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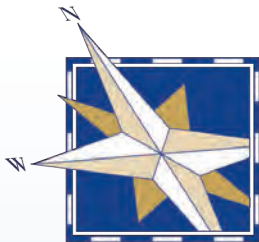
January 2018



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VEGAS DAY

Tuesday, January 23 - beginning at 10 am



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Monday-Friday: 8 AM-4 PM

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Take a trip to Vegas without leaving Marion! Chase away the winter blues by joining us for our annual *Vegas Day* here at the Center. Odds are you'll have a blast! The event will be held on **Tuesday, January 23 beginning at 10 am. Lunch will be served at noon, with more card playing to follow.**

There will be plenty of games to choose from, including Casino War, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em, and Bingo. You may play your favorite... or play them all!

And even though we're just playing with "Monopoly money", it will still benefit you to accumulate your winnings. Because at the end of the day, a few big winners will cash in on their luck (with lots of door prizes available, too!)



Tickets are \$7, which includes all of the games for the entire event, along with a meal and a chance for prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the *Transportation Desk* through **Friday, January 19**. Space is limited, so we encourage you to get your ticket early for this fun-filled event.

It's Time to Renew!

A friendly reminder that your 2018 Senior Center Membership dues were due prior to **January 1, 2018**.

Senior Center Services

Elder Care Law

Certified elder law attorney, **Steve Roush**, representing the law firm of **Daniel P. Seink Co., Ltd.**, is available for **free** one-on-one consultations to discuss specific legal questions with our members each month. Steve specializes in estate planning, VA benefits planning, and Medicaid benefits planning. Please contact him at **(740) 418-1840** or **1-800-393-2324** to schedule your free appointment.

Hearing Evaluations

Angela Thomas, Hearing Care Practitioner with **Beltone Audiology and Hearing Care Center** will be scheduling appointments for **Tuesday, January 9**. Appointments include a free hearing evaluation and consultation. Time slots available are **10:30, 11:00 and 11:30 am**. Please contact the Center at (740) 387-6100 to reserve a spot.

Mark Your Calendar!

In an effort to make it easier for our members to plan their social calendars, we will begin announcing future events in each issue of the *Sentinel*. The following fun events are being planned for early 2018:

- **Vegas Days** - Tues., Jan. 23
- **Sock Hop** - Thurs., Feb. 15
- **Easter Dinner** - Thurs., March 29
- **Volunteer Appreciation Day** - Mon., April 16



Senior Center blankets are available in a variety of colors. Only \$20 each. Perfect for picnics, ball games, etc.

LUNCH AT THE CENTER

Hot and cold delicious, nutritious meals are available at the Marion Senior Center for anyone age 60-plus every **Tuesday-Friday at 11:30 am**. Call Life Care Alliance at 1-888-656-6831 for details. You do not need to be a Senior Center member to participate in the Dining Center program.

BINGO BRUNCH

Bingo Brunch will be held on **Wednesday, January 17, at 11:30 am**. This month's meal is being prepared by the *Senior Center*, and will feature lasagna, tossed salad, breadstick and a beverage. Tickets will be available for **\$4** at the Transportation Desk **until Thursday, January 11**. After lunch you'll enjoy a fun afternoon of **Bingo beginning at 12:30 pm**.

FRESH PRODUCE

The Marion Senior Center distributes free produce on behalf of *Kirkpatrick Food Pantry*, typically the second Tuesday and fourth Friday each month. Please check the calendar in this issue for this month's dates.

NEW MEMBER MIXER

Hosted on the **first Friday of every even month at 11:30 am**. All new members from the previous month are invited to join staff & volunteers for a free lunch, compliments of *Primrose Retirement Communities*. Our next *New Member Mixer* is **Friday, February 2**.



220 members and guests enjoyed our Christmas Dinner, sponsored by Brookdale.

Upcoming Events

TAX TIME IS ALMOST HERE!

Tax season will be upon us before we know it!

AARP Foundation Tax Aide are planning to be of assistance to the residents of Marion County with tax preparation on **Fridays** beginning in February of 2018 here at the **Marion Senior Center**.

