CATAWBA COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

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OUR MISSION

Providing a focal point for aging resources, as well as opportunities designed to extend independent living and enrich the quality of life for Catawba County's older adults. In support of this mission, COA has been serving older adults for over 46 years by operating the West Hickory Senior Center and providing programs at additional locations throughout the county.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR-2022

Congratulations to Gail Newton, Catawba County Council on Aging Volunteer of the Year! Gail has been a tax phone volunteer for many years, helps at the front desk, and is our primary Telephone Reassurance Program caller. Many thanks to Gail for her dedication to the community through volunteering.

TRIPS ARE BACK!!

WOHLFAHRT HAUS IN AUGUST Tuesday, August 16th "For God and Country", a Patriotic Gospel Revue

Cost of \$90 includes lunch and show.

<u>Registration is required by calling the Council on Aging</u> <u>at 828-328-2269.</u> Payment is due immediately after registration. Mail payments to Council on Aging, PO Box 835, Hickory, NC 28603. The theater recommends unvaccinated individuals wear masks. There will be stairs in the theater to get to your seat. Please take this into consideration before registering.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Council on Aging welcomes Ashelin McCoy as our new Program Assistant. Bea and I are part of the team. All our best to

very excited to have Ashelin as part of the team. All our best to Sam Garlock, who made huge contributions to the Council on Aging during her time with us.

- Vickie

02 YOU'RE INVITED TO...

Registration is required for all of the following programs. Call 328-2269 to register

SELF DEFENSE CLASS

FIRST CLASS ON AUGUST 2, 1:00 PM



Rickie Maddox will lead this group on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 pm starting on August 2. Classes will be held at the West Hickory Senior Center with a

\$1 suggested donation. Rickie has experience in Martial Arts and Self Defense. Wear loose fitting clothes. Those in wheelchairs or on walkers are welcome. This class is specifically tailored for senior citizens.

LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

FIRST MEETING ON AUGUST 4, 2:00 PM



The first meeting will be open discussion and a meet and greet. These meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month. Future meetings could have speakers based on suggestions of the group.

ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2:00 PM



Come join us for some great fun and entertainment at this FREE music event! Ed Smith, Elvis Tribute Artist, will perform at the West Hickory Senior Center.

TECH CONNECT will be back in September. If you have any ideas for programs or anything you would like to see or learn, give us a call at 328-2269. THANK YOU to our Julv and August Bingo sponsor:



SUMMERTIME BINGO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1:30 PM Come for Bingo at the West Hickory Senior Center. Prizes will be awarded!

BILINGUAL BINGO AT CENTRO LATINO



THURSDAY, JULY 14, 5:30 PM

The fun and games will take place at Centro Latino. The center is located at 2259 12th Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601 (lower level of St Stephens Lutheran Church ELCA). Join the Council on Aging for games of Bingo and Loteria (Mexican Bingo). Translation will be provided. Prizes will be awarded and sub sandwiches will be served before the games begin.

GARDEN CLUB

1ST MONDAYS, 1:00 PM Join Garden Club meetings at the West Hickory Senior Center on Monday, July 11 (due to holiday) & Monday, August 1 to hear speakers from Cooperative Extension. On Monday, July 11, we will be discussing pollinator gardens. On Monday August

1, food preservation methods will be discussed.



QUILT + RAFFLE PRIZES

Raffle tickets are now available for purchase for the next drawing! This raffle features the pictured quilt, which is approximately 90 x 72 inches. Congratulations to our raffle prize winners from last time! Trish Dehond won the previous quilt. Our other prize winners were Lawrence Warf, Diane Stark, Jo Boone, and Judy Herring.

Purchase your tickets at the front desk for a chance to win! Cost is \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets.

Proceeds benefit programs of the Council on Aging.

03 RESOURCES & MORE

COMING UP SOON

PEN PAL PROGRAM **INTERGENERATIONAL** - PROGRAM -

Council on Aging will be partnering again starting this fall with Banoak Elementary School on a Pen Pal Program between older adults and 4th grade students. If you were a part of this program with us in the past or would like to be a new participant in the program, we would love to have you! Just give us a call at 328-2269 before August 15 to let us know you're interested. This is a great opportunity to have fun and be a positive influence in a young person's life. We will need 20 senior volunteers.

CVCC ART CLASS

CVCC Art Class will be returning in September! The class will run September 7 through October 26 from 1 – 4 PM on Wednesdays at the West Hickory Senior Center. The cost is \$60.00 and Tracy Gransrow will be teaching.

