM
- 8/12 & 13 AARP Driver's Safety Course 2 5:30PM Now accepting registrations!



The Memory Maker Project will be providing art workshops at the centers to help us celebrate 50 years of service!

Come join the fun as Memory Maker Project provides a variety of still-life objects that are thematically connected to the year 1974. Memory Maker will facilitate conversations using these objects as inspiration—where neouraged to exchange stories about their

participants will be encouraged to exchange stories about their personal experiences, ideas, and opinions about the time period at hand. participants will then be invited to paint the objects or respond to conversations through painting

Northern Broome: June 4th at 10AM Johnson City: June 7th at 10AM First Ward: June 13th at 10AM Chenango Bridge: June 14th at 1PM

For those wishing to participate, OFA and Memory Maker Project are working on a collaboration with the Broome County Arts Council to frame and host a display at First Friday! Family is invited to Atomic Tom's on Friday, July 5th for an early reception from 4:30-5:30 pm and then open to the public from 6 - 9 pm.

## Safe and Fun in the Sun!

With summer upon us, now is the perfect time to go outside and enjoy the warmth, sunshine, and fresh air! Going outside can benefit not only our physical health, but also our mental and emotional wellbeing. Joining a friend to walk in one of Broome County's parks is a great way to de-stress and socialize while taking steps to strengthen your bones, reduce your blood pressure, and improve coordination. Vitamin D, which we get from the sun, can help protect against osteoporosis, reduce inflammation, regulate insulin, improve immunity, and boost your mood! However, it is important to be safe and responsible while spending time outdoors. Keep the tips below in mind to help enjoy the benefits of being outside while mitigating the risks:

- Sun Protection: Make sure to protect your eyes and skin from harmful UV rays. Too much sun exposure can lead to skin cancer and loss of skin elasticity, even in people with darker skin tones or who don't burn easily. Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 30 regularly, use sunglasses with 100% UV absorption, and wear protective clothing such as wide-brimmed hats or UPF-rated shirts.
- Hydration: It's easy to accidentally become dehydrated while spending time outdoors, especially on hot days or while exercising. You may have to drink more water than you normally do; make sure to drink water before, during, and after outdoor activities. Besides thirst, symptoms of dehydration include fatigue, confusion, and less frequent or dark-colored urine.
- **Moderation:** Exercising in the heat can take more of a toll on yourself than you may be expecting. Be sure to listen to what your body is communicating to you: if you feel lightheaded or dizzy, take a break inside or under the shade for as long as you need.

For more information on how to practice sun safety, contact Alicia Spencer Cancer Prevention in Action Grant Program Coordinator at **607-778-2848.** 

"At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about what you've done with those accomplishments. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." Denzel Washington



## **Ombudsmen Long-Term Care Update**

Long-Term Care Ombudsmen are advocates for residents residing in long-term care facilities across the state. Ombudsmen provide information and assistance to long-term care residents and their families to attain quality care. They are specifically trained to investigate complaints and resolve problems.

Ombudsmen provide a "regular presence" in facilities so they can get to know residents, their needs, and those things that make a difference in their everyday lives. Staffing issues are among the top concerns. Appropriate staffing levels decrease errors, increase resident satisfaction, and increase staff retention rates.

On April 22, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the first steps in implementing a Federal Minimum Staffing Standard. This Final Rule will require skilled nursing facilities to provide a total of 3.48 hours of total care per resident per day, **including** Registered Nursing 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The requirements of this final rule prioritize safety and health care quality. This is the first step in the journey to improve life for our seniors.

Action for Older Persons in Endicott, NY sponsors the regional New York State (NYS) Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) in this local area. For more information about the LTCOP, please contact Danielle LaBare this LTCOP's Program Coordinator at **607-722-1251** or <u>dlabare@actionforolderpersons.org</u>.

NYS LTCOP Services are made possible through funding from the New York State Office for the Aging and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.



# What's the Secret to Life?

We want to hear from you! What is the best piece of life advice you can give someone? What are some sure ways to ensure a happy and healthy life?

We will be featuring some responses in the July edition of the Senior News. We are looking forward to hearing your advice!

Send your name, phone number, and submission to: Broome County Office for Aging Attention: Senior News PO Box 1766 Binghamton, NY 13902 Or email <u>nicole.nordstrom@broomecountyny.gov</u>

# Sudoku Answers

8	5	1	4	2	9	3	6	7
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7	3	9	5	1	8	2	4	6
2	4	5	9	6	3	7	8	1
4	7	8	1	9	5	6	2	3
5	9	2	6	3	4	1	7	8
6	1	3	7	8	2	9	5	4

## Make Healthy Eating Part of Your Total Lifestyle

Kathleen Cook, SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension

No one wants to have to think about food all the time; what is "good" or what is "bad". It's best to realize that no food is either all good or all bad! Focus on all the food groups to get the nutrients you need to be well and feel well. Fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods and dairy satisfy the various needs of each part of the body.

