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8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ph. 620-382-3106

Keep the following agencies & phone numbers handy:

Marion County Health Department all day clinics on Wednesdays - 620-382-2550

Marion County Home Care - Marion - 620-382-3690

Mental Health Service - Hillsboro - 620-947-3200

Veteran Service Rep. - 2nd Tues. even number months-10:00 a.m. at Marion Sr. Center

Social Security - Toll Free-1-800-772-1213 or call Salina Office-1-877-405-3494

Dept. of Children & Families - Newton Office –1-888-369-4777 or 316-283-3015

Central Home Care - Newton - 316-283-8220 or 1-800-301-9499

Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice - Wichita-1-800-767-4965

Gentiva Hospice of Kansas - McPherson - 620-245-0891

Kansas Alzheimer’s Help Line - 1-800-432-3535

DO NOT CALL LIST - 1-888-382-1222 - To have your phone number removed from the telemarketers call list you must dial this number from your home or cellular phone.

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

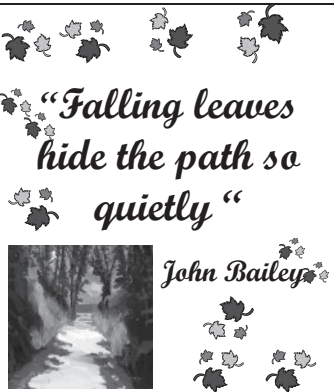
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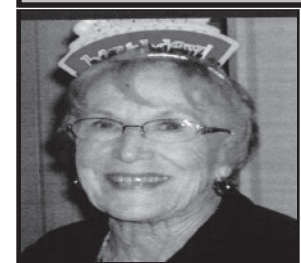
LAFF FOR THE DAY:

“What is the cutest season?”



Awwwtumn!

A Grand Time! Sunflower Fair



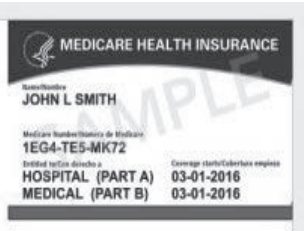
Joyce Medley of Durham
Sensational Sunflower

New Medicare Card

The sending of new Medicare Cards to Kansans ended the first of August. If you did not receive a new card there are several ways you can check to see where it is at. You can call Medicare (1-800-633-4227) or go to <https://www.medicare.gov/newcard/> to send an email and see if it was sent. You can also go on to www.MyMedicare.gov and create an account and print off your Medicare Card. The new cards are paper. The word in the

past was you should not laminate your Medicare Card. This is not true. Actually Medicare encourages individuals to laminate their card so it doesn’t get torn up. The only letters not used in your Medicare Card are S, L, O, I, B and Z. So if you have “0” in your number it is a zero not the letter O. Your new Medicare Card does not have a place for you to sign as was the case in the past. If you look on the back of your Medicare card you will

front of your Railroad Card. This means Quick Response Code which allow the contractor who prints the cards to ensure the right card goes to the right person with Medicare or Railroad Retirement Board benefits. If your medical provider has a scanner they can check it to make sure it is your card. (New Medicare Card see pg. 2)



“A Grand Time” at the 2018 Sunflower Fair

Joyce Medley of Durham, Kansas Marion County’s 2018 “Sensational Sunflower” was honored on Sept. 18, 2018 at the NC-FH AAA Sunflower Fair. She was chosen by the SCMC

Board. Joyce has always been a leader and active in her community she presently serves as Secretary/Treasurer for the Durham Golden Years, Inc. senior citizens and also serves as a

Board Member in District 1 on the Senior Citizens of Marion County, Inc. Board. Thanks, Joyce you are indeed a Sensational Sunflower!





