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We thank all of you who made a donation toward the cost of the Sharing the Spirit for the Oct-Dec 2017 edition: Carol Waghorn

Your donations are an important part of offsetting the cost of publishing our newsletter. If you would like to help support Sharing the Spirit, or if you have additional comments, questions or suggestions, please contact us at:

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## \*Director's Chair\*

As I sit and write this I cannot believe September is almost over and its 80 degrees outside! This is my favorite time of the year. I love the beauty that Fall brings, but I must admit I don't really care for raking up the blanket of leaves that end up on my lawn! Thank goodness for teenagers.

Our RSVP program continues to do well. The America Reads tutoring programs at Barringer Road and Frankfort Schuyler Elementary Schools are getting ready to start up again soon. We have just been awarded a grant so that we can hire a Volunteer Coordinator to focus on the development of the HOPE Ministries Program. The HOPE Program currently has 3 volunteers and a long waiting list of potential clients who need assistance with light housekeeping, laundry, grocery shopping, companionship, etc. The RIDE program is getting busier transporting seniors to their doctor appointments. The HIICAP Program is gearing up for Open Enrollment. Last year HIICAP had over 700 phone calls during the Open Enrollment Period and that's not counting the in person and over the phone counseling that was completed. The Herkimer County food pantries and Food Sense Programs continue to provide food to our community. Our RSVP Program has 25 volunteer stations with different types of volunteer jobs at those stations. If anyone is interested in learning more information about the services we provide or what volunteer opportunities we have available, please contact me at 315-894 -9917 or visit our website at herkimercountyrsvp.org. I recently attended a HIICAP Conference and the New Medicare Cards that will begin to be distributed in April of 2018 were discussed. Please read the information in this newsletter regarding this and if you have any questions you

One last thing before I close...this will be our last newsletter before the holidays so my wish for you is I hope you are able to find some joy during this time of the year doing whatever it is that makes you happy. Thank you all again for everything you do to make our community a better place, and a much happier place for those we serve.

Wishing you all good health, happiness and the blessings of the season,

Rae Raffle-Maxson, Program Director

can call the HIICAP office at 315-894-9917.

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switch plans at any time during the year, and your Part D premium will be covered up to \$40.99 in 2017(\$38.98 in 2018).

The Medicare Savings Program (MSP), is offered through the local Department of

Social Services and is another program that may help reduce your costs. This simple application can qualify you for help paying your Part B premium, which currently is \$134.00 or less



depending on when you went on Medicare Part B. If your gross monthly income is under \$1,377 for a single individual and \$1,847 for a couple, you may qualify for this benefit. There is no resource limit for the MSP. If your income is slightly higher than this, you may still qualify if you are paying for a medical premium, such as a Medigap policy, a dental policy, long term care insurance, or a Part D plan that is above the \$40.99 benchmark for 2017 or \$38.98 for 2018. The benefits of qualifying for the MSP are: you will receive Medicare Part B without paying for it and you will receive the full extra help benefit for your prescription coverage. If you think you may qualify for EH or the MSP please contact the Herkimer County HIICAP office at 315-894-9917 and we can help enroll.

Another program available to New York resident's 65 and over is the EPIC program. EPIC's fee plan is for enrollees with incomes up to \$20,000 for singles, and \$26,000 for married couples. The Deductible Plan is for members with incomes ranging from \$20,001 to \$75,000 for singles, and \$26,001 to \$100,000 for couples. The benefit of having EPIC is that it gives Medicare beneficiaries a Special Enrollment Period to opt out of any plan during the calendar year. If you are on the EPIC's fee plan, EPIC will pay your Part D premium up to the benchmark amount. If you are on the deductible plan, but your income is up to \$23,000 if single and \$26,000 if married, EPIC will also pay your Part D premium up to the benchmark. The remaining EPIC enrollees on the deductible plan will have their EPIC deductible lowered by \$492 for 2017. As you know, when EPIC is working, seniors pay between \$3 and \$20 for prescriptions. EPIC is secondary coverage, that is,

Medicare beneficiaries must have a Medicare Part D plan for EPIC to pay as the secondary insurer.



