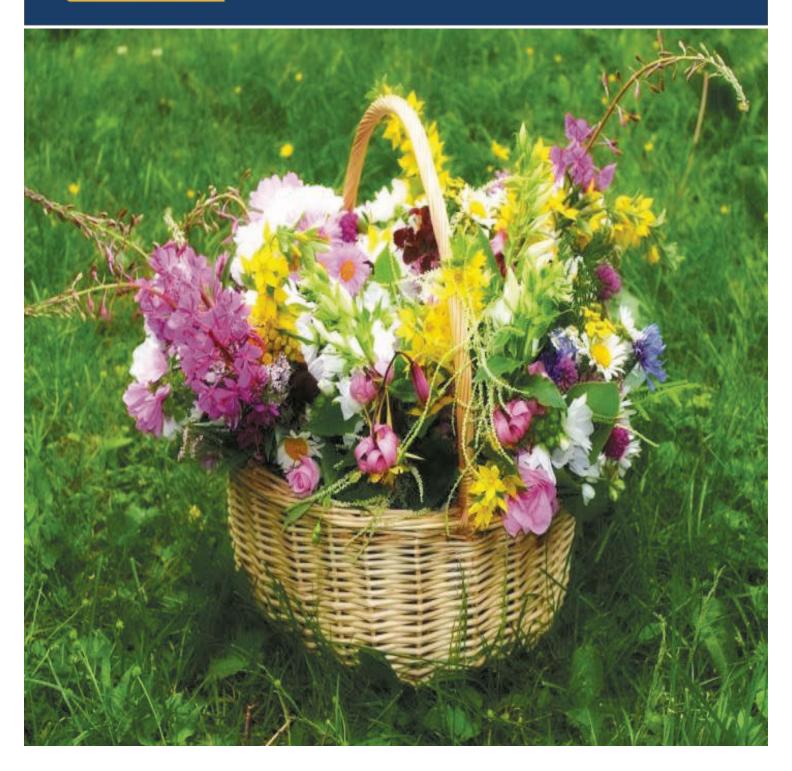
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WHAT'S NEXT FOR TRAVEL?

August 14, 2024 -- Mint Gaming Hall w/lunch

Join us as we head just over the Tennessee border into Kentucky for a visit to the Mint Gaming Hall at Kentucky Downs. Just 35 minutes north of Nashville, the Mint is home to more than 1,000 gaming machines including Ultimate Fire Link, Buffalo, Wheel of Fortune, Lock it Link, Quick Hit, All Aboard, Devil's Lock, and Prosperity Link. Studio 60 has never been to this casino before, and we are eager to try it out! After winning at the casino, we will enjoy a buffet lunch at The Brickyard Café in historic Franklin, KY.

Cost: \$99 per person. Includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch, and all gratuities. \$50 deposit due at time of registration. Final payment due July 1, 2024.

COLLETTE TOURS - JUST ANNOUNCED FOR 2025

We've added the following trips to our 2025 calendar. All prices include roundtrip airfare from Huntsville. Book now and save money! **Please note that after the deposit due date, spots are filled on a first come, first served basis, and air rates may increase.

- Discover the Pacific Northwest & California: July 6-13, 2025. Cost: Double per person: \$3999, Single: \$4799. Highlights include Seattle, Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Hood River, Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Newport, Bandon State Natural Area, Rogue River Cruise, Redwood National Park, and Avenue of the Giants, San Francisco. Deposit of \$698 per person due by December 30, 2024.
- 2. America's Cowboy Country: August 14 21, 2025. Cost: Double per person: \$3999, Single: \$5299. Highlights include Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, and Grand Teton National Park. Deposit of \$698 due by February 7, 2025.
- 3. Shades of Ireland: October 18 27, 2025. Cost: Double per person: \$4399, Single: \$5099. Highlights include Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford with Crystal Factory or Medieval Museum and Wine Vault, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Jaunting Car Ride, Ring of Kerry, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Sheepdog Demonstration, Galway, and Castle Stay. Deposit of \$698 due by April 12, 2025.

