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CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8 AM-4 PM

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2025 Membership Dues

Annual Membership dues are \$30 per person and are due on January 1, 2025



New Year, New You!

The beginning of every January affords us all a fresh new start. As they say, "a new year, a new you!"

Here at the Center we encourage you to become the best 'new you' by trying some new things (at least new to you) in 2025:

Exercise - We have some very popular options, no matter your current level of fitness. For those wanting a great aerobic workout (and a whole lotta fun) we suggest you try Fitness Drumming. No musical experience is needed, just some energy and enthusiasm. And if you'd prefer a little more laid back exercise to improve balance, strength, and range of motion, Tai Chi might be perfect for you.

Social Events - We will continue to offer a fun themed social event each month which includes dinner and entertainment (and door prizes, of course)! We thank everyone for adjusting to our cutoff dates for purchasing tickets (which is dictated by the caterer for food counts).

Trips - Trip Advisory Council met twice in December and selected some great destinations for 2025. A nice variety of day trips and a couple extended stay trips will be announced later this month. All members will receive our 2025 trip mailer in the mail with as many details as are available at press time. This will assist you in planning out your travel schedule for the year ahead.

Transportation - One final new thing we're thrilled about is Out-of-County Medical Transportation we now provide to large medical facilities (Riverside, The James, Grady Memorial, etc.) located outside of Marion County. If you have a medical appointment coming up, give us a call. This great 'new' service might be perfect for you!

Happy New Year... new you!

Senior Center Services

Food Box Program

If you or someone you know are in need of food assistance, please contact Emilee at 740-387-6100 to see if you qualify for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) The Center distributes each month in partnership with *Mid-Ohio Foodbank*. To qualify you must be age 60+, live in Marion county and be income eligible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Our Meals-on-Wheels provider **LifeCare Alliance** has decades of experience delivering delicious meals prepared under the direction of a registered dietician. They offer the

flexibility of daily hot or cold meals, or weekly frozen meals, with a variety of tasty menu options. For more information call **614-278-3130**.



TECH TIME with Cory

Need help using your Smartphone or Tablet? Cory Pierce from Marion Public Health is offering FREE technology sessions for anyone who may need help navigating through their smartphone or tablet. Join him at the Senior Center on the third Wednesday each month from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Out-of-County Medical Transportation

Marion Senior Center is now able to provide transportation to and from medical facilities outside of Marion County. Call Misty at 740-387-5444.

Note: Grant funding for this service provided by Marion County Council on Aging (Senior Services Levy).

FREE PRODUCE MARKETS

Buckeye Community School is collaborating with Mid-Ohio Food Collective to offer Free Produce to income eligible families in the Marion area. An ID is required with a limit of two family pick-up per adult. The food will be distributed on the fourth Wednesday every month from 8 am

to **11 am** (while supplies last) at **The Marion County Fairgrounds** Main Entrance parking lot located at 220 East Fairground Street. This distribution is **drive-thru only**.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER DRIVE-THRU DINNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 135 W. Main Street in Waldo is continuing their Neighborhood Supper Drive-Thru Dinner program. It will be hosted on the **4th Tuesday** each month from **4:30 pm - 6 pm**. Pick up a warm meal, in a container, and take it home FREE of charge. They ask that you pull up to the door facing the parking lot and the meal will be delivered to your car. Everyone is welcome! Call **740-726-2770** for more information.



Improving Seniors Lives

New Name, Same Fun!

Lunch Bunch Bingo!

Join us for "Lunch Bunch Bingo" every Monday here at the Center. First you'll enjoy a delicious lunch served at 11 am, in the



Congregate Dining Center, prepared by the culinary staff at **LifeCare Alliance**. There is a suggested contribution of a \$1.50 per meal.

Following lunch Maddy or Carla Poston of ProCore Health Brokers will be calling Bingo and awarding nice prizes. Everyone is welcome!



Congregate Dining Center

In partnership with *LifeCare Alliance*, the Center hosts a Congregate Dining Center every **Tuesday through Friday from 11 am - 12:30 pm.** Please join us for good food and fellowship every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday... or one day a week... or one day a month. It's completely up to you!

All participants will receive a delicious, nutritious lunch served individually at each table. The meals are provided on a donation basis (a suggested contribution of \$1.50 is welcomed). Meals must be eaten in the dining room. Anyone aged 60 years or older is eligible.

Please call Congregate Dining Center Coordinator **Toni Hurd** at (740) 360-7863 to discuss menu options and to order your meals at least 24 hours in advance.