Use the nutrition facts label to see how much added sugars, sodium and saturated fats are in the choices you're about to make and aim for the ones with lesser amounts of those ingredients. Sometimes different brands of the same item can vary widely, so it's helpful to compare.

When going out to eat, try ordering smaller portions or lower calorie items. Adding more vegetables and fruits will naturally lighten the calories, give you more fiber, and increase your vitamins and minerals for the day. At home, enjoy canned, frozen, or fresh produce.

Eating a small portion of whole grains like brown rice, whole wheat bread, or oatmeal each day will help your body feel satisfied longer than the more processed white grains, and including a protein with each meal also helps curb hunger and feed muscles and your brain.

When overall eating habits are on the healthier side, occasionally indulging in some sweet, salty, or higher fat foods is not such a big deal!

## <u>Technology Classes to Help Older Adults</u> <u>Become Tech Savvy</u>

Join classes offered through the George F. Johnson Library.

### Tech 360 Computer & Internet Basics Two-Week Courses!

Join our launch of the basic computer course Tech 360! This **twoweek** course will cover **computer and internet** basics and build your tech skills. Patrons who complete the two-week course will receive a certificate of completion and a \$25 Dunkin Gift Card. Spots for each offering of the course are limited, but people on a waitlist will be given the first chance to register for new sessions as they are scheduled. Patrons can only take this course once.

Call the Tech Center at **607-757-5359** for more information.

We offer many other FREE in-person and virtual tech classes, as well as **one-on-one tech help**. Contact us at **607-757-5359** or gfjtechcenter@gmail.com for more information!

George F. Johnson Memorial Library 1001 Park St. Endicott, NY 13760

The library has multiple classes you can watch on your own time. Visit <u>https://www.gfjlibrary.org/tc/on-demand-virtual-learning/</u> to view the options.

## George F. Johnson Tech Center comes to the Broome West Senior Center!

Wednesday, June 12th 11AM Topic: AI, What Is It And How Are We Using It? Offering one on one tech assistance!

Vestal Library comes to the Vestal Senior Center Wednesday, June 12th 10AM Technology help!

## **One-on-One Technology Assistance**

**Broome County Library:** Assistance is available every Thursday from 1 - 3 PM. Call (607) 778-6451 or email <u>bcplreference@gmail.com</u> to book a 20-minute session.

Nineveh Public Library (Tech Talk for Seniors): Technology assistance and answers to your questions are now available! Call the Library for details. (607) 693-1858





It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change. — HRH Queen Elizabeth II

## The Broome County Home Repair Service

Home Repairs for Senior Citizens A Non-profit public service operated by

First Ward Action Council, Inc. 167 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY

You pay only for materials. Labor is provided free of charge to eligible home owners.

Leaky Faucets Locks Installed Safety DevicesRailingsPorch & Stair RepairWheelchair Ramps...And More

Call (607) 772-2850 For Details



The next LGBTQ+ meeting will be Wednesday, June 12th, 3-4PM at the Johnson City Senior Center 30 Brocton Street, Johnson City, NY 13790

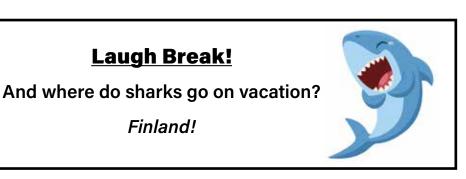
## HAPPY PRIDE MONTH FROM THE BROOME COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING!



#### What is Pride Month?

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

More for information on Pride Month, please visit <u>https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/</u>







#### Come Join the Team at Broome County Office for Aging! We are now hiring for the below positions:

- Foster Grandparent Classroom Volunteer Income Eligibility Required No Civil Service Exam Required Monday - Friday; Hours Vary
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- On Call Senior Site Supervisor Senior Centers No Civil Service Exam Required Monday – Friday, Hours Vary

To inquire about these positions call Mary at OFA at 607-778-2411

## Fast Facts from 1960

- On July 15, 1960, Senator John F. Kennedy accepts the Democratic nomination for president at Memorial Colliseum, Los Angeles, CA.
- After 13 years, NBC cancels Howdy Doody. The last episode airs September 24, 1960.
- Harper Lee's 1961 book To Kill A Mockingbird is a bestseller.
- On October 1, 1962, James H. Meredith becomes the first black student to attend the University of Mississippi.
- Betty Friedan's 1963 book The Feminine Mystique critiques the myth that a woman's identity is linked to childrearing and the accomplishments of their husbands.
- The Beatles make their U.S. debut on The Ed Sullivan Show, on February 9, 1964.
- The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade arrive in Vietnam on March 8, 1965.
- Apollo astronauts Virgil Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee die during a simulated launch exercise on January 27, 1967.
- Western movie hero John Wayne wins the 1969 Best Actor Oscar for his role in the movie True Grit beating now legendary actors Richard Burton, Peter O'Toole, Dustin Hoffman, and Jon Voight.
- The August 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair draws more than 450,000 people to Bethel, NY.

