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- Meatloaf/Gravy
- Mashed Potato
- Zucchini & Tomatoes
- Peach Cobbler

March 7
- Lemon Baked Fish
- Sweet Potatoes
- Mixed Veggies
- Tropical Fruit Cup

March 8
- Chicken & Stuffing Casserole
- Long Grain & Wild Rice California Medley
- Fresh Fruit

March 9
- Stuffed Shells with Marinara Meat Sauce
- Italian Veggies
- Stewed Salad
- Garlic Bread

March 10
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Steamed Tomatoes
- Green Beans
- Mandarin Orange

March 11
- Shepherd Pie with Mashed Potatoes & Veggies
- Green Beans
- Chilled Peas

March 12
- Chef's Choice

March 13
- St. Patrick's Day
- Corned Beef/Cabbage
- Boiled Potatoes
- Carrots

March 14
- Happy Birthday
- Turkey Divan
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Fresh Fruit

March 15
- Birthday Cake
- Baked Fish Scandia
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Spinach

March 16
- Happy Birthday
- Uncle Sam's
- Broccoli
- Stuffed Shells with Marinara Meat Sauce

March 17
- Stuffed Shells with Marinara Meat Sauce
- Italian Veggies
- Stewed Salad
- Garlic Bread

March 18
- Chicken Reuben
- Rice Casserole Peas
- Chilled Pineapple

March 19
- Beef Stroganoff over Noodles
- Carrots
- Birthday Cake

March 20
- Turkey Divan
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Fresh Fruit

March 21
- Stuffed Shells with Marinara Meat Sauce
- Italian Veggies
- Stewed Salad
- Garlic Bread

March 22
- Cookie of the Day
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Steamed Tomatoes
- Green Beans

March 23
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Steamed Tomatoes
- Green Beans
- Mandarin Orange

March 24
- Roasted Potato Bites
- Broccoli
- Stuffed Shells with Marinara Meat Sauce

March 25
- Roasted Potato Bites
- Broccoli
- Stuffed Shells with Marinara Meat Sauce

March 26
- Apple n' Onion Chicken
- Sweet Potatoes
- Spinach
- Pumpkin Bar

March 27
- Beef Stew
- Boiled Potatoes/Carrots
- Biscuit
- Fresh Fruit

March 28
- Roast Pork Loin/Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Winter Squash
- Strawberry Shortcake

March 29
- Roasted Haddock
- Roasted Potato Bites
- Peas & Onions
- Tropical Fruit Cup

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Back in May, we asked for your comments, suggestions and feedback regarding our current menus. Based on your responses, and in collaboration with the dietician and meal site employees, we will be making some small changes to the menus starting in April.

Overall, there were no specific menu items that were disliked by everyone. While some of you hate liver, others want to see it on the menu more. The same goes for fish. Each day, the Warren and Hamilton County meal sites provide over 600 meals. This makes it difficult to please everyone, but we try our best.

Unfortunately, due to dietary regulations and high sodium levels, there are some foods that we need to avoid, such as ham, hot dogs and sausage. Some foods don’t maintain the necessary temperatures, like French fries, pizza, burgers and grilled cheese. Some foods are too costly, like lobster, shrimp and steak. I’ll give you an A+ for effort though!!! Some foods are complex to make and transport, like pies, soups, sundaes. Some foods have no nutritional value, so we don’t like to put them on the menu that often, such as green and wax beans, corn and beets.

We also looked at how often we have pasta, chicken, fresh fruits, etc. on the menu to make sure it was an ample amount, or not too much depending on your comments. Lastly, we reached out to each meal site with the individual comments so the staff could address these. We value your opinions and always welcome feedback.
Have you heard about our Long Term Care Council?

Every county has a NY Connects & every NY Connects has a Long Term Care Council.

Our Council is a group of over 200 people!
Our Council wants to hear from community members like you.
Our Council would like you to join us!

