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# FEBRUARY

*Car Seat Inspection Event  
Scheduled! Keep Reading for all  
the details*

### IMPORTANT DATES

02/09-Superbowl Sunday!  
02/12-CCHC closed Lincoln's Birthday  
02/14-Valentines Day  
02/17-CCHC closed President's Day  
02/22-Car Seat Check Event @ CCHC 9am-12pm

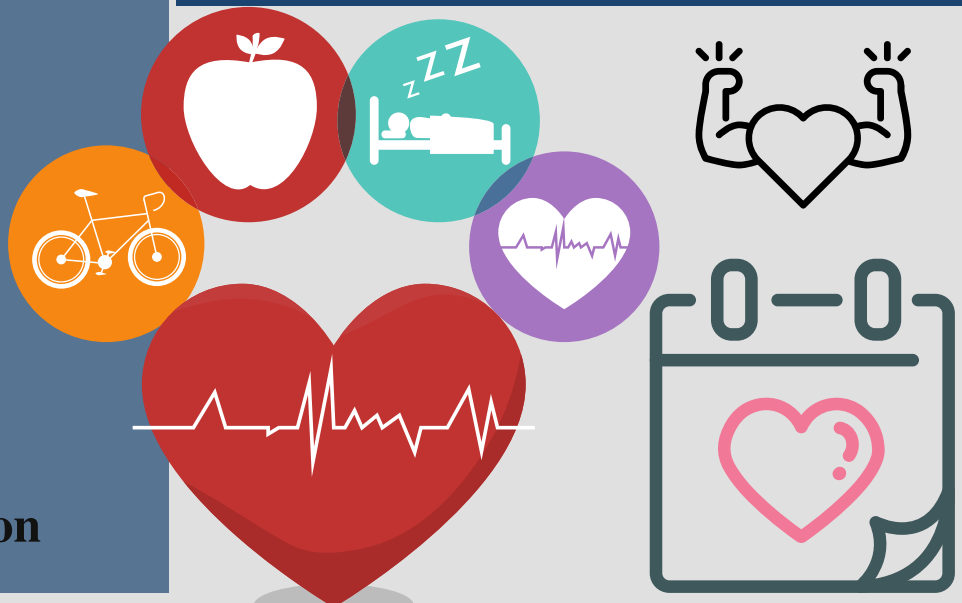


### OUR SERVICES

Pregnancy testing/counseling  
STD/STI testing and treatment  
WIC services  
Health education  
Covid testing  
Immunizations (including  
covid+flu)  
Food Service Inspections  
Vital Records  
Health Education/Promotion

*February is American Heart  
Month!*

*Keep reading for heart health tips*

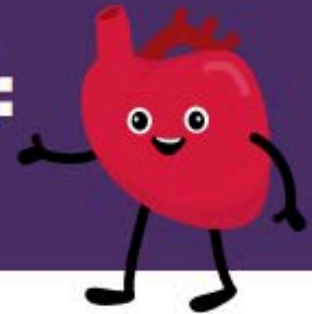




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## Take Action for Your Heart: Get Started!



**Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, but it can often be prevented. Adopting a heart-healthy lifestyle can help you reduce the risk of heart disease and its risk factors. Take action to protect your heart by following these tips.**



### Get Enough Quality Sleep

**Lack of sleep or getting poor-quality sleep increases the risk of having high blood pressure, heart disease, and other medical conditions.**

- Try to aim for 7-9 hours of sleep a night.
- Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day.
- Exercise regularly, but not within 2-3 hours before bedtime.
- Avoid caffeine and nicotine.



### Eat Better

**A flexible and balanced eating plan can help lower your high blood pressure and improve your cholesterol.**

- Follow the [Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension \(DASH\) eating plan](#), which can help you create a heart-healthy eating style for life.
- Read nutrition labels to pick the food lowest in saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars.
- Try a mix of lean cuts of meat, eat fish once or twice a week, and eat two or more meatless meals each week.
- Consider whole fruits, dried fruits, unsalted rice cakes, fat-free and low-fat yogurt, or raw vegetables as a snack.



### Maintain a Healthy Weight

**Maintaining a healthy weight is important for overall health and can help you prevent and control many diseases and conditions.**

- Choose healthy snacks like fruits, vegetables, yogurt, or nuts, instead of sugary or high-calorie snacks.
- Stay hydrated with water as your primary beverage.
- Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise (such as brisk walking) or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity (like running) exercise per week.
- Consider keeping a log of what you eat throughout the day.



