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RESOURCES FOR SENIORS, FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS IN DUNN COUNTY

Tips To Protect Your Privacy and Stay Safe on Social Media

By the GWAAR Legal Services Team



Submitted by Bethany Schneider, ADRC Elder Benefit Specialist

These days, there are so many different websites and

applications that people use to connect with their family and friends or to share news and ideas with their communities and beyond. Each one of these websites or applications have different safety and privacy considerations along with settings that individuals can use to help ensure that their personal information remains safe.

FACEBOOK - Facebook is, perhaps, the most popular of all social media websites. It is also one of the most robust sites with many different features. For example, on Facebook you can join groups, find local events, or buy or sell items on Facebook Marketplace. If you post on Facebook, the post may be limited to only your "friends," or you may be posting publicly in a



group or on your page. If you post something and it has a globe icon next to it, this means that the post is visible to anyone, even if they are not your friend on Facebook. You will want to make sure that, by default, is set to friends only. On Facebook, you can go into the settings and run a privacy checkup to change this. You may also change your settings to limit what people who are not your friend are able to see on your page.

A common scam on Facebook is for someone to pretend to be someone else and then send you a friend request. For example, a scammer might steal one of your friend's profile pictures and then create a new account with that person's name. Then, they will send a friend request to all of that person's friends. So, if you get a friend request from someone but you thought you were already "friends" with that person, double check before accepting the friend request.

Facebook also has a marketplace feature where people can buy and sell items. If you are buying something on Facebook marketplace, never give out your phone number or other personal information. You will also want to meet the seller in a public location. Many police departments have areas in their parking lots for just this purpose. These same guidelines apply if you are selling an item as well. If you are selling an item, a common scam is for someone to message you as if they are interested and ask for your phone number to call.

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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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EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

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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 962-2550 M - F 556-0266 Tantara in Menomonie Hosford-Rich Apts. M, T, Th, F 235-4047 Sand Creek M - F 658-1335 Ridgeland M-F 949-1937 ADRC Office for Dunn County M - F 232-4006

Menu subject to change

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Hamburger on bun with lettuce/onion/pickle, Potato salad, Red gelatin with mandarin oranges	Baked fish with lemon butter sauce, Side winder fries, Broccoli, Buttered rye bread, Fresh strawberries
Roasted turkey breast, Boiled potato with turkey gravy, Seasoned brussels sprouts, Dinner roll, Grapes	6 Beefy tater tot casserole, Cream style corn, Lemon bar	7 Roast pork with gravy, Cheesy mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, Wheat bread, Mixed berries	8 Meat lasagna, Mixed green salad, Garlic bread, Melon medley	9 Crumb topped baked fish, Pan fried potatoes, Carrots with parsley, Strawberry cheesecake
Traditional meat loaf, Baked potato with sour cream, Scalloped corn, Blueberries	Marinated chicken breast, Herbed red potatoes, Carrots with parsley, Wheat bread, 24 hour fruit salad	14 Shredded pork sandwich, Baked beans, Creamy coleslaw, Pineapple tidbits	15 Baked fish, Cheesy hash browns, Romaine and onion salad, Dinner roll, Fresh apple	16 Hamburger gravy, Mashed potatoes, Stewed tomatoes, Cranberry orange muffins
19 Crumb topped baked fish, Buttered new potatoes, Spinach cranberry salad, Peanut butter cookies	20 Cornflake chicken, Roasted vegetable, Rice pilaf, Creamy cucumber salad, Tropical fruit	21 Roast beef, Mashed potatoes with brown gravy, Country blend vegetables, Dinner roll, Blueberry crisp	Barbecued spareribs, Asparagus cuts, Spiral pasta salad, Fresh banana	Tuna salad sandwich on wheat, Lettuce leaf, Hearty vegetable soup, Pear in lime gelatin
26 Italian meatballs with sauce, Rotini, Parslied cauliflower, Garlic bread, Mandarin oranges	Pork chops with vegetable sauce, Bread stuffing, Broccoli, Melon medley	28 Barbecue glazed chicken, Baked beans, Marinated cucumber salad, Wheat bread, Applesauce	Breaded baked fish, Baked potato with sour cream, Carrots with parsley, Strawberry shortcake	30 Salisbury steak, Mashed potatoes with brown gravy, Whole kernel corn, Rhubarb crumble