Our purpose is to plan and develop our long term care system so it will meet the needs in each county. We do this by having meetings in Warren, Hamilton, and Washington counties throughout the year. Everyone has ideas and we would like to know about yours.

Here are our meeting dates & locations for 2019:

**Join us for our March NY Connects Long Term Care Council Meeting**
When: March 27, 2019  9:30-10am  Refreshments and our meeting will begin at 10a.m.
Where: Warren County Human Services Building, 1340 State Route 9, Lake George, NY  12845

**Join us for our June NY Connects Long Term Care Council Meeting**
When: June 12, 2019  9:30-10am  Refreshments and our meeting will begin at 10a.m.
Where: Hamilton County Public Health, White Birch Lane, Indian Lake, NY 12842

**Join us for our September NY Connects Long Term Care Council Meeting**
When: September 18, 2019  9:30-10am  Refreshments and our meeting will begin at 10a.m.
Where: The Glen at Hiland Meadows, 39 Longview Drive, Queensbury, NY 12801

### Menus

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**Let’s Talk About Your Part B Medicare Benefit**

Part B covers Preventive services: Health care to prevent illness (like the flu) or detect it at an early stage, when treatment is most likely to work best.

**Wondering about your risk for Diabetes?**

Get screened once or twice a year based on your risk factors. Ask your doctor!

**Medicare pays 100 %**

Diabetes can affect: eyes, heart, kidneys, nerve damage to blood vessels, and feet.

Part B covers these screenings if your doctor determines you’re at risk for diabetes or you’re diagnosed with pre-diabetes. These lab tests are covered if you have any of these risk factors:

- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- History of abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels (dyslipidemia)
- Obesity
- History of high blood sugar (glucose)

Part B also covers these tests if 2 or more of these apply to you:

- Age 65 or older
- Overweight
- Family history of diabetes (parents, brothers, sisters)
- History of gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy) or delivery of a baby weighing more than 9 pounds

Call your local NY Connects at Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging toll-free at 1-866-805-3931 or 711 NY Relay Service

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Plan now for your long term care needs. Warren/Hamilton Counties NY Connects @ PH#1-866-805-3931. For all other counties, call NY Connects PH#1-800-342-9871.
NY Connects provides free information and assistance on long term care services.

Contact us at 1-866-805-3931 to find out how we can assist you.

Dear OFA,

I will be having surgery at Glens Falls Hospital in February. My doctor expects I’ll be there for at least ten days. I’d like to know about options available to support us during my hospital stay as well as during my recovery. I drive however my husband does not. We live in Blue Mountain without family nearby to help us. Any information you can provide is appreciated.

Blue Mountain Lakers

Dear Blue,

Thank you for reaching out to plan ahead. Your husband may want to arrange to stay at "Amanda's House" so he can visit you at the hospital. Amanda’s House doesn’t charge for you to stay there. It is a temporary home for patients and their families who have traveled a distance to be treated at Glens Falls Hospital. It is handicap accessible, provides bedding, towels and clothes washer and dryer. There is telephone service and computer with internet access. Amanda’s House is located just a few blocks from Glens Falls Hospital at 22 Henry Street, Glens Falls. For more information, contact them at 518-792-7212.

After your surgery, if physical therapy is ordered by your physician, you may want to ask if that can be done in your home. Typically, Medicare will cover the cost of in-home physical therapy as well as in-patient rehabilitation. Community Transportation Services also provides transportation in your area; please call 518-648-5911.

It’s best to request a ride 1-2 weeks in advance to arrange transportation. The Warren/Hamilton County Office for the Aging may be able to assist with intermittent Medical Transportation. We have a small staff of Volunteer Drivers and unfortunately we are unable to take Clients to appointments that occur on a regular basis. If you need transportation to medical providers, Office for the Aging has volunteers who may be able to assist or if you are interested in volunteering, please call MaryAnn at Office for the Aging toll-free at 1-888-533-4994 or 518-761-6347.

