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GRANVILLE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES

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Nothing Could Be Finer

Many of us were disappointed to hear that there would be no NC State Fair this year. The NC State Fair, the state's oldest annual celebration, is a tradition for many. It will definitely be a different October at the state fairgrounds without the smell of funnel cakes, the squeals of delight from the midway rides and the exhibits showcasing the great state of North Carolina. To fill the void until we can return, here is a brief history of the state fair. Hopefully next year the beloved fair can return because *nothing could be finer than the NC State Fair!*

1853—The State Agricultural Society holds the first State Fair; it was four days long.

1861 – 1868—Fair not held due to the Civil War and Reconstruction period.

1891 – The first Midway ride, the Switchback Railway, is constructed on the fairgrounds.

1895 – Main attraction is chicken incubators.

1900— First food booths pop up on the fairgrounds, run by churches and civic groups as fundraisers.

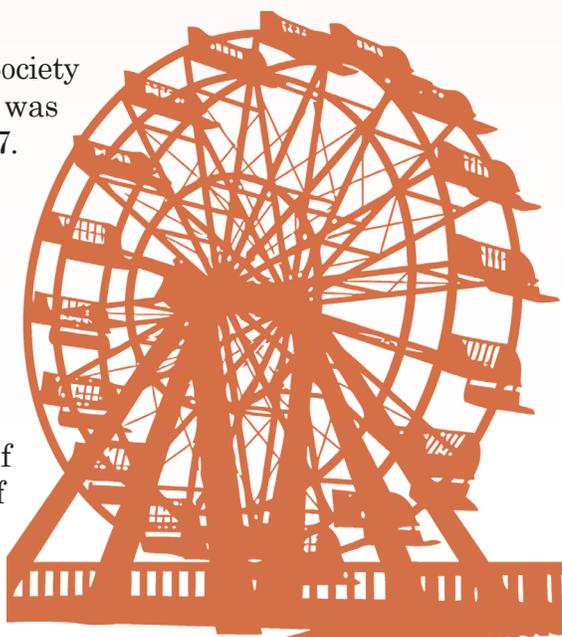
1925—Agricultural Society disbands and no Fair was held in 1926 and 1927.

1928 – Fair moves to present site. Commercial and Education buildings are constructed. The Fair is placed under the control of the Department of Agriculture.

1933 – Fair leased to George Hamid for operation on a commercial basis. However, in 1937 W. Kerr Scott returned control of the Fair to the Department of Agriculture when he becomes Commissioner of Agriculture.

1942 – Fair closes due to World War II, reopens in 1946.

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1948 – James E. Strates provides the Midway. The Folk Festival is created as a showcase for traditional North Carolina music and dance. Strates' Shows returns in 1949 with Ferris Wheels, merry-go rounds, animal shows and dare-devil motorcyclists.

1950 – Village of Yesteryear opens in the main exhibit hall.

1952 – State Fair Livestock Pavilion is completed, boasting the world's first column-free roof. It was renamed the J.S. Dorton Arena in 1961.

1969 – Fair extended to nine days.

1974 – The Gov. Kerr Scott Building is dedicated. Gov. James E. Holshouser Building, which houses the Village of Yesteryear, is completed.

1975 – Jim Graham Building completed. The Arthur K. Pitzer Heritage Circle acquires its first piece, an authentic 18th century schoolhouse.

1986 – Fair extends to 10 days.

1996 – President Bill Clinton hosts a meeting in the Jim Graham Building to address workers who were using the fairgrounds as an emergency staging area to clean up the disaster caused by Hurricane Fran.

2005 – The first new building on the fairgrounds since the 80's is opened – the Exposition Center located on the site of the old Red Cross Lounge. Wade Shows brings 105 – the most rides ever – to the newly expanded midway.

2007 – State Fair shatters attendance records on three days, as well as the overall attendance record with 858,611 total fairgoers. The second Saturday saw 145,955 fairgoers, the most ever in a single day.

2017 – The Fair celebrated it's 150th fair.

FLU SHOT CLINICS TO BE HELD:

Granville County Senior Services will once again offer free flu shot clinics for seniors at our senior centers in October. The Granville County Health Department will be sponsoring these clinics. The schedule will be as follows:

*** Granville County Senior Center**
in Oxford:

Thursday, October 1

8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

*** North Granville Senior Center**
in Stovall:

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

*** South Granville Senior Center**
in Creedmoor:

Friday, October 2

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Health Department will accept Medicare, Medicaid, BCBS, United Healthcare, Humana, Blue Medicare and Coventry. **Masks are required and temperatures will be taken before you enter the building.** More than ever, it is important for people of all ages to be protected. The CDC and the NC Division of Public Health recommend everyone over six months of age get a yearly flu vaccine. Children younger than six months are too young to be vaccinated, so those who care for them should be vaccinated instead. Although the best way to avoid getting Influenza is to receive the flu vaccine, frequent hand washing and covering the mouth when coughing are also ways to reduce the spread of flu. Everyone needs to take the necessary steps to stay healthy during flu season – *get the shot!*

POP UP SENIOR CENTER!