1960 SCMC 58th Anniversary 2018



The Senior Citizens of Marion County, Inc. will be holding their 58th Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at noon at the Marion Sr. Center. This year the SCMC Board will be honoring 5 local woodworkers. The guest speaker is Jerry Keen, who is from the Sunflower Woodworkers Guild in Wichita. A Free Will Offering will be taken to con-

tinue the SCMC goal of providing a scholarship for a Marion County High School 2019 Graduate interested in pursuing a degree in an age-related field such as medicine, nursing, social work, gerontology and therapies (physical, speech and occupational). The registration cost for the event is \$5.25 and includes lunch menu: Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole,

Green Beans, Salad and Dessert. The deadline for registration is October 10, 2018. You can pay for registration at any of the local senior centers or Marion County Dept. on Aging.



Prescription Drug Enrollment

Open enrollment for Prescription Drug Plans begins October 15 through December 7. It is always best to look at material your plan sends you about their changes for the new year. Plans which have a deductible can be as high as \$415. During the donut

hole or coverage gap you will pay 25% for brand name drugs and 37% for generics. The pharmacies in Peabody, Hillsboro and Marion will do comparisons for you if you purchase your medications from them. If you purchase medications in or out of county the Marion Co. Dept.

you. Gayla will be at the Hillsboro Sr. Center on Tuesday, October 23, Thursday, November 8 and 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. call 620-947-2304 to set up an appointment for these dates. Gayla will be at Peabody Sr. (Prescription Drug Enrollment see page 3)

New Medicare Card (from page 1)

Your benefits won't change with the New Medicare Card and it is mailed free and you don't need to take any action to get it. Please be careful you don't give your Medicare Number to people you don't know. Medicare does not require you to give them your bank ac-

count information. If you receive a phone call where someone threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your Medicare Number **HANG UP!** Destroy your old card once you have your new card.

Handy Hint

NO MORE TEARS! Try placing onions in the freezer for just five minutes before slicing them. **NO MORE TEARS!**



Medicare Savings Programs and Extra Help

Medicare Savings Programs help low-income individuals with some of the out-of-pocket costs for Medicare, including Medicare Part A and Part B and Part D premiums, deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. There are four types of Medicare Savings Programs and benefits vary for each program, but all of them, with the exception of the QDWI Program, help pay for Medicare Part B premiums. To qualify, you must have or be eligi-

ble for Medicare Part A and have income and resources below a certain threshold. Income guidelines for QMB is \$1005 for individual and \$1,353 for a married couple. LMB is \$1,206 for individual and \$1,624 for married couple. ELMB is \$1,357 for individual and \$1,827 for married couple. Medicare Part D Extra Help Subsidy for individual \$1,508 and \$2,030 for married couple. The annual resources for the first three programs is \$7,280 and \$10,930. The

Extra Help Program's annual resource guideline is \$13,640 for individual and \$27,250 for couple. Resources which count are checking and savings account, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and IRA's. Resources which don't count are your home, one car, burial plot, burial expense up to \$1,500 and household/personal items. You can apply for these programs anytime during the year. The Marion County Dept. on Aging can assist you in applying for them.

Enrollment (from Page 2)



Center on Thursday, October 25 and November 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. call 620

-983-2226 to make an appointment for these dates. She will be in Goessel at Bethesda Home on Wednesday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 20

from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. call 620-382-3580 to make an appointment for these dates. Please bring your list of prescription drugs and dosages to the appointment and your Medicare Card.

Flu Shots



The Marion County Health Department will be doing Flu Clinics every Wednesday starting September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call to make an appointment at 620-382-2550 or also to check times for surrounding towns Flu Clinics.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events: ✓

OCTOBER: October 6-Lincolnvillle October Fest, October 9-Flu Shot Clinic-Marion Sr. Center from 12:30-1:30 p.m. & October 18-SCMC 58th Annual Meeting-Marion Sr. Center

NOVEMBER: November 16-SCMC Bd. Mtg.-Peabody Sr. Center, County Offices closed for these holidays-November 12-Veterans Day, November 22 & 23 Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER: December 21-SCMC Bd. Mtg.-Marion Sr. Center, County Offices closed for these holidays-December 24 & 25-Christmas Holidays and January 1, 2019-New Year's Day Holiday.