

Coulliette Senior Center 1116 Frankford Avenue Panama City, FL 32401

**Hours of Operation:** 

Monday -Thursday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 2:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday Closed

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services and news



about seniors.

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# The Golden Edition



A BIG SHOUT OUT to our COVID 19 Crisis Volunteers. Many professionals, who during this time were not working in their regular jobs, stepped up to help our agency serve seniors. Bay Area Transportation has also been a tremendous help providing

drivers and vehicles on a daily basis to help deliver meals. Volunteers have delivered meals, shopped for groceries, and provided telephone reassurance for seniors who were staying home and self-isolating. Their help has allowed our agency to thrive and continue to serve while our faithful retired senior volunteers stayed home. We can't begin to thank these volunteers enough for their outstanding work. As the rules for staying home start to be lifted, we look forward to welcoming back those who have been away. We also look forward to retaining some of our new volunteers who have been infected by the caring and sharing bug. Its bite is sweet and its infectious spread changes lives.

# Bay County Council on Aging Update...

At the time this newsletter is going to print, our congregate meal sites are still closed. We are hopeful the meal sites will reopen again soon. We continue to serve many seniors through the Meals on Wheels program who have chosen to continue their self-isolation in their homes. We will continue to follow guidelines provided by Governor DeSantis and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs for reopening the congregate meal sites and the Senior Center as the phases for reopening the State of Florida progress. Currently, we are not sure if this will be sometime in June or at a later date.

While the Senior Center is closed our staff are still working, preparing meals, providing energy assistance, and answering the phone during our regular business hours of Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. There will be no interruption to the services we are currently providing.

Please stay safe, stay in touch and take care of yourself. We look forward to seeing everyone in person again soon!

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## **Bay County Council on Aging Volunteer Program**

### FIVE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING IN RETIREMENT

Volunteering your time and energy helps strengthen your community, but it also has important emotional and physical benefits. Referencing an article from the *Reimagine Aging Institute's CEO, Deb Taylor*, the benefits linked with volunteering are especially beneficial when volunteering after retirement. Studies show when volunteering over the age of 60, volunteers experience lower disability and higher levels of well-being compared to those who did not volunteer. Topping the five reasons a retired adult should volunteer:

- **1. Helps bridge generation gap**. Interacting with different age groups, seniors are able to share important life lessons. Sharing and building connections with younger generations, a senior can learn new ways of looking at life. Each offering the respect and affirmation that humans crave.
- **2.** Volunteering time makes you feel like you have more time. Keeping a schedule and routine is important in life. It's important to look for opportunities that fit into your schedule. Volunteers who serve as many as 20 hours a week, find they still have plenty of time to partake in other activities.
- **3. It's good for mental health**. Volunteering keeps the brain active, which contributes to a person's cognitive health. Participating in activities that are meaningful and productive may lower the risk of dementia and other health problems.
- **4. Helps prevent senior isolation and depression**. Research has found that volunteering can have positive effects on a person's psychological health. Individuals who are engaged in volunteer activities experience a shorter course of depression than those who did not volunteer. Volunteering provides the senior a sense of purpose and accomplishment.
- **5.** It promotes physical activity. A healthy level of fitness helps fend off diseases as you age.

Volunteering is best when you are doing something you enjoy. There is an opportunity for you.

Offering good advice to anyone who wants to get out and volunteer but is shy about it:

A person who believes community is important and what they can do to help the community is just as important shared this statement -

"Do it, do what you can, and learn what you need to know to be helpful."

And the volunteer program said.....AMEN;)

## Happy Birthday to Volunteers celebrating June Birthdays



Andrea Jean Jeffrey Ronald Sean Steve Willie











Monday

4 oz. Blended Fruit Juice

#### 8 oz. Chicken Stew

3 oz. Diced Chicken 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Apple Raisin Fruit 1/2 c. Spinach 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

### Tuesday

4oz. 100% Grape Juice 3 oz. Oven Baked Chicken, Southern Rice

1/2 c. Brown Rice 1/2 c. Black Eyed Peas 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### Wednesday

4 oz. Grape Juice 3 oz. Mojo Chicken

1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Succotash Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### Thursday

3 oz. Meatloaf w/Apple **Brown Gravy** 

1/2 c. Skin on Potatoes 1/2 c. Stewed Tomatoes 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

5

4 oz. Orange Juice

#### 3 oz. Sesame Chicken

1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Cauliflower w/Red Pepper 1 sl. Whole Grain Margarine Cup Waffle Graham (1 pkt.)

