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The month of May was recently proclaimed Greene County Older Americans Month by the county legislature. At that meeting, several seniors received special recognition for their dedication to Greene County. L to R: NYS Senator Cecelia Tkaczyk; 2014 Senior of the Year, Rebecca Shields; 2014 Outstanding Contribution by a Senior, Stephen Tuomey; Certificate of Merit recipients Maureen Forrester, Evelyn Jennings, Rabbi Dennis Ross (for Robert Mazon) and Greene County RSVP Coordinator Ruth Pforte.



#### SUE ORMEROD, DFA HAMLET BUS DRIVER RETIRES

Not only did June 1 mark the start of a new month, it also marked the end of a career. It is on that day, Sue Ormerod, the hamlet van bus driver begins her retirement.

Sue began her career with Greene County in 2003 and was recently recognized for 10 years of service. For most of those years, she has provided the bus service to the senior citizens of Greene County for their shopping and errands.

Much happiness & good health is wished to Sue as she enters retirement. Think of us on the snowy, cold days ahead when you roll over & get to sleep in.



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The office is open 8:30am - 5pm Monday thru Friday, with the exception of July & August (4:30pm). Agency staff specialize in a variety of subjects. While walk-ins can sometimes be seen, staff who can best assist you may be unavailable. We recommend you call ahead for an appointment.

#### TO SUBSCRIBE

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#### **TO ADVERTISE:**

To help defray costs of publishing, the RoundTable News will accept paid advertisements. For further information, contact Ken at 719-3555. Greene County Department of Human Services operates the Rivertown Senior Center in Athens, as well as Senior Nutrition Sites throughout the county: \* Rivertown Senior Citizens Center

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#### **CONGREGATE MEALS**

Each site serves a hot noon-time lunch, Monday - Friday for a suggested donation of \$3.00. They are closed on legal holidays and inclement weather. All congregate meals include:

Meat or Alternative Entrée Vegetables & Fruit Bread & Milk Dessert We ask that you call at least one day ahead to make sure you are included in the lunch count.



#### **GREENE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICE CENTERS**

ACRA SENIOR SERVICE CENTER 622-9898



Acra Community Center Old Route 23B, Acra

Aging Information & Assistance/ Medicare Minute: 2nd monthly Wednesday, 11 am

Cairo Crafters: 1st & 3rd monthly Wednesday 1 pm COXSACKIE Senior Service Center 731-8901



Town of Coxsackie Sr. Center 127 Mansion St., Coxsackie Aging Information & Assistance/ Medicare Minute: 3rd monthly Mon, 11 am

Blood Pressure: 2nd Mon., 11 am Exercise Class: Tues/Thurs 10:30 am Knitting: Tuesday, 11am Line Dancing: Friday, 10am JEWETT SENIOR SERVICE CENTER 263-4392



Jewett Municipal Building Route 23C, Jewett

Aging Information & Assistance/ Medicare Minute: 4th monthly Fri - 11 am

> Blood Pressure: 2nd monthly Tues - 11am

#### **CATSKILL SENIOR NUTRITION SITE**



Washington Irving Senior Center 15 Academy Street, Catskill 943-1343

Aging Information & Assistance/ Medicare Minute: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of month, 11am

#### **CENTER ACTIVITIES**

	Sponsored by Town of Catskill
* Mon:	Crafters - 1 pm
* Tues:	Line Dancing - 10:30 am
	Weight Watchers - 11am
	Cards & Games - 1 pm
* Wed:	Water Colors - 10am
	BINGO - 10:30 am
	Movie of Week - 1pm
* Fri:	Exercise Class - 11 am



Rivertown Senior Center 945-2700

#### 2nd & Warren St. Athens

Aging Information & Assistance/ Medicare Minute: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of month, 11am