Life at the Center















165 members and guests enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at our November event. After dinner we were treated to a fantastic performance by newly formed band "Good Karma!". As usual, the event concluded with the awarding of many nice door prizes. Special thanks to Co-sponsors Kennady Strine (CenterWell Home Health) & Carma Taylor (Kingston Residence of Marion) for sponsoring this fun event.



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Health & Fitness

Staying Active!

Pickleball

Come play America's fastest growing sport... pickleball! Our outdoor pickleball courts are state-of-the-art and free to members. We also have paddles and pickleballs available for members to use. No experience is necessary. Groups usually gather on weekday mornings to play.

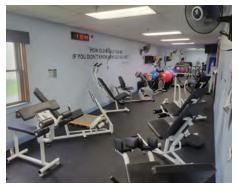




Fitness Center

Our Fitness Center is open to members at no additional cost, and boasts a variety of fitness equipment, including a treadmill, traditional and recumbent exercise bikes, Airdyne, and elliptical machines, along with resistance training equipment for upper body and lower body strength and conditioning. Due to space

considerations, the Fitness Center is limited to 3 members working out at any one time. Please consult your physician before beginning any exercise activities.



Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slowmotion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Which is probably why it continues to be a highly popular activity with our members. That in combination with the fact that our



experienced instructors **Steve** and **Marlene Renick** are extremely patient and very encouraging. They host classes on **Friday** at **12:30 pm** and welcome both beginners and those with Tai Chi experience.

Note: A new class is being offered on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm, beginning on November 6.

Fitness Drumming

Our popular fitness drumming program for seniors is hosted in the Multipurpose Room on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:15 am. Fitness Drumming is a fun, and highly engaging workout that can greatly benefit not only your overall health, but more specifically, your heart and lung health. No musical experience is necessary and there is no cost for this class. Class size is limited to 22.

Leaders: Emilee Evans & Lisa Richardson



Classes, Activities & Programs



AARP Tax Time is on its way...

After the holiday season is over, we begin right away preparing for the tax filing season by learning new procedures and rules of tax law.

We will begin our tax preparation season at Marion Senior Center, 2375 Harding Hwy E, Marion, OH 43302 on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

We will be preparing tax returns on Tuesdays this tax season. Returns are prepared by appointment only! Appointments can be made by calling Marion Senior Center at 740-387-6100 beginning January 7, 2025*. *Please note that this is an appointment setting service only. Tax questions will be answered at your appointment.

Please bring with you at your scheduled tax preparation appointment, a copy of your last year's tax return, all W-2's, 1099's, 1098's, 1095, receipts for any expenses to be claimed on your return, and any and all income information which pertains to your return. If the return is an MFJ (for both taxpayer and spouse), both must be present to sign documentation to e-file their return. You will need a photo ID for you and your spouse (if applicable), along with a Social Security Card, or equivalent gov't issued social security identification for you, your spouse and any dependents to be claimed on your return. (Even if we do know you, you must have the required documentation.) This is to protect all from identity theft which is a very serious problem. We are doing our part to protect you, please be compliant.

We look forward to seeing all of you again and together having another successful tax season as we did last year with all our volunteers, who are still "at it" with AARP Tax Aides keeping our Marion County site alive and well and open!

Bridge

If you like to play Bridge join us out front on **Tuesday** mornings at **10 am**. Everyone is welcome to play! *Leader*: Shirley Groll

Euchre

Euchre is played out front on **Mondays** at **12:30 pm.** Everyone is welcome to play! *Leader:* Sonny Hunt

Euchre

Euchre is played out front on **Thursdays** at **11:30 am.** Everyone is welcome!

Hand & Foot

Hand & Foot cards is played out front on **Wednesday** at **Noon.** Everyone is welcome! *Leader:* Judy Walker

Mexican Poker

Mexican Poker is played out front on **Fridays** at **12:30 pm.** Everyone's welcome! *Leader:* Connie McCurdy

Pinochle

Pinochle is played out front on **Mondays** at **noon**. Everyone is welcome to play! *Leader*: Bill Gossett

Rummikub

Learn to play the popular tile game *Rummikub*, hosted out front on **Tuesday** afternoons at **1 pm**. *Leader*: Beulah Owens

Mahjong

Learn to play the popular tile game *Mahjong*, hosted out front on **Thursday** mornings at **11:30 am**. *Leader:* Kaki Anderson.