Registration is required. Call or email Cheri Toney with CVCC to register at ctoney@cvcc.edu or 828-327-7000 Ext. 4320.



GRACE CARE MINISTRY

Lakeview Baptist Church Grace Care Ministry provides the community with FREE Medical Mobility Equipment when it is not covered by Medicare or other insurance.



All equipment is used. The LBC Senior Adult ministry cleans, inspects, and sanitizes each item before offering it to the public. Each item is available free of charge to anyone in Hickory and the surrounding community.

The inventory includes large and small wheelchairs, walkers, regular and transitional shower chairs, and portable toilets.

Please call the Grace Care Ministry at 828-324-8085 for more information.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES:

LIVING WILLS & HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY

A living will is a legal document that allows you to make prior decisions about whether your life should be prolonged by certain medical procedures. A health care power of attorney is a legal document in which you give someone power to make medical decisions for you if you are not competent or if you are unable to communicate.



Julie Packer, RN, MSN, Director of Professional Relations with Carolina Caring, will be at the West Hickory Senior Center by appointment to discuss these with you, have forms available, and to notarize documents. Registration is required. Call 328-2269 to register.

FOOD PANTRY

The West Hickory Senior Center Food Pantry is available by appointment. Food delivery is available for those who do not have transportation to come to the center.



To make an appointment, call 328-2269.

ESTATE PLANNING AND ASSET PROTECTION

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1:30PM

Protect yourself and loved ones with Powers of Attorney. Provide comfort with the lasting gift of



thoughtful planning through Wills or Trusts. Don't let the cost of a nursing home disrupt your future. Plan for long-term nursing home costs while protecting the right to leave your home and other assets to your loved ones. Learn about the available tools that can help your family preserve peace of mind and tens of thousands of dollars.

Registration is required at 328-2269.

04 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

H EXERCISE

Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at the West Hickory Senior Center.

Chair Volleyball	FREE!
1st & 3rd Thursdays	9:30 am

Early Morning Exerc. FREE! Tue, Wed, & Thursdays 8:30 am

Line Dance \$1 suggested donation Tuesdays 10:00 am No class on August 9 & 16.

Tai Chi\$5 suggested donationfor Arthritis and Fall PreventionTuesdays10:00 amat Newton Recreation Center23 S Brady Ave, NewtonNo class on July 5.

Virtual Tai ChiFREE!for Arthritis and Fall PreventionThursdays10:00 amCall 328-2269 for the Zoom link.No class on July 7.

Yoga\$5 suggested donationThursdays10:00 amat Newton Recreation Center23 S Brady Ave, NewtonNo class August 18th.

Zumba Gold\$1 sugg. donationMon, Wed, & Fridays10:00 amat Christ Lutheran Church324 2nd Ave SE, Hickory

Zumba Gold Chair \$1 sugg. don.Mondays11:00 amat Christ Lutheran Church324 2nd Ave SE, Hickory

CATAWBA CRAFTERS

STAY

MONDAYS, 3:00 PM

Catawba Crafters crochet items from donated yarn to give away to those in need, including to the homeless, hospitals & more. The group teaches crochet to all wanting to learn. **FREE!**

HAND & FOOT TUE & THU, 12:00 PM

Current players welcome all and will teach you how to play. If you have and ideas for a new game give us a call at 328-2269.

THRIFTY THURSDAYS

THURSDAYS, 9:00 AM

Coupons are available at the West Hickory Senior Center to help save money.

PINOCHLE THURSDAYS, 12 PM

Current players welcome all and will teach you how to play. Ideas for any new games? Call 328-2269.

QUILTING CLASS WED, 9:30 AM **First class will be July 13th.** \$25 allows you to make a 60 x 62 quilt. Materials for the quilt are provided. Bring good cloth cutting scissors and a portable sewing machine if you have one. If not, observe and get tips to make your quilt at home. <u>Registration is required at</u> <u>328-2269.</u>

GAMES

TUE & THU, 12 PM Come join us for some fun games! Ideas for any new games? Call 328-2269.



TUESDAYS, 2:30 PM

FREE movies show each Tuesday afternoon at the West Hickory Senior Center beginning at 2:30 pm. Call COA to find out the title of each movie. Closed captioning will be available. <u>Call 328-2269 to register.</u>

WEST HICKORY SENIORS MORNING OUT EACH MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON

Seniors Morning Out is a program provided by Senior Nutrition Services of Catawba County DSS on location at the West Hickory Senior Center. The program includes activities and a free lunch.