On Tuesday, September 15th the **Granville County Senior Center** in Oxford took the senior center to the residents of Howard Housing in Oxford. This *pop up senior center* was so much fun for both our staff and the residents! Thirty-two residents enjoyed goodie bags, ice cream sandwiches, bottled water, popcorn and other surprises. It was great to see so many seniors out and able to enjoy a fun afternoon. Another pop up senior center was held at Royal Pavilion Apartments in Creedmoor on Tuesday, September 29th. We are so happy to be able to hold these pop up events around Granville County – it's a fun way to engage our senior adults while staying safe! Thanks to all who came out and joined us!



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the **Granville County Senior Center** in Oxford will not hold their annual *holiday bazaar* this year. We are disappointed but do not feel that this event can be held safely at this time. We hope to return in 2021 with even more vendors than before! We apologize to the vendors and shoppers who have been so faithful in returning year after year – we hope you will join us next year!

DRIVE THROUGH VETERAN'S RECOGNITION EVENT PLANNED

Due to COVID-19 we will be unable to hold our annual veteran's recognition breakfast this year. **However**, we will still hold a small event for our veteran's! This year's recognition program will be a **drive through** at the **Granville County Senior Center** in Oxford. This will be held on Tuesday, November 10th from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Co-

sponsored by *Amedisys Home Health and Hospice*, we'll have goody bags and a pinning "ceremony" for each veteran – you'll never have to leave your car! All branches are welcome. If you would like to attend, please call the **Granville County Senior Center** in Oxford at (919)693-1930. *We look forward to seeing you!*

OPEN ART STUDIO RETURNS TO GRANVILLE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

The **Granville County Senior Center** in Oxford is excited to announce we will begin holding our *open art studio* this month. This will be held each Tuesday, beginning October 6th, at 9:30 a.m. **There will be a limit of six people in the art room and all participants are asked to wear a mask.** If you would like to attend, you will need to sign up for each week's session by calling the senior center at (919)693-1930. There will be one person

per table and tables will be arranged so that participants can safely distance from each other.

Open art studio is a time where those who enjoy painting, drawing or any type of artwork can come to work on their individual projects. This is not a class. Participants will need to bring all supplies. We can't wait to see you!



MANY THANKS TO...

The **South Granville Senior Center** in Creedmoor would like to thank the following individuals and groups for their donations to the center over the past few months.

South Granville Rotary Club – for their continued support of the South Granville Senior Center. The Rotary Club has been a tremendous supporter of programs and activities,

many times supplying all materials and staffing events; has delivered home delivered meals - including on Saturdays; has donated sanitation supplies to help keep our seniors, staff and building safe during COVID and many other things over the past several years. We greatly appreciate this groups continuing support of our seniors in southern Granville County.

Kelley Lawson - with Granville County Department of Social Services – for donating care packages to seniors during the pandemic.

Pam Brantley – for a monetary donation in memory of Connie Blankenship.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our services and programs, especially during this unprecedented time.

We appreciate you!

NIFTY 90'S – DRIVE THROUGH CELEBRATION

On September 22nd, the **Granville County Senior Center** in Oxford held their annual *Nifty 90's celebration*. This event looked a little different this year but fun was still had by all! We had 44 ninety plus year olds and their guests who drove through different “stations” to receive goody bags and other items. We even had a photo “booth” where our special guests had their pictures made from their car! Participants enjoyed live music from *The Palm Trees*, a local band made up of members from the Oxford area. Many thanks to the Granville County Sheriff's Department and Granville County Commissioners David Smith and Zelodis Jay for helping during our celebration and



Amedisys Home Health and Hospice and Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church for their donation of items for our goody bags. It was a great event and we were so happy to see everyone come out, even if we had to celebrate our guests from their cars!



Kathy's Korner

..... By: Kathy May

GET READY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT: OCTOBER 15TH THROUGH DECEMBER 7TH

Medicare coverage and costs can change from year to year, so it's worth taking the time to check and see if your prescription drug plan still meets your needs and your budget. Get ready to compare when open enrollment starts on October 15th.