### Be More Active

**Getting enough physical activity helps to lower your risk of heart disease and stroke.**

- Adults should spend at least 150 minutes (2 ½ hours) each week doing physical activity.
- Sit less! Take the stairs. Park farther away. March in place or take a walk around the block.
- Try muscle-strengthening activities like lifting weights, working with resistance bands, doing sit-ups and push-ups, or some forms of yoga—whatever works for you.
- If you don't have a lot of time in your day, try being active for 10 minutes at a time. Anything that gets your heart beating faster counts!



### Stop Smoking

**Any amount of smoking, even light or occasional smoking, damages your heart and blood vessels.**

- Select a quit date and write yourself a contract that outlines your [plan for quitting](#).
- Talk with your healthcare provider about programs and products that can help you quit.
- Join a support group. Many hospitals, workplaces, and community groups offer classes to help people quit smoking.
- Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW and visit [smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov) to get additional support.







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### Control Cholesterol

Unhealthy levels of cholesterol can lead to high cholesterol, which increases the risk of developing heart disease.

- Try the **Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC) Program** which combines diet, physical activity, and weight management to help lower high blood cholesterol and improve heart health.
- Eat a heart-healthy diet that is low in saturated fats, as these can raise LDL cholesterol levels.
- Limit alcohol consumption. Drinking too much alcohol—more than two drinks a day for men or one drink a day for women—can raise your total cholesterol level.



### Manage Stress

Learning how to manage stress with healthy coping strategies helps improve your emotional and physical health.

- Use relaxation techniques that combine breathing and focused attention on pleasing thoughts and images to calm the mind and body.
- Consider meditation, as it can help to lower stress.
- Take a yoga class to help lower stress and improve mindfulness. It may also offer you a supportive community.

### Manage Blood Sugar

Maintaining stable blood sugar levels is crucial for heart health, especially for people with diabetes or those at risk of developing diabetes.

- Eat a diet rich in whole foods, including vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats.
- Monitor your carbohydrate intake and choose complex carbohydrates, like whole grains and legumes, to help control blood sugar levels.
- Talk to your healthcare provider about how often you should check your blood sugar levels, especially if you have diabetes.

### Control Blood Pressure

Keep your blood pressure in a healthy range and keep track of your numbers. Blood pressure that's consistently higher than 130/80 mm Hg can cause serious health problems.

- Have your blood pressure checked each time you visit the doctor.
- Use a blood pressure monitor to measure your blood pressure at home and learn how to measure it correctly.
- Use a blood pressure tracker to keep a record of your numbers each reading.
- If you're pregnant or planning to be, it's especially important to keep your blood pressure in a healthy range.

### Practice Self-Care & Find Social Support

Daily acts of self-care can benefit your heart because self-care is heart care. Studies show that having positive social support, close relationships, and feeling connected to others makes it easier to stick to heart-healthy habits.

- Try to do at least one positive action for your heart health each day.
- Make the doctor's appointment you've been putting off.
- Ask family and friends to text you reminders or encouragement to help you meet your health goals.
- Join an exercise class or a weight management group to connect with other like-minded people and stay motivated.

For more information about how you can take action to keep your heart healthy, visit [hearttruth.gov](https://hearttruth.gov)



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*Not a goodbye  
But a see you later*

*Thank you*

*Kaylee*

For your 6 years at CCHC and all  
your help with our WIC program. We  
wish you luck on your future  
endeavors



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*Welcome Olivia!*

*We're happy to have you!*

*Olivia has two jobs at  
CCHC, she is our  
environmentalist and  
now the WLC  
coordinator*



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# *Free Car Seat Inspection: Here at CCHC Feb 22nd 9am-12pm*



*A limited amount  
of car seats will  
be available if it  
is determined  
you need a  
replacement*

*Call 573-323-4413  
with any questions*



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# Breastfeeding Classes

## Next Class: February 5th!



### Benefits/Myths & Facts

12pm- 1st Wednesday Every Month  
Carter County Health Center



### Technique/Collection Tips

12pm- 3rd Wednesday Every Month  
Carter County Health Center



**These classes will be held at the Health Center in the WIC waiting room with our Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, Breanna Ross**

