



BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

Chapter Web Site: <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>

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THE BLACK FOREST FESTIVAL

The view of the Festival from the standpoint of the AARP Chapter 1100 booth, one of the white tents at the left of the photograph, was a large success. Many attendees took literature & others gave generous donations for the cookies, house plants, chilled water, frozen pops, & other items that were made available to the festival's attendees. The money realized (\$132.00) will be given to the Black Forest Log School.

Two Chapter members also contributed their day to support the Festival activities. Lavonne Hidy demonstrated the art of Wool Rug Braiding & Ray Rozak provided hay rides all day to Festival attendees.

Special thanks to the Chapter 1100 members & friends who did the work of providing & setting up the AARP booth canopy & who worked many hours staffing the booth. Thanks also to others who contributed the many items provided for the festival attendees. All contributed to the success of the effort!

AARP Chapter 1100 meets monthly at the Black Forest Lutheran Church in Black Forest. Call Candace at 314.330.0411 for details. Our motto is "To Serve Not to be Served" All ages are welcome.



The photo is a view of the Black Forest Festival area NW of the Community Center. It shows attendees enjoying the nice day & visiting the many vendor tents.

The Black Forest AARP Chapter location was open on two sides. Many fun & useful items, plus literature applicable to all, was featured.



Four of the AARP Chapter helpers, Lori Belk, Electa Beckner, Sandra Van Worman, & Candace Lehmann are shown surrounded by merchandise inside the Chapter 1100 booth. Not shown are the other AARP members & friends who contributed to the success of the day's effort. These included Jan Solverson, Jim Belk, Durelle Pithey, Lin Rozak, Jim & Randy Hidy & Stan Beckner.

Tractor driver, & Chapter 1100 member, Ray Rozak provided Community Club hay rides all day long for Festival attendees.



The **BLACK FOREST AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE** will be held on Monday, November 14th, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the Black Forest Lutheran Church Meeting Hall. Call Stephen Blucher to get on the list. His number is 719 597-5683.

Thanks Stephen for the information.

Avoid Medicare Fraud

Medicare open enrollment is October 15-December 7, 2022. During open enrollment, Medicare beneficiaries can re-evaluate their existing Medicare coverage and make changes to their coverage if they would like for the upcoming year. Scammers follow trends, so be aware of these Medicare scam warning signs.

- ◇ Hang up or refuse contact: Don't engage with any unsolicited offers for a new Medicare card, medical supplies or DNA tests.
- ◇ Verify who's on the line: If you get a call from someone saying they represent a healthcare company or government agency, hang up & call the phone number listed on an account statement, phone book, or legitimate website.
- ◇ Protect your personal information: Only provide your Medicare number to health care providers at the time you are actively seeking service.
- ◇ Reconcile your Medicare statements: Carefully monitor your Medicare statements for any claims for services or supplies billed to you which you did not receive.
- ◇ Report fraud: If you've been solicited by a potential Medicare scammer, report it by calling Medicare at: 800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov. You can also contact the Colorado Senior Medicare Patrol at: 800-503-5190.

If you have questions about a potential Medicare scam call, DNA test or medical supply offer you received, contact an AARP ElderWatch Volunteer Specialist at 800-222-4444, option 2, to talk you through the situation. **800-222-4444**

CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Sunshine Committee: No cards were sent. That's good news! (Electa is the Sunshine Committee & can be reached at 596-6787. Please call her directly so she doesn't hear about a member second hand.)

Visit the Chapter website at <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com/> so you too can see the latest Chapter information & upcoming events.

OUR CHAPTER will be represented at the upcoming Gazette Senior Life Expo

This will take place Saturday, October 15th, at the Broadmoor World Arena, 3185 Venetucci Blvd. We will be at Booth #206 from 9:00 AM to 2 PM. Contact Stan Beckner if you have any questions. His number is 719.596.6787.

Hope to see some members there!

SCARY MEMORY FROM 2018

