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# **HEALTH AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### MINDFULNESS AND ITS PROVEN IMPACT ON LONELINESS:

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Maybe you know someone who stands by taking five minutes each morning to meditate or finds time after lunch to quiet his or her mind and focus on breathing. Whatever the method may be, incorporating "mindfulness" practices into your life can have a wide range of positive health benefits like improving your memory, sleep, and immune system, reducing stress and feelings of loneliness, and increasing compassion toward others and yourself.

Mindfulness means taking time to pay attention to yourself and your thoughts and feelings. Read on to learn how you can put mindfulness into practice in your life to help improve your overall health.

## How to make mindfulness a routine part of your day.

- 1. Emb five to ten minutes each day to sit ocietly and focus on your breath. (Helpful him: Put your phone on silent or in another room so you can concentrate!) Take the time to notice where your mind goes and new your body is feeling. You just might find that this he psyou focus are prioritize your day.
- Refore you go to bed take time to focus on the good things that happened that day. Write your thoughts down in a journal Writing them down can help you deliberately recognize the positive, even on a lough day.
- 3. Search for "mindfulness apps" on your smartphone or tablet that lead you in a mindfulness exercise. For many people, using an app is an easy way to remain consistent with the practice. And many of these apps are free!

#### Feeling lonely? Mindfulness can help.

Mindfulness has been shown to help older adults overcome a silent but urgent health issue: loneliness. It is estimated that more then half of adults age 65 and over regularly experience moderate to severe loneliness. I oneliness is characterized by a marked difference between semografs desired companionship and actual relationships. Through unique studies conducted by United Healthcare and AAR?, researchers are applying the techniques of mindfulness to help combat loneliness in oider adults.

Loneliness poses a serious threat to the quality of life for elder adults. It is linked to negative health outcomes such as higher risk of dementia, mortality and disability.



The health risk of chronic loneliness, in older soults, is equivalent to smoking 15 digarettes a day, and has a greater impact on mortality than posity! said Dr. Charlotte Yeh, M.D., chief medical officer, AAPP Services, no. "That is why United Healthcare and AAPP Services Inc. are collaborating to identify actionable solutions, geored for any individual across the spectrum of long iness."

Researchers looked at whether mindfulness interventions, like breath ewereness, self-compession and kindness exercises, could positively impact a person's optimism and quality of life — all factors that help reduce, one liness.

Conclusions were encouraging: Mindfulness activities were shown to decrease loneliness among older adults. The research demonstrated that mindfulness reduced stress, and improved memory, sleep, the immune system, resiliency, and compassion for self and others.

Although loneliness is complex and challenging to address, a mindfulness practice may help you live your best life.

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#### INDEPENDENT VERSES ASSISTED LIVING

If you or an older family member are considering moving to a senior living community, you may be wondering what type of care is best. People often find it confusing to understand how independent living differs from assisted living. It's an important distinction.

Both types of senior housing are popular with seniors and their families. They provide older adults with an environment that supports their quality of life during retirement. Each is designed to offer services and amenities that meet the unique needs of seniors who are at different stages of life.



#### WHAT IS INDEPENDENT LIVING?

Independent living communities are an ideal retirement option for active seniors. They offer a lifestyle free from the burdens and financial costs of home ownership. Most independent living communities include maintenance, housekeeping, snow removal, lawn care, and trash removal in their basic fee.

Because residents don't have to worry about the demands of keeping up a home, they have more time to pursue hoobies, lavorite pestimes, and other interests, independent living communities typically offer a wide array of life-enrichment activities. They range from yoga and tailon't old clubs, moviein ghts, and art classes.

Independent living communities often host local group outings, organize travel to destinations near and far, and coordinate volunteer projects.

A few of the benefits of moving to an independent living community include:

 Fitness classes: Well ness programs like chair yoga, stretching, swimming, welking, weight training, and Flates are common.

- Life enrichment: On-campus lectures, musical entertainment, art classes, religious services, craft workshops, gardening, and volunteer projects are all popular activities.
- Informal gatherings: Another adventage of an independent fiving community is how easy it is to expand social networks. There are many informal apportunities to make new friends, from residents gathering over a cup of coffee in the dining room to a friendly game of billiards in the game room.
- Safe environment: These communities also offer peace of mind. Accessible bathrooms, fire-suppression systems, grab bars, and handrails are usually standard.

#### What Is Assisted Living?

An assisted living community offers the same benefits as independent living, but with an added layer of care and support. They offer assistance with tasks that are referred to as activities of caily living. Those include help with medication management, assistance with personal care, and support with toileting.