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR SITES IN DUNN

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 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
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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

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

HELP END ELDER ABU

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

DUNN COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES & ADRC

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DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM ADVOCATE

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Then, they will ask you to share a Google voice verification code. Do not provide this number to the scammer! Instead, report the account to Facebook as a scam. For more information on this particular scam, visit:

https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2021/10/google-voice-scamhow-verification- code-scam-works-and-how-avoid-it.

INSTAGRAM/TWITTER/TIKTOK - Instagram is owned by Meta, the same company that owns Facebook. Instagram is a platform for sharing pictures and short videos. When you create an Instagram account, you may want to set the account to private. If your account is not set to private, anyone can "follow" you and view the content you post. If you leave your account public, you will want to be careful not to share any personal information in your posts. Similar to Facebook, people may create fake Instagram accounts to trick you into falling for a scam.

For more information on what to watch out for on Instagram, visit: https://help.instagram.com/514187739359208.

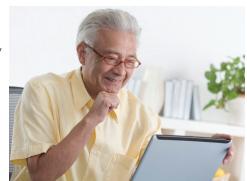
Twitter and TikTok are two very different kinds of social media platforms, but they are similar to Instagram in one regard. Like Instagram, on Twitter and TikTok you may have your profile public where anyone can follow you without having to approve those requests, or you can set your profile to private so that you must approve any requests to "follow" or see any content that you post. It's recommended that, unless you're a public figure or are trying to get famous, that you set your profiles to private.

SNAPCHAT - Snapchat is an app where users can share photos or short videos directly with friends or a group of friends. These photos or videos will typically disappear after viewing. A common misconception is that this is a safer way to share content since the content disappears after viewing. However, this does not mean this content will go away forever. Someone may take a screen shot of a photo or record a video with another device. So, you will want to be careful about what you share on Snapchat.

Snapchat users can also create "stories" which is one or multiple photos and/or videos viewable for a 24-hour period. By default, only "friends" you've added on Snapchat can contact you directly or view these stories. Another common misconception about Snapchat is, if you post a photo or video to the "Snap Map" these are viewable to any Snapchat user, even if you haven't added them as a "friend." For more information on Snapchat safety, visit: https://help.snapchat.com/hc/enus/articles/7012304746644-How-to-Stay-Safe-on-Snapchat.

NEXTDOOR - Nextdoor is a social networking site that is localized to only the user's own neighborhood and surrounding areas. It requires users to verify their location via phone, geolocation, or by mailing a code to the user's address. This means that, in theory, all the users that are connected

with one another live in the same neighborhood. However, as scammers always seem to do, they have found ways to get around Nextdoor's verification system. So, even though it's relatively safe to engage with your own neighbors on the platform, you still want to remain vigilant.



Nextdoor also has a marketplace

feature where neighbors can buy, sell, trade, or give away items. The same safety precautions for buying and selling online apply to any such transaction on Nextdoor. You will want to meet the person in a public location near security cameras if at all possible and you will want to stay vigilant for scams. For more information on protecting your privacy and safety on Nextdoor, visit: https://help.nextdoor.com/s/article/privacy-andsafety-on-nextdoor?language=en US.

REDDIT - Reddit is a news and content sharing website. Users submit content to the site such as news article links, text posts, images, and videos, which are then voted up or down by other users. This voting determines how visible the post becomes.