TRAVEL PARTY

Save the date! Jack Brinson with Collette Vacations will be here on July 30, 2024 at 1 pm in the Twickenham Ballroom. Parking is available in the Drake Ave parking lot as well as the lot behind the center AND in the parking lot of the Brahan Spring Recreation Center located directly behind STUDIO 60 on Ivy Street. There is a sidewalk connecting their parking lot with ours.



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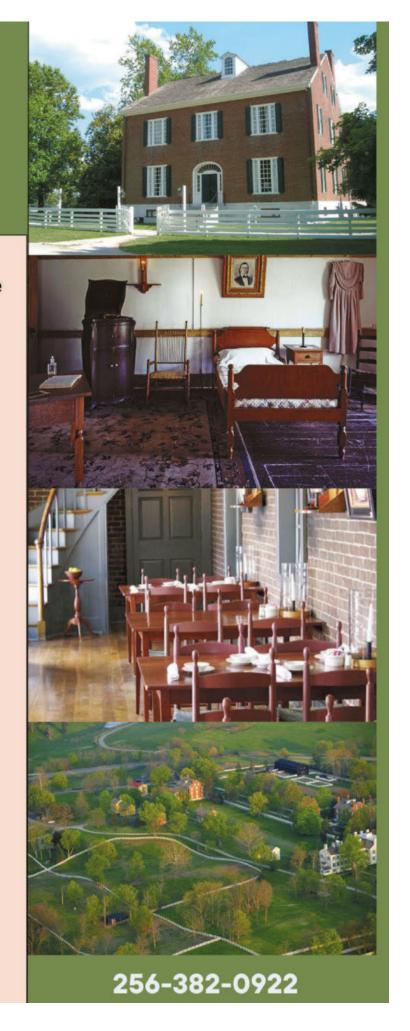
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MAKING PART B ENROLLMENT DECISIONS WITH VA BENEFITS

You can have both Medicare and Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, but Medicare and VA benefits do not work together. Medicare does not pay for any care that you receive at a VA facility. Remember, it is always a good idea to inform your doctors if you are receiving care outside of the VA so your health care can be coordinated.

- In order for your VA coverage to cover your care, you must generally receive health care services at a VA facility.
- In order for Medicare to cover your care, you must receive care at a Medicare-certified facility that works with your Medicare coverage.
- VA benefits will not pay for Medicare cost-sharing (deductibles, copayments, coinsurances).

Note: If the VA authorizes services in a non-VA hospital but does not pay for all the services you get during your hospital stay, Medicare may pay for Medicare-covered services the VA does not pay for.

If you chose not to enroll in Medicare and to keep your VA coverage, you will not have health insurance for facilities outside the VA health system. Some choose to enroll in Medicare Part A because it's premium-free but turn down Part B because of the additional monthly premium. If you want to enroll in Medicare in the future, you may face penalties and would likely have to wait to enroll during the General Enrollment Period (GEP). You will not be eligible for the Part B Special Enrollment Period (SEP) if you delay Medicare enrollment.

If you decide to enroll in Part B, you should do so during your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP). Enrolling in Part B provides you with the flexibility of getting health care outside the VA system. Also, you may qualify for programs to help pay the Part B premium and Medicare cost-sharing. Remember that you can keep your VA health benefits to get coverage for health care services and items not covered by Medicare, such as over-the-counter medications, annual physical exams, and hearing aids. Also be sure to think over your drug coverage options when deciding whether or not to delay Medicare enrollment.

Enrolling in both VA and Medicare can provide veterans flexibility. For example, veterans enrolled in both programs would have access to community physicians (under Medicare Part A or Part B) and can obtain prescription drugs not on the VA formulary if prescribed by community physicians and filled at their local retail pharmacies (under Medicare Part D).