Once home, if you need want to hire a home care aide, Home Health Care Partners provides both companion and medical care services. Call them at 1-800-342-1246. Email info@newyorkhomehealthcare.org. Another provider is Hamilton County Public Health at 518-648-6497. You could also apply for financial assistance for home care through the EISEP Program (Expanded In-Home Services for Elderly Persons). Contact Abby at 518-648-6131 if you would like more information about this. If your combined income is over two-thousand fifty-eight dollars per month there may be a cost-share for you. Need more information? Call NY Connects at 1-866-805-3931 and we will do our best to assist you.

Sincerely,

OFA NY Connects

(Send your questions to McCarthy@warrencountyny.gov)

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HIICAP Corner
Medicare Information and Updates

Happy New Year

Now that you have your new (or continuing) Medicare coverage for 2019, here are a few things to remember:

* Keep in touch with your plan through Customer Service or your Agent of Record. They can help you navigate available services or assist with billing questions and issues.

* Many Advantage Plans offer incentives for clients to get preventative services, such as annual wellness visits and mammograms. Check with your plan for details.

* You may change your Advantage Plan to Original Medicare with a stand-alone prescription plan or to another Advantage Plan during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period which goes from January 1st through March 31st. This can be useful if you find the plan you are enrolled in does not cover your medical or prescription needs.

* Enrollment into subsidy programs such as EPIC (NYS Prescription Assistance Program) or MSP (Medicare Savings Program) is allowed any time of year for income eligible clients and may help with the costs of Medicare premiums and prescriptions.

IMPORTANT for 2018 Fidelis Advantage Plan members

If you were enrolled in Fidelis Medicare Advantage Flex HMO or Fidelis Medicare $0 Premium HMO, these plans are no longer being offered in our area*. You should have received a letter from Fidelis letting you know that you need to change your plan for 2019. If you did not do so during the Annual Election Period of 10/15/18 to 12/7/18 you still have time to make a choice for coverage. Affected clients are given a Special Enrollment Period that extends from December 8th, 2018 through February 28th, 2019. To review your options please contact 1-800-Medicare (633-4227) or call your local Office for the Aaging to request insurance options counseling. (* This does NOT include Fidelis Dual Advantage Flex Plan for clients with Medicare and Medicaid.)

Need Part B Medicare Coverage?

Medicare clients who did not enroll when first eligible (7 months surrounding 65th birthday or within 8 months of leaving active large group employment with insurance coverage) can use the General Enrollment Period that extends from December 8th, 2018 through February 28th, 2019. To review your options please contact 1-800-Medicare (633-4227) or call your local Office for the Aaging to request insurance options counseling. (This start date for coverage will begin
July 1st.

* Be safe and healthy New Year!
Glens Falls Hospital has been operating an outpatient program for Alzheimer’s and other types of dementias since 2016 when it received the designation as a Center of Excellence for Alzheimer’s Disease by the New York State Department of Health. The hospital was awarded $2.1 million in state funding to serve the people of Northeastern New York both diagnostically and with education initiatives. It is one of ten Center of Excellence in the entire state.

Dementia is characterized by memory loss and cognitive changes that interfere with daily life. It is a brain condition and not part of normal aging. Alzheimer’s accounts for the most common type of dementia but there are many other types of dementia that are screened for at the Center, some include: Vascular Dementia, Frontotemporal Dementia, Lewy Body Dementia, and Parkinson’s dementia.

It is said that 10% of New Yorkers age 45 and up report that they are experiencing worsening confusion or memory loss. There is a subtype of Alzheimer’s known as “Early Onset” which afflicts nearly 200,000 Americans under the age of 65. It is important to discuss changes with your health care professional so that the relevant tests and assessments can be performed to root-out the cause for cognitive changes. Know the early signs of disease and seek answers from your health care professionals.

