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Helpful information to enhance senior living provided by Pender Adult Services





The Pender County Health Department does blood pressure checks at Heritage Place in Burgaw.

Heritage Place Happenings February brings many things to celebrate

By Jennifer Mathews Heritage Place

We plan on Wearing red Thursday, Feb. 3 for Healthy Heart Month!! Join us for Thursday Geri-fit or another class or get out and walk 15 to 20 minutes 3-4 times a week! If you want a list of band exercises we will gladly send it to you. Please call and we will mail it out! •Black History Month: There is plenty to learn about Black History in Pender County. Do you know who the first black principal was at Burgaw Elementary – now CF Pope Elementary. He used to come to Geri-fit!!

it through whatever we are facing.

Rosa Parks •Valentine's Day is probably the most recognized holiday. Consider sending a card to a neighbor or senior that receiver feel good. you do not normally reach out to. Do this Feb 7 and they will have it in plenty of time!! If you need a suggestion, call us - we can connect you by sending it for you. (call Jennifer at 910-9119- x 303)

must keep going on to make people and groups. People like the idea of showing a little kindness to others. It's a fun and good thing to do. And they like being on the receiving end of this day as well. It makes both the giver and the

> Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone may do the same for you.

•Crazy Hawaiian Party Day is Feb. 22. We will change our schedule this day to start at 11:22 am and party until 2:22 p.m. Break out something bright and colorful and come to have fun on this day all about "2's"

We are thankful for our

February is National **Heart Month**

ing cause of death for both men and women in the US. Risk factors for developing heart disease are: diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and being overweight or a smoker.

You can lower your risk for developing heart disease by making small lifestyle changes. Start protecting your heart today by following these heart-healthy tips:

Increase your physical activity

Discuss this with your doctor first then aim for at least 2.5 hours of physical activity each week. That's 30 minutes a day.

Eat a healthy diet

Include fruits and vegetables daily. Eat lean meats and include fish weekly. Avoid sugar and processed foods. Don't forget to drink lots of water!

Aim for a healthy weight If you are overweight, even a small loss of 5 to 10 percent improves your heart health!

Manage stress You may not have control over the stress in your life but you can control your response. Include relaxation activities daily such as walking outside, yoga, or meditation. Turn off hearts!

Tax assistance available at the Topsail Center

AARP Tax-Aide is a free serve basis. This service is nationwide service that pro- available to low and moderate vides high quality income tax income taxpayers of all ages, assistance and free federal and including seniors. state income tax preparation and includes electronic filing. This service will be available beginning Feb 2 in Hampstead at the Topsail Senior Center. The center is located at 20959 Hwy 17, Hampstead. For directions call 910-270-0708.

Heart Disease is the lead- the news! Reach out to a qualified mental health provider or someone else you trust when you feel overwhelmed.

Improve your sleep

Stick to a regular routine of sleeping 7-8 hours a night. Managing stress will help you sleep better as will increasing physical activity. Cut back on TV or electronic devices before bed and try relaxing activities such as listening to music, reading or taking a bath.

If you smoke, Quit

There are lots of free resources to help you quit. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or check out www.BeTobaccoFree.hhs.gov or www.Smokefree.gov

Track your heart health

Keep a log of your blood pressure, weight, physical activity, and blood sugar levels if you have Diabetes. Seeing your progress will keep you motivated!

Did you know that we're more successful at meeting our health goals when we work on them with others? This February, grab a close family member or friend and work together to set heart healthy goals. There's no better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by protecting each other's

What really matters is not whether we have problems, but how we go through them. We

•Random Acts of Kindness Day is Feb. 17. And, you know what to do...perform a few random acts of kindness. Almost any kind deed will do. And we highly recommend you perform kind acts on as many people as you can. This is a favorite day of many

Princess Diana •Presidents Day is a holiday in February. Presidents Lincoln & Washington have birthdays this month. Learn something new about either or both. "It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." – Abraham Lincoln. We will be closed Feb. 21 for this holiday.

AARP Volunteers that are doing Taxes at the Topsail Center. If you need an appointment, make one soon by calling (910)270-0708.

We are enjoying our Cape Fear CC Occupational Therapy Assistant Student intern. She is sharing time between Topsail and Burgaw. Anna Loftis has brought lots of energy and has enjoyed sitting with you all one on one to talk about your possible OT needs.