Scheduling for tax preparation appointments will begin sometime in early January, 2018. Returns are prepared by **appointment only**. To schedule an appointment call Marion Senior Center weekdays between 8 am - 3:30 pm at **(740) 387-6100**.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

AARP Foundation Tax Aide in Marion County needs YOU to join our volunteer tax group to help us help others. We provide free tax preparation and e-filing for low income and elderly taxpayers. We are neighbors just

like YOU. If YOU'VE ever prepared your own return and are comfortable using a computer, YOU will be able to help others. We provide instructional training and materials to be a successful volunteer.

Our AARP Foundation Tax Aide site is located at **Marion Senior Center** in Marion, Ohio.

Please join us in helping to assist in the needs of our neighbors.

Classes for tax preparation will begin in January 2018. Please call to volunteer and keep this valuable service in Marion County this year!

Call Linda at **419-468-7196** to volunteer or register at the **AARP website**: <http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide>.

We're looking forward to working with YOU.



Linda Loescher

Senior Center Classes, Clubs & Activities

Craft Class (Monday)

Instructor **Sue Rodman's Monday** class will meet at **12:30 pm** in the *Craft Room*. Monday's class will be creating a "keepsake box". A picture of this project is displayed on the bulletin board near Kristi's office. Cost for the project is **\$10**.

Craft Class (Thursday)

Instructor **Barb Heimlich's** class meets on **Thursdays at noon** in the *Craft Room*. Members will be taking a break in January, February and March. Thursday classes are scheduled to resume in April.

'Working with Yarn' Club

Join instructor **Sue Bumgarner** as she teaches you how to crochet and/or knit. Participants will work on a variety of fun projects. Class will meet in the *Craft Room* on **Tuesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm**. There is no cost for this class.

Sewing Class

Sewing class with **Paula Barron** meets on **Wednesday** afternoons at **12:30 pm**. The class is currently in need of more pillowcases for their "pillowcase dress" mission project. **If you would like to donate** some new or gently-used pillowcases, please see **Paula** or **Kristi**.

Photography Class

Do you have a camera laying around and don't know how to use it? Come to Instructor **Royce Farson's** photography class and she will teach you the basics. Once you know how to use it you can join the others with a new assignment each month. The class meets in the *Card Room* from **2-3 pm** on the **first Wednesday of each month**. *Please note: There will be no class held in January or February.*

Liquid Stained Glass

Join instructor **Dee Harshfield** as you create beautiful liquid stained glass projects. This class meets **on Tuesdays at 1:30** in the *Craft Room*. Cost for the class is **\$10**, which covers the cost of materials.

Heartland Trivia

Kelly Coble from *Heartland* will be hosting "Trivia" games on the **second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am** in the *Craft Room*. Heartland also provides breakfast goodies!

Monday Mind Games

Carla Poston from *ProCore Health Brokers*, will host *Mind Games* on **Monday mornings**. This class meets in the *Craft Room* at **9:30 am**. Carla also provides delicious "Tim Bits" for everyone attending her activity!

Breakfast for the Brain

Jump start your day—and your brain—at **9:30 am** on **Thursday mornings**, as **Bonnie McKee** from *Community Care* discusses fun trivia questions over orange juice and *Andrew's* pastries.

Kingston Bingo

Tammy Millisor of *Kingston Residence of Marion* will host Bingo at a **new time** starting this month... **10 am** in the morning on the **second Friday** each month. Lots of fun and prizes!

Brookdale Bingo

Jean Anne Cheney of *Brookdale* will host Bingo at **12:30 pm** on the **first Wednesday** each month. Lots of fun and prizes!

Left, Right, Center (LRC)

Becky Schifer of *Kindred at Home/Hospice* hosts this wildly popular dice game that's easy to learn and simple to play (with lots of prizes to win). The group usually meets out front the **second Thursday** and **fourth Tuesday** each month.

Rummikub

Learn to play the popular tile game *Rummikub*, which will be hosted in the *Game Room* on **Tuesdays from 2-4 pm**.

Jam Session

An amazing group of talented local musicians and vocalists meet and perform at the Center on the **last Wednesday** of each month. Lunch is available for **\$3.50** and is served at **noon**. Music is performed from **1 to 3 pm**. Public welcome!

