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Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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ANNUAL MEDICARE FAIR

Helping Make Sense of the Medicare Maze

Health care is one of the biggest expenses that we all need to prepare for in retirement that can affect quality of life both physically and financially. Decisions regarding healthcare coverage should be reviewed yearly as your unique situation could change.

The Annual Medicare Fair is set for Thursdays in October, beginning October 16th in Heritage Hall (nutrition) from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the West Building. In November, the Medicare Fair will be in the East Annex Media Room on Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

Whether you are enrolling in Medicare at the standard eligibility age of 65 or have been enrolled for years, take the time to review your healthcare coverage. Yearly changes to Medicare in addition to individual changes in medical conditions and related prescriptions are just two reasons to review your coverage.

These free events are your chance to speak directly with insurance plan representatives in a safe environment about your healthcare coverage for the coming year.

Helping you navigate the maze of Medicare information and plans that encompass healthcare coverage is what the Medicare Fair is all about. Each year the Center hosts the event providing members the opportunity to speak with insurance advisors in-person at the Center during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP).

Participants Include:













Regularly Scheduled MONDAY Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	8 a.m 12 p.m.	E	
Ping Pong	8 a.m 11 a.m.	W	
Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Cardio Exercise	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Yin Yoga	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Crafting	9:30 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Drum to Exercise with Kathy	9: 15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	W	
Bible Study	9:30 a.m 11 a.m.	Е	
Circle of Readers	10 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	Oct. 6th & 20th
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11: 30 a.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun	11 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Canasta	12 p.m 3:45 p.m.	W	
Tai Chi for Better Balance - Vanessa	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	E	
Pickleball Open Play	12:15 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Member-Led Bingo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Intermediate Tap Dancing	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Experienced Mahjongg	1 p.m 4 p.m.	Е	
Line Dancing with Barb	1:30 p.m 3 p.m.	E	Cancelled in October
Photography Group	1:30 p.m 3:30 p.m.	E	Oct. 6th & 20th
Beginning Tap Dancing	2:45 p.m 3:30 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m 4 p.m.	E	

Monday Special Events

Medicare Education with Chris

CIRCLE OF READERS

Oct 6: The Lies We Leave Behind by Noelle Salazar (Historical F) & Zoom author visit

Oct 20: Discuss other books & Tilt by Emma Pattee (I won 7 copies; we will pass them around for those who wish to read it.)

Nov 3: Finlay Donovan is Killing It by Elle Cosimano (Contemporary Mystery) & Zoom author visit

Nov 17: Discuss other books

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Regularly Scheduled TUESDAY Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	8 a.m 12 p.m.	E	
Strength & Tone	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun/Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Blues Guitar Lessons	8:30 a.m 10 a.m.	E	
Train Dominoes	9 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Scrabble	9 a.m.—12 p.m.	W	
Power Yoga	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Scrapbooking	9: 30 a.m.– 12 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	9:30 a.m 10:30 a.m.	W	
Guitar Lessons—Intermediate	10 a.m 11: 30 a.m.	E	
Whittling Wonders	10 a.m 12:30 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m11:30 a.m.	W	
Tai Chi for Balance with Julie	11:45 a.m12:45 p.m.	Е	
Canasta	12 p.m 3:45p.m.	W	
Chess	12 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Michelle	1 p.m 2 p.m.	E	
Beginning Guitar Lessons	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Beginning Bass Guitar Lessons	1 p.m 2 p.m.	W	
Painting	1 p.m 3:30 p.m.	W	
Beginner Pickleball Play	12:30 p.m 2 p.m.	W	
Pickleball Open Play	2 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Clogging Class	2:15 p.m 3:30 p.m.	E	
Beginning Clogging	3:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.	E	
Meditation/Sound Bowls	4:45 p.m 5:45 p.m.	E	
Zumba	6 p.m 7 p.m.	E	

Tuesday Special Events

Domino Tournament	9 a.m Conclusion	W	2nd Tuesday
Board of Directors	3:30 p.m.	Е	3rd Tuesday



