#### **AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF DUNN COUNTY MARCH 2024**



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Happy St. Patrick's Day:

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS, FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS IN DUNN COUNTY

## **AARP INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

ncome tax assistance will be provided at the Dunn County Government Center, 3001 US Hwy 12 E, Menomonie, beginning in February. This program is open to all taxpayers and you do not have to be an AARP member to participate. However, the program is designed for individuals with low income or age 60 and over. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling the Dunn County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at 715-232-4006.

What Should I Bring to My Appointment?

- MUST PROVIDE Social security card(s) and an official document (driver's license or passport) with picture ID for yourself (and spouse) and social security numbers for all dependents
- Copy of last year's income tax return(s)
- For Homestead Credit Claims, bring your 2023 property tax statement or rent certificate
- Proof of health insurance (Including the Affordable Care Act)
- 2023 and 2022 property tax bill (not receipt)
- W-2 forms from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- 1099-SSA form if you were paid Social Security benefits

• All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends and documentation showing original purchase price of sold assets



- 1099-MISC or 1099-NEC showing any miscellaneous income
- 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid
- Dependent care provider information (name, employer, ID, Social Security number)
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
- If desired, bank routing and account number for direct deposit of refunds or direct debit of amount owed

NOTE: If you do not bring the required information, you may need to reschedule your appointment through the ADRC at 715-232-4006.

If you have any questions, please contact the ADRC at 715-232-4006.



#### **Aging & Disability Resource Center of Dunn County** 3001 US Highway 12 East, Suite 160, Menomonie, WI 54751 Phone: 715-232-4006

Manager: Tracy Fischer Social Workers: Amy White/Ruth Huske/

Wendy Sterry

Nutrition Director: Bernie Allen

Elder Benefit Specialist: Bethany Schneider Caregiver Coordinator: Casey Schnacky Dementia Care Specialist: Carla Berscheit Disability Benefit Specialist: Lisa Schuler

Community Health Worker: Alida Moua ILSP Program Assistants: Mary Linberg and Kathleen Kjenslee

MONDAY'S MEAL: Free, nourishing meal lovingly prepared from scratch at Menomonie United Methodist Church, 2703 Bongey Drive, Menomonie, WI 54751. Curbside pickup only, available from 5:00-6:00 pm every Monday evening.

TUESDAY'S TABLE: Free HOME COOKED meal. Tues, 5 to 6 p.m. St. Joseph's Church basement 10th St and Wilson Avenue in Menomonie. Come and enjoy good company, Great food! Handicapped accessible.

WEDNESDAY'S TABLE Free meal served from 5 to 6:00 p.m.at Christ Lutheran Church, 1306 Wilcox Street, Menomonie, every Wednesday.

THURSDAY'S TABLE: First Congregational Church, 420 Wilson Ave. Menomonie. Free meal served from 5-6pm.

KNAPP COMMUNITY PROJECTS/PLATES & KNAPPKINS FOOD PANTRY: Open every Thursday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Food Distribution every 5th Saturday of a month. Open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Located at 508 Highway 12 next to the BP station in Knapp.

FOOD HARVEST MINISTRY: Food distribution will be the third Saturday of each month 8:00 am until 10:00 am located at 1002 Main Street, Boyceville. No Requirements and No Questions Asked!!! All food is good quality surplus, some perishable, that otherwise would be wasted!!! Please bring bags or boxes to carry your food. If you have any questions or your church or organization would like to become involved, please call 619-6979.



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#### v10.23 **UPDATED FOOD PANTRY HOURS**

Stepping Stones of Dunn County

Located at 1602 Stout Rd, Menomonie -- Enter through 17th St

to

MONDAY 1:00p to 4:00p

TUESDAY 10:00a to 1:00p

WEDNESDAY 2:00p 6:00p

FRIDAY SATURDAY 2:00p 9:00a to to 6:00p 12:00p

Mon/Tue/Sat - Inside Shopping Only. No curbside available. Wed/Fri - Curbside Shopping Only. No inside shopping available.