Men's Coffee Hour

Josh Rich of *CenterWell Home Health* and Brandt Kleinschmidt of *True Match Insurance Solutions* cohost a Men's Coffee Hour on the **third Tuesday** of each month from 9 - 10 am. Any Senior Center men interested in fellowship (and 'solving all the world's problems' over a fresh hot cup of coffee) are welcome to join in the fun. *Please Note:* Men's Coffee Hour is hosted offsite at **Tim Hortons**, 1325 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Marion.

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Classes, Activities & Programs

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** host classes every **Friday** at **12:30 pm** in the new *Activity Pavilion* (weather permitting) or the *Multipurpose Room*. **Note:** A new class is being offered on Wednesday afternoons at **1:00 pm**, beginning on **November 6**.

Line Dancing

This Line Dancing class meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. This class always welcomes new members.

Pickleball

Our outdoor Pickleball courts are open to members and guests at no additional cost. Members are welcome and encouraged to meet weekday mornings for open play. No pre-registration is required. We have pickleball paddles and balls available for those members just wishing to try the game out. See Lisa to borrow those items.

Open Billiard Room

We have 3 pool tables available for open play every weekday from 8 am to 4 pm. No matter your experience level, everyone is welcome to play!

Scrabble

Beginning this month, **Scrabble** will meet out front every **Thursday** at **Noon**. Scrabble is 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. *Leader:* Barb Schwartz

Open Quilting

Starting in July, Barb Arms and Barb Klee will be leading a new "Open Quilting" activity on **Fridays** at **10:30 am** in the Craft Room. This is not a beginners class as there will be no instructor. This is a 'bring your project and machine and join in the fun' type activity and is open to everyone.

Recipe 'Prepare & Share'

Recipe 'Prepare & Share' meets on the 2nd Tuesday at Noon each month to prepare and share our favorite dishes along with the recipes. This month's theme is 'Church Potluck Dish'. So bring your favorite prepared dish along with copies of your recipes. This group meets by the kitchen. Leader: Kathy Hampel

Helping Others Bingo

Tammy Thorpe of *DeWolfe Place* & Brad Jackson of *Capital City Hospice* hosts 'Helping Others Bingo' at 12:30 pm on the 1st Wednesday each month. Players need to bring a non-perishable food item as their entry fee. Tammy & Brad will deliver and donate food the items to a local food pantry.

Quarter Bingo

Josh Rich of *CenterWell Home Health* hosts Bingo at 2:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Players ante a quarter at the beginning and will win the pot upon having a bingo.

Kingston Bingo

Carma Taylor of *Kingston Residence of Marion* hosts Bingo at **12:30 pm** on the **3rd Wednesday** each month. Lots of fun and prizes!

White Elephant Bingo

Dianne Drollinger of *Embassy of Marion* will be hosting 'White Elephant Bingo' on the **4th Wednesday** of each month at **10:15 am**. Everyone will bring in a new item, a "white elephant gift" as their entry fee. (Dianne will also have extra prizes in case). All prizes will be wrapped in tissue paper so when they Bingo, they won't know what they are picking.

Lunch Bunch Bingo

Maddy & Carla Poston of *ProCore Health Brokers* hosts Lunch Bunch Bingo at 11 am every Monday in the Congregate Dining Center. Join us for a delicious lunch served on a donation basis at 11 am, followed directly by Bingo. Lots of fun and prizes!

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 served at **noon**, featuring a sandwich, side, chips and a beverage. Cost of lunch is \$4. Note: All musicians performing that day receive a complimentary lunch. Music is performed from 1 to 3 pm, with cookies served at intermission. Public welcome!

Choir Practice

Director **Ednita Vaflor** and our choir 'Seniors in Song' practice from September through May on **Thursday** mornings at **11:30** am in the *Multipurpose Room*. We welcome anyone with an interest to join the choir. *Note: Choir will be taking a break in January.*

January 2025 • Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		
	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	Senior Center is Closed Today Happy New Year!	Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room 10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble		
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9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Lunch Bunch Bingo 12:00-Pinochle 12:30- Euchre	10:00-Bridge 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:00-Books, Balance & BS 1:00-Rummikub	9:15-Fitness Drumming 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 12:00-Hand & Foot 1:00-Tai Chi 2:00-Quarter Bingo	10:00-Line Dancing 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 11:30-Mahjong 11:30-Euchre 12:00-Scrabble 12:30-Popcorn & Movie 'Driveways'		
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

FRIDAY

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9:15-Fitness Drumming 10:30-Open Quilting 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 12:30-Tai Chi