Medicareinteractive.org

2024 Masters Games District 2

The Masters Games of Alabama was organized in 1990 to expand services offered for senior adults in the State of Alabama. The purpose of the games is to involve as many older participants as possible in recreational activities. Any resident of Alabama, age 50 years and older, is eligible to take part in the local games.

The 2024 Masters Games District 2 schedule is available on the facing page. The Athens Recreation Center will host the games for District 2, which includes all of the TARCOG and NARCOG regions. District 2 is very excited with its recruitment efforts for 2024. The TARCOG region had tremendous success in winning the most individual medals than any other district for the 2023 State games last year in Valley, Alabama. Our goal for 2024 is to beat that record.

We are very pleased to have the support of Aetna and Viva Health to sponsor District 2 for our local Masters Games. Wendy Reeves, the Communication Specialist with TARCOG, will coordinate with the media to help market the games and get the information out to our communities. Let the games begin!!

District 2

Fee: \$15 (write Check to STUDIO 60)

Who: Men & Women Ages 50 and up from the Counties of Cullman, DeKalb, Jackson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, & Morgan

If you are from a different Alabama county or have questions, call...

Debbie Martinez (256) 880-7080

Registration Deadline:

May 23, 2024



Where: Athens Rec Center

21281 Sportsplex Loop Athens, AL 35611

Directions: Call (256) 233-8740

June 12, 2024 Events:

Domino Doubles Domino Singles

June 14, 2024 Events:

Basketball Free Throw Cornhole Rook Softball Throw

Where: Brahan Spring Rec. Center

3770 Ivy Ave.

Huntsville, AL 35805

Directions: Call (256) 883-3710

June 20, 2024 Events:

Table Tennis

Where: STUDIO 60

2200 Drake Ave. SW Huntsville, AL 35805

Directions: Call (256) 880-7080

June 21, 2024 Events:

Billiards

Nerf Throw and Frisbee Throw Shuffleboard

Where: AMF

3117 6TH Ave. SE Decatur, AL 35603

Directions: Call (256) 353-3162

June 27, 2024:

Bowling

Do not fill out our District Form for the below events. They have separate forms & fees.

Contact Sandi Wilson at 205-978-0163 for... 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Contact Daisy Bolden at 334-240-4667 for... Golf Singles and 2-man Scramble

The following event will compete ONLY at the State Games.

Call Debbie Martinez at (256) 880-7080 by July 15 for more information or to register for this event:

5K Run/Walk

You must qualify at **these** District games in order to compete at the State Games in Valley, AL September 23 - 26, 2024.



An Older Americans Month Event





TUESDAY, MAY 14 10 AM - 1 PM

Sharon Johnston Park 783 Coleman Road, New Market

Call 256-830-0818 with questions

RAIN DATE: Thursday, May 16

Advance Ticket \$5
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- 5 Katie Scarlett
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- 16 French cheese
- 17 Quit yakkin!
- 19 They carry a charge
- 20 Miserly
- 21 Steal away
- 23 Minor objections
- 26 Simulated
- 27 Be defeated
- 32 Round trip of a sort
- 35 Cassini of clothing
- 36 Still sealed
- 37 Ceremonial vow
- 38 Jargon
- 40 Dr. of music
- 41 Admit to
- 43 Shade close to bronze

- 44 People who live in Asia
- 47 Facilitate
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- 49 China's ruling house in Charlemagne's day
- 51 Chop ____ (entree)
- 53 Bad mood
- 54 Fizzless refreshment
- 58 Chew like rodents
- 61 Focal points
- 62 Retro kid's outside game
- 66 Obi-Wan before Ewan
- 67 Pays to play
- 68 90's TV swordswoman
- 69 Rocket launcher
- 70 Uncomplicated question
- 71 Low card

DOWN

- 1 Twister-like cartoon
- 2 Car decor
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- 5 The Buckeyes
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- 65 Formal turndown





s part of our anniversary celebration, STUDIO 60 is inviting some Madison County favorites to share their expertise with members in a casual, friendly setting. We are very grateful for their generosity!

