



NEWS RELEASE – Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.

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Agencies Welcome New Congregate Dining Partner for Seniors in Lawrence County

Seniors in Lawrence County who participate in the congregate dining service at the Park Avenue Apartments in Ironton and the Senior Center Chesapeake satellite locations will soon have a new food service contractor. Congregate dining is a service that provides a nutritious, safe and appealing meal in a congregate (group) setting. Congregate meal services in Lawrence County have been coordinated through the Ironton-Lawrence Community Action Organization (CAO) and the Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. (AAA7) and made possible through federal Older Americans Act funding, the USDA Nutrition Services Incentive Program, participant donations, and a local matching funds requirement. These services have been most recently prepared by the kitchen site at the Park Avenue Apartments.

In a collaborative effort between the Ironton-Lawrence CAO, AAA7, and Dave and Brenda's Catering of New Boston, Dave and Brenda's Catering will begin providing individual meals to participants at both sites beginning on March 4th in Lawrence County on the scheduled days of service. The Park Avenue Apartment site will receive meals Monday through Friday, and the Chesapeake site on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Serving times will remain the same.

"We appreciate the effort to continue providing meals to seniors in Lawrence County," said Nina R. Keller, Interim Executive Director at the Area Agency on Aging District 7. "Working together with the Ironton-Lawrence CAO, Dave and Brenda's Catering, and the Lawrence County Commissioners, we are committed to making sure these vital nutrition services are available to seniors in Lawrence County."

For more information about congregate dining services in Lawrence County, please call Rita Pauley at the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 22210.

Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis. These services are available to help older adults and those with disabilities live safely and independently in their own homes through services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, other federal and state resources, as well as private pay. The AAA7's Resource Center is also available to anyone in the community looking for information or assistance with long-term care options. Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, the Resource Center is a valuable

contact for learning more about options and what programs and services are available for assistance.

Those interested in learning more can call toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 (TTY: 711). Here, individuals can speak directly with a specially-trained Resource Specialist who will assist them with information surrounding the programs and services that are available to best serve their needs. The Agency also offers an in-home assessment at no cost for those who are interested in learning more. Information is also available on www.aaa7.org, or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at info@aaa7.org. The Agency also has a Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7.

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