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Regularly Scheduled WEDNESDAY Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Pool/Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Quilting	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	W	
Cardio Exercise	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Core Strength Yoga	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	W	
S.E.A.T.	9 a.m.– 10 a.m.	E	
Needle Crafting	9 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	
Chair Yoga	9: 15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	W	
Beginning Ukelele	9:30 a.m 10 a.m.	E	
Spades Card Game	9:30 a.m 12:30 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Eugenia	10 a.m 11:30 a.m.	E	
Abstract Painting 102	10 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Ukulele Jam	10 a.m12 p.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	
Fund I of Line Dancing w/ Michelle	12 p.m 1 p.m.	E	
Hand and Foot Cards	12 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Exercise 101	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	W	
Abstract Painting 101	12:30 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Bunco	12:30 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	2nd Wednesday
Pitch Card Game	12:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Technology Training	1 p.m 3 p.m.	E	2nd Wednesday
The Sound of Broken Arrow - Choir	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	
Bingo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	1st Wednesday
Drawing Class	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	
Experienced Mahjongg	1 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Barb	1:30 p.m 3 p.m.	E	Cancelled in October
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m 4 p.m.	E	Cancelled Oct. 8th

Wednesday Special Events

Blood Pressure Checks	10 a.m 11 a.m.	W	No checks on 5th Wednesday
Library Assistance	10 a.m 11 a.m.	W	2nd Wednesday

3rd Annual Great Ladle Throwdown

FREE TASTING

Wednesday, October 8th 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

DONATIONS FOR UNITED WAY

Come taste and vote for your favorite chili, soups, and stews from around the area

Regularly Scheduled THURSDAY Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	Tournament 3rd Thursday - 9 a.m.
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun/Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	Pool Tournament 3rd Thursday - 9 a.m.
Strength & Tone	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Train Dominoes	9 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Soft Yoga	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	9:30 a.m 10:15 a.m.	W	
Creative Card Making	9: 30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	W	
Guitar Jam	9:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	E	
Play Money Poker	9:30 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Grief Healing Group	10 a.m 11:30 a.m.	E	3rd Thursday
Quilting Layout	10 a.m 2 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	
Party Bridge	11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.	E	
Tai Chi for Better Balance	11:45 a.m 12:45 p.m.	E	
Drum to Exercise with Kathy	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	W	
Creative Card Making	12:30 p.m 3 p.m.	W	
Happy Hookers - Crochet	12:30 p.m.– 2 :30 p.m.	W	
			1st & 3rd week - Member-led play
Card Game of the Day	12:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	2nd & 4th week - Pegs & Jokers
Fund II of Line Dancing w/ Michelle	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Cardio Drumming	2:45 p.m 3:30 p.m.	E	
Fast Abs	3:40 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Guitar Jam	4:30 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Е	
Chair Yoga	4:45 p.m 5:45 p.m.	Е	
Zumba	6 p.m 7 p.m.	E	

Thursday Special Events

Optimist Club Meeting	12 p.m 1 p.m.	E	4th Thursday - Open to the public
Membership Advisory Committee	3 p.m.	E	1st Thursday

Medicare Education		10 a.m	W	1st and 2nd
with Lynn Roach		12 p.m.		Thursday
Medicare Education with Lynn Roach		1 p.m 3 p.m.	E	3rd, 4th, & 5th Thursday
Medicare Panel 1 p		m 2 p.m.	E	October 2nd - East Annex
WILDICARL		a.m 0 a.m.	W	Starts Oct. 16th - Nutrition Rm