Finally, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) wants to remind seniors to stay healthy by maintaining a healthy lifestyle which includes exercising, eating well, keeping a healthy weight, and not smoking. Medicare can help by providing coverage for many preventative services that can help find health problems early, when treatment works best. Preventive services include exams, shots, lab tests, and screenings. They also include counseling and education to help you take care of your own health.

Medicare covers these preventive services:

- Annual Wellness Exam
- "Welcome to Medicare" Preventive Visit
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Alcohol Misuse Screening & Counseling
- Bone Mass Measurement

- Cardiovascular Disease Behavioral Therapy
- Cardiovascular Disease Screening
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Colorectal Cancer Screenings
- Depression Screening
- Diabetes Screening
- Diabetes Self-management Training
- Flu Shot
- Glaucoma Screenings
- Hepatitis B Shot
- Hepatitis Screening
- HIV Screening
- Lung Cancer Screening
- Mammogram Screening
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Obesity Screening and Counseling
- Pneumococcal Shot
- Prostate Cancer Screen
- Smoking and Tobacco Cessation



Flu Shots!)

• STD Screening and Counseling

If you have any questions about Medicare, please contact your Herkimer County



HIICAP office at 315-894-9917 to get your questions answered. Thank you!

## **Loan Closets**

Have you ever been in need of a walker or a wheelchair or other medical equipment and knew you would only need it for a short time and so you didn't want to buy it new or have your insurance buy it new? We have the answer for you. The Office for the Aging has a listing of all of the Loan Closets in Herkimer County.

What is a Loan Closet?

- ⇒ A place where you can borrow medical equipment that is needed. You can borrow for as long as you need it, either on a short term or long term basis.
- $\Rightarrow$  There are no rental fees.

#### What kinds of things can I borrow?

 ⇒ walkers, canes, beds, crutches, commodes, bed pans, urinals, wheelchairs, and tub seats



Please contact Herkimer County Office for the Aging or NY connects for more information at: 315-867-1124 or www.herkimercounty.org go to departments then Office for the Aging.

HEAP 2017 - 2018 Season	HEAP benefits are distributed on a
Anyone over the age of 60 who received HEAP last year should have already received an application for the new HEAP season in the mail, unless they are now receiving SNAP or received SNAP last year. If you received HEAP last year, are not on SNAP and have not yet received a HEAP application, please call the Office for the Aging at 867-1195. If you heat with oil, propane, or	<ul> <li>first come-first served basis.</li> <li>The HEAP program officially open this year on November 13, 2017. If you are a Herkimer County resident age 60 or older and did not receive HEAP last year and would like an applica- tion, please call the Office for the Aging to have an application mailed to you after the official opening of November 13th.</li> <li>Income guidelines are: Household size of 1 person – monthly</li> </ul>
kerosene the maximum benefit is \$726. If you heat with wood, coal, or pellets the maximum benefit is \$576. If you heat with electric or natural gas the maximum benefit is \$401. Emergency benefits will not be available until after January 2, 2018. Please note that all	Household size of 2 people – monthly income \$2,318 Household size of 2 people – monthly income of \$3,031 Household size of 3 people – monthly income of \$3,744.

#### Save Money with Food Sense

Food Sense is a great way for families to save money and purchase quality foods for less. Food Sense is a food co-op program offered through the Food Bank of Central New York and local non-profits. There are **no restrictions** – **everyone qualifies**! Each package or unit is filled with high-quality meats, vegetables, fruits and grocery items. **The cost of the Food Sense package is only \$15.50**, yet **the market value is closer to \$25-\$30**, depending upon the area where you shop.

Registration sites for the community Food Sense Program are as follows:

Ilion at the First Presbyterian Church, 90 Morgan St. Ilion, NY

Old Forge at the Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church, 228 Crosby Blvd.