Check-in to receive meat, dairy, dry goods, bakery, fresh fruits & vegetables\*

Pick-up once a week This service is free and open to anyone



# POP-UP CURBSI



Stepping Stones Food Pantry provides this service for families and individuals in rural Dunn County who have limited access to a food pantry.

#### **EVERY 1ST TUESDAY**



**Elk Mound** 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Village Hall

E206 Menomonie St, Elk Mound

**Rock Falls** 

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Township Hall

N995 County Rd H, Rock Falls

#### **EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY**

#### Sand Creek

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Arts Center

E9311 County Rd I, Sand Creek

#### Ridgeland

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Community Center Lot 200 Diamond St, Ridgeland

#### **EVERY 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY**



Downsville

11:30 am - 12:30 pm New Hope Lutheran Church N2698 460th St, Downsville Colfax

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Viking Bowl and Lounge N108 S Main St, Colfax

For more information, contact Kris Pawlowski: 715.235.2920 ext. 202 | k.pawlowski@steppingstonesdc.org

All pop-up pantries are closed holidays.

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## **ADRC DUNN COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Colfax M - Th Tantara in Menomonie 556-0266 Hosford-Rich Apts. M, T, Th, F 235-4047 M - F 658-1335 Sand Creek Ridgeland M - F 949-1937 ADRC Office for Dunn County M - F 232-4006

#### Menu subject to change

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Italian meat sauce, Spaghetti noodles, Spinach cranberry salad, Garlic bread sticks, Iced brownie
4 Salisbury steak, Gravy, Parslied potatoes, Stewed tomatoes, Wheat bread, Pineapple tidbits	Roast turkey, Mashed potatoes, Turkey gravy, Sliced carrots, Perfect peach cobbler	6 Meat lasagna, Romaine and onion salad, Garlic bread, Mandarin oranges	7 Easy chicken cordon bleu, Cheesy hash browns, Broccoli cuts, Wheat bread, Chilled pears	8 Breaded baked fish, Baked potato, Monte Carlo blend Vegetables, Rice pudding with raisins
11 Breaded pork chop, Buttered new potatoes, Dilled carrots, Wheat bread, Grapes	12 Herb baked chicken, Oven roasted sweet potatoes, Spinach salad, Apple crisp	13 Baked spareribs, Sauerkraut, German potato salad, Perfect pinto beans, Pumpkin bread	14 Roast beef, Mashed potatoes, Brown gravy, Whole kernel corn, Cherry torte bar	15 Crumb topped baked fish, Basil garlic potatoes, Broccoli cuts, Fruit ambrosia salad
18 Corned beef, Boiled potatoes, Cabbage, Rye bread, Pistachio pudding	19 Roast turkey, Mashed potatoes, Turkey gravy, Herbed baby carrots, Wheat bread, Applesauce	20 Shepard's pie, Stewed tomatoes, Bread pudding with raisins, Vanilla butter sauce	21 Baked fish fillet, Lemon butter sauce, Twice baked potatoes supreme, Broccoli cuts, Wheat bread, 24 hour fruit salad	Three bean chili with canned beans, Mixed green salad, Cornbread, Angel food cake, Maple whipped cream
25 Open face hot turkey sandwich with gravy, Mashed potatoes, Turkey gravy, Broccoli, Apple slices	Baked ham & pineapple, Scalloped potatoes, Pinto beans & bacon, Creamy frosted white cake	Old fashioned meatloaf, Baked potato, Sour cream, Creamy corn casserole, Frosted pumpkin bar	Deluxe chicken pot pie, Herbed baby carrots, Dinner roll, Cherry cobbler	MEAL SITES CLOSED

#### PUT ME ON THE HI-LITES MAILING LIST

If you consider yourself homebound and are interested in having the Senior Hi-Lites delivered to you by mail, please complete the information slip below and return to our office. We will gladly add you to the list. Please Print. Check the box if you are interested in receiving information on the Home Delivered Meal Program.

Name Phone



For more information, call the ADRC at (715)232-4006.



