

**SENIOR NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022**  
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**HOURS Monday through Friday 8:30 to 3:30**

Dear Friends,

It looks like winter is sticking around a little while longer, and while it is cold outside it is warm at the ESC! So, in an attempt to not be stuck in the house, come on by and catch a movie, try an exercise class or check out the tag sale. March is going to be a long month, and if you would like a call or friendly visit just call my office. I don't like to be a "negative Nancy" but the scammers know that people are home and are calling and emailing more than ever! Read below for important information from the **Southwestern Agency on Aging's Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)** about scams you should be aware of, and how to protect yourselves.

Be safe,

**Beware of fake COVID-19 test sites & At-Home Test Kits**

Scammers are selling fake, unauthorized at home COVID-19 test kits and setting up fraudulent test sites in an effort to get your personal, financial or medical information. Make sure to purchase FDA approved COVID-19 test kits from legitimate providers. If you aren't sure if a kit is legitimate, contact your health department or local pharmacy to confirm. If you go to a pop-up site or other testing facility, research the facility or testing site before you go. Contact your local health department to find a legitimate test site near you. Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites. If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud contact the SMP program at 877-808-2468 or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

***And as always if you have a question or concern about the above or any other issue please contact me at 203-268-1137***

***The Commission for the Aging will meet on Monday March 7th at 5pm at the ESC***