Mah Jongg

Mahjong is a traditional Chinese tile game, played by four people around a table. The group has a lot of fun and welcomes beginners. They meet near the *Kitchen* on **Thursdays at noon**.

Dominoes

Dominoes is a game played with rectangular "domino" tiles. It is an easy game to learn and lots of fun! The group meets out front on **Tuesday afternoons at 12:15 pm**.

Beginner & Advanced Line Dance

Have you ever thought about learning to line dance? You can learn the basics on **Monday** mornings at **9 am**. Once you get the hang of it, you will be able to join our more advanced class that meets on **Friday** mornings at **9 am**. This class is for people that have been dancing for a while and are interested in learning new dances. Instructor **Royce Farson** always welcomes new class members in both classes .

Zumba® Gold Toning & Strength Training

Certified *Zumba* Instructor **Michelle Del Valle** will lead the **Zumba Gold - Toning** classes every **Tuesday morning at 10 am** followed by **Strength Classes at 11 am**. Cost is \$3 for each class. Both classes are FREE for Silver Sneakers members. The class will not meet on Tuesday, December 5 or January 2. Starting January 9, a beginner line dancing class will be held from 2 -2:50 pm, followed by an advanced class from 3 - 3:50 pm

Afternoon Line Dance

Instructor **April Morrison** will begin teaching a new line dance class this month on **Tuesday** afternoons at **2:30 pm**. *Note: no class will be held on January 2*. This class is strictly for beginners. Anyone is welcome. There is no cost for this class. *Note: beginning on January 9* a new “Advanced Class” will be held immediately following the Beginners Class at **3 pm**.

Scrabble

Learn to play *Scrabble*®, a word game in which players score points by placing tiles, each bearing a single letter, onto a game board. The tiles must form words which, in crossword fashion, flow left to right in rows or downwards in columns. The group meets out front on **Fridays at 11**.

Fitness Room

Our well-equipped **Fitness Room** is open to members at no additional cost, and boasts a variety of *Schwinn*® fitness equipment, including treadmills, traditional and recumbent exercise bikes, Airdyne, and elliptical machines. **The Fitness Room is typically open to members anytime the Center is open**. Please consult your physician before beginning any exercise activities.

Line Dancers Pot Luck

Line Dancers Pot Luck is hosted on the **third Friday of every even month at 11:30 am**. The next potluck will be held on **Friday, February 16**. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a covered dish to share.

Choir Practice

Director **Ednita Vaflor** and our choir “*Seniors in Song*” practice from September through May on **Thursdays at 9:45 am** in the *Multipurpose Room*. Choir will not practice during the month of January.

Coloring Club

Adult coloring books will be available in the *Craft Room* on **Wednesdays at 1:00**. A perfect way to unwind and socialize with friends.

Bridge

If you like to play Bridge, there are two opportunities to play. Bridge is hosted every **Monday** and **Tuesday at 10am**. Everyone is welcome to play!

Pinochle

There are also two opportunities to play Pinochle at the Center: **Mondays at 12:00 pm** and also **Wednesdays at 12:30pm**. Everyone is welcome to play!

Euchre

Progressive Euchre is played on **Mondays at 12:00 pm** and *Bid Euchre* plays on **Thursdays at 12:00 pm**. Both groups meet out front. Everyone is welcome to play!

Hand & Foot Card Game

This group will meet in the *Game Room* on **Mondays at 12:30pm**. Anyone interested is welcome to join in the fun!

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, described as “meditation in motion”. Tai Chi helps reduce stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** host classes twice a week on **Wednesdays at 2:00 pm** and **Fridays at 1:30 pm** in the *Multipurpose Room*.

‘Tech Time with TJ’

T.J. Badertscher from *Center Street Community Health Center* will be here during the morning of **Wednesday, January 24** beginning at **10:30 am** to offer free advice and assistance to anyone wanting to learn how to better use their Smartphones, tablets, iPads and other digital devices. Please call **(740) 387-6100** to schedule a half hour appointment.