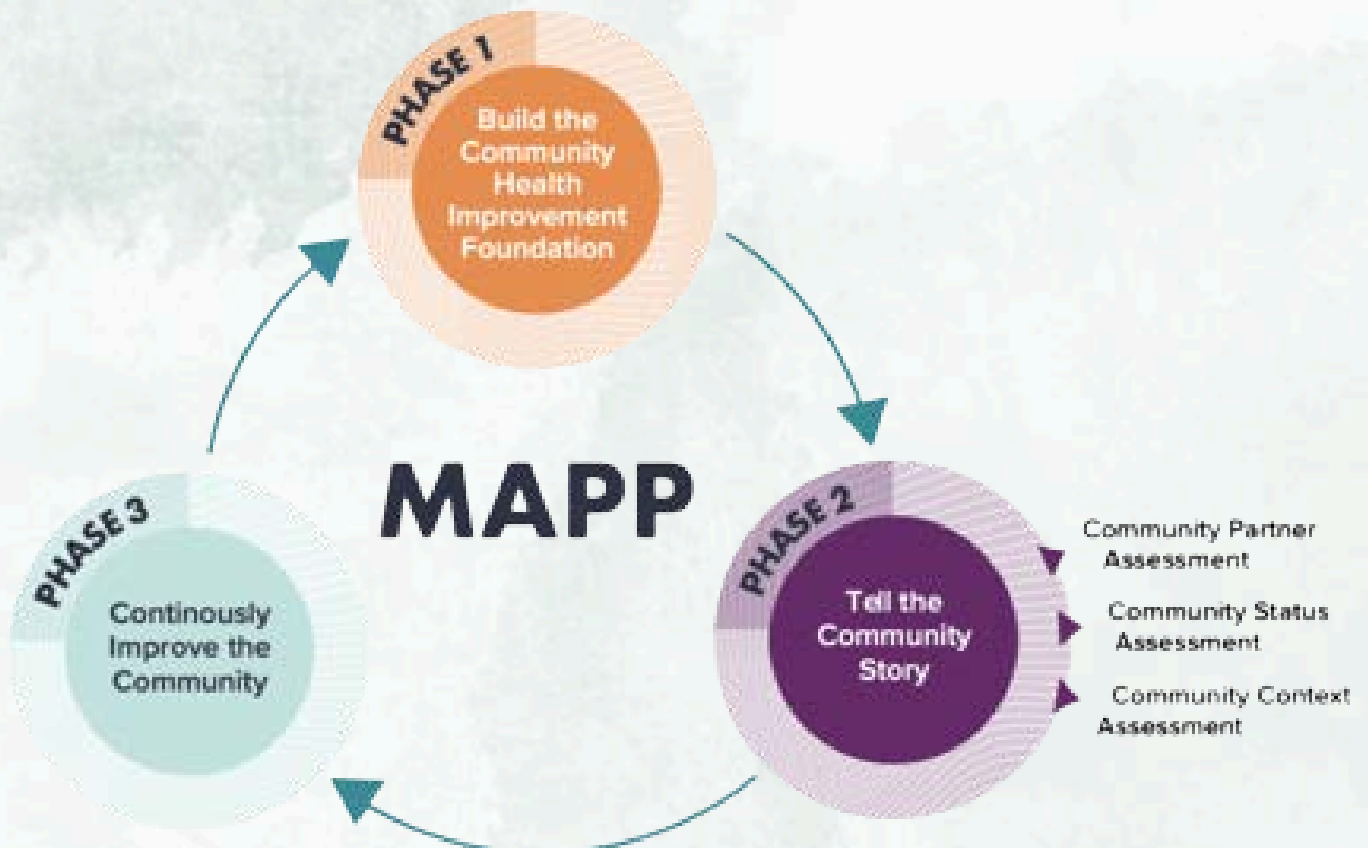


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## Region G Community Health Assessment Update



*Vineela and Heaven have spent January collecting and analyzing data for our next community Health Assessment: Coming soon is when they ask for your input!*