Posts are organized by subject into user-created boards called "subreddits." These posts are visible to the entire world regardless of the subreddit you are in. For example, if you are in the Madison, Wisconsin subreddit, it's not just Madison residents or group members who can see those posts. Reddit users typically remain anonymous, and you will never want to put your personal information in any Reddit post. Subreddits are monitored by moderators or "mods" who will typically remove a post that contains personal information, such as a phone number, but once your information is out on the internet, it's too late. People may have already copied or taken a screenshot of your personal information. It's best to just not do it in the first place.

DOS AND DON'T - Finally, some dos and don'ts that apply to most or all of these platforms.

- Do review the privacy settings in the app or website.
- Don't create a username containing identifying information, such as names, birthdays etc. For example, "ParkersGranny1952" is not a good username because it reveals the year the person was born and the name of one of their grandkids. A good username would be something like "Loves2Fish77889" or "BakewithGma9496" as long as those numbers don't mean anything like digits of a phone number or zip
- Do change your passwords for social media websites frequently.
- Don't give out your phone number to a stranger and don't ever give anyone a verification code that you get via text, email, or voice call.

June is National Dairy Month



Submitted by Bernie Allen, ADRC Nutrition Program Coordinator

Did you know that June Dairy Month began back in 1937? It was initially known as "National Milk Month," and was a way for grocers to encourage milk consumption in the month of June, when milk

production was at its peak. In 1939, June officially became National Dairy Month. This is a great time of year to celebrate all things dairy!

Here are some appetizing recipes that wouldn't be the same without

Baked Macaroni and Cheese

Ingredients for

Macaroni and Cheese:

- 1 pound uncooked dried elbow macaroni
- ½ cup butter
- 1 medium (1 cup) onion, coarsely chopped
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 4 cups milk
- 16 ounces (4 cups) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 8 ounces cut into 1-inch dice American Cheese

Topping

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Instructions:

- 1. Heat oven to 400°. Generously butter 12x9-inch (3 quart) casserole
- 2. Cook macaroni 3 minutes less than al dente according to package directions (about 4 minutes after water returns to a boil); drain. Set
- 3. Melt ½ cup butter over medium heat in large stockpot. Add onion; cook 5 minutes or until softened. Add flour, ground mustard, garlic powder, salt, pepper and hot sauce; cook, stirring constantly for one minute. Slowly whisk in milk, cook until mixture I bubbling around the edges. Fold in 2 cups shredded cheddar and American; continue cooking until cheese is melted. Stir in cooked macaroni.
- 4. Pour ½ of macaroni mixture into prepared baking dish. Top with 1 cup shredded cheddar. Top with remaining macaroni mixture; sprinkle with remaining cheese.
- 5. Melt ½ cup butter in 12-inch skillet over medium –high heat. Add panko, parsley and garlic powder. Mix well; cook for 1 minute. Sprinkle evenly over macaroni and cheese mixture.
- 6. Bake for 20 minutes or until top is golden brown and bubbling around the edges. Let stand for 1 minute before serving.

Prep Time: 30 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes

Recipe from landolakes.com

Ham and Swiss Quiche

Ingredients:

- 8 large eggs
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- ½ cup diced ham
- 1/4 cup fresh spinach leaves
- 2 tablespoons diced pimiento
- 1 tablespoon minced green onion
- 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°.
- 2. Whisk together the eggs, milk and butter in a large bowl; stir in the cheese and the remaining ingredients. Portion the mixture between 12 lightly greased, standard-size non-stick muffin cups and place on a baking sheet.
- 3. Bake 22 to 25 minutes or until puffed and set. Remove from the oven and cool for 3 minutes.
- 4. Gently loosen the quiche muffins with a small offset spatula and remove from the pan.

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 22 minutes

Recipe from allrecipes.com

Strawberry Banana Smoothie

Ingredients:

- 1 cup strawberries, frozen
- 1 banana, peeled
- 1 (5.3-ounce) container vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1 cup milk

Instructions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a blender and process until smooth.