This service will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. by appointment only, first come first

This services will be drop off/remote. This is by the guidelines of AARP. Please be prepared to wait while the volunteers prepare your taxes.

Other sites you may call for information include the New Hanover County Main Library at (910)798-7341 or New Hanover County Senior Resource Center at (910)798-6416.

Memorial and Honorary Giving Program Contributions have been received recently from Pete & Sue Cowan Eileen Ripotelli Special Thanks **Busy Bee Quilters** Hampstead Women's Club

All who donated books for our MLKing Book Drive

Have you considered a gift to Pender Adult Services, Inc.? We appreciate your support for services that we offer!! Your donations to PAS are tax deductible. An acknowledgement will be sent whether donation is in Honor or in Memory of individual or group.

For more information on Pender Adult Services Memorial and Honorary Giving Program please contact Wesley Davis at 910-259-9119.





By Donna Murphrey Topsail Senior Center

It is hard to believe we are in the second month of 2022 and that means tax season. As in years past, AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers will be at our center every Monday and Wednesday beginning Feb. 2, appointments from 1-3 p.m. on the hour.

Due to Covid, AARP procedure will be same as last year, at your appointment time, you will drop off your tax information, wait in the

taxes, and upon completion, a tax aide volunteer will come to your car and discuss your tax return with you.

February is also Heart Month and we are fortunate to have UNCW nursing students at our center on Tuesday mornings; Feb. 8, 15, and 22 checking blood pressure and glucose levels. These students will also provide education for our seniors on topics of concern.

In addition we have a CFCC occupational therapy student,

car while they prepare your Anna, with us on Mondays and Thursdays. Please come by and meet these students, share concerns or educational topics, which interest you. They are eager to share their knowledge and interact with our seniors!

> We would like to thank the Busy Bee Quilters at Pender Adults Services in Burgaw for the lovely quilt we raffled at Bingo in January. Tony Robinson was our lucky winner! We also want to thank the Hampstead Women's Club for their ongoing support and for

the new printer!!!

A new yoga class is beginning Monday Feb. 7 at 1 p.m., Vinyasa Slow Yoga, with instructor Kathy Yakimovich. February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. We should all participate in and celebrate kindness every day but let's be especially mindful this month. As always for more complete information, special days, Covid guidelines, or any other questions, call the center at 910-270-0708. Please stay safe out there and hope to see you soon.





Clients at the Topsail Senior Center get ready for some bingo fun.

Pender Adult Services Invites You On a Fabulous 6 Day/5 Night Vacation to New Orleans!

Date: June 19 – June 24, 2022

Enjoy a Guided Tour of New Orleans with us. We will go to the New Orleans School of Cooking ~ Have Dinner with New Orleans Style Entertainment -Tour an Old-Fashioned Louisiana Plantation - Visit the Historic French Quarter & Cruise the Mississippi - Enjoy Free Time to explore New Orleans on your own & Visit Harrah's Casino

For Information Please Contact:

Jennifer Mathews @ 910-259-9119 x 303

Price: \$859.00 Per Person – Double Occupancy \$200 Deposit Due for Reservation *COVID VACCINE REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL (OR NEGATIVE TEST 2 days prior) *Mask optional on bus but needed getting off and going into attractions *Travel Protection: Travel Protection can be purchased

INFORMATION PLEASE – WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Please call the center 259-9119 X 309 (or call 910-270-0708 for Topsail) if you need information, referral or assistance with any of the following services:

Health Screenings Insurance Counseling Legal Services Caregivers Classes Housing Home Repair/Modification In-home Aide Services Social Security Benefits Disaster Services Hospice Care Rehabilitation Services Respite Telephone Reassurance Energy Assistance

Fitness & Health Promotion Tax Preparation/Counseling Transportation Medical/General Family Support Groups Reverse Mortgage Counseling Home Health Services Medicaid Benefits/Medicare Benefits Job Training/Placement Adult Day Care/Day Health Community Mental Health Durable Medical Equipment/Assistive Devices Long-term Care Facilities Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance) Congregate Meals/Home Delivered Meals Food Distribution



Welcome to February 2022 Events at Pender Adult Services Centers



Celebrating 40 years of making a difference across Pender County!

