Meals on Wheels participants win new electric toothbrushes

Orita and Bob Lesher of Shawnee, Kansas, won a pair of OralB electric toothbrushes when their names were pulled in a drawing by Johnson County Area Agency on Aging Nutrition Services.

Chuck Nigro, Board President of Friends of Senior Kansans and Marcia Manter, Oral Health Kansas, provided gift bags with the toothbrushes and other oral hygiene supplies.
participate (in person or via web) as soon as possible. Click here to learn more about how to register.

The training is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th from 2-3:30 pm.

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**Seeking a bilingual dentist in Kansas City**

Turner House Children's Clinic is hiring for a Bilingual Staff Dentist to provide clinical dental services in its new dental clinic. The position will be open until filled. Read the job description for more information and spread the word!

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**Drink Display**

Make plans now to host the sugary drink display in the new year!

If you are interested in reserving a drink display for December or the 2016 year, email us! It is free to use and shipping is reimbursed!

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Chuck spearheaded a community project to assemble and deliver more than 700 toothbrush kits to participants in the county's Meals on Wheels program and community meal services. To study the benefit of the toothbrushing supplies, Nutrition Services staff distributed a survey to all participants. Sixty percent responding to the survey reported using the toothbrush supplies and seventy-four percent said they would like another kits in a few months.

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**Kansas Foundations: Medicaid Expansion would pay for itself**

This week, the health foundations in Kansas released the results of a new study that shows Kansas would generate budget savings by expanding the Medicaid program known as KanCare.

In a press release, the group known as Kansas Grantmakers in Health, said the new study shows, "that Kansas should be able to generate sufficient savings and revenue gains to cover the costs of expansion between 2016 and 2020 - in other words, expansion should be budget neutral. In fact, expansion may generate savings and new revenue in excess of the costs of expansion during this period."

The KHI News Service reported on the estimated $53 million cost to expand KanCare, which would be more than offset by savings achieved through expansion. According to the KHI News Service, Kansas now spends nearly $30 million a year to cover a portion of the losses experienced by hospitals, clinics and mental health centers for care provided to uninsured patients. The state
also spends nearly $87 million annually to provide health care to prison inmates and mental health services to uninsured Kansans. The new report shows these costs would be more than offset by expanding Medicaid.