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 22 minutes



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Fourth Tuesday of the Month

10:30-12:00

Shirley Doane Senior Center 1412 Sixth Street E,

Menomonie

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



2023 Dates

January 24

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

December 26

FREE ART CLASSES

These classes are designed for people living with dementia and their care partners

February 15 May 17 August 16

1:00 pm 3:00 pm

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Free Gardening Classes



This class is designed for people living with dementia and their care partners. Come and enjoy indoor and outdoor gardening projects!

> Fourth Thursday of the month 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Chippewa Falls Public Library

> > Space is limited, call 715-723-1146 to RSVP





It's All Yours

Menomonie Memory Café

2023 Dates

January 5

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

June 1 July 6

August 3

September 7

October 5

November 2

December 7

Memory Cafés are designed for people living with dementia and their care partners. This is an opportunity to gather and enjoy

coffee and camaraderie

1st Thursday of the Month

10 am—11:30 am

United Methodist Church 2703 Bongey Drive

registration is not required. Gatherings will comply with Dunn County COVID Guidelines



June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



By Tracy Fischer, CSW ADRC manager for the ADRC of Dunn County

June 15, 2023 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. On that day, communities in the USA and all over the world will sponsor events to highlight solutions

to this systemic social challenge. The Dunn County Department of Human Services-Adult Protective Services division is proud to host several meet and greet opportunities to participate in this national conversation. They will be present at the Boyceville Community Center from 9 to 11 am and the Grapevine Communty Center in Colfax from 11:30 to 1:30 pm to answer any questions you may have. They will also be present at the Fortune Cookies Play in Menomonie from 3:45 to 6:00 pm. This play will be held at the United Methodist Church of Menomonie, 2703 Bongey Drive. Registration is required for the Fortune Cookies Event, call 715-232-4006 for more information or to register.

As Americans, we believe in justice for all. Yet we fail to live up to this promise when we allow older members of our society to be abused or neglected. Older people are vital, contributing members of American society and their maltreatment diminishes all of us. Just as we have confronted and addressed the social issues of child abuse and domestic violence, so too can we find solutions to address issues like elder abuse, which also threatens the well-being of our community.

Our policies and practices make it hard for older people to stay involved with and connected to our communities as they age. As a result, older people are more likely to experience social isolation, which increases the likelihood of abuse and neglect. We can design stronger societal supports to keep our older people connected and protect them from abuse, whether



financial, emotional, physical or sexual. When we address a root cause, like social isolation, we also make it less likely that people will become neglected. Older adults who are socially connected and protected from harm are less likely to be hospitalized, less likely to go into nursing homes and less likely to die.

We can and must create healthier and safer living environments for older adults, including their homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities.

Get more information about how to make a difference by visiting the National Center on Elder Abuse https://ncea.acl.gov. If you have concerns about an elder in your life, or if you are concerned that abuse is occurring, you may also call the Dunn County ADRC at 715-232-4006 to speak with a social worker or to make a report.



Menomonie

, TRAVELING CAREGIVER CAFÉ

Come and connect with the Caregiver Coordinator and other caregivers at different locations around Dunn County.

Find information and resources that can help you!



Tuesday, May 16

10am-12pm

Boyceville Public Library 903 Main Street, Boyceville, WI

Tuesday, June 20 10am-12pm



Grapevine Senior Nutrition Center 121 Main Street, Colfax, WI

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month from May through September.

More information to come.





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





ADRC of Dunn County Announces

Senior Farmers' Market Voucher Program - 2023

You may be eligible to receive vouchers that can be used to purchase produce at local Farmers' Markets.

Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers are offered to senior citizens 60 years of age and older (55 if you are Native American) to purchase fresh, locally grown fruit, vegetables and herbs from certified farmers. The vouchers are provided by a grant from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service and brought to you by the Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services and local partner groups.

