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Fall Dessert Recipes

Fall is finally here and holiday season is just around the corner! Holidays are often filled with delicious foods and sweets that can be hard to resist. Instead of limiting all desserts, why not make nutritious ones to help curb your sweet tooth? Below are a few easy recipes that are either low in added sugar and saturated fat or they are full of nutritious ingredients like fruits, whole grains, nuts, seeds and spices. These desserts are great options to have as a snack or to share when the grandkids come to visit!

Stove Top Spiced Apples

Ingredients

- 4 apples, cored and chopped
- 1 tbsp water
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla
- a pinch of nutmeg, cloves and ginger (based on preference)

Directions

- 1. Core and cut apples into wedges or cubes
- 2. Add them to a nonstick pan with cinnamon, optional spices, vanilla and a little splash of water and stir together to coat. Cover and cook at medium-high heat for one minute.
- 3. Then take the lid off, reduce heat and keep stirring occasionally for another 3-4 minutes or until some of the apples become tender.
- 4. Take out and serve immediately.

Serving Options: Serve cinnamon apples with plain, low fat Greek yogurt to add protein to your dessert or top with your favorite nuts for some healthy fats!

No Bake Pumpkin Peanut Butter Balls

Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Directions

- 1. Add oats to a food processer or blender and grind until it turns into flour.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients. Using a spoon shape into small bite sized balls. Enjoy!

Optional Additions: Add chia seeds, pecans, shredded coconut or ground flaxseed for more fiber and healthy fats!

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Foot Care Clinics For Richland County

Foot care will be done by appointment at the following Senior Centers in Richland County:

Wahpeton Senior Center 520 3rd Ave South

11:00am to 3:00pm on December 3 & 17 and January 7 & 21 9:00am to 12:00pm December 5 and January 2

Lidgerwood Senior Center 117 4th Street Southwest

December 5 and January 2

Hankinson Senior Center

111 3rd Street Southwest 9:00am to 1:00pm on

December 12 and January 9

Wyndmere Senior Center 466 4th Street

10:00am to 1:00pm on December 19 and January 16

To schedule an appointment call Richland County Health Department at 642-7735

Cost: \$25.00

*For an additional \$5, fingernail care can also be provided at your footcare appointment.

- Foot care is provided to clients who are not able to trim their own toenails due to physical limitations.
- * Foot care does not include any treatment for ingrown nails, calluses, and/or infection.

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Wahpeton Senior Center

520 3rd Ave S December 5th @ 10:00am

Hankinson Senior Center

111 3rd St SW December 6th @ 12:00pm

Lidgerwood Senior Center

117 4th St SW December 5th @ 10:00am We invite you to join CHI Health at Home for an informative session dedicated to understanding the benefits of hospice care and when is the right time for hospice.

Abercrombie Senior Center

516 Broadway December 3rd @ 12:30pm

Wyndmere Senior Center

466 4th St December 5th @ 11:00am

This educational session aims to highlight the benefits of hospice care and to help families understand what hospice is

Benefits of Hospice Care

Hospice Care offers numerous advantages for patients and their families, Including:

- Comprehensive Support
- Pain and Symptom Management
- Emotional Support
- Family Involvement
- Home-Based Care
- Respite for Caregivers

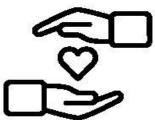
When is the Right Time for Hospice?

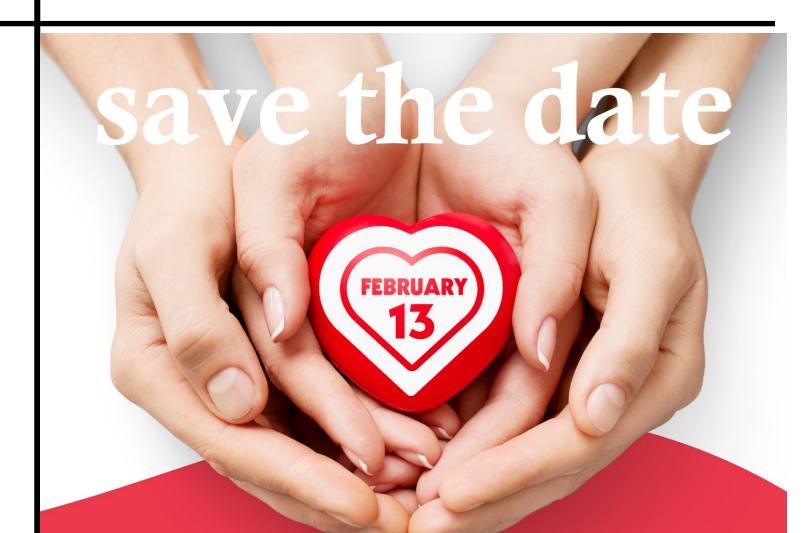
Determining the right time to transition to hospice care can be challenging. Here are some indicators:

- Terminal Diagnosis
- Frequent Hospitalizations
- Declining Health
- Focus on Quality of Life
- Increased Need of Support

CHI Health at Home.

CHI Health at Home-Breckenridge P: 218.643.2275





Giving Hearts Day is just about here!

Scheduled donations start as early as January 13 Mark your calendar! February 13 ALL DAY LONG



A Day of Generosity, A Lifetime of Support for Seniors





RICHLAND COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM

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At Valley Senior Services, we believe that proper nutrition is vital to maintaining the health and independence of older adults, helping them stay active and remain in their homes. Our dietitian-approved meals are available at Richland County sites in Wahpeton, Hankinson, Lidgerwood, Wyndmere, and Abercrombie for individuals 60+ and their spouses, with a suggested donation of \$4 per meal. No one is ever turned away due to an inability to contribute

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♂ Congregate Dining*

Join us for a delicious, home-cooked meal at any of our senior centers, where you can catch up with old friends or meet someone new. Simply call the center by 9:00 am on the day you'd like to join us, and lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

🧭 Carry Out Meals*

No time to join us for lunch or prefer to eat at home? No problem! Just call by 9:00 am, and we'll have a meal ready for pickup by 11:00 am, so you can enjoy it on your own schedule.

♂ Home Delivered Meals

Home Delivered Meals, or Meals on Wheels, are available for individuals who are homebound or meet specific eligibility requirements. A Resource Specialist will visit your home to complete an assessment and determine your eligibility, with reassessments conducted annually. If eligible, friendly volunteers will deliver a hot meal to you every day your local senior center is open.

♂ Frozen Meals*

Our frozen meals are the same delicious, home-cooked meals we prepare daily, and they come with two slices of frozen bread, a fruit cup, and a half pint of milk. These meals can be easily reheated in the oven or microwave and are available for pickup at all five of our senior centers.

* An annual Meal Program Assessment form is required.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NUTRITION PROGRAM IN RICHLAND COUNTY

701-642-3033

RICHLAND COUNTY MEAL SITES

- Abercrombie Community Center (M, T, W) 701-553-8459
- Hankinson Senior Center (T, W, F) 701-242-7742
- Lidgerwood Senior Center (M, T, TH) 701-538-4602
- Wahpeton Senior Center (M, T, W, TH, F) 701-642-3033
- Wyndmere Senior Center (M, T, TH) 701-439-2907