There are many benefits of being diagnosed early. Time allows the patient to plan more for the future and can help lessen anxieties about the unknown. It also gives patients the opportunity to link with support services in the community, find clinical trials and formalize financial and legal plans. The Glens Falls Hospital Center of Excellence assesses patients and if a diagnosis is identified, develops care plans for the patients and their families.

The Center of Excellence for Alzheimer’s Disease is located at:

Pruyn Pavilion
102 Park Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Tel: (518) 926-2940
Fax: (518) 926-2941
https://www.glensfallshospital.org/AlzheimersCenter

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**Attention Meal Recipients:**

The Meal Sites will be closed on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 25, 2018—Christmas Day
- Tuesday, January 1, 2019—New Year’s Day
- Monday, January 21, 2019—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 18, 2019—Presidents’ Day
Easy Lemon Garlic Chicken

1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
(or whatever cut of chicken you have on hand)
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 medium yellow onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, diced
1 lemon
3-5 sprigs fresh thyme (3 large sprigs or 5 small sprigs)
1 Tbsp. chicken stock

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Heat olive oil in a large, oven-safe pan (I like to use a wide, deep skillet) over medium heat.
3. Season both sides of chicken with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Place chicken thighs in the hot pan and sear for 4-5 minutes on each side until golden brown. About 4 minutes. If pan is looking a little dry, add another drizzle of olive oil to help the onion cook.
5. Remove chicken to a plate and set aside, then return pan to stove over medium-high heat.
6. Add onion and garlic to pan and sauté until onion is translucent and has started to caramelize, about 5 minutes.
7. Pull leaves off of thyme sprigs and add leaves to the onions, then season with salt and pepper.
8. Juice the lemon, removing any seeds, and add to the onion mixture. Stir to combine. Return seared chicken thighs to pan and spoon some of the broth over the top of them to help them stay moist. Serve immediately.

Creamy Cilantro Lime Dip

1 Tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped
1/2 tsp salt
1 lemon

Wash and finely chop cilantro, then add all contents together and stir. Enjoy as a dip with the above quesadilla recipe!
Wells Seniors Activities

Osteobusters: a 45 minute session of healthful and “easy” exercise is held in the community hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 – 10:45 AM. Great for keeping limber.

Mah Jongg: every Tuesday at the Library 6 PM (new players welcome, instruction always available)

Pitch: card playing every Wednesday at the meal site 7 PM (new players welcome, instruction always available)

Cozy Crafters: every Thursday at the library 6 PM.

Pickle ball: on Mon, Wed, & Fri at the community hall – 11 AM

Please give dues to Holly Hite or mail to Box 411, Wells, 12190

Wells Seniors is open to all 55 and over, annual dues $10, meetings on the second Wednesday of each month (Jan-Nov) at 12:45 PM at the meal site on Buttermilk Hill Road. Lunch is available at Noon, call 518-924-4066 for lunch reservations.

Social Meetings are on the 4th Wednesday except in Sep, Nov, and Dec, the dates change for the balloon fest, Thanksgiving Luncheon, and Christmas party

Contact Brian Griffin at 518-924-2216 with any questions or for further information.

Senior Citizen Movie Day

Emerald Cinemas

Weather permitting only!

Snow, Sleet, Freezing rain will be cause for cancellation!

Movie Day will resume on the 2nd Thursday of the following month.

January 10, 2019
February 14, 2019
March 14, 2019
April 11, 2019

Movies available to watch on the Senior Movie Day will be the same as the regular lineup of movies that week. Please check the local paper for movie listings. The cost is $5. per person. That includes the movie, popcorn and soda. The movies start at 1:00 pm SHARP! Cinema doors open at 12:30 pm.

After the movie the Hibachi House Buffet is offering an early bird special for $9 per person including tip. Buffet time is 2:30—3:45 pm movie day only.