Please contact Catholic Charities at 894-9917

for more information.



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## **Volunteers** Needed

The RSVP Program of Herkimer County is looking for individuals 55+ who are willing to give their time and talents



to volunteer at one of our volunteer sites. We have many opportunities, including but not limited to: dispatching or driving for the RIDE program, educating Medicare beneficiaries about the Medicare system, tutoring children, working at a food pantry, food co-op or congregate meal site. If you are interested and would like more

information please contact Rae @ 315-894-9917 or rmaxson@ccherkimer.org.





## A name you can trust.

For information, call (518) 641-3400 or 1-888-519-4455 TTY/TDD: 711



Our hours are 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. seven days a week, October 1 – February 14. From February 15 – September 30, Monday – Friday, our hours are 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. A voice messaging service is used weekends, after-hours, and federal holidays.

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## <u> Make Your Home Safer:</u>

Most falls occur in or around the home.

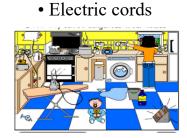
Conduct a home safety check to look for hazards and changes you can make.

#### **Typical hazards:**

- Poor lighting
- Frayed or torn carpets
- Items or clutter in a path



• Throw rugs



#### Things you can do:

- Keep floors and stairs clear of clutter.
- Make sure stairways have secure railings and are well lit.
- Add night lights and keep a clear path from bed to bathroom.
- Clearly mark any changes in floor levels.
- Remove any scatter rugs.
- Install grab bars and bath seats in bathrooms.
- Move frequently-used kitchen and household items to within easy reach.





For more information, contact Office For the Aging at (315) 867-1415

## Herkimer County Public Health Adult Flu Clinics

We accept most types of insurance. Bring current insurance card to the clinic. The cost of a flu shot for those that are uninsured or have a non-billable insurance is \$25.00 cash or check \$35.00 for High-Dose

Date/Day/Time	Location
September 28 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	Midtown Apartments
1:00 – 2:00 pm	315 North Prospect St, Herkimer
October 5 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	Nathan Galinsky Apartments
1:00 – 3:00 pm	105 Protection Ave, Herkimer
October 12 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	John Guy Prindle Apartments
1:00 – 2:00 pm	80 East North St, Ilion
October 19 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	Route Eighty Bowl
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Route 80, Van Hornesville
October 20 <sup>th</sup> , Friday	Schuyler Town Hall
12:00 – 1:00 pm	2090 State Rte. 5, Schuyler
October 26 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	West Winfield Federated Church
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	452 East Main St, West Winfield
October 26 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	General Winfield Scott House
1:00 – 2:00 pm	56 South St, West Winfield

No children's flu shots at the above listed clinics

Immunizations & flu shots for <u>ALL AGES</u> are available at our walk-in clinics-301 North Washington Street, Herkimer, Phone 315-867-1176 Tuesday 9:00 – 11:00am & 1:00 – 3:00pm (some evening clinics too!)

#### **October is National Fire Prevention** Month. Here are a few fire safety tips to help protect seniors:

Never leave stoves • unattended.



- Be very careful using alternative heat sources such as space heaters.
- Use extra precautions when smoking; empty ashtrays in a metal container so if a cigarette is still lit it won't catch anything on fire.
- Check your smoke detectors. Be sure to change the batteries each year.
- If oxygen tanks and compressors are in use, make sure you have signs in place to inform people that they may be dangerous in event of a fire.
- Make sure you are emptying the lint traps in your dryer as it can be a fire hazard.
- Develop a fire emergency plan. Know what to do in the event of a fire. If you are mobility impaired, make an escape route that you will be able to negotiate easily. If you live in an apartment building, know your buildings evacuation plan.
- Have fire extinguishers in places where • there may be a hazard, such as the kitchen. Most importantly, learn how to use it!
- A Personal Emergency response system, such as Lifeline or Life Alert can provide twenty-four-hour, seven day per week assistance if help is needed. For seniors, it could be life saving.