- You must be age 60 or older. Native American 55+.
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 - \$2,248 per month 1 person
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Shirley Doane Senior Center

June 2023



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	Note: No Stronger Seniors Classes until September	Need Reservations *		1 NO CHAIR YOGA TODAY 9:45-10:30am Stronger Seniors-Intermediate* 10am-2:30pm ADS* 11-11:45am Stronger Seniors-Basic Class* 1pm 500 Cards / 1pm Private Dep Bridge	2 10am-2:30pm ADS* 12-3pm Open Walking Gym 1pm Bingo	3
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What If You Were The One Left Behind?

By Katy Hacksworthy and Matt Thompson of Celebration of Life Center

My mother was the one in my family who took care of the organizational household tasks ... paying the bills, balancing the checkbook, handling taxes, and insurance, to name a few.

When she died, my dad was at a loss, not only due to his grief but because he was completely unprepared to take over these responsibilities.

It took many weeks and months of searching through files and records to familiarize him with the things he needed to learn and get him comfortable managing everything on his own. The one positive was that my mom

had completely pre-planned her funeral wishes so he at least had a personally prepared guide to follow in arranging her service of remembrance.

This is a scenario that plays out over and over again, although not always in the same way as my family experienced it. The one left behind could be a husband or a wife, a domestic partner, or any member of a relationship in which one person is committed to or is responsible for another.

In any case, when one person is the primary keeper of the finances, records, and important documents and doesn't make a point of sharing with or educating the other, the loss of that person can leave the survivor in utter chaos trying to figure out how to handle everything.

Not only is it emotionally stressful and frightening, but it can also be financially detrimental when the survivors don't have the proper information, documentation, or authority to do what needs to be done.

There are some simple but critical things that everyone can and should evaluate to prevent a situation like this from catching you unprepared.

These things are important no matter what your health circumstances are, but they become even more pressing if you or your loved one has received a diagnosis of a life-limiting disease or condition. Matt Thompson, the founder of Celebration of Life Center, emphasizes "when people today choose to pre-plan or pre-fund their funerals, the top reason, without a



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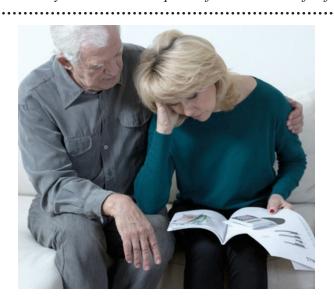
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doubt, is to keep their loved ones from having to deal with the logistics themselves".

Are your estate documents and financial accounts up to date and do they accurately reflect your current wishes and circumstances?

This would include wills, trusts, powers of attorney, deeds to properties, bank accounts, life insurance policies, investments, and other assets. How are these documents set up, who has ownership, who are the beneficiaries, and who has the authority to access these accounts? Each person's

situation might determine a different way to assign these things, so it is important to consult family members, your attorney, tax professional, or investment advisor on what is best for you.

Do you know or have easy access to pertinent family information, history, records, and contact information, including who should be notified in the event of a health crisis or death?

You will need to provide your loved one's social security number, parents' names (including mother's maiden name), employment, education, and military service information in order to complete a death certificate (certified copies of a death certificate will be needed to close out or transfer ownership of most financial accounts and assets). Current, up-to-date contact information should also be available for relatives, close personal friends, and other significant people in your loved one's life.

Has your loved one shared their thoughts regarding how they want their final wishes carried out, including a living will/advance directives and funeral/burial arrangements?

This conversation is probably the most difficult and emotionally challenging of all, especially if it takes place when someone has received a terminal diagnosis. Nonetheless, taking the opportunity to discuss your wishes provides a great deal of peace of mind not only for you but for your family as well, allowing all of you the opportunity to connect, share and get on the same page while you can still provide valuable input. On the more practical end, "people pre-fund funerals to protect their money from things like nursing homes or family conflict". Additionally, Thompson, whose funeral home price guarantee is decided upon at the time of pre-funding & pre-planning funerals, emphasizes the benefits of that route, saying "this guarantee is just as important as following the individual's wishes - the consumer wins, the funeral home wins, and the family wins".



Summer 2023

Schedule of Events for Caregivers May.



