to celebrate the invaluable services provided by Meals on Wheels. During March for Meals, we invite our local leaders in Rowan County to come out and deliver routes and experience firsthand what we do here at Meals on Wheels Rowan. Be on the lookout for your local Mayors, County Com-



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and other community leaders, as they deliver routes throughout March!

March for Meals is a month-long celebration of Meals on

Wheels to raise awareness of senior hunger and isolation and

We would love to hear about your experiences as a volunteer, a participant, or a family member. Make sure to tag us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

If you would like to donate to our March for Meals campaign, visit our website at www.mowrowan.org. For \$45 you can provide a week of meals for a hungry senior!

To find out more about how get involved during March for Meals either by volunteering, or speaking out about what Meals on Wheels means to you, please e-mail Alexandra at afisher@mowrowan.org or call 704-633-0352.

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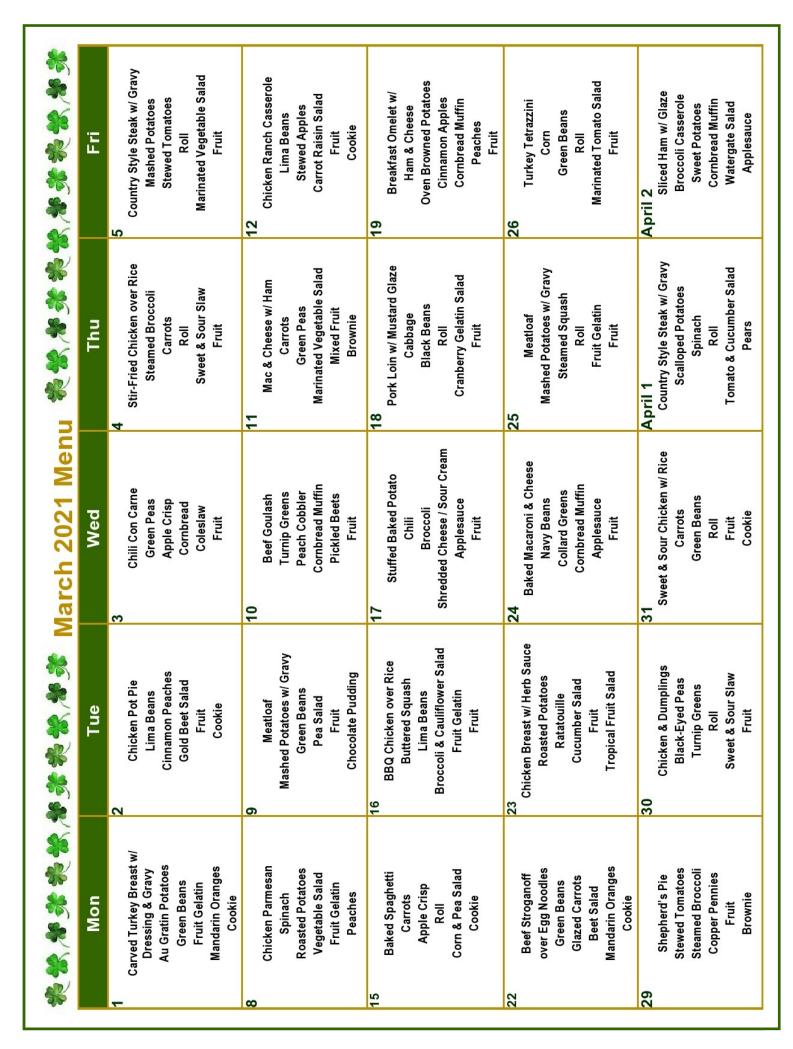






If you will not be home for your **Monday or Thursday** delivery, please call our office at 704-633-0356 as soon as you know. Our meal orders are placed a day in advance and volunteers are scheduled to deliver your meals.





MEAL RECIPIENT



BIRTHDAYS!

1st Bill Love
Linda Hughes
2nd Mary Miller

3rd Shirley Johnson

4th George Cannon

5th Patsy Coren
Margine Wilson

6th Telka Gullet

7th Wynell Wood

8th Jimmy Lail

Sylvia Dutton

9th Nancy Mertins
John Pharr

10th Don Dedmon

13th Elizabeth Perry Glenda Roberts

14th Rosalyn Odom

16th Beatrice Hunter

18th Shirley Buckner

20th Ronald Spry

26th John Ellison

27th Kenneth Carlton

28th Janet Connell

29th Thomas Ansbro



Grocery Program



We currently have openings for grocery clients. The Grocery Program provides grocery shopping and delivery to qualified participants. The Grocery Program is to assist seniors who can prepare meals for themselves but have difficulty getting to

the grocery store due to health, mobility, transportation, and/or financial limitations. There is no cost to participate in the Grocery Program, but participants can make contributions. Participants call in their grocery orders once a week, and a volunteer will shop and deliver the groceries at a scheduled time. We encourage participants to order healthy foods and fresh produce and fruits. Please be aware we do not purchase soft drinks or excessive sweet or salty snacks.

If you need assistance with groceries or would like to volunteer, contact our Grocery Coordinator, Holly Teeter at htteeter@mowrowan.org or call 704-633-0352.

BBQ CANCELLED!!

After careful consideration, we decided it is best to cancel our Spring BBQ Fundraiser. We hope to reschedule for the Fall. Thank you to all who inquired about volunteering.



For those who are hungry

for Port-A-Pit, they are open Wednesday & Friday from 11am - 7pm at 119 Marshall Forest Lane, Statesville, NC 28625, 25 miles from downtown Salisbury.

Vitamin K

You may have heard of **Vitamin K**, especially if your doctor has prescribed blood thinner medication like Coumadin (warfarin) for you or a loved one. Vitamin K is probably best known for how it assists with blood clotting. In fact, Vitamin K got its name from the Danish word *koagulation*, which means coagulation, or blood clotting. **But did you know that**

Vitamin K affects bone health too? That's right! It has a role with increasing bone mass and promoting strong bones.

Vitamin K is found naturally some plants. Green vegetables are especially rich in Vitamin K including collard, turnip & mustard greens, spinach, kale, swiss chard, broccoli, cabbage, and brussels sprouts. Soybean oil, and foods made



with it like regular salad dressings, is another common source of Vitamin K too. In contrast, fat-free salad dressings typically have little to no Vitamin K due to not containing oils.

For those taking blood thinner medication, maintaining a <u>consistent intake</u> of Vitamin K is an important consideration since <u>sudden dietary changes of eating significantly more or less foods rich in Vitamin K can affect clotting time</u>. These medications affect Vitamin K's role of blood clotting by making the vitamin less "active" thereby prolonging the time it takes for blood to clot. What could this mean? A sudden increase of Vitamin K may cause the blood to clot too quickly, while a sudden decrease of Vitamin K may cause the blood to clot too slowly – either of which can be dangerous in certain circumstances. *Consistency with how much green vegetables you eat & how often you eat them is key!*

Green vegetables are some of the most nutrient-rich foods available and should be incorporated into our diets regularly, yet appropriately, for optimum health. Discuss any dietary or nutrition concerns with your healthcare provider or Registered Dietitian *before* making significant changes to your eating habits. Information in this article is intended for general education purposes only and should not be used in place of guidelines or treatment plans given to you by your physician or healthcare provider.

Guest Columnist—Tara Smith, Registered Dietitian and Meals on Wheels Board Member

Keep Meals on Wheels Rowan in mind when planning your annual and legacy giving.