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Regularly Scheduled **FRIDAY** Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Cardio Drumming	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Fitness Machine Orientation w/Danny	9 a.m 10 a.m.	E	4th Friday
S.E.A.T.	9 a.m.– 9:45 a.m.	E	
Friday Fitness	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Singing Group	9:30 a.m 10:30 a.m.	W	
Alzheimers Support Group	10 a.m 12 p.m.	E	1st and 3rd Friday
Quilting	10 a.m 2 p.m.	W	
Creative Writing	10 a.m 12 p.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m .	W	
Line Dancing with Eugenia	10:30 a.m 12 p.m.	E	
Shuffleboard	10:30 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Canasta	12 p.m 3:45 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	12 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Exercise 101	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	W	
Cornhole	12:30 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	
Pitch Card Game	12:30 p.m 4:00 p.m.	W	
Bingo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday
Singo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	3rd Friday
Parkinson's Support Group	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	4th Friday
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m 4 p.m.	E	

NEED A PIANO OR KNOW SOMEONE/GROUP THAT DOES?

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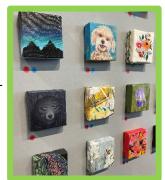
14 from the Senior Center alone. Our masterpieces were on



Broken Arrow Senior Center <u>artists from Barbara Gillock's painting class</u> and the <u>Advanced Abstract painters</u> shared their creative talents to help Arts@302 raise funds in their biggest community event of the year. This endeavor raised scholarship money for their community outreach art classes. Over 200 unique 5 x 5 canvasses of a variety of mediums and subjects were created and donated by talented local artists,

display and sold for \$55 each from the gallery at 302 in August. The donations from the Senior Center artisans raised around \$800 at last count.

The 302 gift shop requested special permission from Shelley Stege to make 3 reproductions using the giclee technique of her fox to be sold this event as well. Seniors who participated this year were: Barbara Gillock, Juli Allen, Shelley Stege, Marilyn Rice, Kathy Halloran, Betty Eubanks, Kathy Honeyman, Lucy Kelly, Judy Sapp, Rita Shelton, Diane Droge, Phyllis Holmes, Stephanie Martin and Danny Callahan.





WHITTLIN' WONDERS

The Whittlin' Wonders in conjunction with The Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers are working on a service project for the Blue Star Moms in which we are currently creating hand carved Christmas ornaments to be sent with holiday care packages to our

deployed soldiers. The wood and planks were donated by the EOWA who now has brought over several new members to the Senior Center.

If you are interested in joining in on this noteworthy project, join the Whittlin' Wonders class on Tuesdays from 10 - 12:30.

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August Poker Winners -

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September Domino Winners -

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August Pool Winners -

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CARD GAME OF THE DAY CHANGES

1st & 3rd week will now be member-led open play

2nd & 4th week will be Pegs & Jokers led by Julia McVay

LINE DANCING WITH BARB

Cancelled in October and November

Will Return in December

Did you know???...

Meditation Sound Bowls offer a range of mental, physical, and spiritual benefits, including stress reduction, deep relaxation, and improved mood. They even have positive physiological effects like lower heart rate and blood pressure.

Benefits also can lead to improved attention span. By clearing mind clutter, the sounds can help restore cognitive function. Deeper relaxation can lead to profound physical and mental relaxation, which can be beneficial for muscle regeneration and easing physical tension. And, the vibrations may help alleviate pain from headaches, muscle tension and nerve pain.

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Bingo & Singo:

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Center Information

Accommodations - Handicap parking is located on the east and south side of the West building and east side of the East building.

Name Tags - All members are required to wear their name tag while engaged in center activities. Please see the office if you lose your name tag.

Center Hours - WEST - Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. **EAST** - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Guests - Guests must be 55 or older and considering membership. They are required to check in with the office so a guest form can be completed.

Perfumes and Odors - Many members are highly sensitive to strong scents. Please refrain from using strong scented perfumes, after-shaves, and lotions. Practice good personal hygiene to prevent strong or offensive body odor.

Lunch - Lunch is provided at the Center by the Tulsa and Creek County Senior Nutrition Program at 11:15 a.m. each day in the West Building. Lunch is not served after 12 p.m. Reservations will be accepted for the first 100 people and must be made the day before by 11 a.m. Registration for the lunch program is currently closed. Please call (918)259-8377, option 1 for more information. For those over 60, the suggested donation is \$2 per meal.