Call the Site Coordinator to attend at 323-8746 with at least 48-hour advance notice or for more information.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES 05

Registration is required for the following programs located at the West Hickory Senior Center. Call 328-2269 to register or for more information.

MAXIMIZE YOUR SMARTPHONE

1ST MONDAYS, 2:30 PM



you want to know about your device. CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

2ND TUESDAYS, 1:00 PM



Attend this **FREE** support group for a time of sharing, emotional support,

class on July 11 & August 1. Learn all

resources, & new friendships. Led by Mary Mitchell of the Area Agency on Aging on July 12 & Aug 9.

DESIGNER GREETING CARDS

2ND THURSDAYS. 9:30-11:30 AM OR 1:00-3:00 PM



Kaye Owenby teaches how to make beautiful handmade greeting cards July 14 & August 11. The cost is \$10 and includes all supplies.

TRIVIA THURSDAY

4TH THURSDAYS, 1:30 PM

FREE to compete with a team for prizes & fun on July 28 & August 25.



FUN WITH VAL & AL

4TH THURSDAYS, 5:30 PM

Test your knowledge with evening trivia on July 28 & August 25. FREE!

VIP LIONS CLUB

2ND FRIDAYS, 1:00 PM

New members are welcome to join the Visually Impaired Lions Club



(VIP), whose motto is "We Serve," on July 8 & August 12 and make a difference in our community. 80% of the members of this group are visually impaired. The Lions collect donations of eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones at the West Hickory Senior Center.



Attend COA's **FREE** virtual programs by joining a video link by computer, tablet or smartphone. Virtual Bingo can also be attended by land line phone. A link and phone number will be provided upon sign up.



VIRTUAL BINGO

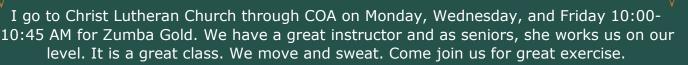
WED, JULY 13 & AUGUST 17, 1:30 PM

FREE! Prizes will be awarded! You don't have to have a computer or smartphone to participate. To receive a Bingo card & phone number or link. call 328-2269.

VIRTUAL TAI CHI FOR **ARTHRITIS & FALL PREVENTION**

THURSDAYS, 10:00 AM FREE! Improve flexibility, balance, agility and cognition with this gentle exercise. No Class July 7 Call 328-2269 for the link.

PARTICIPANT REVIEWS & COMMENTS



~CSB, CONOVER

I enjoy the people and the good times together playing Bingo. Bea challenges us by playing all different ways to get Bingo.

- BILL, CONOVER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR COMMENT INCLUDED IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER, CALL VICKIE BLEVINS FOR CONSIDERATION AT (828) 328-2269.

CALENDAR 06

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Are you, a friend, or loved one turning 65? It is very important for everyone becoming eligible for Medicare to get accurate information about coverage options they must make as they approach age 65.

Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Counselors, trained by the NC Department of Insurance, will lead the information session to answer your questions at the Sherrills Ford Library, 8456 Sherrills Ford Rd, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673.

Registration is required at 328-2269.

PRIME TIME SINGERS MONDAYS, 2 PM

The *Prime Time Singers* invite you to join! This group visits area nursing homes and other senior gatherings. You don't have to be able to read music to be a part. Practice together **July 18 & 25** and **August 8 & 22** at the West Hickory Senior Center.

Must have COVID vaccinations to participate due to nursing home requirements.



CVCC 2022 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Catawba County Council of Aging was recognized by Catawba Valley Community College with a Community Partnership Award for outstanding dedication, commitment, and support of educational opportunities for senior citizens in our community. CVCC has partnered with the West Hickory Senior Center, operated by the Council on Aging, to provide non-credit classes each year since 1980.

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The Catawba County Council on Aging is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, not a county or city government agency.

Senior Tar Heel Cards are available at the West Hickory Senior Center to individuals age 60 & over. You must provide a photo ID. Many public schools in NC allow these passes from seniors for free admission to athletic events (it is at the discretion of each school to accept the cards).

Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) is the one place you can always turn to for objective and reliable information on Medicare, Supplements, and Prescription Drug Plans. Call the Council on Aging to arrange for a time to meet with a SHIIP counselor, 328-2269.

The center's **drop-in activities** include computer lab/Wi-Fi, library, exercise bike, games, and puzzles.

NC211 help is available 24/7 for access to local resources for food, housing, utilities, and more! Dial 2-1-1.

Telephone Reassurance is a friendly telephone call from a COA volunteer to check-in at least once per month. Call 328-2269 to sign up.

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