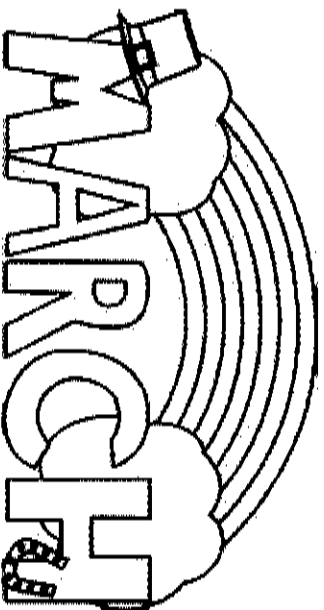


BUTLER COUNTY SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAM
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Butler County Transit Van: Operates every day the Butler County Senior Service Program is open. The van provides public transportation for all ages. The van travels to Lincoln, Omaha, Columbus, and surrounding towns weekly. The hours are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call Diana, Program Manager, at 402-367-6131 for an appointment. Please call at least one day in advance if possible. Busy Wheels: Also, operates every day the Butler County Senior Service Program is open. The van provides public transportation for all ages. The hours are 8:30 until 3 pm please call for an appointment one day in advance, if possible. This service is provided by great volunteers. Home delivered meals: Are delivered to persons who are physically unable to visit the Butler County Senior Services, due to illness, injury or disability. We have awesome volunteers that deliver these meals, for more information, please call Diana, Program Manager. Suggested contribution: \$3.75 if over 60; under 60 pays \$4.75. Congregate meals: Hot homemade meals are served at 12:00 Noon, five days a week; Monday – Friday on a reservation basis. People wishing to attend, can call or stop by the Butler County Senior Services by 9am the morning of. Suggested contribution: \$3.50 if over 60; under 60 pays \$4.50. Tuesday and Thursday we have salad bar. When there are two Entrée choices you need to sign up for your choice. Services are provided without regard to race, origin, age, sex or handicap. We are a multipurpose program. Call for reservations between 8am and 4pm. 402-367-6131 or 402-367-6132. For emergencies after hours, you can call our cell phone 402-367-2307.

Supper & Pitch night. Supper is served at 6pm, pitch to follow.

Please call in by 9am on that day if you would like to join us. With the winter months approaching (faster than we'd like), we just wanted to let you know, if we do not have at least 12 people signed up, we will have to cancel. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause.

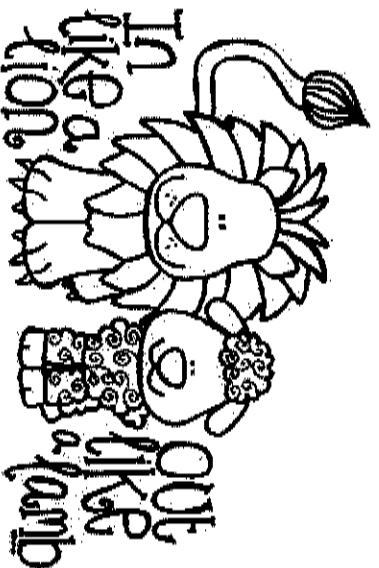
Snow days – For some of you that do not know, for safety reasons, we do close on the days that the David City Schools close.

Day's to remember: Accordion Day the 1st Friday of every month and Potato Bake Fundraiser the 2nd Thursday of every month. Alternative Hearing 9a.m. every 1st Tues & Beltone 2-4pm every 2nd Thurs. Free Blood Pressure checks by David Place every 2nd Wednesday 11am-12. March 12th is our St. Patrick's Day Brunch. March 21st is our Soup & Salad lunch. March 23rd is Birthday Day.

Special Guests

March 16th David Place will speaking and will provide dessert

March 23rd Cottonwood will be speaking.



Did you know? According to the National Consumers League, nearly a third of all telemarketing fraud victims are age 60 or older.

Most seniors don't think of fraudulent telemarketers actions as crimes. Even more, many seniors are unaware that they may have been duped by a fraudster in the past.

Fraud.org identifies five steps seniors should take in fighting telemarketing fraud.

Step 1: Understand that illegal telemarketing is a serious crime—punishable by heavy fines and long prison sentences. Those who know that are more likely to hang up and report the fraud to law enforcement authorities.

Step 2: Understand why you are particularly vulnerable to fraud. . In fact, AARP research shows that many older victims are active people who are simply lured by false promises of great deals or ways to add to their "nest eggs." Many seniors also feel that it's impolite to hang up on callers.

Step 3: Recognize the red flags of fraud:

- A promise that you can win money, make money, or borrow money easily;
- A demand that you act immediately or else miss out on this great opportunity;
- A refusal to send you written information before you agree to buy or donate;
- An attempt to scare you into buying something;
- Insistence that you wire money or have a courier pick up your payment; and,
- A refusal to stop calling after you've asked not to be called again.

Step 4: Recognize when your fellow seniors have been victimized and how you can help them. Seniors may be in trouble if they:

- Receive lots of mail for contests, "free trips," prizes, and sweepstakes;
- Get frequent calls from strangers offering great deals or asking for charitable contributions;
- Make repeated and/or large payments to companies in other states or countries;
- Have difficulty buying groceries and paying utility and other bills;
- Subscribe to more magazines than anyone could normally read;
- Receive lots of cheap items such as costume jewelry, beauty products, water filters, and knick knacks that they bought to win something or received as prizes;
- Get calls from organizations offering to recover, for a fee, money they have lost to fraudulent telemarketers.

Step 5: Inform your fellow seniors how to reduce the number of unwanted sales calls and mailings they receive and how to effectively deal with telemarketers.

- Avoid getting on sucker lists. Don't fill out contest entry forms at fairs or malls—they are a common source of "leads" for con artists. Ask companies you do business with not to share your personal information with other marketers.

- Know your "Do-Not-Call" rights. Under federal law, you can tell a telemarketer not to call you again. Ask your state attorney general's office or consumer affairs department if there is a state "Do-Not-Call" law and how it protects you.
- Know who you're dealing with. If it's an unfamiliar company or charity, check it out with your state or local consumer protection agency and the Better Business Bureau.
- Screen your calls. Use an answering machine, Caller ID, or other services that may be available from your phone company to help you determine who you want to talk to and who you want to avoid.
- Have a plan for speaking to telemarketers. Before you pick up the phone, know what questions you want to ask or what you want to say. Be polite, but firm. Hang up if someone refuses to answer your questions or you detect the "red flags" of fraud.
- Know that your phone number may be collected. When you call a company, your number can be displayed through Automatic Number Identification (ANI). If you have an account with the business, this enables the customer service representative to pull up your records and help you faster, but ANI can also be used for marketing purposes. Ask what information is being collected and tell the company if you don't want to be put on a marketing list.

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