If you would like assistance from one of our award winning SHIIP counselors during this open enrollment time, we have already begun taking appointments. Call Granville County Senior Services at 919/693-1930 if you would like an appointment. This year, due to COVID restrictions, you will be able to choose whether you would like to meet through a telephone appointment or whether you would like to come in person. IF you choose to come in person, you will be asked to wear a mask, have your temperature checked when you enter the building, and maintain a distance of at least 6-feet from your counselor. This will be protocol for *everyone* in order to maintain a safe environment.

WHEN YOU COME OR CALL IN FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT, please have your Medicare card and *all of the prescription drugs* that you take on a regular basis. We

don't need to know about your vitamins or other over-the-counter drugs.

Reminder about Extra Help Paying for Prescriptions: Extra help is available for Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and resources. If you qualify, you can take advantage of a program where your premiums are lower (or free), you have lower co-pays, and lower annual deductibles. Currently, the qualifications to receive extra help with your drug plan are:

For An Individual: A monthly income below \$1,615, and *resources no greater than \$14,610.

For a Married Couple Living Together: A monthly income limit of \$2,175, and *resources no greater than \$27,250.

*Examples of resources that are NOT counted include: Your primary residence, your personal possessions, your vehicle(s), life insurance policies, burial expenses, and property essential to your self-support. If you have any questions regarding whether you may qualify for extra help, contact us at 919/693-1930.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Granville County Senior Services is hard at work for the citizens of Granville County. The following data reflects the numbers served during **August 2020**.

Home Delivered Meals

Oxford area: 660 meals delivered to 33 homebound seniors.
Northern Granville area: 100 meals delivered to 5 homebound seniors.
Southern Granville area: 436 meals delivered to 19 homebound seniors.
Total meals: 1,196 meals delivered to 57 homebound seniors.
Total contributed to program by participants: \$792.00
Total amount paid by Senior Services: \$5,441.80

Congregate Meals (Curbside Pickup)

Granville County Senior Center in Oxford: 964 meals to 70 seniors.
North Granville Senior Center in Stovall: 405 meals to 25 seniors.
South Granville Senior Center in Creedmoor: 925 meals to 49 seniors.
Total meals: 2,294 meals to 144 seniors.
Total contributed to program by participants: \$1,081.00
Total amount paid by Senior Services: \$10,437.70

In-Home Aide Services

513 hours provided for 28 clients.
Amount contributed to program by participants: \$25.00

Transportation

50 trips provided for 14 clients.
Amount paid by Senior Services: \$1,753.63

Lifeline Assistance

Monthly bills paid for 17 limited income seniors to have the HASTEN Help System. Amount paid by Senior Services: \$425.00

SOUTH GRANVILLE SENIOR CENTER UPDATE

We are all anxiously awaiting word from the City of Creedmoor as to when we can officially move back into the **South Granville Senior Center** in Creedmoor. We think we should be ready to move around the end of October. Things are looking good there and we cannot wait until we are able to welcome you all back! However, once we move back we may not be able to hold congregate meals or programming due to COVID-19 regulations.

Once we are moved in, we will look at room sizes and spacing abilities before scheduling any events. While we are ready to be back in our home, we have to thank the South Granville Country Club for letting us house our senior center there for the past year and a half. We greatly appreciate all they have done to help us keep our programs and services going through all this. *Stay tuned!*

Granville County Senior Services

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The mission of Granville County Senior Services is to provide a sense of community, overall health, and independence for senior adults. We strive to be accessible and responsive through programs, services, and advocacy, enhancing the quality of life for our aging population.

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Stovall, NC 27582
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"A Certified Center of Excellence"
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Oxford, NC 27565
919-693-1930

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PO Box 766 • 114 Douglas Drive
Creedmoor, NC 27522
919-528-0848

Programs and Services Offered

- Senior Center Operations
- Home Delivered Meals
- In-Home Aide - Level II & III
- Fitness Program (*Cardiovascular, Strength & Flexibility*)
- Information & Case Assistance
- Housing & Home Improvement
- Coordination with other Agencies

- SHIIP Counseling (*Seniors Health Insurance Information Program*)
- Programs for Growth, Involvement & Enrichment (*i.e., health screenings, music, art, crafts, education, day trips, parties, informative speakers, support groups*)

- Congregate Meals
- Lifeline Assistance
- Care Management
- Tax Assistance
- Monthly Newsletter
- Volunteer Opportunities

- Transportation
- Legal Aide
- Senior Games
- Private Duty List
- Resource Directory
- Notary

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