In March, **In Bloom Floral Design** pros Tamara Olive, Mark Kimbrough, and Ron Cooper held our audience spellbound and entertained with fun tips, hints, and the magic of arranging and growing flowers. They truly live their positive "do unto others" philosophy and give much time and energy back to the community.





Master Gardener Harvey Cotten will be our next speaker on Wednesday,

May 29, from 10 to 11:00. Cotten is a native of Huntsville, garden writer, and former Vice President and Chief Horticulturist of the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

In recognition of our 50th anniversary, Cotten's presentation will include 50 years of gardening news and trends, as well as plenty of time for your questions. <u>SPACE IS LIMITED</u>. Please RSVP with the front desk receptionist** *An optional* \$5.00 donation will be used for adding native plants to our two inside courtyards.

We will have an evening with Former Alabama State
Representative Mike Ball later in the fall. In Ball's linkedin
profile, he describes himself as a Former State Trooper/
Criminal Investigator, Recovering Politician, Speaker, Writer,
Singer/Musician, and Shade-Tree Philosopher.
Look forward to a fun event filled with laughter, music,
and a little bit of mayhem. Details coming soon.





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Although officially still spring, the month of May feels more like summer in North Alabama! Rising humidity can make sticking with your exercise regimen a challenge. The air conditioning is ON at Studio 60 Senior Center!

Take a moment to check out our schedule or website to find a fitness activity that appeals to you. The body gives us a different reading every day! One day you may feel like a workout in the Fitness Studio and the next, something less intense like Tai Chi sounds good. Remember to listen to your body as you work to stay active and fit. If it hurts, don't do it! It's also important to mix up your workouts -- walk one day; try strength training the next. And don't forget to hydrate!

A big **THANKS!** to our Fitness Studio monitors! You are crucial to the operation! We still need more volunteers. Please contact Nicki (256) 513-8292 for open time slots. If there is no monitor present, the Studio will be closed during that time. Please don't let that happen. If you are here exercising anyway, think about taking a shift!

Charlotte Hudson has officially retired from leading the SAIL (Staying Active and Independent for Life) classes at Fern Bell Park. She will be greatly missed! Charlotte dedicated over 8 years to helping seniors lead strong, independent, NO FALL lives. Many thanks to Charlotte from all of us! We welcome all of her students who are joining us at STUDIO 60 to meet their exercise needs.

Keep moving, stay steady!

-- Nicki -

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I Watched a Blackbird

By Thomas Hardy

I watched a blackbird on a budding sycamore
One Easter Day, when sap was stirring twigs to
the core;

I saw his tongue, and crocus-coloured bill
Parting and closing as he turned his trill;
Then he flew down, seized on a stem of hay,
And upped to where his building scheme was
under way,

As if so sure a nest was never shaped on spray.

	HEALTH & WELLNESS	Games, cont.			
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9:00	Arthritis ExerciseTBR	Monday - Friday			
10:00	Dance & KaraokeTBR	8 - 12 WoodworkingWW			
11:00	Exercise 4 YouTBR	Monday			
12:00 1:30	Brain Dance (thru May 20)TBR Pickleball Open PlayTBR	8:00 Stained Glass SG			
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8:30	Pre-Class Line DanceTBR	9:00 China PaintingCP			
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9:55 11:15	Int. Line DanceTBR	9:30 LeatherworkCCR			
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9:00	Men's BridgeGR	8:30 QuiltersCER			
9:30 10:00	BINGOCAF Hand, Foot and Elbow CardsCRD	9:00 Pencil/Watercolors(Full) ◆PNT 9:00 CeramicsCP			
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9:30	Party Bridge (1st, 3rd, 5th)GR	8:00 Stained Glass OpenSG			
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EDUCATION

Monday				
9:00	GenealogyCL			
11:30	Beg. SpanishLL			
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Thursday				
10:00	Cooking Matters (Full) ◆MR			
10:00	Int. SpanishCRD			
11:30	Beg. SpanishLL			
1:00	Sign Language Meet/GreetLL			
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Teresa in the Health Room.				