Transportation - Questions regarding transportation to and from Center via the Shuttle Bus can be answered by calling (918)259-8377., ext. 15.

Calendar of Events - The notation "E" are activities held in the East Annex and "W" are activities held in the West Bldg.

Inclement Weather Closing Notification

If the Center closes due to weather, there are multiple ways we attempt to notify you:

- On the home page of the Center's website www.baseniors.org.
- 2. On our Facebook page **Broken Arrow Senior Activity Center.**
 - 3. **Channel 6** will post center closures on their newsfeed.



Planning Is More Than Money: Protecting Your Family

When people hear the term *estate planning*, they often picture multimillion-dollar trusts and complex tax strategies. In reality, the most common – and often most painful - disputes after a loved one's death center on personal belongings, like heirlooms, jewelry, furniture, or even everyday possessions that carry deep emotional meaning.

Without clear direction, those moments can lead to hurt feelings, resentment, and lasting family rifts. Your true legacy should be peace and unity, not conflict.

Why Families Fight Over "Stuff"

Sentimental value often outweighs financial value. A watch, quilt, or music box might not be worth much in dollars, but to your loved ones it may represent irreplaceable memories.

When expectations about who inherits those items clash with reality, even the closest families can find themselves in bitter disagreements. Add grief and stress into the mix, and small misunderstandings can quickly spiral into lasting divisions.

Misconception About Estate Planning

Many people think estate planning is only for the wealthy. The truth is every family benefits from it. Without a plan, Oklahoma law determines who will inherit your property. More often than not, this will not reflect your wishes or family's dynamics. Personal items like furniture, jewelry, photo albums, or vehicles can trigger conflicts as intense as those involving significant financial assets.

Even modest estates can wind up in lengthy, expensive probate proceedings. More importantly, families suffer

unnecessarily when proactive thoughtfulness and clear guidance could have prevented confusion and heartache.

Six Steps to Protect Your Family

Fortunately, a few thoughtful steps can make a profound difference in preserving family harmony:

1. Create a Last Will and Testament. Don't focus just on financial assets but also address meaningful personal belongings that carry sentimental weight.

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This month, we proudly honor Mr. Cecil Jones, a long-time member of our community since August 2011, and a dedicated volunteer who took charge of what was once a dimly lit room known simply as the Pool Hall.

Today, that room is home to six regulation pool tables, with men and women gathering daily to enjoy the game. But it didn't begin that way.

Back in November 2011, the Pool Hall had only a couple of tables—and they were always in high demand. That's when Cecil stepped up. After being offered a larger space—the old kitchen—he saw the potential for something much greater. He led the charge to transform the area into the vibrant space it is today.

Understanding that strategy and vision were more important than the challenges ahead, Cecil brought together a group of dedicated players. Together, they raised the funds needed to acquire additional tables. Piece by piece, table by table, the room took shape.



Cecil loves the game. Over the years, he competed in prestigious tournaments, including unforgettable events in Las Vegas and the Derby City Classic. He always believes in the benefits of bringing people together through pool—especially at the senior center.

He recalls how, in the early days, the tables were in poor shape and few in number. He fondly remembers JD Pippens, who had no shame in asking for donations to help get new tables and equipment. Slowly but surely, their efforts paid off.

Now, thanks to Cecil's leadership and the collective effort of many, the Pool Hall is always full of lively competition and friendly conversation—with a morning crowd and an afternoon crowd keeping the energy going all day.

On **September 18th, 2025**, during the 2nd Annual Pool Tournament of Champions, we proudly renamed the event:

The Cecil Jones Tournament of Champions.

We invite you to stop by and experience this amazing space built on camaraderie, dedication, and love for the game. All are welcome—men and women alike—to share in the fun and community that Cecil helped build.







We Value Your Voice!

Your suggestions, ideas, feedback, and concerns help us make the Senior Center the best it can be. To ensure everyone has a chance to be heard, we've placed a suggestion



box and feedback forms near the entrance of both buildings and the back entrance of the West building. Use the small slips for general suggestions or fill out a feedback form to share your thoughts—whether positive, constructive, or a concern.

