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Celebrating For 60 Days



If you are reading this, then we're celebrating being open for 60 days – and what a whirlwind reopening it has been.

Packing The House

If you've seen the schedule, we are now offering 60 activities a week. Several programs are at or close to reaching the maximum capacity – Friday Fitness,

Strengthen & Tone, cardio dance, crochet and guitar are a few. Train dominoes, canasta and poker are taking off, too.

That's exciting for a variety of reasons – it not only demonstrates that members are returning to BA Seniors in pre-pandemic numbers but also why the Senior Center East is so important to the future of the Center. We need more rooms to offer more programs for more members. And next summer that will happen when the 12,400-square-foot addition is complete.

My Stomach Hurts

OK – call it an overshare – dairy and I are not friends. But that's why the ice cream social we had at the end of June was so wonderful. It was a buffet of ice cream. One of the few buffets that does not fear me. Comfort Keepers sponsored the ice cream social and provided the decorations and ice cream, as well as the

Rita and Claudie, above, admire the crafting projects on display at the June ice cream social. Right: Ami and Jenny take a break to enjoy some silliness.

the event.

It was magical. Seriously. Members of The Circle of Readers Book Club all sat at the same table. Many of the participants had never met



in person. For 17 months, they had met only on Zoom. Bob Caruso was surprised that I was more than a torso, and I didn't know he was more than 6 feet tall. That's



Progress - the addition of steel is taking shape at 1811 S. Main.

to be expected when you've only had a computer-based relationship. Several activities had tables set up so members could find out about what to look forward to in the coming months.

We're Growing To Better Serve You



volunteers for

We are in the process of hiring a volunteer and events coordinator for BA Seniors to build an ever-increasing network of volunteer support for the organization. In conjunction with the member services team, the volunteer and events coordinator is responsible for volunteer recruitment, orientation, project planning, implementation and supervision of volunteer activities - and, with the assistance of the member services manager and executive director, coordination of events. In addition to the daily maintenance of the volunteer program, the volunteer and events coordinator (Continued on page 5)





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James is a great help with our nutrition program. He's anticipating resuming in-person meals soon.

will work closely with the executive director to coordinate fundraising and "friendraising" events by using volunteer support.

We also are looking for a transportation coordina-

tor to give our members without transportation the opportunity to get to and from BA Seniors, participate in activities, eat lunch and engage in social interaction with other members.

Tulsa & Creek County Senior Nutrition, which coordinates the nutrition Our two organizations
are coordinating our
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to daily transportation
and lunch.

program, is looking to hire a site manager as well as delivery drivers. Our two organizations are coordinating our efforts so we can shift to daily transportation and lunch. Hiring for these positions is essential, but finding qualified applicants is challenging.

There's a lot to be thankful for and Thanksgiving is still four months away. Good thing we're thankful every day.

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Two New Classes Proposed At BA Senior Center

Guitar Lessons - "The guitar is your first wings. It's assigned and designed to unfold your vision and imagination." That's what renowned guitarist Carlos Santana said about playing this instrument. If you always wanted to spread your wings and learn how to play the guitar, now is the time. Sign up near the Center

events bulletin board at the top of the ramp. If there is enough interest, you will be contacted about a guitar workshop that will begin in September.

Line Dancing Fundamentals -Do you feel like you have two left feet? Are you nervous about joining one of the Center's three line dancing classes because you don't know the first thing about line dancing? Sign up near the Center events bulletin board at the top of the ramp if you are interested in learning the fundamentals of line dancing. If there is enough interest, you will be contacted about a line dancing fundamentals workshop that will begin in September.