### **ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR SITES IN DUNN**

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR SITES IN DUNN COUNTY (CHECK MONTHLY MENU FOR SITE CLOSINGS)

#### **COLFAX GRAPEVINE SENIOR CENTER (715-962-2550)**

- Dine-In Meals Monday through Thursday at 11:30 am
- Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
- Cards and Bingo Call for Details

#### HOSFORD-RICH APARTMENTS (715-235-4047)

- Dine-In Meals Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:30 am
- Congregate and Home Delivered Meals

#### TANTARA APARTMENTS DINING ROOM (715-556-0266)

- Dine-In Meals Monday through Friday
- Congregate and Home Delivered Meals

For all questions regarding the Dunn County Nutrition Program, please call the ADRC at 715-232-4006.

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

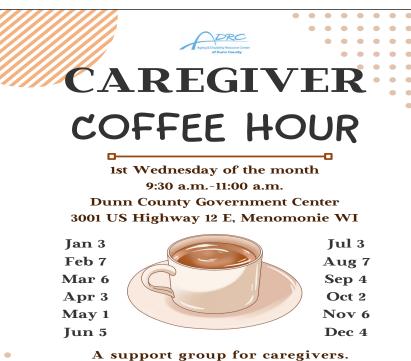
**THE BRIDGE TO HOPE:** The Bridge to Hope offers FREE and confidential services to victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault and human trafficking in Dunn and Pepin Counties. For ongoing and current weekly support group dates and times, please call 715-235-9074.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP:** From September through May on the 1st Thursday of the month, the Diabetes Support Group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mayo Clinic Health System in Menomonie Education Center.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dunn County Genealogical Society meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Russell J. Rassbach—Dunn County Historical Museum. For more information, call 715-232-8685. Do not meet in August and December







A support group for caregivers.

Join us for coffee and conversation in a safe and confidential space to connect with other caregivers.

For more information, contact
ADRC at (715)232-4006.



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- Financial Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Neglect or Self-neglect
- Harassment

# **COUNTY HELPLINES**

#### **DUNN COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES & ADRC**

Adult Protective Services 715-232-4006

#### DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM ADVOCATE

24-Hour Crisis Line800-924-9918Dunn County Sheriff's Office715-232-1348

Aging & Disability Resource Center 715-232-4006

Bridge to Hope 715-235-9074



# **Divestments: What Are They And Why Are They Important?**

By the GWAAR Legal Services Team



Submitted by Bethany Schneider, ADRC Elder Benefit Specialist

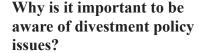
#### What is a Divestment?

Divestment is a term related to long-term care Medicaid. It is defined as the giving away of something for less than fair market value. This could mean giving something away as a gift or for less than the item is worth in the commercial market. A divestment can be done intentionally by giving someone money, or unintentionally by not doing something that the person should have done.

#### Here are some examples of divestments:

- selling one's home at a discounted price;
- adding a person's name to the deed of a house if they did not pay towards the purchase of it;
- giving away a life estate or remainder interest in a home property without being paid for it;
- agreeing to waive a debt that is owed by another person;
- adding a person's name as a joint owner to a bank account, and then allowing that person to withdraw money from the account for their own personal spending;
- paying off debts or loans that the person is not legally obligated to pay for;

- donating more than 15% of a household's annual income to a religious or charitable organization;
- refusing to accept an inheritance, settlement, or other lump sum of money the person is entitled to;





If a person makes a divestment, a divestment penalty period may be imposed upon them if they later apply for long-term care Medicaid benefits. For example, if a person makes a \$100,000 divestment, then they will be ineligible for long-term care Medicaid for 323 days—that's almost a full year!

#### Do divestment penalties apply to all forms of Medicaid?

No, divestment penalties only apply to long-term care Medicaid, including institutional Medicaid (in the nursing home or hospital), FamilyCare, IRIS, PACE, and Partnership. Divestment penalties do not apply to card-services Medicaid (BadgerCare+, MAPP, Medicaid deductible, categorically needy Medicaid, etc.). Under federal law, divestment penalties also do not apply to Medicare Savings Programs such as QMB, SLMB, and SLMB+.