Rosemary Balsamic Roasted Vegetables

- Cooking spray
- 1/2 lb. Brussels sprouts, brown ends trimmed off and cut in half
- 1/2 medium cauliflower (cut into florets)
- 4 medium carrots (peeled, sliced)
- turnips, peeled and chopped into 1/2 inch cubes
- beets, peeled and chopped into 1/2 inch cubes
- sweet potato (peeled, optional) cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 3 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. no-calorie sweetener (granulated)
- 2 Tbsp. fresh, chopped rosemary or 2 tsp. dried rosemary
- 3 cloves fresh, minced garlic
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Directions: Preheat oven to 375.

1. Spray 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Thoroughly wash all vegetables, cut and toss together in large bowl.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, no-calorie sweetener, rosemary, garlic, onion powder, pepper and salt. Pour over vegetable mixture and toss well.
4. Pour vegetable mixture into prepared 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake in preheated oven for 30-35 minutes, stirring once, until all vegetables pierce easily with a fork.

Slow-Cooker Tangy Tomato Brisket

Servings: 4

- 15 oz. canned, no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. no-calorie sweetener, granulated, 1 1/2 packets
- 1 tsp. paprika
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- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper for spice, opt-

In slow cooker, combine tomato sauce, vinegar, no-calorie sweetener, paprika, garlic powder, black pepper, salt, cayenne (if desired), and onion. Stir gently.
Add sirloin making sure it is submerged in the barbecue sauce mixture.

Cook on low setting for 8 hours. Slice and serve with a drizzle of the sauce.
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Celebrate National Nutrition Month by making small changes that will lead to big improvements.

Simple Health Tips to Try in March

National Nutrition Month is a yearly occasion. But why stop at the end of March? Hopefully, once you try the following tips, you’ll want to continue practicing them all year through.

1. Cut portions. If you think leaving just a little something on your plate won’t matter, think again. Small amounts of uneaten food add up to calories that stay on the plate—not on you.
2. Make a move. Take the stairs, park a few blocks away or otherwise become inefficient and take extra steps to get where you need to go.
3. Have a vegetable at breakfast. For example, add a sliced tomato to your cheese sandwich or some mushrooms to your eggs.
4. Find fiber. Whether it’s a bran cereal, nuts, oatmeal or an array of other fiber-filled foods, added fiber can make you feel fuller longer and provide a, well, moving experience.
5. Flip the package over. Read nutrition labels to see what’s really in your food. Don’t be fooled by a flashy front-of-package claim.
6. Pick plants. Protein derived from plant sources such as seeds, nuts, tofu and tempeh, as well as from grains, can help lower cholesterol, provide a, well, moving experience.
7. Eat something fishy. Meatless Monday to the rest of the week. It’s heart healthy, low in fat and contains beneficial omega-3 fatty acids.
8. Take time for tea. Tea contains polyphenols, it’s good for your heart and adds to the anti-inflammatory benefits of your meals.
9. Shake the salting habit. Replace salt with lemon, herbs and spices.
10. Eat when you eat. Try not to do simultaneous activities such as typing, watching TV or driving when you eat. You’ll appreciate each bite even more.
11. Be good to your gut. Include Greek yogurt, sauerkraut, kefir or foods high in fiber in your diet.
12. Make healthy swaps. For instance, try mashed avocado instead of butter or use whole-wheat pastry flour in place of white, refined types.
13. Go nuts. Nuts add crunch and decadent flavor to salads, veggie dishes, yogurt and even sandwiches via nut butters. Nuts can help reduce cholesterol levels and stabilize blood glucose levels.
14. Chill out. Frozen foods, particularly fruits and veggies, can be just as nutritious as fresh produce and, in some cases, they may be even better.
15. Have a superfood. Most superfoods can be found in the produce aisle—they’re not fancy and they don’t even wear food labels. Add a fruit or veggie to each meal.
16. Share a meal. Try ordering your own appetizer but split the main dish with a friend.
17. Get big on beans. Beans are the most undervalued food in the supermarket. They are inexpensive, easy to store, rich in protein and fiber, and taste so good. Add some to your soup tonight.
18. Do something. Don’t call it exercise—call it fun. Dance, ride a bike, take the dog for a long walk or just climb the steps in your home or apartment.
19. Make snacks count. Be sure your snack consists of protein, whole grains and healthy fat for the trifecta that will keep you feeling fuller longer.