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Men are Caregivers Too! @ United Methodist Church, 2703 Bongey Drive 1:00 pm

4 10:00 am Menomonie Memory Café @ United Methodist Church, 2703 Bongey Drive, Menomonie

10 10:00 am Relatives Raising Children Virtual Support Group

11 9am-3:30pm Skills Fair for Family Caregivers @ Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center, 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire

Traveling Caregiver Café @ Boyceville Public Library, 903 Main Street 16 10:00 am

18 2:30 pm Caregiver Support Group @ Government Center

23 10:30-noon Dementia Caregiving Support Group @ Menomonie Senior Center

Virtual Caregiver Meeting on Zoom 25 10:30 am

Menomonie Memory Café @ United Methodist Church 10:00 am

9:30 am Caregiver Coffee Hour @ Government Center

7 1:00 pm Men are Caregivers Too! @ United Methodist Church

14 10:00 am Relatives Raising Children virtual support group on Zoom

15 2:30 pm Caregiver Support Group @ Government Center

20 10:00 am Traveling Caregiver Café @ Grapevine Senior Nutrition Center,121 Main St. Colfax

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6 10:00 am Menomonie Memory Café @ United Methodist Church

Relatives Raising Children Virtual Support Group 12 10:00 am

Traveling Caregiver Café—location to be announced 18 10:00 am

20 Caregiver Support Group @ Government Center 2:30 pm

27 10:30 am Virtual Caregiver Meeting on Zoom

July 10 - August 14, 10 am - noon: Special Event Mondays - Savvy Caregiving Training! Specific Caregiving Classes for famliy caregivers of someone living with dementia. Shirley Doane Senior Center.

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Caregiver Coffee Hour @ Government Center 9:30 am 2

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17 2:30 pm Caregiver Support Group @ Government Center

10:30 am Dementia Caregiver Support Group

@ Menomonie Senior Center

24 10:30 am Virtual Caregiver Meeting on Zoom

Schedule subject to change. Please contact the ADRC for confirmation of dates and times.





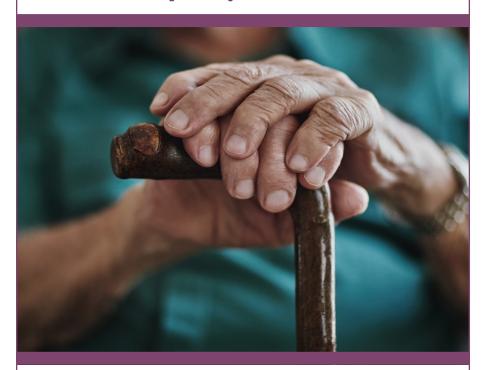
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4 Easy Steps to Protect Your Heart & Your Brain

by Shelley Krupa, Business Operations Coordinator Lake Hallie Memory Care

hen we take care of our hearts, we take care of our brains at the same time. Yes – it's true! "What's good for the heart, is good for the brain."

It is easy to keep benefits flowing from our hearts to our brains by incorporating actions in our dayto-day lives.

How can we add more to our to-do lists when we've already got enough things to remember?

It's easy – pop these 4 steps into our routines and we're well on our way to healthier hearts and brains.

1. Exercise daily -30 to 60 minutes - to music for an extra boost. Take a brisk walk, clean the house, or dance around the room. Move around, baby,

move around. Anything we do to get our blood to pump will make our hearts and brains feel happy. Add a fun challenge – recall words to oldies but goodies songs while we're moving.

- 2. Socialize call a friend, play games with loved ones, or visit a friend in an assisted living home. While you're there, don't forget to share smiles with strangers or workers everyone benefits from being kind and friendly to someone in need. It warms the heart and helps the body's endorphins flow into our brains in the process. Some studies say remaining socially active can reduce risks for dementia by 60 percent.
- **3. Reduce stress** not only can it contribute to high blood pressure, but it impairs the brain's ability to retain or recall memories. Avoid multi-tasking; visit a park or nature conservatory; ask for help;

play puzzles; daydream we're never too old to dream.