Circle Of Readers Meets One More Time On Zoom

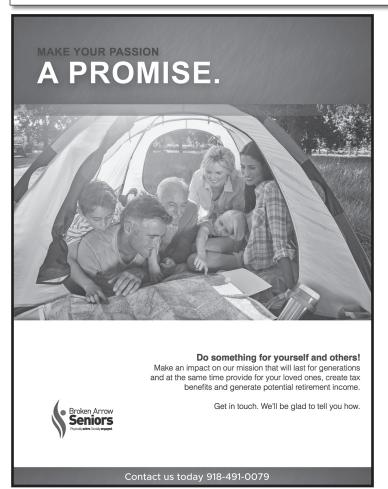
The Circle of Readers Book Club will be meeting on Zoom through August, and members are looking forward to meeting in-person in September. If you would like to join the group, email Dorothy Minor at dorothyminor10@ gmail.com. Here is what they have planned for upcoming Mondays at 10 a.m.

Aug. 2: "Virgil Wander," by Leif Enger • fiction.

Aug. 16: Discussion on books we are reading.

Sept. 13: Return to In-Person Meetings! Activities! BOOKS!

Sept. 20: "The Story Collector," by Kristin Tubb • tween fiction.







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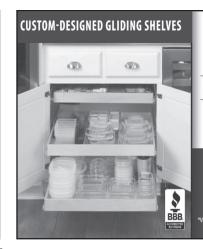
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Entry – Members will enter through the west/back entry.

Name tags – All members will be required to wear their name tag while engaged in activities at the Center. Name

tags are available in the office. You must wear one for identification purposes while in the building.

Meals – At this time, we will continue to have meal pickup every other Wednesday. We will move toward daily meals in the Center but need time for Tulsa & Creek County Senior Nutrition to staff up before changing our current procedures. If you would like to participate in the nutrition program, please call 918-894-5466.

Updated August hours – All activities Monday through Thursday will end by 4 p.m. The last activity on Friday will end by 3 p.m.

Guests – All guests are required to check in with the office so a guest form can be completed.

Monday, August 2

8:15-9 a.m Zumba/Cardio Dance
9:15-10:15 a.mYin Yoga
9:30-11 a.m
10-11 a.m. on Zoom Circle of Readers
Meeting on Zoom - Please contact Dorothy Minor at
dorothyminor10@gmail.com for more
information regarding joining this group.
10 a.mnoon Crafting
10:30 a.mnoon Line Dancing with Eugenia
12:15-1:15 p.mTai Chi for Better Balance with Vanessa
1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with Barb

Tuesday, August 3

8:15-9 a.m Strengthen & Tone
9 a.mnoon
9 a.mnoon
9 a.m3 p.m Paper Crafting
9:15-10:15 a.m
10:30-11:30 a.mLimited Exercise
11:45 a.m12:45 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Bernadette
Noon-3 p.m

1-2 p.m	.Line Dancing with Michelle
1-3:30 p.m	Painting

Wednesday, August 4

8:15-9 a.mZumba/Cardio	Dance
9:15-10:15 a.m	r Yoga
9 a.mnoon Bags to	o Mats
10 a.m3 p.m	uilting
10 a.mnoon	le Jam
1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with	h Barb

Thursday, August 5

8:15-9 a.m Strengthen & Tone
9 a.mnoon
9:15-10:15 a.m
9:30-10:30 a.m
9:30 a.mnoon
10:30-11:30 a.mLimited Exercise
12:30-2:30 p.m
12:30-3 p.m
1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle

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Friday, August 6	
9-10:15 a.m Friday Fitness	
9:30-10:30 a.m	
10 a.mnoon	
10 a.m12:30 p.m Individual Quilt Layout	
10 a.mnoon <u>Alz</u> heimer's Support Group	
Noon-3 p.m	
12:30-2:30 p.m Poker Lessons & Play	

Wednesday, August 11

8:15-9 a.m Zumba/Cardio Dance
9 a.mnoon Bags to Mats
9:15-10:15 a.m
10 a.mnoon
10 a.m3 p.m
11 a.mnoon Nutrition distribution
12:30-2:30 p.m Bunco
1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with Barb