1st Mon. of month - õMovie Timeö - 12:30

Tuesday & Friday: Exercise 11:00 ó 11:30

2nd & 4th Tues. of month: Crafters 1pm ó 2pm

Wednesday: Certified Zumba Gold classes, 10am Karaoke 10:30 ó 11:00

Thursday: Cards, Games, Billiards 1:00 - done

Friday: Group games (õMind Your Mindö, õName That Tuneö, etc.) 11:30 ó lunchtime

#### <u>GREENE COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM</u> ALL PERSONS OVER AGE 60 CAN ATTEND LUNCH at ANY SITE SUGGESTED DONATION: \$3.00 All meals include Bread with Promise spread; Milk; Coffee and Tea

2014	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
JULY 1-4		CHICKEN RICE CHINESE VEGGIES ORANGE JUICE APRICOTS	SEAFOOD PASTA SALAD MARINATED CARROTS GARDEN VEGETABLE SALAD TROPICAL FRUIT	ROAST BEEF w/Gravy WHIPPED POTATOES BROCCOLI PARMESAN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES Diet Dessert subst	ALL SENIOR NUTRITION CENTERS CLOSED		
JULY 7 - 11	KNOCKWURST Low-Salt Diet Subst BAKED BEANS SAUERKRAUT ITALIAN BLEND VEGETABLES APRICOT NECTAR APPLESAUCE & COOKIES Diet Dessert subst	BAKED CHICKEN QUARTERS w/Gravy WHIPPED POTATOES FRENCH CUT GREEN BEANS V8 JUICE TROPICAL FRUIT	MEATLOAF w/Gravy SCALLOPED POTATOES CALIFORNIA MIXED VEGGIES LIME JELLO w/PEARS Diet Dessert subst	SLICED COLD TURKEY over Romaine Lettuce w/Garnish PASTA VEGETABLE SALAD CARROT RAISIN SALAD BERRY CRISP Diet Dessert subst	SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS BROCCOLI TOSSED SALAD w/Romaine WATERMELON		
JULY 14 - 18	AMERICAN GOULASH SPINACH PEACHES	BAKED HAM w/Pineapple Sauce Low-Salt Diet Subst FRESH SWEET POTATOES BROCCOLI PEARS	CHICKEN FLORENTINE MASHED POTATOES BEANS, BROCCOLI, CAULIFLOWER & CARROTS OATMEAL COOKIE	POT ROAST w/Gravy PARSLEY POTATOES CARROT COINS w/Orange Sauce BROWNIE Diet Dessert subst	CHICKEN CRANBERRY APPLE SALAD over Romaine Lettuce MACARONI SALAD MARINATED TOMATO, CUCUMBER & ONION SALAD HONEYDEW MELON		
JULY 21 - 25	BROCCOLI CHEESE FISH FILET RICE PILAF OLD FASHIONED MIXED VEGETABLES CRANBERRY JUICE SLICED PEACHES	BAKED CHICKEN CUTLET w/Fajita Seasoning, Peppers & Onions POTATO SALAD LOCAL FARM FRESH ZUCCHINI CORNBREAD APRICOTS	MACARONI TUNA SALAD w/Tomato Wedges MARINATED CARROTS 3 BEAN SALAD MANDARIN ORANGES	PORK CHOPS w/Gravy STUFFING APPLESAUCE WHIPPED POTATOES SPINACH BIRTHDAY CAKE Diet Dessert subst	BEEF STRONGANOFF Over Noodles CALIFORNIA MIXED VEGETABLES CANTALOUPE		
JULY 28 - 31	CHICKEN DIVAN BROWN RICE BUTTERNUT SQUASH NECTARINES	LEMON PEPPER FISH POTATOES O'BRIEN SPINACH CHOCOLATE MOUSSE Diet Dessert subst	ROAST PORK w/Gravy SWEET POTATO BROCCOLI RICE PUDDING Diet Dessert subst	CHEESE LASAGNA ITALIAN BLEND VEGETABLES TROPICAL FRUIT			



#### <u>JULY:</u> <u>National Grilling</u> <u>& Picnic Month</u>

The month of July is a time when one starts thinking of barbecuing on the grill and having an old-fashioned picnic. However it also is a time when bacteria multiply faster and can cause food poisoning (also known as foodborne illness). Following a few simple guidelines can prevent an unpleasant experience.