MEETINGS & CLUBS

Tuesday	
9:00	Fishing Club (1st/3rd Tues.)CER
2:45	TOPS AL-019CER
4:00	ALS Support (2nd Tues.)CAF
Wednesda	y
8:45	TOPS AL-047LL
1:00	Chess ClubNC
1:15	Bereavement (2nd/4th)PNT
Saturday -	- July 13, 2024
10:00	NARFE See page 20Offsite
Wednesda	y May 15, 2024
	Smart Driver ClassesMR
To register,	please contact Ron Ackridge at
256-603-24	29

OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

Monday 9:00 9:00 9:30 10:30	Volleyball	BS LC		
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Monday - Friday Huntsville Gem & Mineral SocietySM More information at www.huntsvillegms.org or email Bill at bill.friday@earthlink.net				

BLOOD PRESSURE/ BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS

Location: Health Room
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2nd Tuesdays - May 14th

Pressure Checks only

Tuesday - May 21st

9:00-11:00

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	Health Rm	FB ML
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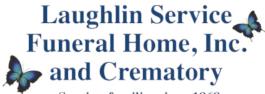
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Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Checks (Note change in date)

Tuesday, May 14 9:00 am – 11:00 am Health room

Blood Pressure Checks

Tuesday, May 21 9:00 am – 11:00 am in Health Room

Diabetic Support Group

Will *NOT* meet in May
Next meeting is June 4th
9:30 am in the
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Intermediate Ballroom Dance Silversteppers

Wednesdays 3-4pm Twickenham Ballroom

May: Carolina Shag Need more info? Contact Ann Jones 256 656-1916

City Councilman Bill Kling Town Hall

Meets every 3rd Monday Next meeting is May 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm 1st floor Meeting Room A Huntsville Public Library

NOTICE: STUDIO 60

will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024



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Let's Go to the Movies!

The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society

NOTE: Change in Date Tuesday, May 28th showing at 9:00 and 1:00 in the Language Lab

Something New! Two opportunities to make some music!

1920's - 60's Combo Tuesday at 1:00 in the Courtyard Café

Old Time String Band on Thursday at 1:00 in the Courtyard Café

Get your scissors ready!

Paper Playtime 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 12:30 in the Chair Caning Room

1st Tuesday Dance Night

Social Ballroom Dancing May 7th 2024. 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Twickenham Ballroom

Cost is \$5.00 per person to benefit STUDIO 60 Bring your water bottle!

Contact Susan Janus for additional information at 256 603-6275 or 256 880-6538 Page 18 —

LOOKING TO BOOST YOUR MOOD?

Your mental outlook can affect your physical condition, and your physical condition also impacts your mental health. It's like the chicken and the egg: which comes first? It's normal to feel sad or discouraged about certain life events. When sadness persists for longer than a few weeks without relief, be sure to talk with your doctor.

For less serious mood fluctuations, and for help in navigating the inevitable ups and downs of life, here are 14 things you can do to manage your mood from day to day:

- 1. Stay active. Exercise, even a brisk 10-minute walk, can relieve stress and release endorphins the feel good hormones. The American Heart Association recommends 30 minutes of moderate exercise five days a week. But even 10- or 15-minute increments count.
- 2. Get a good night's sleep. Inadequate sleep can increase stress and irritability.
- 3. Talk to yourself positively. Positive thinking often leads to positive self talk.
- 4. Be thankful. Gratitude is a great antidote to feeling negative, and it's consistently linked to feelings of well-being. If you're having trouble finding people or things to appreciate, begin a gratitude journal and periodically write down reasons to be thankful.
- 5. Give back. Finding ways to help others often results in making you feel good yourself. There are many volunteer opportunities with local organizations, including STUDIO 60 Senior Center.
- 6. Stay in the present. The what-if's and if-only's of the past and future can be paralyzing. Recognize how much time you spend outside of 'now,' and be realistic about what you can do about the situation.
- 7. Eat healthy. When you nourish your body, you nourish your brain. Protein, foods that contain vitamin B-12 (dark leafy greens, broccoli and oranges), and complex carbohydrates (oats, pears, and beans) can help keep mood elevated or stable. Junk food and sugar may satisfy in the moment, then lead to a crash.
- 8. Find a friend. Friendships prevent isolation, which can have a detrimental effect on mental health. Having someone to talk with and listen can make all the difference in the world.
- 9. Appreciate nature. A Stanford University study found that walking in nature could lead to a lower risk of depression. Any green area will do find a park or walk around a neighborhood with trees if you don't have ready access to wide open spaces. Natural sunlight can also enhance your mood.
- 10. Get a pet. Nothing says unconditional love like a wagging tail to greet you at the door or a purring cat to hum you to sleep. Studies show that animal companions can reduce anxiety and stress.
- 11. Don't turn to alcohol or narcotics.
- 12. Seek counseling or professional help from a therapist, clergy member, case worker, or licensed mental health specialist. They can help with strategies and goal-setting to help you get your life back on track.
- 13. Find a support group. if you've experienced a major life event, such as job loss, divorce or loss of loved one, it can be helpful to talk through your feelings with others who have been there. You are not alone.
- 14. Take a class, try a new hobby, join a group that has a similar interest, or explore a new place. If you're feeling bored and uninspired, trying something new can help you discover a new passion or talent that you weren't aware of. Check out the classes offered at Studio 60.

Health Room News

We have had overwhelming interest in the series *Cooking Matters*. The May series is currently full. The class will soon be offered again. Stay tuned for more information.

NOTE: The date for Blood Pressure/ Blood Pressure screening is changing to the second Tuesday of the month. As always, if you are concerned about your blood pressure, stop by the health room.

ALFRA Alabama Family Rights Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the Huntsville Public Library. Contact Suzanna Flinn at 256-532-2362 or www.ALFRA.org.

<u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> - If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's our business. Contact us at **256-885-0323** or online www.aahuntsvilleal.com.

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Support Group - The Alabama chapter of the ALS Association sponsors a support group held on the **second Tuesday** of each month, 4:00 pm at STUDIO 60 Senior Center 2200 Drake Ave. For information call **256-509-4398**.

<u>Alzheimer's Support Group</u> - For information call **800- 272-3900**.

Bereavement Support Group - Hospice Family Care Group is meeting again at the STUDIO 60 in the Painting Room, on 2nd and 4th **Wednesdays** at 1:15 pm. For info, call Anthony Ford **256-650-1212**.

Brain Injury/Stroke Support Group Meets on the 2nd **Tuesday** of each month at 5:30 at Therapy Achievements, 802 Shoney Dr SW, Ste A, Huntsville, AL 35801. For more information call **256-509-4398**.

<u>Christian Cancer Support Group</u> For information call **256-705-4249 or** email ccsg.hsv@gmail.com.

<u>Dementia Support Group</u> - Group meets at Residences at Wellpoint, 2940 Mill Run Rd. in OXR. **2nd Thursday** from 10:00 until 11:00. Call to RSVP **256-701-8300**.

<u>Diabetic Support Group</u>. The group is currently meeting on the first Tuesday at 9:30 in the STUDIO 60 cafeteria. For info, call the nurse at **256-880-7080 x 226.**.

Essential Tremor Support Group

A support group for people with Essential Tremors. The group is currently meeting sporadically. Please call **256-837-1713** for details.



Healing Steps Labyrinth - A handicap-accessible sacred space for contemplative thought and spiritual unburdening. Located between St Stephen's and United Church with parking adjacent at 8020 Whitesburg Drive. Open daily and free to the public. healingstepsinc@gmail.com.