This information was provided by The United States Fire Administration. Visit their website at www.usfa.fema.gov. For more information, please contact NY Connects or Office for the Aging at 867-1121 or visit our website at: www.herkimercounty.org; then Departments, then NY Connects.

#### Tai Chi Classes Available for All Levels, **Beginners to Advance**

Ilion Masonic Hall on Monday evenings at 6:30pm

United Methodist Church in Jordanville on Wednesday mornings at 11:00am

Instructed by Rolland "Bud" Miner and Assistant instructor Sharon Seamon

For more information call: 315-717-5810



### Herkimer County Meals on Wheels **Drivers** Needed

If you like working with older adults we have an opportunity for you. Herkimer County Office for the Aging is looking for Paid and Volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for various routes in Herkimer County.

Positions available:

Substitute and Full time drivers

When: Monday-Friday

Hours:

2 to 3 hrs per day

For Paid drivers you receive Minimum Wage and mileage and Volunteer drivers receive mileage.

If you are interested, please contact Herkimer County Office for the Aging at 315-867-1414.



#### Senior Citizens and Alcohol Use

According to recent studies, roughly 40% of adults who are 65 or older consume alcohol.

As the body ages, it's tolerance for alcohol may decrease which can lead to a greater risk of falling and injury for older adults when they are under the influence of alcohol.



There are a number of health problems, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure and osteoporosis, that may become worse for older adults who consume alcohol.

Older adults must also consider how alcohol consumption may interact with their medications. Certain medications, prescription and over the counter, can be dangerous when mixed with alcohol. Some examples of medications that can have a negative interaction with alcohol are: aspirin, acetaminophen, cold/allergy medicine, pain medication and anxiety/depression medication.

It is recommended that healthy adults over the age of 65 who DO NOT take medication should not drink more than 3 drinks per day and no more than 7 drinks per week. If an older adult has health problems and takes medication they should discuss with their doctor what may be a safe amount of alcohol to consume.

This information was provided by www.niaaa.nih.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Herkimer County Office for the Aging or NY Connects for more information at: 315-867-1124 or www.herkimercounty.org go to departments then Office for the Aging.

#### When is it time to stop driving?

For many people, driving is a sign of independence and is an important part of their identity. Driving provides older individuals freedom and allows them to socialize, access healthcare and shop, among other activities. Most older individuals would like to continue to drive as long as possible, however, there may come a time when it is no longer safe for them to do so. The following are some warning signs that indicate an individual may need to limit/stop

driving either temporarily or permanently:

 Almost crashing and/or having frequent close calls



- Finding dents and/or scrapes on the car or outside areas around the home including mailboxes, fences garage doors, etc.
- Getting lost, even in familiar locations
- Having difficulty concentrating while driving and/or becoming easily distracted
- Difficulty turning to check mirrors while backing up and/or changing lanes
- Receiving multiple warnings and/or traffic tickets from law enforcement

If you notice any of the warning signs with the older individuals in your life, it may be time to

discuss your concerns and assist with finding safe, alternative transportation.



This information was provided by www.aarp.org. If you have any questions please contact Herkimer County Office for the Aging or NY Connects for more information at: 315-867-1124 or www.herkimercounty.org go to departments then Office for the Aging.

# 5 Key Facts About Your NEW Medicare Cards

What Medicare beneficiaries should know!

## Your new Medicare card will NOT have your SSN!

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) requires CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) to remove SSNs from all Medicare cards. The new cards will have a random 11 digit identifier that's a mix of numbers and letters.

## You will not see your new cards before April 2018.

The transition period will begin no earlier than April 1, 2018 & run through December 31, 2019.

## 3. This change will take some time.

With over 55 million Medicare beneficiaries in the US, moving to new Medicare numbers and cards requires a lot of changes to the CMS systems!



