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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 - 1-800-854-4802

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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Marion Co. Dept. on Aging

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*“Christmas is doing
a little extra some-
thing for someone.”*

By Charles Schulz



*“Merry Christmas
Happy New Year!”*



*Gayla
& Lanell*

LAUGH FOR THE DAY:

**“What do you call a
blind reindeer?”**



“I have no eye deer!”

Final Word on Prescription Drug Plans

Here are some final words on Prescription Drug Plans for those of you, who have your Prescription Drug Plan premium come out of your Social Security benefit. First of all sometime mid-December you will be getting your Social Security benefit statement for next year. It will have your new benefit amount, the cost of Part B Premium and your Part D Premium. This Part D Premium may not be correct. The reason it might not be correct is Social Security

did not receive word in time that you have switched plans for next year. Once they receive word then you will receive a letter from Social Security telling you what your benefit will be for the year and your cost for your new Prescription Drug Plan. The second thing is during the enrollment process, we ask if you want it to come out of your Social Security benefit. If you tell us yes then we mark those boxes on the enrollment page. Sometimes

Social Security does not receive word in time from Medicare that you want it taken out of your Social Security check. If this is the case, your first indication that this did not happen is you will have no amount on the Part D line in your Social Security benefit statement you are getting mid-December. Another indication would be if you get a letter telling you what your new benefit will be because last year your Part D did come out of your benefit (Final Word Drug Plan see Pg. 2)

LIEAP and Tax Assistance

The Dept. on Aging is offering to assist individuals file Low Income Energy Assistance and Homestead Refunds starting January 3. We will provide assistance by phone, you can

drop off your information or by appointment if not possible to do it by phone. We will start doing State/Federal returns starting February 7th but will not do in-person appointments.

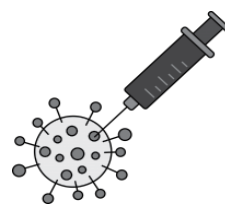
You can drop off tax documents, we will call you when return is completed and set up a time to go over return. Income Guideline assistance is \$60,000.00 or less.

How can you save on the cost of the Shingles Vaccine

These four tips can help you to pay less for a shingles vaccine. Visit an in-network pharmacy with a prescription: if you have a Prescription Drug Plan, you could pay less for your vaccine by having it administered at an in-network pharmacy. Getting the shot at a doctor's office may lead to an additional doctor's fee for administering the vaccine. Be enrolled in a Medicare Part D Plan. Get a discount coupon for the shingles vaccine: Pharmaceutical retailers and networks may

offer vaccine discounts. Usually you'll present the coupon or the drug discount card at the pharmacy to get the savings. Get assistance from the vaccine maker: GlaxoSmithKline offers the GSK Patient Assistance Program for those who meet certain criteria and you may qualify if you earn less than \$32,000. The monthly gross income for a household of one \$2683.33 and household of two is \$3619.17. You must have spent at least \$600.00 on prescription drug medi-

care Part D Prescription Drug Plan during the calendar year to qualify. There is also a Shingrix coupon available but you must get your vaccine at Target, Walmart or Walgreens. You should consider a shingle vaccine if you have had shingles, received Zostavax or had chicken pox.



Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Are you ready to gain new experiences? Are you ready to give back and help others? We sometimes lose perspective of the difference we can make, when we care more about giving and care less of what we take. So remember that your actions may help change a life and the person who needs you

the memory will never fade. Marion Co. Dept. on Aging, 309 South Third, Marion, KS is in need of **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** for the 60+ transportation service offered by the department. Volunteer Drivers will drive the Department's 2018 Dodge Caravan to transport individuals to appointments. Volunteer Drivers

are reimbursed for meals, snacks or will receive a meal stipend for driving on a trip. Contact the Dept. on Aging to sign up to be a volunteer 620-382-3580. Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS

KANSAS
on your
161st Birthday
January 29, 2022



Final Word Drug Plan Pg. 1

but now it is not. If this happens to you, you will need to call the Prescription Drug Company and tell them you want it to come out of your Social Security benefit. Do not call Social Security. They will tell you to call the company. This process of having it come out of your Social Security will take 2-3 months to finalize. In the mean time you need to pay your plan until this happens. Social Security will send you a letter once this has been corrected. Once you receive this letter you can stop paying the company.

Good Memory Day

January 19, 2022 is Good Memory Day. Everyone remembers the big stuff: the births, the deaths, the firsts, the victories, the applause but what about the small stuff? The little memories of fleeting moments infused with happiness and contentment. My husband and I recently moved so we had to sort through all of our stuff to decide what we would keep. We found our son's school

journal from 4th Grade. He didn't write a lot each day and only for a few months but it was quite fun to read as a family. My husband and I recently made a trip to Kansas City and had a chance to swing by our daughter's house to drop off a winter coat for our youngest granddaughter. We didn't stay long but had a chance to hold her, feed her bottle to her and make her smile. Those 15 minutes made her day.

Nothing earth shattering. It is the accumulation of those little moments that truly define a life well-lived. I'm sure your family would enjoy reading about your past memories big and small that have made your life what it is. May you have a Happy New Year filled with small and big moments.

*Make Some
Memories!*

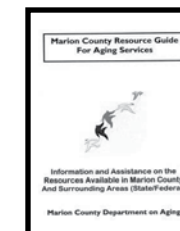


Marion County Resource Guide

The Marion County Dept, on Aging has put together a resource guide with information and assistance on resources available in Marion County and surrounding areas for senior citizens. We will be sending these out to local agencies and businesses which provide services to seniors plus also to

the general public. If you are interested in receiving one they will be available to be picked up at our three Nutrition Sites in Marion County (Hillsboro, Marion and Peabody). You can also contact the Marion County Dept. on Aging if you would like to receive

a copy. This will also be uploaded to the Marion County website under Dept. on Aging page. The resource guide will be available in 2022.



Mark your calendar for the upcoming events: ✓

JANUARY:

January 21-SCMC Bd. Mtg.-Hillsboro

FEBRUARY:

February 18-SCMC Bd. Mtg.-Marion

Holiday Closing Dates for the County Courthouse and Marion County Dept. on Aging:

December 24 & 27-Christmas, December 31-New Year's Day, January 17-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and February 21-President's Day.

Nutrition-Sites will be closed on January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Happy New Year
2022**