Monday, August 9

8:15-9 a.m Zumba/Cardio Dance
9:15-10:15 a.mYin Yoga
9:30-11 a.m
10 a.mnoon
10:30 a.mnoon Line Dancing with Eugenia
12:15-1:15 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Vanessa
1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with Barb

Thursday, August 12

8:15-9 a.mStrengthen & Tone
9 a.mnoon
9:15-10:15 a.m
9:30-10:30 a.m
9:30-noon Poker Lessons & Play
10:30-11:30 a.m Limited Exercise
1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle
12:30-2:30 p.m
12:30-3 p.m

Tuesday, August 10

8:15-9 a.m Strengthen & Tone
9 a.mnoon
9 a.mnoon
9 a.m3 p.m Paper Crafting
9:15-10:15 a.m
10:30-11:30 a.m Limited Exercise
11:45 a.m12:45 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Bernadette
Noon-3 p.m
1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle
1-3:30 p.m Painting

Friday, August 13

9-10:15 a.m Friday Fitnes
9:30-10:30 a.m Singing Group
10 a.mnoon Creative Writin
10 a.m12:30 p.m Individual Quilt Layou
Noon-3 p.m
12:30-2:30 p.m Poker Lessons & Play

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9:30-11 a.m
10-11 a.m. on Zoom Circle of Readers
Meeting on Zoom - Please contact Dorothy Minor at
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information regarding joining this group.
10 a.mnoon Crafting
10:30 a.mnoon Line Dancing with Eugenia
12:15-1:15 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Vanessa
1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with Barb

Tuesday, August 17	Friday, August 20
8:15-9 a.mStrengthen & Tone	9-10:15 a.m Friday Fitness
9 a.mnoon	9:30-10:30 a.m
9 a.mnoon	10 a.mnoon Creative Writing
9 a.m3 p.m Paper Crafting	10 a.mnoon Alzheimer's Support Group
9:15-10:15 a.m	10 a.m12:30 p.m Individual Quilt Layout
10:30-11:30 a.mLimited Exercise	Noon-3 p.m
11:45 a.m2:45 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Bernadette	12:30-2:30 p.m Poker Lessons & Play
Noon-3 p.m	
1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle	Monday, August 23
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	9:30-11 a.m
Wednesday, August 18	10 a.mnoon
8:15-9 a.m	10:30 a.mnoon Line Dancing with Eugenia
9 a.mnoon Bags to Mats	12:15-1:15 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Vanessa
9:15-10:15 a.m	1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with Barb
10 a.mnoon	
10 a.m3 p.m	Tuesday, August 24
1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with Barb	8:15-9 a.m Strengthen & Tone
	9 a.mnoon Party Bridge
Thursday, August 19	9 a.mnoon
8:15-9 a.m Strengthen & Tone	9 a.m3 p.m Paper Crafting
9 a.mnoon	9:15-10:15 a.m Soft Yoga
9:15-10:15 a.m	10:30-11:30 a.mLimited Exercise
9:30-10:30 a.m	11:45 a.m12:45 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Bernadette
9:30 a.mnoon Poker Lessons & Play	Noon-3 p.m
10:30-11:30 a.m Limited Exercise	1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle
12:30-2:30 p.m	1-3:30 p.mPainting
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1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle	(Sommer on page 12)

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Wednesday, August 25

8:15-9 a.m Zumba/Cardio Dance
9 a.mnoon Bags to Mats
9:15-10:15 a.m
10 a.mnoon
10 a.m3 p.m
11 a.mnoon Nutrition distribution
1:30-2:30 p.m Line Dancing with Barb

Thursday, August 26

8:15-9 a.mStrengthen & Tone
9 a.mnoon
9:15-10:15 a.m
9:30-10:30 a.m
9:30-noon Poker Lessons & Play
10:30-11:30 a.m Limited Exercise
12:30-2:30 p.m
12:30-3 p.m
1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle

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Friday, August 27

The Center is closed.