And Finally: Be kind to yourself.
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LEGAL EASE
Legal Aid Services

Warren/Hamilton Counties Office For the Aging now has an attorney from Legal Aid who will meet with senior clients who are at least 60 years of age or older. Legal Aid offers services including Estate Planning, Wills, Advanced Directives and Power of Attorney. Appointments may be scheduled through the Warren/Hamilton Counties Office For the Aging by calling 518-761-6347. You may also contact Legal Aid directly by calling 518-587-5188.

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Some of the topics that might be covered include:
Income/spending tracking, Short-term strategies, Goal setting, or Identifying changes that may help with household finances.
People who may have questions include someone who is ready to set up a simple budget or has long-term strategies, or someone who is ready to set up a simple budget.

We are also looking for possible locations to set up, so that we are visible to a cross section of the community.

Training is available for interested volunteers and your ideas and suggestions are welcome. Please contact JoAnna Sheridan at 518-743-9158 ext. 2088 or jsheridan@tricountyunitedway.com.
February is American Heart Month

The biggest part of living healthy comes down to simply making healthy choices. While you can’t change things like age and family history, the good news is that even modest changes to your diet and lifestyle can improve your heart health and lower your risk by as much as 80 percent.

Healthy Substitutions for Everyday Foods

When it comes to cooking and baking there are easy (and tasty) heart-healthy substitutions you can incorporate in your daily meal preparation. Substituting new foods for your tried and true staples might feel foreign at first. But if you stick with it you will start to notice positive reactions from your body and even learn to love the taste.

1. Whole-wheat flour
   Instead of white, processed flour try to incorporate whole-wheat flour into your baking. Because whole grains, like whole-wheat products, contain the entire grain, they are more fibrous than their white counterparts—and more likely to keep you full throughout the day. Not sure your family will embrace whole-wheat pasta or flour? Mix it in with white to get them acclimated. Your family won’t even notice.

2. Unsweetened applesauce
   In many baking recipes, you can reduce the amount of saturated fat by substituting butter for fiber-filled, unsweetened applesauce—or any fruit puree—and canola oil. (Butter can be replaced with half canola oil and half puree.) Still looking to cut back? Try ground flax seeds in place of oil.

3. Greek yogurt
   Delicious on its own, Greek yogurt can wear many hats. An easy, heart-healthy swap? Serve this naturally sour yogurt instead sour cream. You’ll need one small container of nonfat yogurt and a lemon. Squeeze the lemon into the yogurt, stir and serve. This is an easy way to sneak digestion-aiding probiotics into your meals. Just be sure the yogurt you choose is all-natural, plain Greek—flavored and fruit-filled yogurts are full of extra sugars your body doesn’t need.

4. Avocado
   This green fruit gets a bad rap from time to time, but is actually very good for you. Yes, it has a high fat content and yes, you should eat it in moderation (as you should most things), but avocados are full of the fats your heart needs to stay healthy. Try subbing the cheese or mayonnaise on your sandwich for a serving of avocado. You’ll get the creamy goodness you’re craving while your heart gets a healthy boost. Don’t love avocado? Another great alternative is hummus.

5. Ground turkey
   For chili, pasta sauce and burgers take a break from beef and try lean, ground turkey. Reducing your consumption of red meat is a serious step in reducing your chances of heart diseases (or a recurrence). If you’re worried your family will fret, try the whole-wheat pasta trick and work on mixing it in over time.

