

TABLE TALK

Gather 'round for places to go... things to do... people to see...



OUR MISSION

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging's mission statement is to develop or support a system of coordinated and comprehensive services for older individuals that promotes a safe, healthy, and independent lifestyle.



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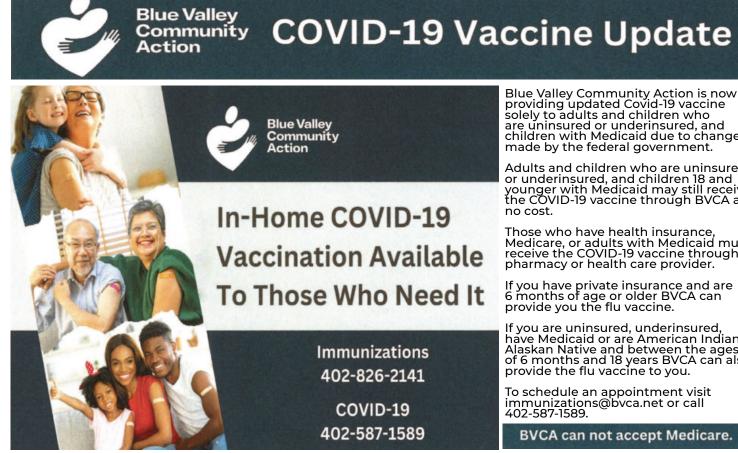
We've all had our share of cold temperatures, snow and ice this year. Unfortunately, this is also the season where respiratory illnesses are more common. When conditions are unfavorable to be outside, gatherings occur inside. As a result, contagious illnesses typically thrive. Prevention of illnesses includes the utilization of immunizations, masking, physical distancing, and frequent hand washing.

Covid-19 is still around, and likely will continue to circulate. It is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that spreads easily from person to person. Covid-19 can cause only mild to moderate symptoms, however, it is capable of causing severe illness that can be fatal. According to the CDC, the updated (2023-2024 Formula) Covid-19 vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. However, it is recommended that you check with your physician prior to receiving the vaccine, as it is not suggested in some situations.

RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) is a common respiratory virus typically causing mild, cold-like symptoms. However, RSV can be serious in older adults or infants. The CDC recommends the RSV vaccine for adults 60 years of age and older. Again, it is recommended that you check with your physician prior to receiving the vaccine, as it is not suggested in some situations.

Influenza, (flu), is a contagious disease that typically spreads in the United States annually, usually between October and May. Infants and young children, the elderly, and individuals with certain health conditions are at a greater risk of complications from the flu. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months or older receive a flu vaccine annually. Again, it is recommended that you check with your physician, as it is not suggested in some situations.

Many of our local pharmacies, in addition to physician's offices, provide these, (and other), immunizations. It is suggested that you call prior to your arrival, to assure the availability of the vaccine requested. If transportation problems arise, please contact your local Blue Rivers public transportation office. Transportation, through Blue Rivers, is available in Beatrice, Wymore, Hebron, Auburn, Nebraska City, and Syracuse.



Blue Valley Community Action is now providing updated Covid-19 vaccine solely to adults and children who are uninsured or underinsured, and children with Medicaid due to changes made by the federal government.

Adults and children who are uninsured or underinsured, and children 18 and younger with Medicaid may still receive the COVID-19 vaccine through BVCA at no cost.

Those who have health insurance, Medicare, or adults with Medicaid must receive the COVID-19 vaccine through a pharmacy or health care provider.

If you have private insurance and are 6 months of age or older BVCA can provide you the flu vaccine.

If you are uninsured, underinsured, have Medicaid or are American Indian/ Alaskan Native and between the ages of 6 months and 18 years BVCA can also provide the flu vaccine to you.

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Staying Healthy During the Winter

As we age our body's ability to maintain a constant temperature is diminished, and certain diseases and conditions may make controlling the body's temperature even more difficult.

As you spend time enjoying winter activities such as skating, skiing and building snowmen with your grandchildren, stay on the lookout for signs of hypothermia. These signs include:

- Shivering
- · Loss of motor control
- Cold skin
- · Discoloration of ears, fingers, nose or toes
- Drowsiness
- Confusion
- Speech difficulties

Although winter can be dangerous, it's important to remain active. Take steps now to prepare for the winter months and enjoy them safely. There are many ways to be safe this winter:

- · Avoid going out during storms or when the temperature is very low.
- Keep your home warm, even when you are out. Coming home to a warm home is an easy way to prevent frostbite and hypothermia.
- If you think you or a loved one is suffering from hypothermia, call 911 immediately.

https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/news%202017-03/HealthyLivingTips_Healthy_Winter.pdf





Walking Challenge at Fairbury Senior Center

Lace up your sneakers! The Community Building Walking Challenge has begun! Get in your steps and get fit. Anyone is welcome to join the walking challenge.

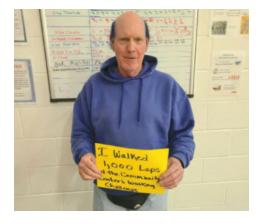
To participate, you just need to sign up for the Walking Challenge at the Fairbury Senior Center (in the Community Building). The Gym is open 8 am to 4 pm, Monday - Friday (closed holidays). For more information, call the city offices at 402-729-2476.