## 4. Your benefits will stay the same.

The new Medicare numbers will NOT change anything in your coverage. You can start using your new card as soon as you receive it.

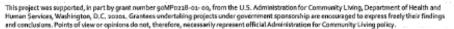
## You do not need to do anything!

This change will be automatic. There is no need to confirm your personal information with Medicare. When CMS sends your new Medicare card, they will mail it to you.

## SCAM ALERT

Scammers posing as Medicare reps will call asking for your current Medicare number & offer to send you a new card. Stay Alert. Never give your information to anyone suspicious over the phone!

> Contact the NY Senior Medicare Patrol at 877-678-4697 to report this!





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#### From the RSVP Program

#### **OCTOBER**

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## \*Get Cookin' With OFA\*

Recipes compliments of Catholic Charities Staff

#### Upside-Down Chicken Pot Pie

1 package (7.5 oz.) refrigerated flaky buttermilk biscuits

1 package (10 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed 1 1/2 cups water

1/2 cup milk



l package Knorr $\mathbb{R}$  Pasta Sides<sup>TM</sup> - Chicken flavor

2 cups cut-up cooked chicken

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$  cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided

- Preheat oven to 450°. Spray deep dish pie plate with no-stick cooking spray. Pull biscuits apart and press in bottom and up sides of pie plate. Bake 8 minutes or until biscuits are golden; set aside. Decrease oven to 350°.
- Bring vegetables, water and milk to a boil in medium saucepan over high heat. Stir in Knorr® Pasta Sides<sup>™</sup> - Chicken flavor and return to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and cook covered, stirring occasionally, 8 minutes or until pasta is tender. Stir in chicken and 1 cup cheese.
- Spoon into prepared pie plate, then sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Bake uncovered 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

### **Snow Capped Pumpkin Pie**

- 9" baked pastry shell
- 1 1/2 c canned or cooked pumpkin
- 3 egg yolks
- 3/4 c sugar
- 2/3 c (6oz can) evaporated milk
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. ginger

3 egg whites for meringue

- In medium saucepan, combine pumpkin, egg yolks, sugar, milk, butter, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and ginger. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring constantly, until thick. Cool slightly.
- Pour into baked pastry shell. Top with meringue, sealing edges well. Sprinkle with additional nutmeg.
- Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes until golden brown.



#### **Baked Custard for Two**

1 egg	1 c milk
3 tbsp. sugar	3/4 tsp. vanilla
1/8 tsp. salt	1/8 tsp. nutmeg

In a bowl, lightly beat the egg. Add milk, sugar, vanilla and salt. Pour into 2 ungreased 6oz custard cups. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Set in a pan containing 1" hot water. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes.



## Inspiration



Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes,

The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and

eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. 'Where's my toast?'



Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However,

while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet,

who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown. '



Two elderly ladies had been friends since their 30s. Now in their 80s, they still got together a couple of times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing gin rummy and one of them said, "You know, we've been friends for many years and, please don't get mad, but for the life of me, I can't remember your name. Please tell me what it is."

Her friend glared at her. She continued to glare and stare at her for at least three minutes. Finally, she said, "How soon do you need to know?"



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# **Just For Fun!**

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## Attend an Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

Do you feel like you're all alone?

Would you like to learn from others dealing with the same challenges as you?

Support groups provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers. Join an Alzheimer's Association support group and learn how the power of your peers can help you navigate your journey.

> Lutheran Care Caregiver Support Group

Weller Library, 41 W Main St, Mohawk 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

Contact Patricia at 315-269-5266 or 315-235-7143 to register & arrange for respite care

#### Little Falls, NY

2nd Thursday of the month 5:30 PM

Little Falls Community Center 524 Main St, Little Falls NY Starting December 8, 2016 www.alz.org/cny

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Alzheimer's Support Group Folts Home (HomeLife at Claxton) 104 N Washington St, Herkimer 1st Monday of the month at 5pm in Claxton Conference Room

Contact Social Services Department at 315-866-6964 ext 260

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