6. Extra-virgin olive oil
   This should be your main go-to fat for heart health. Used for sautéing and cooking, extra-virgin olive oil is a tasty, heart-healthy substitution for butter. It must be extra-virgin or it won’t contain the antioxidants that come with the cold pressing.

7. Dark leafy greens
   Heart-healthy greens like spinach, arugula, watercress and kale can be used in place of watery greens like iceberg lettuce and romaine, which lack in important nutrients. As always, acclimation is key to long-term success, so if you or your family isn’t ready to commit to the dark stuff try mixing different greens in with lettuces you are comfortable with.

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8 New Year’s Resolutions for a Happy – and Healthy – 2019

The New Year can be an exciting time, brimming with the promise of fresh starts and new beginnings. It’s also an opportunity to recommit to your health and well-being:

Eat better. Exercise three times each week. Drink more water.

Creating these resolutions is easy enough. Sticking to them beyond the month of January, however, is another story.

1. Practice mindful eating - These days, it’s common to chow down with your eyes glued to a screen, but eating when you’re distracted leads to overeating. Take time to slow down and pay attention to your food, pausing to put down utensils between bites. When you eat mindfully, it’s easier to notice when you feel full, plus you’re more likely to enjoy the foods you eat.

2. Commit to one less dessert per week. The people who resolve to cut sugar entirely out of their diet or give up desserts altogether usually don’t last very long. Instead, try taking baby steps. If your routine includes a sweet treat after lunch or dinner, skip one day a week. You may start to notice that you are more alert and have more energy that day, and you will likely feel encouraged to go for 2 days or more!

3. Chill out and rest up - when it’s time to sleep, it’s time to chill – literally. Knocking the thermostat down to 68 degrees or lower before you tuck into bed can help you sleep better. Darken your room by drawing the curtains or dimming the display on your alarm clock to really get those quality Zs.

4. Adopt an attitude of gratitude – Take some time at the beginning or end of the day to reflect on what you’re grateful for. “A daily grateful check-in or keeping a grateful journal is a way to shift your focus and minimize the distorting influence of stress. Reminding ourselves of the small, everyday positive aspects of our lives helps to develop a sense of balance and perspective that can enhance well-being,” says Johns Hopkins psychiatrist Susan Lehmann, M.D.

5. Find 30 minutes a day to walk - Getting the recommended 30 minutes of exercise each day can be as simple as taking a walk. If you’ve got a busy schedule, take three 10-minute walks throughout your day. Then have a friend or family member meet you for an evening stroll.

6. Take the stairs - Making small, daily changes such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator may seem minor, but they can make a big difference for your heart in the long run. “Individuals who are physically active are much less likely to develop cardiovascular disease.”

7. Devote some time weekly (or monthly) to volunteering. Volunteerism can have positive effects on physical and mental health. Volunteering has been shown to lower blood pressure and improves heart health and can also lower your risk of mental illness, including depression and anxiety.

8. Choose a brain-training exercise each week. Put your brain to work each week to help maintain your cognitive abilities and improve memory. Make it fun – choose a crossword puzzle one week and Sudoku the next. Organize a game night with friends to play Scrabble or a board game full of strategy for multiple players.

As always, talk with your doctor before beginning your journey to a healthier you.

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January 14th ~ February 11th ~ March 11th

Dementia Caregiver Support Group
Call Stacey Barcomb for more information. (518) 832-4992.

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Memory Café
Second Thursday of the Month

January 10th, 2019
February 14th, 2019
March 14th, 2019

from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Indian Lake Senior Citizen Center
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What is a Memory Café?
A Memory Café provides a gathering place for friends with Alzheimer’s disease or other Dementia and their caregivers and families to relax and enjoy social events, refreshments, and entertainment.

Walk-ins are welcome, but RSVP is appreciated for the FREE Memory Café

For more information or to RSVP, call Stacey Barcomb at (518) 832-4992

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