## If a divestment penalty is assessed but inaccurate, how can that be resolved?

A person who is assessed a divestment penalty but believes it to be inaccurate can call the local Income Maintenance Consortium to discuss the situation. They can also file an appeal with the Division of Hearings and Appeals, a state agency that decides Medicaid appeals in Wisconsin. Be aware that there is a 45-calendar day appeal window and there are no provisions for late appeals.

#### Where can more information on divestments be found?

For more information, look at the Medicaid Eligibility Handbook, section 17 or the WI DHS website.



## **March is National Nutrition Month**



Submitted by Bernie Allen, ADRC Nutrition Program Coordinator

The path to wellness often begins at our plates. National Nutrition Month stands as a testament to the impact of making informed food choices and

developing sound eating habits. This annual observance not only promotes nutritional knowledge, it also emphasizes the importance of a balanced lifestyle.



## What is National Nutrition Month?

National Nutrition Month is a dedicated campaign focusing on the significance of nutrition and health. It seeks to educate individuals about the importance of making informed food choices, developing consistent eating habits, and undertaking regular physical activity. Developed by nutrition professionals and enthusiasts, the month offers numerous

resources, events and initiatives to promote a healthier lifestyle for all.

#### When is National Nutrition Month?

Every March is celebrated as National Nutrition Month, casting a spotlight on dietary habits, food knowledge and the joys of wholesome eating.

#### **How to Get Involved**

Starting your own nutrition journey? Here's how you be part of the celebrations:

- Attend Workshops: Engage in nutritional seminars or cooking classes that focus on healthy recipes.
- Commit to a Challenge: Try a new healthful recipe every week or pledge to include more fruits and vegetables in your diet.
- Read and Educate: Pick up books or articles that enhance your knowledge about nutrition and dietary habits.
- Share your Journey: Document your nutritional adventures on social media, sharing receipts, tips and milestones.
- Support Local: Visit farmers' markets or local producers to get fresh, nutritious ingredients and support community based agriculture.

#### **History of the Event**

Originally established as a weeklong event is 1973, National Nutrition Month expanded to a month-long observation in 1980 due to growing public interest in nutrition. The initiative was driven by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, an organization committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics. Ove the years, it has evolved into a significant annual event promoting the pivotal role nutrition plays in overall health and well-being.

## **March Recipe**

# Sweet & Sour Chicken with Broccoli

Recipe from EatingWell.com

#### Ingredients:

- 3 ounces dry ramen noodles
- 1 tablespoon canola or avocado oil
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- ½ cup orange juice
- 6 cups small broccoli florets (about 12 ounces)
- 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 ½ tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon crushed red pepper
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

#### Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. Crush noodles and spread on rimmed baking sheet. Bake, stirring once, until lightly browned, 7 to 9 minutes.
- 3. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate. Add orange juice to the pan and cook, scraping up any browned bits, for 15 seconds. Add broccoli; cover and cook until tender, about 3 minutes.
- 4. Meanwhile, whisk vinegar, soy sauce and cornstarch in a small
- 5. Add the vinegar mixture, honey, garlic, crushed red pepper and salt to the pan; bring to a boil. Cook, stirring, until the sauce is thickened, about 1 minute. Add the chicken and cook for 1 minute more. Top with the ramen noodles.

Total Time: Prep 20 minutes.	Cook 20 minutes. Yield: About 4 servings.					
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# **DEMENTIA ADULT** DAY SERVICES (DADS)

Are you caring for a loved one with dementia? Need some respite? Check out the DADS program Mondays & Tuesdays 10 AM - 2:30 PM

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# SENIOR CENTER

For more information call: 715-235-0954

or email: seniors@wwt.net

We offer affordable help to caregivers in the community

# **Virtual Support Groups**



Are you a family caregiver of someone living with dementia? You don't have to do it alone. We have several virtual support groups available

Monday DISH - First Monday of the Month 7-8 pm. Contact Scott at scott.seeger@adrc-cw.org