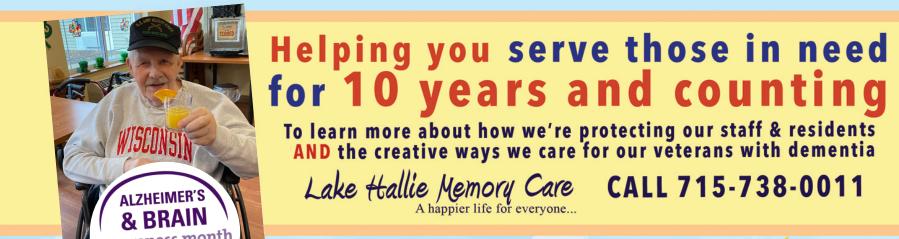
4. Sweet dreams - protect your 8 hours of dedicated sleep every night. Avoid daily naps, strenuous activity before retiring at night, consuming any liquids 1-2 hours before bed, especially alcohol or caffeine, and keep disruptions to your night-time routine to a minimum. Good sleep improves your memory and reduces chronic inflammation that causes your heart to work harder than it should have to.

Enjoy all the small moments of healthy living!















Wisconsin Funeral Assistance Program

By Randall Mundt, Stokes, Prock & Mundt Funeral Chapel, and Cremation Society of Wisconsin

Planning a funeral is something that most everyone will have to deal with at some point in their lives. For some, it can be very worrisome when it comes to paying for it. It's important for people to be aware of what options are out there for assistance. The State of Wisconsin has a program to help pay for funeral and burial expenses for people receiving certain kinds of financial aid from the state. It is called the Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids Program (WFCAP). In the 1970s, it was called welfare burial or indigent burial. It paid \$300 at that time. The cremation rate was less than 4% back then. Any individual on welfare was eligible. Later, in the 1970's, it was raised to \$750. By the 1980s it was raised to \$1,500 for funeral home costs, and they added a cemetery allowance of \$1,000. This brought the total allowed payment to \$2,500. At that time, we could actually bury someone for that amount. That is not the case today and the amount has not been raised since then.

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prepaid, irrevocable insurance policy. Not all funeral homes do this, so be sure to do your homework before prepaying. Don't rely on the state to pay for your final expenses. You cannot count on qualifying, and the program may not always be there. It is better to plan ahead for yourself and your loved ones.

Today, cremation is many times the only option people eligible for WFCAP have because of the limited payment amount. Even then, many funeral homes are still not willing to lower their charges to meet that need. To qualify for this benefit, the decedent can only have \$2,000 in liquid assets and less than \$1,500 cash value in life insurance. One thing that many people do not realize is that if the decedent was homeless or in prison, they may not be eligible, because they need to be on certain programs through the state prior to passing in order to be eligible for this particular benefit.

Families cannot apply for this benefit directly; it has to go through a funeral home. Funeral homes can call the state to determine eligibility, but even then only on certain days of the week; currently Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The state does allow families to supplement some of the funds. However there is a limit on total expenses of \$4,500 on the funeral home side, and \$3,500 on the cemetery side. Of those expenses, the state will pay for \$1,500 on the funeral home side and \$1,000 on the cemetery side. The family can supplement the remaining amount up to the total limit.

Considering this information, it makes much more sense to prearrange and prepay someone's final expenses. Money that is put into an irrevocable bank trust or irrevocable prepaid funeral insurance policy is not considered an asset when it comes time to determine if they qualify for Medicaid-type benefits, so this can help protect and provide for final expenses, while allowing the person to still receive Medicaid benefits. The following statistics outline the importance of doing this. Of people that are 65 or older, 40% will end up in long-term care facilities. Overall, 50-70% of people over age 65 will either receive home care or some other type of long-term care. The current rate for long-term care is \$44 per hour. These expenses will drain a person's assets very quickly.







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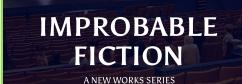
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