All feedback is opened and reviewed by our Member Advisory Committee at their monthly meeting, and if your name is included, they will follow up with you directly.

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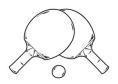
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Bingo by Nutrition has changed its name!

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As a member-led bingo, it will continue to be free to play and prizes will come from the members. If you would like to donate prizes* for bingo, please bring them to the office.

Bingo time is moved to 1:00 – 2:30pm.

Members are restricted from entering the lunchroom until 12:45pm. to give nutrition time to clean up the area.

Suggested prizes:*

Snacks - Home products - Paper Goods -Outerwear - Personal Hygiene Items -Games/Puzzles - Seasonal Items - Gift Cards

*For a more detailed list of suggested prizes, stop by the office for a donations list.



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Ron Whitaker

Volunteering isn't just a way to help others-it's one of the most powerful ways we create meaning, reduce loneliness, and feel connected to something larger than ourselves. The simple act of volunteering, for example, has been found to improve both mental and physical health. We are fortunate that we have many volunteers who help our Center run smoothly daily.



Let's get to know Ron Whitaker, who is one of our East Greeters/Tour Guides.

Ron has been a member of the Senior Center for two years and started being a volunteer right from the start of his membership. He greets and gives tours at the East Annex on Monday and Tuesday mornings (and substitutes for others when he's available), serves on the Center's Board of Directors, is Chairperson of the Membership Advisory Committee, and helps with events.

Ron enjoys being a member of the Center because he likes meeting people and staying active. After all, attending the Center is how he met his new wife, Marla! He also thinks that being a volunteer is a great way to talk to people and make visitors feel welcome when he greets them with a smiling face.

Ron retired from Cox media where he sold radio/tv advertising, worked on events, and was a marketing consultant to clients for Digital Plus. He was raised in Bartlesville, OK and graduated from Oklahoma State University. He has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

We are fortunate to have Ron as a member and a volunteer, and we appreciate his willingness to donate his time and talents to the Senior Center.



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- 3. Talk about your decisions. Honest conversations now prevent misunderstandings later.
- **4.** Consider a revocable living trust. A properly funded trust avoids trust, maintains privacy, and provides clear instructions.
- **5. Align your assets and beneficiary designations with your estate plan.** Ensure bank accounts, retirement plans, insurance policies, and property titles are consistent with your overall estate planning strategy.
- **6.** Choose the right decision makers and fiduciaries. Pick executors and trustees who are fair, organized, objective, and capable of balancing family relationships with responsibility.

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Your estate plan isn't just about wealth: it's about protecting your loved ones from unnecessary stress and conflict. Even a simple plan provides clarity, spares your family from disputes, and allows them to focus on supporting each other.

If you've been delaying because you think your assets aren't "enough" to justify formal planning, let this be your encouragement to act now. Every family deserves peace of mind, regardless of the size of the estate. Reach out to your estate planning attorney and request they help you create a comprehensive, custom estate plan that reflects your values, protects what matters.



We are seeking Candy Donations!

Starting October 1st, <u>Donation Boxes</u> will be located in the office of the West Bldg and the lobby of East Annex.

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APPLE DUMP CAKE

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- 3/4 cup (1 ½ sticks) salted butter, cut into slices, plus more for the baking dish
- 2 (21-oz.) cans apple pie filling
- 1 tsp. apple pie spice
- 1 (15.25-oz.) box yellow cake mix
- Jarred caramel sauce, for serving (optional)

Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, for serving (optional)

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.
- 2. Dump the apple pie filling into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with the apple pie spice. Sprinkle the cake mix over the top of the fruit. Distribute the butter slices evenly over the cake mix.
- 3. Bake until the top is brown and bubbly, 50 minutes to 1 hour.
- 4. Serve drizzled with caramel sauce and topped with ice cream, if you like.

NUTRITION CHANGES

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