**Circle of Support** - Third Tuesday of the month 2-3 pm. Contact Becky at becky.kamrowski@co.trempealeau.wi.us

**Evening Conversations** - Every Thursday night 7:30-8:30 pm. Contact Becky at becky.kamrowski@co.trempealeau.wi.us

Lunch Bunch - Third Thursday of the month 11:30 - 12:30 pm. Contact Katrina at 715-279-7870

Lewy Body Dementia - Second Wednesday of the month, 6-8 pm. Contact Janell at romatowskiji@comcast.net

Savvy Caregiver Support Group - 1st Tuesday of the month, 10 -11am. Contact Lisa Wells lisa.wells@eauclairecounty.gov



#### **Menomonie Area Senior Center**

1412 6th Street East Menomonie, WI 54751 715-235-0954 Email: seniors@wwt.net Facebook: Shirley Doane Senior Cente

## Menomonie Area Senior Center

March 2024



SUN	Mon	Tue	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Please note: No Stronger Seniors Classes this month!  *needs reservation	*			1 10am-2:30pm ADS* 12-3pm Open Walking Gym 1-3pm Bingo	2
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## **March is National Nutrition Month!**



By Tracy Fischer, ADRC Manager for the ADRC of Dunn County

"Let thy food be thy medicine," said Hippocrates (a long, long time ago), but the sentiment still rings true. National Nutrition Month, celebrated in March, stresses the

importance of a balanced diet and exercise. In Dunn County, we have many wonderful folks working for the betterment of the nutrition of our citizens and we have many wonderful programs out there to meet that aim.

Food, fun and fellowship are what Senior Dining is all about. Enjoy a nutritious meal at a warm, friendly Senior Dining Site in the company of friends. Volunteer, meet people and partake in activities and educational opportunities.

All meals are nutritionally analyzed by a registered dietician to meet 1/3 of the daily recommended allowances for seniors. Meals are low in cholesterol and sodium and diabetic alternatives are available. Meals help people remain independent in their own homes and may provide short term assistance for people recovering from an illness, injury or surgery.

#### **CONGREGATE DINING**

#### Who is Eligible?

- You must be 60 or better
- An underage spouse or domestic partner of an eligible participant
- An informal caregiver or disabled person who lives with an eligible senior and accompanies them to a meal site
- A disabled person that lives in a housing unit that hosts a meal site and is occupied mostly by seniors

#### What Is the Cost?

You are not "charged" for a meal, but a donation per meal is suggested to help defray program costs. The suggested donation is \$5.00 at all restaurant sites and \$4.25 for all other sites. You may donate more or less towards the meal depending on your financial situation. The actual cost of a congregate meal is \$11.00 per meal. No one over 60 will be denied a meal due to inability to donate.

#### How Do I Sign Up?

Meal reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Call the site manager to reserve your spot at the table or contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Dunn County office at 715-232-4006 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and we can make your reservation for you.

#### **Colfax Grapevine Senior Center**

Meals are served Monday - Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Telephone: 715-962-2550 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

#### Dairyland Café in Ridgeland

Meals are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Telephone: 715-949-1985

#### Hosford-Rich Apartments in Menomonie

Meals are served Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. Telephone: 715-235-4047 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



#### Sand Creek Cafe

Meals are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Telephone: 715-658-1335

#### **Tantara Apartments in Menomonie**

Meals are served Monday - Friday at 11:30 am Telephone: 715-556-0266 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

#### **HOME DELIVERED MEALS**

Meals on Wheels are offered in most parts of Dunn County. Call the Nutrition Program Coordinator at the ADRC 715-232-4006 to register. You will be asked some basic information to determine eligibility. A follow up home visit will be scheduled. Meals may start as soon as arrangements can be made. Long or short-term we are here to help. Volunteer opportunities are available at all meal sites.

#### Who Is Eligible?

- Must be 60 or older
- Homebound due to health reason
- Unable to prepare a nutritious meal on their own

#### What Is the Cost?

The Meals Aren't Free...but there is not a specific charge per meal. The suggested donation is \$5.00 at all restaurant sites and \$4.25 for all other sites. You are asked to donate as generously as you can afford. Actual cost is \$11.00. Any amount will be gratefully accepted. No senior will go hungry due to inability to pay.