January 2018 • Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 <p>1</p> <p>The Center will be Closed Today.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00-Aerobics 9:00-Books, Balance & BS 10:00-Bridge 10:00-Bible Study 10:00-Zumba Gold Toning 11:00-Strength Training 12:15-Dominoes 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em 1:00-Yarn Club 1:30-Stained Glass 2:00-Rummikub</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00-Exercise 12:30-Pinochle 12:30-Sewing Class 12:30-Brookdale Bingo* 1:00-Coloring Club 2:00-Tai Chi* 2:00-Photography Class*</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00-Aerobics 9:30-Breakfast for the Brain* 12:00-Bid Euchre 12:00-Mah Jongg 12:00-Craft Class* 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em</p>
<p>8:30-Volunteer Greeter Meeting 8</p> <p>9:00-Exercise 9:00-Beginner Line Dancing 9:30-Mind Games* 9:30-Line Dancing 10:00-Bridge 11:30-Lunch 12:00-Pinochle 12:00-Euchre 12:30-Hand & Foot Cards 12:30-Craft Class</p>	<p>9 P</p> <p>9:00-Produce Day* 9:00-Aerobics 9:00-Books, Balance & BS 10:00-Bridge 10:00-Bible Study 10:00-Zumba Gold Toning 10:30-Hearing Evaluations* 11:00-Strength Training 12:15-Dominoes 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em 1:00-Yarn Club 1:30-Stained Glass 2:00-Rummikub 2:30-Line Dancing*</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00-Exercise 12:30-Pinochle 12:30-Sewing Class 1:00-Coloring Club 2:00-Tai Chi* 2:00-Photography Class*</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00-Aerobics 9:30-Breakfast for the Brain* 12:00-Bid Euchre 12:00-Mah Jongg 12:00-Craft Class* 12:30-Popcorn & Movie* 12:30-Texas Hold 'Em 2:30-LRC*</p>
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

FRIDAY

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
10:00-Kingston Bingo*
 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

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9:00-Produce Day*
 9:00-Beginner Line Dancing
 9:00-Exercise
 9:30-Line Dancing
**10:00-Carol Kelly Presents:
 'Victory Gardens of WWII'**
 11:00-Scrabble*
 1:00-Card Game 31
 1:30-Tai Chi

F = Food Box Day

P = Produce Day

T = Trip Departure

D = Thursday Evening Dance

*See Article Inside for Details

January Birthdays

Sandra Akers	31	Norma Gantt	21	Tom Phillips	30
Marcia Albright	28	Cora Jane Gulliford	05	Karen Pickett	14
Steve Badertscher	16	Jerry Hamilton	26	Shirley Pierce	05
Joann Begley	25	Lowell Harrah	19	Jane Porter	18
Peggy Blizzard	18	James Harshfield	09	Mary Ream	17
Jan Black	25	Mark Hartman	31	Wanda Riffe	08
Eva Blankenship	15	Sundae Hartz	06	Francis Russell	08
Debbie Blevins	17	Sue Haskins	04	Joyce Sanders	26
Gene Booker	30	Helen Hawkins	15	David Schaber	01
Ralph Brown	25	Janis Holbrook	23	William J. Schafer Jr.	16
Denny Byrd	07	Dorris Holleman	14	LeAnn Schlecht	31
Gloria Caprino	18	Jim Holloway	21	Debby Shade	18
Joseph Clarke	25	Garnet Honaker	17	Ruth Silvers	05
Debra Coble	31	Wesley Honaker	10	Virginia Somerlot	19
Martha A. Cocherl	04	Marlene Huber	04	Carol Spare	20
Patricia Coldren	03	Louis Hughes	23	Eileen Stephenson	07
LeslieAnn Crabtree	27	Mary Hughes	21	Barbara Sturgeon	05
Brenda Crissinger	10	Fred Keener	03	Ann H. Thomas	19
Beverly Crist	11	Paul Kennedy	24	Patricia Thomas	13
Susan Davis	03	Terry Kern	13	Judy Ulsh	02
Tommy Davis	12	Mary Koch	16	Cheryl Waugh	28
Joyce DeWitt	30	Julianne Kyle	26	Gerald Waugh	23
Delores Doyle	25	Nicki Landfried	27	John R. Weir	29
Gene Edington	25	Mike Lore	12	Donald West	09
Nancy Eilerman	28	Edith Loyer	29	Nancy Whitaker	21
Ken Estes	03	Mary Martin	18	Rosalie Dale White	27
Sharon Farst	12	Sharon McFadden	01	Karen Winders	09
Barbara Fleming	20	John Murphy	29	Les Yager	05
Terry Fortney	29	Barbara Patrick	25		