Fairbury Senior Center Diners and Jefferson Community Health & Life recognized the top walkers for December in the Community Building Walking Challenge.

The top walker was Greg Tegethoff (who walked 1000 laps!)

Second, third and fourth places was: Stan Stewart, Deanna Stewart, and Roger Smith.

Congratulations to all who participated!







UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

FAIRBURY SENIOR CENTER

February 13 - JCH&L Presentation at Noon.

DOUGLAS SENIOR CENTER

February 20 - Foot Care Clinic at 9:00 am by appointment only. Call 402-799-2300 for more information.

STERLING SENIOR CENTER

February 6 - Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic at 10:30 am. Call 402-866-2050 for more information.

February 14 - Valentines Day Party.

February 19 - Birthday Party.

SYRACUSE SENIOR CENTER

February 5 & 19 - Social Hour 10:00 am - 11:15 am.

February 8 - Craft Day 10:00 am - 11:15 am.

February 14 - Birthday Party.

February 16 - Puzzle Day 10:00 am - 11:15 am.

February 29 - Bingo 10:00 am - 11:15 am.

TABLE ROCK SENIOR CENTER

Every Wednesday - Word Search

February 13 & 15 - Foot Care Clinic, presented by Lynne Roland RN. To schedule your appointment call 402-839-2060.

February 21 - Blood Pressure Clinic 11:30 - Noon, sponsored by Johnson County Hospital.



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SEVERE WEATHER CLOSING INFORMATION

In the event of severe weather or dangerous road conditions, Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging may be closed. Public Transportation Services may be inoperable.

If the schools in your community are closed due to weather, Blue Rivers AAA centers will also close. Meals will not be served for dine in or carry out, and there will be no home delivered meals on those days. Be prepared by keeping some canned or frozen food on hand!

Please check your local news and radio stations and the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging's or the Blue Rivers Public Transportation's Facebook pages for the most accurate and up-to-date closing information.



AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging is one of seven sites hosting the Aging & Disability Resource Center, ADRCNebraska, benefitting:

- · Seniors (age 60 and older)
- · People with disabilities of all ages; and
- · Family members, caregivers & advocates

Our Options Counselors are currently available over the phone to assist eligible people and/or their representatives in making informed choices about the services or setting that best meet the person's needs. For assistance call toll free 844-843-6364 or visit ADRCNebraska.org.



Groundhog Day - February 2 St. Valentine's Day - February 14 Presidents' Day - February 19 (closed) International Women's Day - March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins - March 10 St. Patrick's Day - March 17 First Day of Spring - March 19 Good Friday - March 29 Daylight Savings Time Begins - March 31

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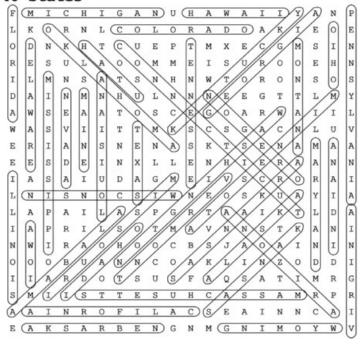


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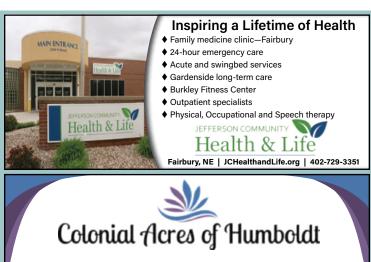
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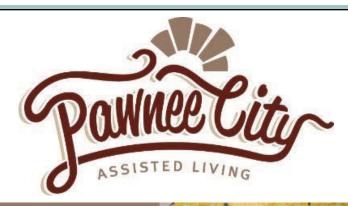
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Tater Tot Casserole w/Green Beans Cookie	Beef Noodle Soup w/ Carrots Pea Salad Muffin	Chicken Bacon Ranch Baby Bakers California Blend	Pulled Pork Baked Beans Creamy Cole Slaw	Ham Cheesy Potatoes Glazed Carrots
12	13	14	15	16
Lasagna Roll-Ups w/ Meat Sauce Corn Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Chicken Ala King over Biscuits Broccoli Fruit Cobbler	Salsbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Seasoned Brussel Sprouts Strawberry Shortcake	Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots & Celery Spinach Salad Biscuit	Fish Sandwich Potato Wedges 3 Bean Salad
19	20	21	22	23
Gently WE'RE CLOSED	Taco Salad Refried Beans w/ Cheese Churro	Glazed Ham Sweet Potatoes Cauliflower w/Cheese	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Mixed Veggies	Tuna Noodle Casserole w/Peas Glazed Carrots
26	27	28	29	
Mushroom Burger Tater Tots Green Beans	Seasoned Pork Loin Sweet Potato Casserole Beets Applesauce	Pizza Corn Broccoli Salad Fruited Jello	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Peas	

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

All meals include low-fat or fat-free milk, assorted fruit, and whole grain bread.

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