Come to the 30th Annual Resource & Health Fair 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Central Park Community Center 1500 S. Main St.

Monday, August 30

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10:30 a.mnoon Line Dancing with Eugenia
12:15-1:15 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Vanessa
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Tuesday, August 31

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11:45 a.m12:45 p.m Tai Chi for Better Balance with Bernadette
noon-3 p.m
1-2 p.m Line Dancing with Michelle
1-3:30 p.m



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Hosted by the Broken Arrow Senior Center, the Health Fair will be held at the Central Park Community Center at 1500 S. Main St.

"This health fair is successful year after year because it draws a wide audience, and it's the only event in Broken Arrow designed to help people 55+ and their families discover resources available to them," according to Sean Simpson, president and chief executive officer of the Broken Arrow Senior Center.



Nearly 100 informational and health screening booths will be on-site. In addition to offering valuable and timely information, there will be free health screenings.

"Preventive care is a primary focus of our programming," Simpson said. "It is more than just helping raise awareness about the importance of health screenings and healthy living. It's our goal that older adults have access to information so they can make informed decisions about their physical, emotional, social and intellectual health."

Whether you are considering a colonoscopy, aging in place, Medicare supplements, independent living or long-term care, you will find the answers to all your questions at the Health & Resource Fair. The goal of this event is to familiarize seniors and their families with products, services and resources available to them. This is the only event of its kind where companies have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with older adults in Broken Arrow.

To learn more, visit www.baseniors. org or call 918-259-8377.

Volunteers Needed For Fundraising Event

The Center's annual Senior Resource & Health Fair is our largest fundraising event of the year. Help guarantee a successful event for both the Senior Center and our business partners. You will especially enjoy spending the day with other members during this exciting

Logistics

Date: Friday Aug. 27 Time: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Central Park Community Center, 1500 S.

Main St.

Setup: Thursday, Aug. 26 • 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tear down: May not begin until 1:30 p.m. Exhibit area needs to be cleared of items by 3 p.m. The pipe and drape company will tear down their equipment.

Senior Fair Volunteer Opportunities

Thursday

- Electrical setup to vendor booths: A volunteer is needed to oversee, and volunteers are needed to assist. This involves running extension cords from power sources and securing them to the floor.
- Senior Center assistance: Bringing items from the Center, setting up a few tables and assisting with

event.

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas. If you can assist in one of these areas, please contact or stop by the office. Sign-up sheets are located on a table near the Center events bulletin board at the top of the ramp.

posting signage.

 Assist vendors with bringing items into the community center. Volunteers must be able to lift 20 pounds.

Friday

- Vendor greeters (hostess): Meet and greet vendors and offer to sit in their booths if they need to take a short break. Requires walking. Shifts are available from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Entry tables: Welcome attendees and answer questions. Some standing is required. Two people will be needed per shift 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the east, west and north doors.
- Trash removal: We are responsible for removing all trash from the Community Center. Two people from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tear-down: Volunteers are needed to move tables and chairs used by the BA Senior Center and assist vendors as needed.

Unique Crafting Opportunities Coming In August

Creating and making beautiful, distinctive and useful crafts out of everyday items and sharing the time with others are the reasons the crafting class is a favorite activity at the Center.

On Monday, Aug. 30, the class will offer a special "pop-up" class where participants will be making unique

and useful bags that you might see in an upscale gift shop. Placements and other items will be fashioned to make the bags.

Preregistration for this class is required and limit-

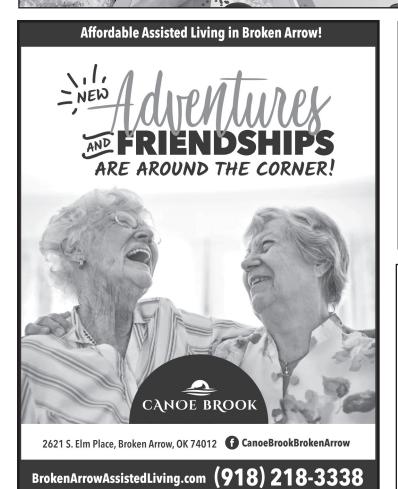
> ed. Please sign up near the Center events bulletin board at the top of the ramp. The cost to participate is \$5,



which can be paid to the activity leaders on the day of the class.