January Anniversaries

Bob & Doris Cunningham	January 23, 1965	53 years
Steve & Karen Ward	January 08, 1966	52years
Steve & Marlene Renick	January 22, 1982	36 years

New Members

Dick & Sharon Farst
 Jim Farst
 Tilly Gresh
 Stanley Griffith

Dorris Holleman
 Jinny Holloway
 Donna Mulder
 Loretta Murphy

JoAnn Neal
 Steve Snider
 Vickie VanGilder

Volunteer of the Month

MEET BARB KLEE

By Tim Frericks

Our remarkable volunteer of the month, Barb Klee, is truly a Renaissance woman. Her many talents are diversified and unmatched. Her multiple talents are indicative of the quality of her spirit and depth of her intellect.

This 62 year old lady was born in southern Ohio. She is a native of OakHill, Ohio, in Jackson County and her family moved to Marion County when Barb was a small child.

She volunteers with the AARP tax program which is a free service provided to members to assist them in preparing their income tax returns. Not content with only one volunteer activity Barb also makes telephone calls to members on their birthday and spends time in the craft room crocheting and making afghans to donate to charity. Seemingly, there is nothing she can't do or hasn't tried.

Amazingly, she was employed for 38 years at Whirlpool—wearing many hats in the process. After working as an assembler for many years she then spent 2 years as a payroll clerk and her final 15 years as a Safety Coordinator—a job which called for her to investigate any job related injury and assist anyone injured on the job.

Anyone looking for Barb at the Senior Center can probably find her in the craft room crocheting, making afghans, sewing or painting.



Barb married Gregory Klee in 1979 and they reside in Grandview Estates. They have two children: Trevor, age 45 and Allison, age 37. Barb and Greg attend St. Mary Catholic Church in Marion.

Barb has supplemented her natural proclivity for knowledge with a solid education. A 1973 graduate of Ridgedale High School she went on to obtain a degree in accounting from Marion Tech.

Barb especially appreciates the trips provided by the Senior Center. They have taken her to east and west coasts in the U.S. and even to Niagara Falls. Her love of travel also inspired her to volunteer as a member of the Center's Trip Advisory Council, where she shares her experiences, insights and opinions with other seasoned travelers to help determine which trips to offer members from those under consideration each year.

Her life has been an incredible journey and we are thankful she has chosen to share herself with us at the Senior Center.

Evening DANCE



◀◀ Popcorn & Movie ▶▶ Thursday, January 11 - 12:30 pm

Experience the fun of an afternoon matinee, complete with a complimentary box of popcorn during this monthly event! We set up theater-style seating in the *Multipurpose Room*, then lower the shades and dim the lights to create a movie theater atmosphere for you to sit back, relax, and enjoy watching a newly released movie on our big screen TV! Feel free to come alone, or join some friends! Please see the poster located on the activity board near Kristi's office for movie details.



Victory Gardens of WWII

Friday, January 26 at 10 am

During World War II, many people supplemented the food they had available for personal use by planting vegetable gardens, both to support the war effort and due to food shortages and rationing. The gardens were promoted widely by the government and industry, and were known as "victory gardens" due to their importance to the war effort. The US Department of Agriculture estimates that more than 20 million of these gardens were planted, and Ohioans were well-represented among those who responded to the need.

Senior Center Garden Club's Carol Kelly will present a program on this topic on **Friday, January 26 at 10:00 am** in the *Craft Room*.

Trips on the Horizon

Tulip Festival Overnight Monday - Wednesday, May 7 - 9

Kevin Thuman from *Prime Tours* will host an informational session to discuss this springtime trip in detail on **Wednesday, January 31 at 10 am** in the *Multipurpose Room*.