8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 8 8 oz. Macaroni and Cheese

1/2 c. Seasoned Carrot Cuts 1/2 c. Green Peas 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup Fresh Fruit 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 9 3 oz. Honey Mustard **Chicken Breast**

1/2. Seasoned Potatoes 1/2 c. Cheesy Broccoli 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 1/2 c. Pears 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 10

4 oz. Blended Fruit Juice

#### 3 oz. Hamburger Au <u>Jus</u>

1/2 c. Potato Wedges 1/2 c. Carrots 1 pkt. Ketchup 1 pkt. Mustard 1 Whole Grain Hamburger Bun

#### 11`

#### 3 oz. Breaded Chicken w/Gravy 1/2 c. Turnip Greens

1/2 c. Sweet Potato Mash 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 8 oz. Meatballs and Penne Pasta in Marinara

1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Italian Vegetables 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 1/2 c. Pineapple Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 15

4 oz. Orange-Pineapple Juice

#### 3oz. Baked Chicken

1/2 c. Yellow Rice w/ **Tomatoes and Chives** 1/2 c. Green Beans 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 15

4 oz. Turkey Lasagna 1/2 c. Tomatoes, Sauce,

Cheese 1/2 c. Broccoli. Cauliflower, Bean Blend 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

### 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk 16

#### 8 oz. Macaroni and Cheese 1/2 c. Seasoned Carrot

Cuts 1/2 c. Green Peas 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread 1/2 c. White Rice Margarine Cup Fresh Fruit 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 3 oz. Sweet and Sour Chicken

17

1/2 c. Cherries, Pineapple, Green & Red Pepper, Celery, Carrots, Onion 1/2 c. Gingered Peas 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread 1/2 c. Cinnamon Apple Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 18

4 oz. Orange-Pineapple .luice

#### 3 oz. Rib Beef Patty with Spanish Braised Sauce

1/2 c. Stewed Tomatoes w/Cilantro 1/2 c. Garden Peas 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 22

#### 4oz. Blended Fruit Juice 8 oz. Cavatappi 3 oz. Sliced Roast Beef w/Gravy

1/2 c. Spring Peas 1/2 c. Crinkle Cut Car-

1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

## **Bolognese**

3 oz. Meat Sauce, Cavatappi Pasta 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 1/2 c. Citrus Fruit Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

## 8 oz. Twisted Mac and 3 oz. Salisbury Steak w/

Beans 1/2 c. Cavatappi Pasta 1/2 c. Carrots 1/2 c. Pineapple

### 25

## **Gravy**

1/2 c. Turnip Greens 1/2 c. Succotash 1 Corn Muffin Margarine Cup Fresh Fruit Cup 8 oz.1% Low Fat Milk

#### 26

#### 3 oz. Hot Dog w/Chili **Topping**

1/2 c. Baked Beans 1/2 c. Corn w/Diced Tomatoes 1 Whole Grain Hot Dog 1/2 c. Applesauce Cup

8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

#### 29

4 oz. Blended Fruit Juice

#### 8 oz. Chicken Stew

3 oz. Diced Chicken 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Apple Raisin Fruit 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

# 23

1/2 c. Tomatoes & Sauce 1/2 c. Italian Vegetables

#### 30

#### 4oz. 100% Grape Juice 3 oz. Oven Baked Chicken, Southern Rice

1/2 c. Brown Rice 1/2 c. Black Eved Peas 1/2 c. Spinach 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread Margarine Cup 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

### 24

## Cheese

w/Peppers and Pinto 1 sl. Whole Grain Bread 8 oz. 1% Low Fat Milk

- ♦ All meals served with low fat milk and bread.
- ♦Low sodium meals contain less than 1400 mg of sodium.

## ◆ Breaded meats contain 1 oz. breading.

♦ Meals subject to change without notice.

## June 14th is Flag Day





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# Caregiver Connections

#### SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The Bay County Council on Aging recognizes the importance of support group meeting for caregivers. The Sharing and Caring Meetings give caregivers an opportunity to share their concerns and problems and receive loving care from other caregivers going through the same trials. The Educational Group Meetings host speakers from a variety of dementia or caregiver related fields and provide valuable information to caregivers.

However, during this time of national concern we must do our part to help everyone stay safe. The meetings for June may not be held. We hope that by July with careful considerations we will be able to offer a time for caregivers to join together and share what they have experienced. If so, then July meetings will be announced here in the newsletter. We will also call all caregivers who normally attend the meetings and let them know if the meetings will be held.

In the mean time we want everyone to remain safe, practice social distancing, and wash your hands. We look forward to having everyone back as soon as it is safe.



Seniors for Seniors is a TV talk show dedicated to topics on aging and the elderly and is produced by the Bay County Council on Aging. Seniors for Seniors airs on the GCSC Education Channel on Sundays at 8:00 am and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

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