#### Wash your hands

Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food. If you're eating where thereøs no source of clean water, bring water, soap, and paper towels or have disposable wipes or hand sanitizer available.

#### Marinate food in the refrigerator

Dongt marinate on the counterô marinate in the refrigerator. If you want to use marinade as a sauce on cooked food, save a separate portion in the refrigerator. Do *not* reuse marinade that contacted raw meat, poultry, or seafood on cooked food unless you bring it to a boil first.

#### Keep raw food separate

Keep raw meat, poultry, and seafood in a separate cooler or securely wrapped at the bottom of a cooler so their juices wongt contaminate already prepared foods or raw produce. Dongt use a plate or utensils that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood without washing them in hot, soapy water. Have a clean platter

#### 2014 NYS SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM



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Are you over 60 years of age?
Is your monthly income below \$1,772 for one or \$2,392 for two or do you receive SSI, Public Assistance or Section 8 Housing?

Would you like to receive a booklet containing twenty dollars (\$20) worth of coupons redeemable for fresh fruits and vegetables?

If you answer yes to the above and your household has not already received Farmer Market coupons this year . . . *CONGRATULATIONS – YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!!* 

#### COUPON BOOKLETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT:

GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9AM - 4PM

CALL 719-3555 TO OBTAIN DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR BELOW: RIVERTOWN SENIOR CENTER, ATHENS

ACRA SENIOR NUTRITION SITE (ACRA COMMUNITY CENTER)

WASHINGTON IRVING SENIOR CENTER, CATSKILL

TOWN OF COXSACKIE SENIOR CENTER

JEWETT SENIOR NUTRITION SITE (JEWETT MUNICIPAL BUILDING)

SENIOR HOUSING LOCATIONS

NYS Participating SFMNP in Greene County: Coxsackie Riverside Farmers Market Open Wednesday thru September, 4pm – 7pm

The Farmer's Market Coupon program is sponsored by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets NYS Department of Health New York State Office for Aging Cornell Cooperative Extension U. S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service



and utensils ready at grill-side for serving.

#### **Cook food thoroughly**

Use a food thermometer to make sure food is cooked thoroughly to destroy harmful bacteria. Refer to a Safe Minimum Temperature chart for safe minimum internal temperatures for foods. Partial precooking in the microwave oven or on the stove is a good way to reduce grilling timeô just make sure the food goes immediately on the preheated grill to finish cooking.

#### Keep hot food hot and cold food cold

- Don¢t let hot or cold perishables sit out for longer than two hours, or one hour if the outdoor temperature is above 90° F. When reheating fully cooked meats, grill to 165° F or until steaming hot.
- Transport food in the passenger compartment of the car where it s cooler not in the trunk.

#### <u>RECIPE of the MONTH:</u> <u>BANANA-VANILLA</u> <u>COFFEE SMOOTHIE</u>

1/2 cup nonfat milk

1/2 cup strong-brewed coffee(Use 1 - 2 Tbsp. ground coffeeper 1/2 cup water)

1 cup frozen non-fat coffee yogurt or low-fat ice cream

1 large peeled frozen banana, cut into 4 pieces

1 tsp. vanilla extract

Pour milk and coffee into blender. Add frozen yogurt, banana and vanilla. Purée until thick and creamy. Pour into tall glasses. OPTIONAL: Top each with crushed banana chips

Makes 3 servings . . . Per serving - 120 calories; 0g fat; 26g carbohydrates; 5g protein; 1g fiber and 60 mg sodium

## 4th Annual

**Greene County Senior Citizens Day** 

















































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GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES would like to thank our award winning DONORS – without their cooperation, our  $4^{\pi \mu}$  annual Senior Citizens Day would not have been successful!

