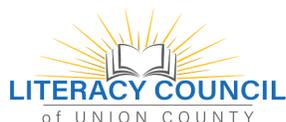




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Medicare Part D



We can help you find the best plan to fit your needs.

• This is the time for you to find out if your drug plan is the best for you in 2024.

• Will your current drug plan cover all of your medications?

• Will you be able to use your current pharmacy?

• Do you qualify for extra-help?

Call 870.864.7080 for an appointment with a trained SHIP counselor.



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They might look or seem government-y. But as soon as they ask for your Medicare, Social Security, or financial account numbers, **you know it's a scam.** The real Medicare doesn't ask for that kind of information. Also, don't click on links, open any attachments, or call any numbers if you get those messages.

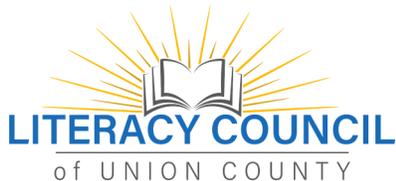
• **Be suspicious** of anyone who calls and claims to be able to help you sign up for coverage but needs to confirm your Medicare number, or asks for your Medicare number just to provide you enrollment information.

• **Ignore** anyone who calls saying you must join their prescription plan or you will lose your Medicare coverage. The Medicare prescription drug plan (also known as Part D) is completely voluntary.

• **Never** give your Medicare number or other personal information to an unexpected caller or someone who makes an unsolicited request for it.

• If you feel you have been scammed, call Arkansas Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) AID 1-866-726-2916 Report Medicare Fraud, Error & Abuse.

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November is "Family Literacy" Month

"Family Literacy" is a term for children and adults learning together. Literacy runs in families. When adults struggle reading, they have more difficulty supporting their children's literacy. Since early literacy begins in the home, two-generation education is important. Parents and caregivers are their children's first and best teachers. In 1994, Congress named November 1-"National Family Literacy Day". The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) now honors family literacy throughout November.

Learn how you can help by calling the Union County Literacy Council at 870.864.7081 for more information.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



Martin Luther King Day of Service 2024

El Dorado Connections Tri-County RSVP will be joining with Chemo Angels of El Dorado to celebrate Martin Luther King Day of Service in 2024. Our goal is to collect much needed items for the patients receiving chemo treatments such as: small cans of grape juice, peanut butter crackers, chili cheese Fritos, and plain Cheetos.

El Dorado Connections will be the drop off site for these items and they will be delivered to CARTI on January 15, 2024.

We would love to have everyone who donated to make sure they will be available for the presentation photo. The time will be decided closer to MLK Day.

Thank you in advance for all that you do to help Chemo Angels and their patients.

If you are interested in joining the Chemo Angels team, call 870.864.7084 for more information.



Volunteer Spotlight

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you...**Fayrene Rash**. She has been an RSVP volunteer for five years in our Medicare Drug Open Enrollment and Tax-Aid Programs.



Before retiring Fayrene worked at Simmons Bank in the bookkeeping department where she handled any problems facing their clients.

Before moving to El Dorado 25 years ago, she lived in Corsiana, Texas home of the world renown Collin Street Bakery which is legendary for their Fruitcake. Fayrene stated that there isn't a fruitcake made that comes close to the Collin Street fruitcake. She said she worked on the pineapple line.

She's been married for 59 years to her jr.-high school sweetheart and love of her life, Buford. They have four children and five grandchildren whom she loves dearly.

Fayrene loves to read and work in her yard trimming her rose bushes and mowing the grass. She loves her 6-yr old Jack Russel mix "Butterscotch".

Buford and Fayrene are Co-Pastors of Union Grove Assembly of God in the Hampton area where she teaches the Adult Sunday School class.

We love you Fayrene!

VOLUNTEERING IS AT THE VERY CORE OF BEING A HUMAN. NO ONE HAS MADE IT THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S HELP.

FREE TAX PREP Tax season is right around the corner and El Dorado Connections will be looking for volunteers for this upcoming tax season.

Training is available.

Call Dara 870.864.7083 to get started.

Quilts of Valor Presentation



Fourteen retired veterans were presented Quilts of Valor quilts on October 7, 2023. These quilts were made by the Union County Quilt Guild in honor of their service and sacrifices. Thank you!

The character of Santa Claus is based on St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop who helped the poor and needy. He loves children and enjoys giving gifts. As his story spread across the country, he was called Sinterklaas in Dutch, which later became Santa Claus.



**You are invited to our "50 Years
of Service"
Grand Finale Celebration**



Thursday, December 14th, 2023

4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

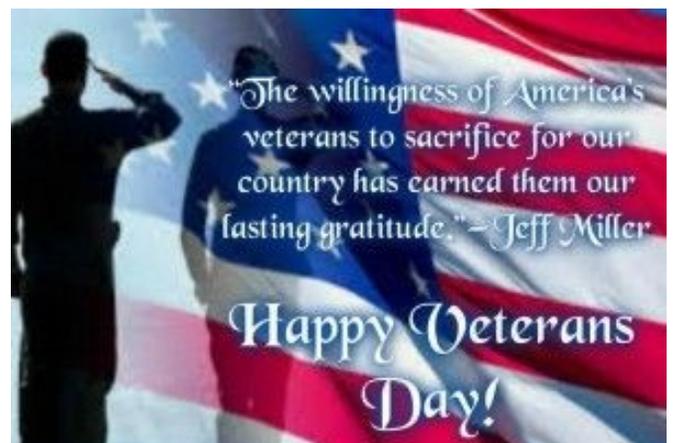
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We wish you a harvest of blessings, good
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and a
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Julia, Cheryl, Dara





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To provide a variety of opportunities for citizens to participate more fully in the life of their community through significant volunteer service and to advocate for the aging population in South Arkansas.