<u>H.O.P.E.</u> is for parents who have lost an infant. For information, please call **256-265-HOPE** (4673)

<u>Mended Hearts</u> - A support group for heart surgery survivors and their caregivers. For information on locations and meetings, call Lindell Smith at **870-816-0462**.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) -A support group for families coping with mental illness of a loved one meets at the United Way Bldg, 701 Andrew Jackson Way. Call **256-534-2628** for information on meetings and times.

Ostomy Chapter for the Huntsville Area - For information on meeting locations and times, please contact Candice Cotton at 256-975-2644.

<u>Parkinson's Support</u> - If you need information or support for Parkinson's, please call Carolyn at **256-513-8164**.

<u>Tenn Valley Post-Polio Support Group</u> - Contact Leon Trotter, **256-883-7576** for information. email: trotter1000@hotmail.com.

<u>Widows or Widowers of Alabama</u> meets at Fern Bell Park Rec Center, 107-A Sanders Road SW (behind Whitesburg Middle School), **2nd Sunday** 2 - 4 pm. For more information/directions, **256-534-3349**.

Let's Go to the Movies

Now Showing: The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society

Tuesday, May 28th in the Language Lab Two showings, 9:00 and 1:00

January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton (Lily James) is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb.



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Happy month of May! To me, May brings thoughts of flowers blooming, May Baskets, and looking forward to carnivals, fairs and hometown parades. Here at STUDIO 60, we're getting some new activities going, and we hope you will join us.

May is Older Americans Month, and we have some exciting celebrations planned for you! Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday May 7th for the 25th Annual Retirement Lifestyle EXPO being held at the Jaycees Building in John Hunt Park. See page 3 for more details. TARCOG's Senior FUN FEST on Tuesday May 14th is returning to Sharon Johnston Park this year. Check page 8 to find out more.



The Alabama Masters Games are coming in June, and registration ends on May 23rd. Please look at the schedule on page 7 and complete your registration. Forms are available at the Front Desk or from Debbie.

Several new activities have been added to our schedule, such as two musical offerings, Old Time String Band, and 1920's - 60's Combo, as well as a craft class called Paper Playtime. Dates and times for these classes are listed in the main schedule on pages 14-15.

Beginning in June, *Let's Go to the Movies* will feature two different films on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Language Lab. Due to the scheduled FUN FEST, the movie for May will be shown on the 4th Tuesday, or May 28th. The featured movie is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* with showings at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm in the Language Lab.

We are asking for <u>your</u> ideas on new activities, either as a participant or as an instructor on something you want to share, or would like to learn about. A few ideas under consideration include music workshops, house/garden plant care, and several new games like Rummikub, Canasta, UNO Flip and Five Crowns. If any or all of these create a spark of interest in your heart, please share your ideas with me!

Finally, we are planning our Summer Concert series, and we would love your assistance! Do you know a musical group, band, or dance company that would like to get their talent noticed? Many well known artists have started out playing in the park, at a rodeo, or County Fair, and you could be "instrumental" in getting their talent recognized! Please ask them to contact me. STUDIO 60 would appreciate the donation of time and talent so members can enjoy some pleasant evening concerts this summer.



NARFE NEWS

Huntsville Chapter 443 Cheryl Patterson, Pres.

NARFE Chapter 443 is now meeting once per quarter. The next meeting date is Saturday, July 13, 2024 and Brookdale Jones Farm is providing a FREE lunch for our NARFE members and guests. This meeting will be held in the Community Room at Brookdale, located at 2815 Carl T Jones Drive SE, beginning at 10:00 am.

To reserve, contact Betty Johnson by phone: 256-945-7030 or email: bettyjeanjohnson1025@ gmail.com. Please provide complete details for members and guests. Brookdale needs a headcount by July 2, so please reserve your spot before that date. Reservations will be confirmed starting June 29th.

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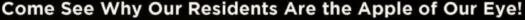
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