Questions? Want to know more? Give us a call or stop by!			Heritage Place (HP) 901 S. Walker St., Burgaw 910-259-9119	Topsail Senior Center (TSC) 20959 Highway 17, Hampstead 910-270-0708			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Center</u>	Event Info					
2/1	Both	Celebrating	Black History Month, 11:30 A	M			
2/1	HP	Pender Ame	riCorps Seniors (RSVP) Perks	Meeting, 9:00 AM			
2/2	TSC	Pender AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP) Perks Meeting, 9:00 AM					
2/2	HP	Birthday Bingo, 10:30 AM					
2/3	TSC	Birthday Bin	go, 10:30 AM	<u>ca</u> _			
2/3	Both	Wear RED Day -awareness of Women's Heart Health					
2/7	Both	Send a Card to a Friend Day					
2/8	TSC	Blood Pressu	ure Checks, UNCW Nursing St	udents,10:00 - Noon			
2/14	TSC	AmeriCorps Seniors* Card Class, 11:00 AM					
2/15	TSC	Blood Pressu	ure Checks, UNCW Nursing St	udents, 10:00 - Noon			
2/17	Both	Random Act	s of Kindness Day				
2/18	HP	Friday Craft	Day (sign-up required), 10:30	DAM			
2/21	Both	Closed for P	resident's Day <u>(No Meals-on-</u>	Wheels deliveries today)			
2/22	HP	Hawaiian Pa	arty Day! 11:22 AM – 2:22 PN	I–lt's 2/22/22 Day!			
2/24	HP	Blood Press	ure Checks, UNCW Nursing St	tudents, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM			
2/28	НР	AmeriCorps	Seniors (RSVP) Card Class, Si	gn-up required, 9:45 AM			

AARP Tax Aide

By Appointment Only – Drop Off/Wait **Topsail Senior Center** (910)270-0708

We hope to

see you real soon!

- ... Please wear a mask to protect others.
- ... If you are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better.
- ... And, if you come in contact with someone who is covid positive, PLEASE stay home and let us know so that we can make others aware.

Need Medicare Help? – Call the center to schedule a time to meet with a SHIIP Counselor (Current as of 1/27/22)

What is Cost-Sharing?

Cost sharing as a method of allowing a recipient to share in the cost of the service received. Cost sharing provides a mechanism for Pender Adult Services to expand services to a growing number of Americans 60 years

of age and older- some of which cannot afford services.

You may contribute for any program you participate in.

Many of you already contribute for meals.

This a voluntary and confidential contribution.



Weekly Schedule February 2022

Heritage Place—Burgaw 910-259-9119



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
9:30 Fit Over Fifty at FF 9:45 Card Class** 3rd Monday	9:00 Crochet Group 9:45 Yoga at FF	Call for info On zoom "ZOOMBA"	10:00 Walking Group	10:00 Sing-a long 10:30 Zoom Pilates
10:30 TAI CHI at FF** **Sign up required	10:30 Geri-fit 10:30 Quilting	10:30 Bingo 10:45 Pilates at FF	10:30 Geri-fit	10:30 Chair Exercise 11:00 Monthly craft
11:30 Lunch 11:30 Bid Whist	11:30 Lunch 12:30 Mexican Train	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch
1:00 Canasta 6:00 Line Dancing	12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Beginning Knit	12:30 Brain Games 1:00 Open Choice Games	12:30 Jenga/Yatzee 12:30 Rummikub	12:30—Sequence

Topsail—Hampstead 910-270-0708

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 Art Group 10;00 Modified Pilates	9:00 Gerifit	9:00 Quilting	9:00 Gerifit 10:00 Beginning Tai Chi	10:00 (1st)** Dementia Caregiver
11:30 Lunch	10:00 Fellowship or Crafts		10:30 Bingo 11:00 Gentle Flow Yoga	10:30 Zoom Pilates**
1:00 Vinyasi Slow Yoga ***NEW***	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	
AmeriCorps Card Class 2nd Monday	1:00 Interm Tai Chi 2:00 Adv Tai Chi	1:00 Canasta 1:00 Rummikub	12:30 Quilting Mahjong/ Bridge	<pre>**Call for information **Sign up required</pre>