Bimbo's Bakery

Ed Bloomer & Tami Bone in memory of Irene Bloomer

CDPHP

Carrols Corp. (Burger King of Catskill)

Catskill High School Media Club

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West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company



#### ARE YOU A GREENE COUNTY VETERAN?

DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE CATSKILL CBOC FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, PLEASE CONTACT THE GREENE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY.

Starting on June 2, 2014, the Greene County Veterans Service Agency will transport Greene County Veterans who meet certain eligibility requirements to/from the Catskill CBOC at Greene Medical Arts Center in Jefferson Heights, Catskill, for medical appointments.

Veterans must show a valid need for transportation, be enrolled in VA Healthcare & present their VA Healthcare ID card.

Transportation is available: Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning at 8:30am and will depart at 1:30pm. Reservations must be made one full week in advance.

For further information, call (518) 943-3703



**GREENE COUNTY'S GOT TALENT** 

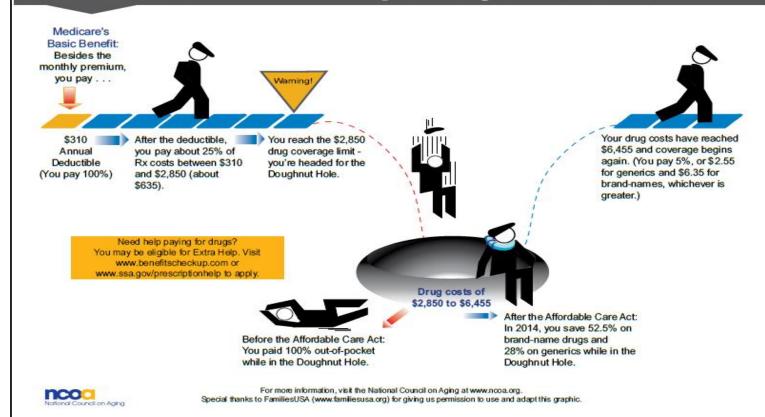
Seniors from the Washington Irving Senior Center in Catskill have formed a choral group known as õThe Whipsö. The ladies, under the direction of musician Michael DeBenedictus, performed at the Greene County Senior day. In the photo above, they get ready for their guest performance at Greene County Day at the NYS Volunteer Firemen's Home in Hudson.

Photo by Charles Adsit

### Fourth of July Word Search

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#### **MEDICARE Part D Prescription Drug Benefit for 2014**



#### HAMLET SHOPPING BUS



The Greene County Department of

Human Services offers a hamlet shopping bus to Greene County residents over age 60 living in the towns of Athens, Cairo, Catskill and Coxsackie. Our friendly driver will pick seniors up at their door and bring them to area stores for shopping. The bus is handicap accessible.

We ask that you call at least **one** (1) **business day** in advance to make arrangements to be picked up: (518) 719-3555

#### **<u>SCHEDULE:</u>** Tuesday: Cairo

Wednesday morning: Athens/Coxsackie

Wednesday Afternoon: Town of Catskill

#### <u>HOW CAN I GET</u> <u>FURTHER INFORMATION?</u>

Contact Greene County Department of Human ServicesøDepartment for the Aging at 719-3555 or toll-free at (877) 794-9266 and ask for the Hamlet Bus service.

#### WE VALUE YOUR OPINION

As with everything today, inflation has gotten the best of the RoundTable News. We have attempted to stay within our budget, but the escalating costs of printing and postage are taking a toll on us.

In an effort to cut costs, please advise us if you wish to continue to receive your monthly RoundTable News. For those who receive in bulk, maybe you might see a need to adjust your supply quantity.

Have you considered going Green(e)? This would immensely help us save costs each month. Plus you would receive a FULL-COLOR VERSION of the RoundTable News! If interested, just send your name & email address to: <u>aging@discovergreene.com</u> SUB-JECT: RTN email subscription.

Please take a moment to complete the questions below & return to us at: Greene County Dept of Human Services, ATTN: RoundTable News, 411 Main St, Catskill NY 12414; or call (518) 719-3555 and ask for Maureen, or drop a note to the email address above. NAME:

Can we send to you electronically?