Open Pool Room Open Fitness Room

12:30-Mexican Poker

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9:15-Fitness Drumming 10:30-Open Quilting 11:00-Congregate Dining/Lunch 12:30-Tai Chi 12:30-Mexican Poker

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Carolyn Penny	Jan 01	Gene Cook	Jan 09	Janis Holbrook	Jan 23
Judy Ulsh	Jan 02	Brenda Crissinger	Jan 10	Sue Cummings	Jan 23
Christine Cleland	Jan 02	Beverly Crist	Jan 11	Linda Loescher	Jan 24
Susan Davis	Jan 03	Robinette Eaker	Jan 11	Janet Foos	Jan 24
Ken Estes	Jan 03	Terry Kern	Jan 13	Joseph Clarke	Jan 25
Tracey Watson	Jan 03	Jim Fisher	Jan 14	Delores Doyle	Jan 25
Lee Rawlins	Jan 03	Eva Blankenship	Jan 15	Marci Muciek	Jan 25
Martha Cocherl	Jan 04	Linda Brown	Jan 15	Cynthia Bentley	Jan 26
Marlene Huber	Jan 04	Steve Badertscher	Jan 16	Jim Devine	Jan 26
Sue Haskins	Jan 04	Margaret Snyder	Jan 16	Leslieann Crabtree	Jan 27
Jan Johnson	Jan 04	Crystal Cox	Jan 16	Rosalie Dale White	Jan 27
Chris Schiller	Jan 04	Cathy Pace	Jan 16	Richard Mahon	Jan 27
Candy Cooke	Jan 06	Wanda Beers	Jan 17	Nancy Eilerman	Jan 28
Denny Byrd	Jan 07	Mary Martin	Jan 18	Terry Fortney	Jan 29
Carolyn Heimlich	Jan 07	Debby Shade	Jan 18	Shawn Hastings	Jan 29
Joyce Cumston	Jan 07	Lowell Harrah	Jan 19	Rosalyne Rush	Jan 29
Kenny Rider	Jan 07	Pam Edmister	Jan 20	Rose Brady	Jan 30
Donna McPeek	Jan 08	Angie Furer	Jan 20	Sandra Becker	Jan 30
Donald West	Jan 09	Tim Mantey	Jan 21	Marilyn Wells	Jan 30
Karen Winders	Jan 09	Tom Pierce	Jan 21		

January Anniversaries

David & Jane Clark	1/8/1977	48 years
Joe & Terri Mantey	1/7/1984	41 years
Steve & Marlene Renick	1/22/1982	43 years
Steve & Karen Ward	1/8/1966	59 years

New Members

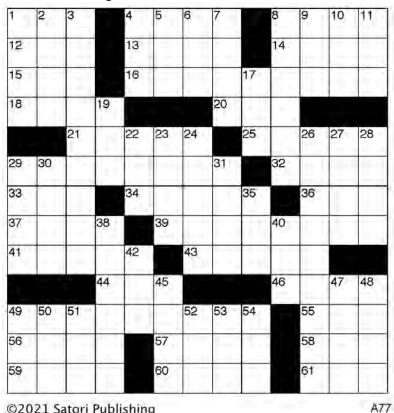
We welcome the following New Members that have recently joined:

Donna Ellis Kenneth Baker
Chris Schiller Patty Meade

Brain Games

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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33 Pack down 34 Eur, finch

36 Celsius (abbr.) 37 Husband of

Jezebel 39 Easy job

41 Of punishment 43 Of birth

44 Youth

46 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (abbr.)

49 Lade (2 words) 55 Adjusted gross income (abbr.)

56 Spruce 57 Husband of

Halcyone 58 Pitch

59 Glacial trough Madame

Bovary 61 Woman: obs. DOWN

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19 S.A. herb 22 Explosive

letters 23 Killer of Castor

24 Red dye 26 Arraign 27 Bleaching vat

28 Tamarisk salt

tree 29 Poor-quality

goods 30 US dam

31 Ancient weight 35 To yield profit

38 Aesir god 40 Vehicle

compartment 42 Resin

45 Carplike fish 47 Irish writing

48 Ireland 49 Limited (abbr.)

50 Gold (Sp.) 51 Eastern church

chalice veil 52 Rapid eye movement

(abbr.) 53 Sports hall

54 Oxygen (pref.)

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "J" = "N"

"NLXSSOHA LEEGQ LTGO NHTOJCQFTI, WBQS LTGO X RELN LEEGO LTGO X CEZ."