For more fun facts, please visit https://www.census.gov/history/www/ through the decades/fast\_facts/1960\_fast\_facts.html

## **Using Prepaid Meal Tickets at the Senior Centers**

Making change can sometimes be a nuisance. Did you know that the Office for Aging has meal tickets that can be used for senior center lunches. A meal ticket, which can be purchased at any Broome County Senior Center, is good for one lunch. You can also purchase Gift tickets for your family and friends. A meal at a senior center is a great gift during the holidays, for birthdays, or anytime!

Lunch is a suggested contribution of \$4 for those age 60+ and their spouse. People under age 60 pay \$5 for lunch.

## **Does an Older Adult in Your Life Need Help?**

It is not always clear whether an aging parent or relative needs help. Sometimes a person will recognize that they need help and request it, or an emergency or sudden illness will make it clear. Others may not want to cause worry or admit they're struggling.

#### How to tell if someone needs extra support:

The best way to know what someone needs is to ask them directly. But a phone call, email, or text message is not always the best way to tell whether an older person needs help. These signs may indicate that someone needs extra support:

Changes at home. When you spend time at the person's home, you might notice possible trouble spots. Some examples include:

- Can the person prepare meals on a stove safely?
- Is the home relatively clean and free of clutter?
- Do they have the medications they need, and are they taking them regularly?

Other health concerns: Signs related to the person's general health that can raise concerns include:

- Significant weight gain or weight loss Confusion
  - Poor hygiene Falls

Memory issues: Occasional forgetfulness is a normal part of aging. But more significant memory problems, changes in thinking ability or personality, or poor decision-making could indicate a serious condition that requires medical attention.

For more information, please visit https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/caregiving/doesolder-adult-your-life-need-help



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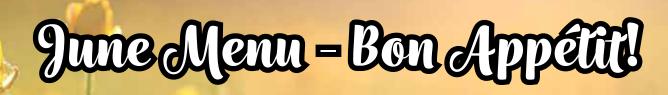
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For Broome County Senior Centers. **Reservations are needed by noon the day before.** Menu subject to change. A contribution of \$4.00 is requested for people age 60+ and spouse of any age. Those under age 60 are charged \$5.00 per meal. No one age 60+ shall be denied a meal due to an inability or unwillingness to contribute.

Beef Stew over a 3	Chicken Salad 4	Salisbury Steak 5	Roasted Chicken 6	Manicotti 7	
Biscuit	Croissant	Or Halupki	Breast	Italian Grean Beans	
Peas	Chicken Noodle Soup	Mashed Potatoes	Bread Dressing	Garden Salad	
Warm Spiced Apples	Fruit Cup	Carrots	Winter Squash	Pineapple Upside Down	
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	Chocolate Pudding	Apple Crisp	Pears	Cake	
Macaroni & Cheese 10	Ham & Swiss 11	Pulled Chicken 12	Liver w/Onions 13	Father's Day Celebration	
Stewed Tomatoes	On Rye	OR Sausage w/Peppers &	<b>OR Seasoned Chicken</b>	Chicken Cordon Bleu 14	
Brussels Sprouts	Stuffed Pepper Soup	Onions	Mashed Potatoes	<b>OR Beer Battered Fish</b>	
Double Chocolate Cookie	Banana	O'Brien Potatoes	Country Blend Vegetables	Roasted Potatoes	
	Sugar Cookie	Hawaiian Coleslaw	Mandarin Oranges	French Cut Green Beans	
		Marble Ice Cream Cup		Black Forest Pudding	
Pierogies w/Kielbasa 17	Pub Burger 18	Center's Closed 19	Beef Burgundy 20	Turkey Salad 21	
Oriental Blend Vegetables	<b>OR Breaded Chicken</b>	In Observance of	Over Noodles	Or Egg Salad Croissant	
Chocolate Chip Cookie	Sandwich	Juneteenth	Brussels Sprouts	Tomato Florentine Soup	
	Macaroni Salad		Cinnamon Rice Pudding	Mandarin Oranges	
	Pickled Beet Salad			Ice Cream Cup	
	Pineapple				
Meatball Parmesan 24	Ham Au Jus 25		Hot Dog 27	Rotisserie Chicken 28	
Sub	<b>OR Citrus Rubbed Fish</b>	<b>OR</b> Apricot Meatballs	OR Tuna Salad	<b>OR Beer Battered Fish</b>	
Pasta Fagioli Soup	Scalloped Potatoes	Brown Rice Pilaf	Baked Beans	Baked Potato	
Fruit Cup	Stewed Tomatoes	Oriental Blend Vegetables	Red Potato Salad	Carrots	
Sherbet Cup	Spice Cake	Mandarin Oranges	Fresh Melon	Vanilla Pudding	

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