Another question people often ask is how assisted living communities differ from nursing homes. The primary distinction is that while assisted living residents require support with the activities of daily living, nursing home residents usually have more complex medical needs. This care is usually provided by ski led nurses, thempists, and other licensed medical professionals.

In an assisted living community, the services generally offered include:

- Help with bathing, grooming, and dressing
- Monitoring of caronic health conditions
- · Nutritious meals and snacks
- Toileting and continence care assistance
- Medication administration and reminders
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#### ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "J" = "H

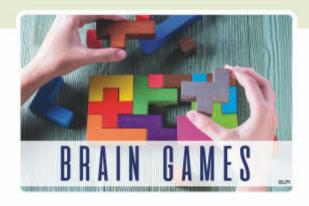
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they are themselves." - Carl Jung PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "It all depends on how we look at things, and not on how

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Answer to Sudoku



## CROSSWORD PUZZ

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7 Father of Jehoshaphat 10 Stamp-sheet

segment 11 Sultry

12 Culmination 14 Wont

16 Melville's captain

17 Droop 18 Inuit boat 20 Legal gambling (abbr.) 21 Shoshonean

22 Leftside (pref.) 24 Extent

28 Taint

31 Tolstoy heroine 32 Sixth sense 34 Fresh-water

duck 35 Act 37 Fr. historical provinces

39 Secretary

worship 49 Hindu garment 51 Abnegate

55 Down (pref.) 56 Mulberry of India

54 Corrode

(abbr.) 58 Altar constellation

DOWN Old Texas linear measure 2

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(abbr.) 41 Evil

42 lt. exclamation 44 Perturb 46 Object of

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57 Single room occupancy

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26 Dropsy 27 Extrasensory perception (abbr.)

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36 Five-franc piece 38 Rom, author

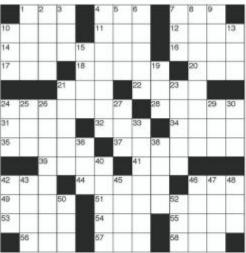
40 WWI battle 42 Television channel

43 FDR's dog 45 Wither

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48 Drug Enforcement Admin. (abbr.) 50 Adjective-forming (suf.)

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## 10 TIPS TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES

The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult on small businesses. Whether it's a local eatery, service provider, retail store or another type of business, when you shop small, you're supporting a real person who is striving to keep his or her entrepreneurial dream alive.

"Small businesses are the heart of our country and Ball® home canning products business," says Kris Malkoski, CEO of the Food Business Unit at Newell Brands. "We have been moved by the love our small business customers have shown their communities this past year. Still many small businesses are facing hardships and they need our support now more than ever."

You can personally help make a difference by considering 10 simple ways to support small businesses.



SHOP NOW: No need to wait for a sale or special event. By shopping now you're putting much-needed funds into a small business that is depending on income each month to make ends meet and keep doors open.

REVERSE SHOPPING: Rather than thinking of the recipient and then where to shop for a gift, think of the shop first and then the recipients that would most like items from that particular business.

**GO ONLINE:** For small businesses that offer e-commerce options, be sure to consider online orders that ship directly to your home. This is a safe and convenient way to support your favorite ousinesses.

**SHOP IN PERSON:** For businesses with physical locations, visit sneps in person if you can use proper safety measures. If you know what you want, many businesses let you order ahead and opt for curbside or doorway pickup as well.

CONSIDER GIFT CARDS: Not sure what to buy? Gift cards are always one of the most desired gifts, so if you need to send a little love to a loved one, wrap up a gift certificate in a beautiful card and feel good about your present choice.

LEAVE REVIEWS: Online reviews can make a big difference for small businesses in expanding clientele. Go online and leave rave reviews for your favor te stores and why others should support them as well to help spread the word.

**BE VOCAL:** In addition to online reviews, talk up your favorite small businesses among friends. From independent restaurants to local service providers, use your voice dalpowerful tool to build their reputation and support growth.

PARTNERSHIPS: Look for small businesses who partner together to offer products or services that complement each other in packages, such as a gift basket bundle featuring your favorite.

local treats, You'll support multiple businesses at once and often get a discount compared to buying separately.

DOUBLE UP: For businesses like independent coffee shops or bakeries, consider a larger order. For example, go with that grande latte and order two dozen cookies to share with your neighbors.

**BE PATIENT:** Small businesses are dealing with a multitude of challenges these days, from supply chain holdups to sluggish shipping and beyond. Your kindness is valued, and your patience is crucial during these times.

"Actions big and small will help make a difference," says Malkoski. This is our time to give back to the businesses that help build our culture and communities, and we at Newell Brands want to give back too."

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