Throughout August, the crafting class will be offering a variety of projects on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Preregistration for the remaining classes in August is not required.

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Estate Planning Concerns For Blended Families

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Last month, I discussed how divorce affects estate plans. After your heart has healed, you may be looking to remarry. Or perhaps you are already a member of a blended family. How should

a second marriage impact your estate plan?

Blended families

include stepchildren – and stepgrandchildren – children born outside of marriage, single parent families and situations where someone other than the parent is raising a child. Standard estate planning strategies tend to assume that you are in a traditional, nuclear family: Namely, you will be married to the same person your entire adult life, only have children born of that

marriage and decline to remarry after the death of your spouse. But how often do all of those things happen in our modern world? As blended families have become more common, additional strategies have been developed to create robust plans that will protect the interests of a blended family.

Here are a few complexities that often arise when I am working with blended families to create their estate plans:

Joint tenancy issues: In blended families, it is all too easy to accidentally disinherit children. This may sound surprising, but it is a relatively common problem that can arise when spouses with children from previous marriages place assets like homes, automobiles and bank or investment accounts into joint tenancy with the new spouse without fully considering the impact this can have on those children. At the death of the first spouse, all assets that are held in joint tenancy pass to the surviving spouse automatically. Once these assets become the property of the surviving spouse, he or she is under no legal obligation to pass them on to the children of the deceased spouse.

Outright inheritance issues: When spouses bring children from previous unions into new marriages, a will or trust that provides for outright distributions to a surviving spouse can complicate the matter of inheritances, and, like joint tenancy, can result in a child being disinherited unintentionally.

IRA and 401K account issues: Unless a spousal waiver is signed, federal law says that a spouse is automatically entitled to 50% of a retirement account upon the death of the account holder – regardless of what the beneficiary designation says. It is critical that you update your retirement account designations when you remarry.

Even if you want your new spouse to benefit from your retirement account, you may want to ensure that the contingent beneficiaries cannot change after your death; once the account is rolled over, new beneficiaries can be named. Consider an inherited IRA trust for this purpose.

Increased risk of family conflict: For many blended families, mitigating against the potential of family conflict from children against stepparents is a top priority. No one wants their assets squandered in legal proceedings if

conflicts arise between biological children and stepchildren after a parent becomes (Continued on page 16)

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incapacitated or dies.

Ideally, you will have worked through potential conflicts of interest with your new spouse before you marry. If you are already in a blended family, it is not too late to start the conversation – and updating your estate plan can be the perfect way to start. You lose the opportunity to protect yourself, your spouse and your respective children if you become incapacitated or die before you act.

A thoughtful estate plan can substantially reduce or even eliminate the risks described above. You deserve that peace of mind.

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Rental Car Scams

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of their inventory of cars. Now that demand has spiked, supply is tight and prices are high.

Unfortunately, criminals are paying attention and posting fake rental car deals at rock bottom prices online. While everyone loves a good deal, doing business with an entity you aren't familiar with could

be risky. Whatever your travel needs, stick to reputable websites with



proven track records. If you find a deal with an unfamiliar provider,

do your research: Look up the company name with "scam" or "complaint" and see what appears, and check out reviews.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

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The good ones are usually too busy to roam around in search of work. Also be on guard for high pressure tactics to make a quick decision for a steep discount and requests for payment

upfront. Your best bet is to proactively seek out services if you need them, versus reacting to an unexpected sales pitch. It is always OK to explain you don't do business at your front door – or to not answer when strangers knock.

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