Wahpeton Senior Center

642-3033

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Tuna Noodle Casserole Caribbean Blend Veggies Peaches Dinner Roll	3 Turkey a la King Fluffy Rice Malibu Blend Veggies Fresh Grapes Biscuit	4 Hot Roast Beef w/ Gravy on Wheat Chive Mashed Potatoes Peas and Carrots Snicker Apple Salad	5 Chicken & Dumplings House Salad Herbed Green Beans Strawberries & Yogurt Biscuit	6 Scrambled Eggs Seasoned Steak Hashbrowns Orange Vinaigrette Veggies Mixed Berries Bread x2/Jelly
9 BBQ Ribs Prince Edward Veggies Baked Potato Fruit Cocktail Bread x2	10 Chili w/ Beans House Salad Cornbread Wheat Crackers Banana	Birthday Dinner 11 Chicken Fried Steak Cream Gravy Potatoes & Onions Lemon Butter Broccoli Ambrosia Bread x1 Birthday Cake	12 Cheeseburger on a Bun Dijon Red Potatoes Squash Fresh Whole Pear	Christmas Dinner 13 Ham Glazed Sweet Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Orange Strawberry Cream Pie Dinner Roll
16 Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Apple Bread x2	17 Lemon Pepper Fish Au Gratin Potatoes Winter Blend Veggies Peachy Gelatin Bread x2	18 Chicken Tortilla Soup Cheese Enchiladas Black Beans Pepper Medley Sour Cream Pineapple	19 Beef Lasagna Herbed Green Beans Blueberries Breadstick	20 Roast Pork Loin Parslied Potatoes Balsamic Brussels Sprouts Apricots Caribbean Sauce Dinner Roll
23 Tater Tot Casserole Southwest Corn Fresh Whole Pear Bread x2	24 CLOSED Meals on Wheels recipients will receive a frozen meal on Monday along with their hot meal.	25 CLOSED If you would like to receive an additional frozen meal on Monday, please call the office at 642-3033.	26 Lemon Mustard Chicken Roasted Red Potatoes Country Blend Veggies Tropical Fruit Dinner Roll	27 Beef Stroganoff Mashed Potatoes Carrots Zucchini Bread Deluxe Fruit
30 Sloppy Joe / Bun Baked Beans Potato Wedges Mandarin Oranges	31 Shrimp Scampi Spinach Fettuccine House Salad Buttered Asparagus Raspberries Breadstick	We will be closed on January 1st. If you would like to receive a frozen meal on Tuesday along with your hot meal, please call the office at 642-3033		



All of our meal sites provide congregate, carry out, and home delivered meals. **Please call your meal site by 9am on the day you would like to eat**. All meals include 1% milk. If you live in Richland County but do not have a meal site near you, frozen meals are available.

Meals are a suggested donation of \$4.00 per meal for people 60+ and their spouse of any age. Under the age of 60 is a charge of \$11.75 per meal.

December 2024	Abercrombie Senior Center			553-8759	
Tuna Noodle Casserole Caribbean Blend Veggies Peaches Dinner Roll	2	Scrambled Eggs Seasoned Steak Hashbrowns Orange Vinaigrette Veggies Mixed Berries Bread x2/Jelly	3	Chicken & Dumplings House Salad Herbed Green Beans Strawberries & Yogurt Biscuit	4
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December 2024		Hankinson Senior Cer	nter		242-7742
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3 Ingredient Banana, Oat, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients

- 2 medium bananas, ripe
- 1 ¹/₂ cup oatmeal optional 1/2 cup rolled oats and 1 cup quick oats
- 1/3 cup mini chocolate chips

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and grease a cookie sheet. Using the back of a fork, mash bananas in a medium bowl until they are broken down.
- 2. Add in oats and chocolate chips. Gently stir until all of the ingredients are mixed together.
- 3. Scoop one tablespoon of the dough into your hands and free form into a cookie. Place on cookie sheet and continue until you have 12 cookies.
- 4. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until set through and lightly golden. Cool and enjoy!

Storage Recommendations: Cookies can be stored in an airtight container for five days in the refrigerator or for 3 months frozen.

Fruit and Nut Dark Chocolate Bark

Ingredients

- 3 cups dark chocolate chips
- 1 cup roughly chopped pecans, pistachios and walnuts
- 1/3 cup chopped dried apricots or cherries
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries

Directions

- 1. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone mat.
- Place the chocolate chips in a microwave safe glass bowl or measuring cup. Heat for 1 minute, at 50% power, stir and heat an additional 30 seconds to a minute, stir again until smooth. Pour the chocolate across the lined baking sheet and spread it out with a spatula.
- 3. Sprinkle with the chopped fruits and nuts. Let the chocolate harden at room temperature or in the refrigerator. Cut the bark into pieces once it has set. Store at cool room temperature or in the refrigerator. Enjoy!

<u>Weather Related Closures for Abercrombie, Hankinson,</u> <u>Lidgerwood, Wahpeton & Wyndmere Meal Sites</u>



Weather related closures will be announced on the following media outlets:

• Valley News Live

• Facebook

When we are closed, there will be no Carry Out, Congregate, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation or Activities that day.