At the end of the month we will send a statement with the number of meals you received.

#### ENSURE PLUS LIQUID SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

Liquid Supplements are available to persons 60 and older. To register for meals on wheels or for more information on the Ensure Plus Liquid Supplement Program, please call the ADRC at 715-232-4006

Bernie Allen is our Nutrition Coordinator in Dunn County, and his office is located within the ADRC. Bernie is the fellow you would speak with in regards to any questions you have about our congregate meal sites or receiving meals on wheels services, or the Ensure Plus Liquid Supplement Program. He is very knowledgeable and will be able to help guide you to the program that best meets your needs. He can also be reached through the ADRC at 715-232-4006.



# Exploring Aging Dementia

A support group for those caring for someone living with dementia

Fourth Monday of the Month 10:30 am to Noon

#### 2024 Dates:

January 22May 20September 23February 26June 24October 28March 25July 22November 25April 22August 26December 16

#### Shirley Doane Senior Center 1412 Sixth Street E, Menomonie

The Dementia Adult Day Services (DADS) program is an option during this meeting. To find more about this program and availability, contact the Senior Center at 715-235-0954





# ELVIS: THE CONCERT OF KINGS

MARCH 10 | 7:30 P.M.

Featuring three of the world's finest Elvis tribute performers, audiences are all shook up by the spot-on look, vocals & charisma brought to life in this amazing salute to the King. Even critics are raving, "this is as close as it gets!" ELVIS HAS NOT LEFT THE BUILDING!



### **ANDREW WALESCH**

MARCH 14 | 7:30 P.M.

Walesch is a traditionalist & an iconoclast rolled into one. His audiences include jazz enthusiasts of a certain age, as well as a younger crowd compelled by his down-home insouciance, & the knowing irreverence of a tried-&-true American nightclub entertainer.



## **JOHN WAITE**

MARCH 21 | 7:30 P.M.

John Waite has been successfully writing, recording, & performing some of the most listenable, enduring, & appreciated popular music for more than 35 years. One cannot help but both recognize & marvel at the shimmering legacy of this British born rock star.

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# What Is A Busy Box?



Submitted By Carla Berscheit, Dementia Care Specialist

A busy box can take on several looks. It can be a simple shoebox with photos and other keepsakes that are important to the person

with dementia. It can also be a collection of items the person is interested in at this time (such as scarves, buttons, nuts and bolts, etc.). Consider what your person likes and gather items related to that. The benefit of a busy box is to provide an enjoyable activity for them to engage in. A busy box activity can provide a calming activity and may prevent rummaging through drawers and cupboards, when they appear to be "looking for something"; which may not be safe. Busy boxes can be useful if you are trying to distract or redirect your loved one.

Here are some examples of busy boxes:

- Sorting tasks using a muffin tin, ice cube tray or small containers, as the person to sort buttons, nuts and bolts, barrettes or costume jewelry.
- Household tasks matching socks, folding washcloths and hand towels, cleaning/dusting small items.
- Photos provide a stack of photos and ask them to put them in a small photo album
- Greeting cards provide a box of greeting cards and envelopes and ask your person to put an envelope with each card or sort the cards by occasion.
- Fabrics—for those that like sewing (but may not be able to do anymore) sorting fabrics by color, organizing thread by color, and/or looking at patterns and pictures of items they have created in the past.
- Fibers for those that like knitting or crocheting (but may not be able to do anymore) could sort small balls of yarn by color and look at pattern books.



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The caregiver support group is a safe and confidential gathering of people who are in a similar situation. They meet to give and receive help, advice, friendship and emotional support. Participants also gain knowledge of local resources and other issues related to their situation.