Whistle & Bat Factory Tours Thursday, February 22

The *American Whistle Corporation* is the only manufacturer of metal whistles in the United States! You will learn fascinating facts about whistles while touring this thriving, small, American manufacturing plant. Best of all, everyone leaves with a shiny new "American Classic" whistle! After the tour, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch buffet (complete with a slice of homemade pie for dessert) at *Der Dutchman* in Plain City. You'll also have some time for shopping at *Carlisle Gifts* shop. Our final stop will be to tour the *Phoenix Bat* factory, where we'll learn how a baseball bat is made from start to finish. During the tour, you'll learn about how the business got started (blame it on a bunch of guys playing baseball in the 1800's!), working with pros, and the process in creating a great bat. You'll also receive a pre-engraved mini bat to commemorate your visit. **Cost is \$65 Members, \$75 Non-members**, which includes admission for both tours, lunch, and transportation. **Sign up for this trip NOW** with \$20 non-refundable deposit.



Trip Advisory Council

The *Trip Advisory Council* met with Kristi and Steve in December to finalize the list of trips we will offer in 2018, which will once again be included in a flyer with tentative details that are available at the time it is printed (dates, pricing, etc.). The 2018 trip flyer will be mailed to all Center members in **January**.



It's (Past) Time to Renew!

Just a friendly reminder that your 2018 Senior Center Membership dues were due prior to **January 1, 2018**. If you have not done so yet, please pay them today to ensure you continue to receive your *Sentinel* each month. Annual membership is still **\$30** per person.

Event Ticket Procedure

The Center staff has growing concerns regarding the recent trend of members not purchasing tickets until the last minute for events hosted by the Center. For example, our *Fall Festival* event had only 12 members signed up and paid prior to the event, yet 36 members showed up and purchased tickets the day of the event. Thankfully, we anticipated a turnout of 50, so a disaster was averted. And it turned out to be a really nice event. However, we feel it's time we go back to the tried and true procedure the Center had employed for many years to avoid a future disaster.

In short, we will once again require tickets to Center events be purchased by a specified deadline. These deadlines typically are one week prior to the actual date of the event, and will be noted in all publicity promoting the event..



We need this lead time to purchase the appropriate number of meals with caterers. Most caterers require a firm commitment on the exact number of attendees a week in advance, which allows them to purchase and prepare the proper amount of food and related items. We typically will add a few additional meals to our counts, but we keep this to a minimum as they must be paid for whether or not we actually sell a ticket for them. So after that deadline, we might have a few tickets available, and we might not. If we do have additional tickets they can be purchased **WHILE THEY LAST**. So if you have your heart set on attending one of our many social events, and want to be **guaranteed** a ticket, it must be purchased by the deadline.

So going forward, we will be **enforcing this procedure** for purchasing tickets to events. Please note the Center board unanimously supports this procedure, as well. Our intent is not to punish procrastinators, but to allow us to successfully plan for events. Thanks for your understanding... and for your continued support!

Meals on Wheels Needs You!

LifeCare Alliance needs volunteers to help deliver **Meals on Wheels** during the lunch hour to older adults in Marion County. Whether it's one day a week, or even one day a month... your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Pauli at **(614) 437-2859** for details.

Marion Senior Center

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Directory

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Social Services Coordinator:
Annette Hartman

Transportation Coordinator:
Doug Connor

Bookkeeper: Jackie King

Maintenance Supervisor:
Jay Yarger

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Need a Ride? Transportation Available for Seniors

If you, or someone you know age 60 and older, are seeking transportation for needs-based appointments, the Marion Senior Center is here to help. We provide transportation (on a donation basis) to and from appointments in Marion County. Transportation is available every **Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am & 3:30 pm**, excluding holidays. **To learn more, contact the Center's Transportation Desk at (740) 387-5444 or Ohio District 5-Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-522-5680.**

****Handicap-accessible transportation is now available!***

Need a Personal Shopper?

We have a personal shopper available to help homebound Seniors age 60+. If you, or someone you know, could use ongoing assistance with shopping needs, **please contact Social Services Coordinator Annette Hartman at (740) 387-6100.**

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