Richland County Public Transit Schedules

December 2024—February 2025

Valley Senior Services Richland County Public Transportation can accommodate medical, dental and eye appointments, shopping, visiting and other personal needs on a first-call, first-serve basis. Please call us at 701-642-5746 at least 2 days in advance to ensure your ride reservation. Vehicles are equipped to accommodate accessibility needs. Our transportation is open to the public and is available to anyone of any age. We look forward to your call.

TRANSIT RIDES WITHIN WAHPETON/BRECKENRIDGE

We provide transportation in the Wahpeton/Breckenridge area Monday through Friday. The first ride is given at 8:15am and the last ride is given at 3:45pm. The cost for these rides is **\$1 per one way ride.** We ask that you limit your shopping bags to 6 or less, and you should be able to carry your own bags.

TRANSIT RIDES TO WAHPETON

We offer rides from surrounding towns in Richland County into Wahpeton monthly. **To schedule a ride call 642-5746** <u>at least 2 days in advance</u>. Hours spent in Wahpeton will be between 10:00am to 3:00pm unless all riders are done earlier. It is best if you schedule any medical appointments between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm if possible. The cost for these rides is **\$5.00 per person**.

FAIRMOUNT/HANKINSON/LIDGERWOOD WYNDMERE/MOORETON

December 9 & 23 January 13 & 27 February 10 & 24

TRANSIT RIDES TO FARGO

We provide transportation to Fargo on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **To schedule a ride, call 642-5746 at least 2 days in advance.** Hours spent in Fargo will be between 10:00am to 3:00pm unless all riders are done earlier. It is best if you schedule any medical appointments between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm. The cost for these rides is **\$8.00 per person.**

Please note: we will no longer have set routes to Fargo. Anyone in Richland County can ride our transportation on any Fargo date.

December: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 26, & 31

January: 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, & 30

February: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, & 27

Activities

All activities are held at the Senior Center in your community unless otherwise noted. Coffee & dessert following all activities in Lidgerwood, Wahpeton, and Wyndmere.

Bingo

Wahpeton—Tuesday at 12:30pm

Coffee & Toast Social

Abercrombie—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8am-10am

Exercise

Lidgerwood—Exercise equipment available to use

Wahpeton—Bone Builders—Tuesday & Thursday at 9am at the Wahpeton Community Center

Pot Luck

Fairmount—2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 12pm

Free For All Fridays!

Grab your friends and come on down to the Wahpeton Senior Center From 12:30pm – 4pm for any or all of the following games:

Cribbage	Dice	Mexican Train
Wii Games	Yahtzee	Phase 10

"Roll" into the weekend with us at the Wahpeton Senior Center! Give us a call at 642-5746 <u>before noon</u> on Thursday and let us know that you will be joining us for rolls on Friday. This ensures we will have enough rolls for everyone! Then join us on Friday between 8:30am—9:30am for a roll and all you can drink coffee! Suggested \$1.00 donation! Bridge Wahpeton—Thursday at 12:30pm

Hand and Foot

Abercrombie—Wednesday at 1pm Lidgerwood—Tuesday at 1pm Wahpeton—Wednesday at 12:15pm Hankinson—Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 12:00pm

Other Card Games & Dominoes

Wyndmere—Monday—Friday at 3pm Hankinson—Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 12:00pm

Pinochle

Wahpeton—Wednesday at 12:30pm Wyndmere—Monday at 1pm

Puzzles

Wahpeton—Monday — Friday 9am—3pm Wyndmere—Monday—Friday 10am—6pm Hankinson—Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 12:00pm

Social Hour

Abercrombie—Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 1pm Wyndmere—Monday—Friday at 3pm

Whist

Wahpeton—Monday at 12:30pm Wyndmere— Thursday at 1pm Hankinson—Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 12:00pm Wahpeton Harmony Senior Citizens Club, Inc 520 3rd Avenue South Wahpeton, ND 58075

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RESOURCES SERVICES

Our staff help clients 60+ identify needs and find services to maintain independence.

NUTRITIOUS MEALS

Community dining, Meals on Wheels, and to-go meals are available in Abercrombie, Hankinson, Lidgerwood, Wahpeton, and Wyndmere. Not in these towns? Frozen meals are available!

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is available in Wahpeton, to Fargo, and from surrounding towns into Wahpeton for all Richland County residents, regardless of age.