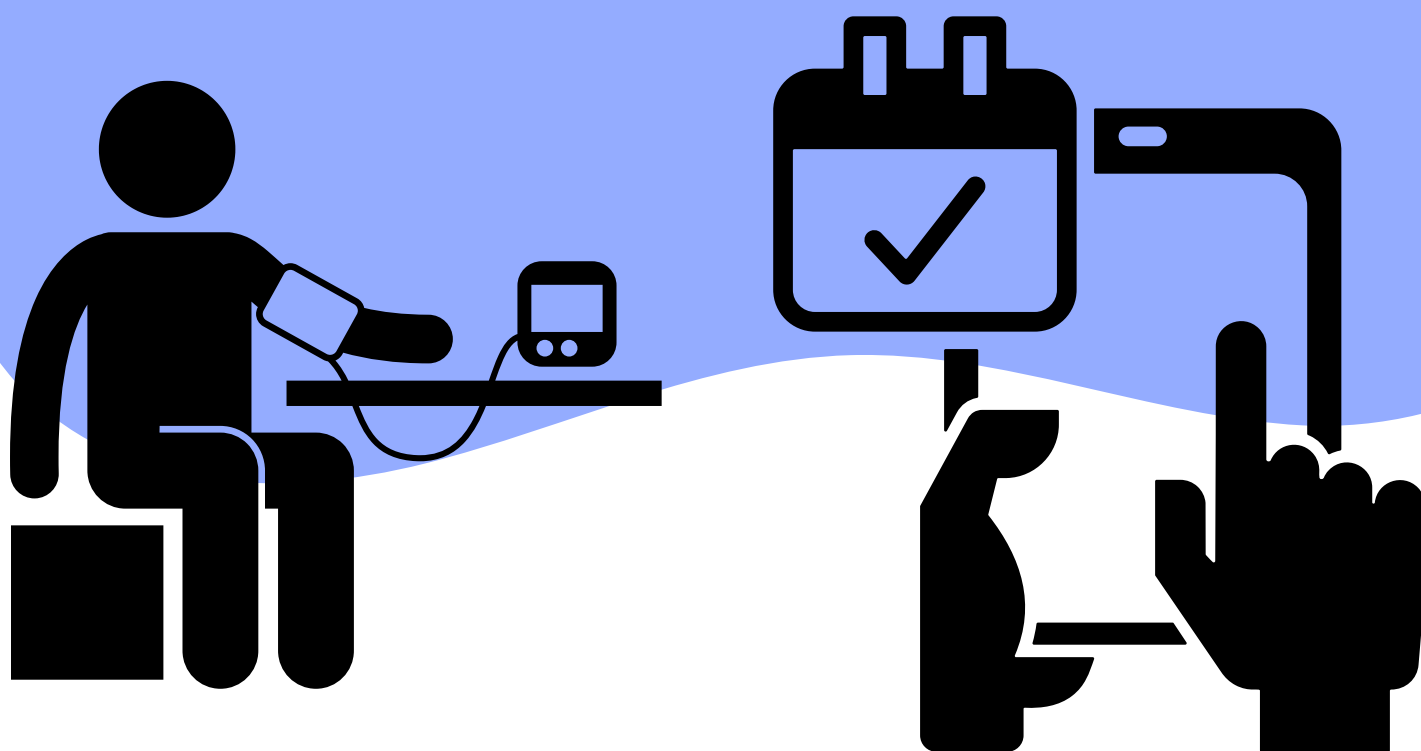


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## *You Can Now Schedule Appointments Online*

*Click Here to Schedule an  
Appointment or go to our website  
[www.cartercountyhealth.org](http://www.cartercountyhealth.org) and  
click the “book appointment” tab*





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## *Have You Visited Us Recently?*

*We value your feedback so we can improve our community's experience when utilizing our services: Please fill out our customer satisfaction survey by clicking [here](#)*





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### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Turnip Tartiflette

#### Ingredients

- 750g [turnips](#)
- peeled and sliced
- 20g [butter](#)
- plus extra for greasing
- 1 [large onion](#)
- sliced
- 200g smoked bacon lardons
- 1 tsp [thyme](#)
- leaves, chopped
- 200ml [crème fraîche](#)
- 240g Reblochon
- rind and all, chopped into chunks
- green salad
- and cornichons, to serve



## Directions

#### step 1

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Bring a pan of salted water to the boil, add the turnips and cook for 6 mins until just tender, then drain.

#### step 2

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a frying pan over a medium heat. Fry the onion for 5 mins, then tip in the bacon and cook for a further 8 mins until it is crisp and the onions are golden. Stir through the thyme.

#### step 3

Lightly butter a medium, overproof casserole dish. Cover the base with half the turnips, then spoon over half each of the onion mixture, crème fraîche and cheese. Season, then repeat the layers. Bake in the oven for 25 mins until bubbling and deeply golden. Leave to stand for 5 mins, then serve with a green salad and some cornichons.

#### Nutrition Facts (per serving)

599 Calories

50g Fat

10g Carbs

24g Protein