YES \_\_\_\_ Email: \_

NO \_\_\_\_ Continue to mail to me at the address on record

\_\_\_\_\_ Increase what we receive

\_\_\_\_ Decrease what we receive Desired # \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I no longer wish the RoundTable News sent to me/my business.



# **Volunteers Reap What They Sow**







RSVP

## Are You Interested In...?

Driving a senior to a medical appointment

Delivering meals to a homebound senior

Helping at a senior center with meals

Regularly visiting or phoning a homebound person

Helping at blood pressure clinics

Participating in a crafters' group

Being a senior advocate

Assisting at a blood drive

Assisting Hospice patients

Working at a thrift store

Teaching a driver safety class

Manning an information desk

Helping with activities at a nursing home

These are just some of the many RSVP volunteer opportunities in Greene County

To volunteer or for further information. contact Ruth Pforte, Volunteer Coordinator Greene County Department of Human Services, Aging Division (518) 719-3555 or Toll-free (877) 794-9266





Drivers needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Town/ Village of Catskill.

Do you enjoy driving? Would you like appointments? Volunteer drivers can



choose the travel/distance they are available to provide.



Volunteers are needed for the information desk at Greene Medical Arts Center in Catskill on Tuesday afternoons, and mornings on Wednesday and Thursday. Duties include assisting clientele with locating physicianøs offices, diagnostic testing areas and more.

If interested in one of these positions or the many more available, contact Ruth Jones Pforte Greene County Dept. of Human Services (518) 719-3555 or Toll free at (877) 794-9266

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#### **GREENE COUNTY'S NEWEST OMBUDSMAN**



Gwen Starke, Greene County Ombudsman Coordinator, is shown presenting Rebecca Shields of Catskill her certification as a NYS Ombudsman. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (or LTCOP) is a federal advocacy program dedicated to protecting people living in long term care facilities. In New York State, the Office for the Aging operates LTCOP through its Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman.

The heart of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is its corps of specially trained and certified volunteer ombudsmen. Potential Ombudsman Volunteers must attend a training program of 36 hours in order to be certified. These dedicated Ombudsmen spend an average of four to six hours a week in each of their assigned facilities, advocating for the residents.

Congratulations Rebecca on your achievement and dedication.





Rebecca Dawes of Community Action of Greene County Inc. is shown with Easter Baskets made by RSVP¢s Catskill Crafters and were distributed locally to women in the Domestic Violence Program.



#### WONDERFUL PROGRAM

Recently, the Athens Rivertown Crafters made bags that will be used by the residents of Bethany Village in West Coxsackie. In photo are Lynn Brunner, who designed and made the bags, with Joy Mayo, RSVP Library volunteer. The bags will make it easier for the residents to carry book selections made during the Heermance Memorial Library periodic visits.





#### **GREENE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBS**

ATHENS: ATHENS SR. CITIZENS 2nd & 4th Monday, 1:15pm Rivertown Senior Center

CAIRO: CAIRO GOLDEN AGERS 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:30pm Acra Community Center

> <u>CATSKILL</u> CATSKILL SENIOR FELLOWSHIP 3rd Thursday, 1:00pm

Washington Irving Center

*RIP VAN WINKLE SENIOR CITIZENS* 2nd Thursday, 1:00pm Washington Irving Center COXSACKIE: BETHANY VILLAGE TENANTS ASSOC. 3rd Wednesday, 1:15pm Van Heest Hall

COXSACKIE AREA SRS. 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:15pm Van Heest Hall, Bethany Village

SR. CITIZENS of COXSACKIE 1st & 3rd Monday, 1:30pm Coxsackie Center GREENVILLE: GREENVILLE GOLDEN YEARS

1st Wednesday, 1:30pm American Legion Hall

MOUNTAIN-TOP: MTN. TOP

*GOLDEN AGERS* 4th Thursday, 1:30pm Tannersville Village Hall

*W-A-J-P-L GOLDEN AGERS* 1st & 3rd Monday, 1:30pm Hensonville Town Bldg.