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# SeniorCare Coverage of Respiratory **Syncytial Virus Vaccines**

By the GWAAR Legal Services Team



Submitted by Bethany Schneider, ADRC Elder Benefit Specialist

You may have heard about the new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines for older adults. RSV is a respiratory virus that typically causes coldlike symptoms in healthy adults and older children but can lead to more serious illness, like pneumonia, as well as hospitalizations and even death in very young children and older adults. The new vaccines will help protect older adults against severe illness from RSV. Talk to your healthcare provider about whether the RSV vaccine is right for you and any other vaccines you might need to help prevent illness.

As of September 5, 2023, SeniorCare covers RSV vaccines for SeniorCare members when the vaccine is administered in a pharmacy. Prior authorization is not required for these

vaccines. If you have other health insurance, your pharmacy should bill that insurance first before submitting the claim to SeniorCare. If your pharmacy



is unable to provide the RSV vaccine for you, pharmacy staff should refer you to another pharmacy that can provide the vaccine.

Please note that adult BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members must receive the RSV vaccine at their doctor's office. BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid will not cover the RSV vaccine if it is administered at a pharmacy.

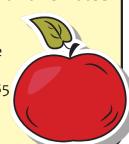
## **Dunn County Area Retired Educators' Association**

### **March Meeting Announcement**

Laura Knudsen, Menomonie Mayo Clinic Registered Dietician, will be the guest speaker during the Dunn County Area Retired Educators' Association meeting on March 11th. She will discuss nutritional plans such as the Mind/Brain, Mediterranean, and DASH diets for a healthy lifestyle.

Retired public school employees, preschool through university, are invited to attend the March 11th meeting at the Menomonie Moose

Lodge, 720-19th Ave. East.,12:00 noon. Lunch will be served. Please call Jean at 715-505-8285 by March 7th to RSVP.





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#### 2024 dates

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- Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional St. Patrick's Day dish. In 2009, roughly 26.1 billion pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the United States.
- Irish soda bread gets its name and distinctive character from the use of baking soda rather than yeast as a leavening agent.
- Lime green chrysanthemums are often requested for St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations.

## Places to Spend St. Patrick's Day:

- There are seven places in the United States named after the shamrock, the floral emblem of Ireland, including Mount Gay-Shamrock, WV; Shamrock, TX; Shamrock Lakes, IN; and Shamrock, OK.
- Sixteen U.S. places share the name of Ireland's capital, Dublin. With 44,541 residents, Dublin, CA, is the largest, followed by Dublin, OH, with 39,310.
- Other towns with the luck of the Irish include Emerald Isle, North Carolina and Irishtown, Illinois.





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# New Beginnings by Kristi Gay, freelance writer

A arch has always been my favorite month since I can remember, likely because it's my birthday month which was the most special day of any kid's life, from bringing cupcakes to share with your class, to a birthday party and games, to the best thing of all...PRESENTS! Now in my mid-forties birthdays are obviously a lot less exciting, but March is still my favorite month because it fully symbolizes NEW BEGINNINGS. The days are getting longer with more daylight, sometimes we're lucky enough to see tiny green buds or the first perennials that break through the frost. Baby animals are born, and things just seem BETTER.

The first day of spring and spring equinox is March 19 this year. I always thought it was March 21, but according to almanac.com, it changes year to year! The vernal equinox, which is when the Sun crosses the celestial equator which is an imaginary line in the sky above Earth's equator from south to north, happens at the same instant everyone on Earth. If you live in the Northern Hemisphere it's the spring equinox, and for those in the Southern Hemisphere it's the autumn equinox. Spring arrived on the 21st of March during most of the 20th century, but the event slides earlier and earlier during the 400-year Gregorian calendar cycle. The final March 21 equinox was in 2007.

How can "new beginnings" show up metaphorically in your life? There is the obvious "spring cleaning", opening windows and getting the dust out after a long, dark and (usually but not this year!) cold winter. Some people do the 30-Day Bag Challenge, taking one trash bag of stuff out per day to donate or throw away making decluttering less overwhelming. Maybe a new beginning for you might be getting more fresh air by starting a daily walk (even five minutes!). Maybe it's time to PLAN something - if you're looking around at people doing fun things and feeling sad that you're not - all it takes is someone to plan something! Plan a small garden and map it out! Plan a meal and invite a couple friends over (and get tulips!). Plan a game night. Plan a trip! It's very fun to have something to look forward to, but if you don't plan anything then nothing will ever happen!