- XBSFEH BJGJERJ

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E001

CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. *Hint:* "Q" = "D"

"KV KT KDQNNQ S QNTKHSZON VPKDF VR ZN INOO ONTWNDONO, ZBV VPN FORHG ZNORDFT VR RBH SDWNTVRHT."

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Movies & More

604-digital literacy A partnership with Marion County Council on Aging

Registration December 9 Digital Literacy Jan. 10 - Jan 31

Series = 4 classes. Class size limited to 10 Pick from: 10-11:30am or 2-3:30pm

Follow the Yellow Brick Road Series

Lesson 1: January 10

I Don't Think We're in Kansas Any More

Objective: To introduce the computer and the many reasons to use the technology.

Participants will demonstrate mouse use and basic desktop navigation.

Lesson 2: January 17

There's No Place Like Home

Objective: To understand use of the Home Page and general navigation.

Participants will establish and e-mail account with a User Name and Password.

Lesson 3: January 24

You've Always Had the Power!

Objective: To combine technology and keyboarding skills through practical application

Participants will use keyboard skills and will send an email.

Lesson 4: January 31

Files and Folders and Icons, Oh My!

Objective: To introduce saving and organizing documents

Participants will experience sending and receiving e-mail and accessing the internet.





MarionLibrary.org/DigitalLiteracy

Mark Your Calendar!

We are busy planning many big social events for the coming months! Please mark the following dates on your social calendar so you won't miss out on the fun:

- Valentine's Day Lunch Friday, February 14
- St. Patrick's Day Lunch Monday, March 17
- Easter Dinner Thursday, April 17
- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- Senior Citizens Day Monday, May 12

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Enriching the lives of seniors through activities and services that promote wellness, independence, and fun!



≺≺ Popcorn & Movie **>>**

Thursday, January 9 - 12:30 pm

'Driveways'

A lonesome boy accompanies his mother on a trip to clean out his late aunt's house, where he ends up forming an unexpected friendship with the retiree who lives next door.



DRIVEWAYS

Life at the Center











As we move into a new year, we want to take a moment to reflect back on many things that brought us great joy in 2024. A perfect way to do that is by sharing some of those special moments captured in pictures. And whatever brings you joy (singing in the choir, attending social events with friends, traveling on our trips, or serving others by volunteering), we encourage you to do more of that in 2025. Make it a year of joy!

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

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SUDOKU ANSWERS (Pg. 10)

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ENIGMA Cryptogram Answers (pg. 10)

E001: "Flattery looks like friendship, just like a wolf looks like a dog." - Author Unknown

E002: "It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors." - Plutarch

Trips on the Horizon

*One night's Lodging on Overnight Trips per person cost is based on double occupancy.

Lancaster, PA & More!

March 13 - 15, 2025

We will depart the Center via a Brewster Travel deluxe motorcoach enroute to Lancaster, in the heart of Pennsylvania Amish Country. We'll enjoy wine tasting at Mount Hope Estate Winery, at the estate of the iron magnate Grubbs family. Dinner will follow our visit before we check into the Doubletree Hotel, our home for the next two nights. After we enjoy a breakfast buffet, we will meet our guide and take a tour of Lancaster and Lititz Sweet Spot & Pretzels. We have reserved seating for the latest show at Sight & Sound Theatre's 'Noah'. Following the show we will enjoy a family-style dinner at Hershey Farms. We will stop at Kitchen Kettle Village, with time to visit some of the 42 shops and restaurants before we head home. Cost of trip is \$639 per person*/ \$839 for single. Trip includes roundtrip Transportation, Amish Country Tour, Sight & Sound Theatre's 'Noah', two buffet breakfasts, two dinners, two nights lodging, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities on included activities. Reserve your spot now with a non-refundable \$20 deposit.

Trip Advisory Council 2025 Trip Planning is Under Way

The *Trip Advisory Council* is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, December 3** to discuss Center-sponsored trips for next year. Details will then be gathered and tentative dates will be explored during a follow-up meeting hosted on **Tuesday, December 17** to finalize options.

Once finalized, all details available at press time will be included in our **2025 Trip Brochure** which will be mailed to all members in early January!



Friendly Reminder:

2025 Annual Membership dues are \$30 per person and are due on January 1, 2025.

Marion Senior Center

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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 handicap-accessible 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. *Out-of-County Medical Transportation to and from medical facilities is now available! To learn more, contact the Center's Transportation Desk at (740) 387-5444.

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 Emilee Evans at (740) 387-6100.

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