Or new beginnings might mean getting involved in something you haven't tried before. The first day is the hardest, fumbling around with where to go and how to check in (for example, at a new class in watercolor painting at the community college). But if you can put on your BIG BOY/GIRL PANTS and get through that first day,

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you won't regret it because you're doing something new. Even if it is something that you end up not enjoying, it's still new information and adventures to laugh about later! Think back to what you loved to do as a child or young adult: Photography? Dance? Art? Scrapbooking? Golf? Music (either playing or listening)? I once convinced my husband, a hunter/



Mom, Uncle Brian and me learning pickleball in Florida in 2022

fisherman type, to enroll in a 6-week ballroom dancing course and then attend the Viennese Ball at UWEC just for something new and fun to do. If you're retired, THIS IS YOUR TIME. You've worked all of your life to be able to not work, so it is a disservice to yourself to sit home and do nothing but watch TV and nap. But even if you're still working, there is no reason you can't start something new and fun.

What NEW BEGINNING can you start this month?



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# DAFs: Power of Giving By Cole Bruner, President of Buska Wealth Management

#### The Power and Promise of **Donor Advised Funds**

In the realm of philanthropy, donor advised funds (DAFs) have emerged as a powerful tool for individuals and families seeking to make a positive impact on their communities and the world at large. With their flexibility. tax advantages, and potential for strategic giving, DAFs offer donors a unique way to manage their charitable contributions and support causes they care about.



#### **Looking Ahead**

As philanthropy continues to evolve, donor advised funds are likely to play an increasingly important role in shaping the landscape of charitable giving. By empowering donors to leverage their resources for maximum impact and supporting a wide

world.

range of charitable organizations and initiatives, DAFs hold the promise of creating positive change in communities around the

In conclusion, donor advised funds offer a powerful and flexible vehicle for individuals and families to engage in strategic philanthropy and support causes they care about. While they are not without their challenges, the potential of DAFs to mobilize

resources, drive innovation, and address pressing social issues makes them a valuable tool in the philanthropic toolbox. As we look to the future, DAFs are poised to continue making a

meaningful difference in the world of charitable giving.

#### What Are Donor Advised Funds?

Donor advised funds are charitable giving accounts administered by public charities or financial institutions. Donors contribute assets—such as cash, securities, or real estate—to the fund, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants to their favorite charitable organizations over time. While donors retain advisory privileges over the distribution of funds, the sponsoring organization legally controls the assets and ensures they are used for charitable purposes.

#### **Benefits of Donor Advised Funds**

One of the primary benefits of DAFs is their simplicity and efficiency. By consolidating charitable giving into a single account, donors can streamline the process of managing their philanthropy, reducing administrative burdens and paperwork. Additionally, DAFs offer donors the flexibility to contribute a wide range of assets, including appreciated securities and non-cash assets, which can result in significant tax savings.

Moreover, DAFs provide donors with the opportunity to engage in strategic philanthropy. By taking a long-term view of their giving, donors can use DAFs to support causes that align with their values and make a meaningful impact over time. DAFs also enable donors to involve their families in philanthropic decision-making, fostering a spirit of generosity and shared purpose across generations.

#### **Impact and Criticisms**

Despite their growing popularity, DAFs have faced criticism from some quarters. Critics argue that DAFs allow donors to receive an immediate tax benefit for contributions without necessarily directing those funds to charitable causes in a timely manner. They also point to the lack of transparency and accountability in some DAF programs, where donors may have little oversight or control over how their contributions are ultimately distributed.

However, proponents of DAFs counter that these criticisms overlook the significant positive impact that DAFs can have on charitable giving. By providing donors with a flexible and efficient way to support charitable causes, DAFs have the potential to mobilize resources and address pressing social challenges. Moreover, many DAF sponsors have implemented policies and





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