At The Center of It All

Central Wyoming Senior Services, Inc.



# **FEBRUARY 2025**

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"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." -Helen Heller

Central Wyoming Senior Services was established in 1975 to provide nutritious meals, companionship, program support, and activities for the senior citizens of Natrona County. We began serving meals in a church basement and eventually moved into our current facility, where we provided more than 29,000 meals last year. All of our programs are designed to enhance the ability of the over-60 population of Natrona County to stay active, healthy and independent by offering activities and nutritional support & services to meet their changing



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# **ALL ABOUT US**

needs. We were established as a 501(c)3 in 1976 to provide low cost, nutritious meals to the over-60 population of Natrona County. Many of our programs are administered by the Wyoming Department of Health Office of Healthcare Financing.

# A Note from the Executive Director:

The Casper Senior Center is off to a bang this new year! We are starting new lunchtime activities. As many of you have seen, we have celebrated hat day and popcorn day. For February, we will be having a Valentine's Day activity. We are asking everyone to wear red or pink on February 14th and we will be handing out goodie bags. Our plan is to have some kind of lunch time activity at least once a month, but my hope is to have so many more.

The Casper Senior Center will be a part of the Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate fundraising night. (See p. 15 for a copy of the flyer to credit our organization.) This will be on Monday, February 10th. Please help us raise some money! When you come that evening, please let your server know you are there to support Central Wyoming Senior Services.

We are gearing up for our 5th Annual Night at the Races. Please save the date, April 26, 2025. More information will be coming.

I would like to thank everyone for the kind comments as I move through this transition to Executive Director. While parts have been easy, others have been more challenging. As always, my hope is to see the Center thrive.

Warm Regards,

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Rachel Brown

**CWSS** Executive Director

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# **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

# WAYS TO



# **GET HELP:**

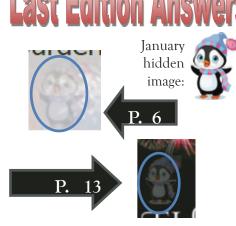
Wyoming Home Services is a program that provides assistance to an individual in their home.

Services include housekeeping, personal care, respite, and care coordination.

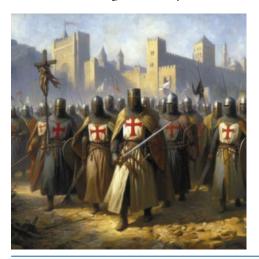
**National Family Caregiver Program** provides assistance to caregivers who are taking care of a loved one.

Services include homemaking, personal care, respite, and care coordination.

## Any questions? *Come see Lacey or Christine!* Or give us a call at (307) 265-4678.



Answer to the January Trivia Question: *The Knights Templar* 



Board Meeting Schedule: (All meetings are public)

Fourth Monday of each month at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room.

This is the perfect time for the public to attend and find out about what is happening within the Agency.

# TRIVIA:

Evocative of a February holiday, animals of the genus Agapornis, native to mainland Africa and the island of Madagascar, are more commonly known as what?

Let the front office know the correct answer for your chance to win a 5-punch lunch ticket!!

#### **Meal Prices:**

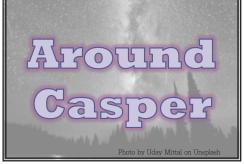
Suggested donation for a senior meal is \$6.00. We do offer 10 and 20 count punch tickets. As an incentive, we will offer one bonus meal with every 20 punch ticket donation.

Remember that our guests under the age of 60 need to <u>purchase</u> a single meal ticket at the reception desk for \$9.00. (See the notices posted.) When you invite a non-senior guest, please stop by the front desk to purchase their meal ticket

Thank you for your support of our meal program!.

Meal Times: Casper: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Evansville: Noon to 1:00 PM Mills: Noon to 1:00pm Reservations Required at the Mills and Evansville Sites

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



New Member Coffee 2nd Tuesday of Every Month 10AM in Déjà Brew NEXT DATE: February 11th

Joyce's Easy Clogging by Joyce Sisk Call (307) 237-4908 for more information.

FREE, Every Monday10:30am—10:45amLearn Steps10:45am—11:45amRoutines

We <u>DO NOT</u> Jump, Stand on One Foot, or Go Around in Circles. There is no remedy for love but to love more. HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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#### **Caregiver Bootcamp!**

Series will run February 4th—March 4th

Tuesdays from 5:30pm—7pm

2435 King Blvd | Casper Impact 307 Conference Room

Please Register Online: Use QR code at no cost.



This is Free Community Education Series.



# **Gifts & Memorials**

Note: This is a list for Gifts or Memorials given between December 20th, 2024—January 21st, 2025. If donations were made between those dates and you were not recognized, please see the office.

#### What Your Memorial Does

The Board of Directors has directed that memorial gifts are to be spent only on items of lasting value, not general operations. When we last expanded the Center, we used memorial gifts to match One Cent and other money. Just note on your check that the gift is a memorial and the person you wish to be remembered.

# <u>Gift</u>;

Les & Michelle Holladay Frank C Stofflet John Savage Ann Roberts Donna Klinker Casper Cut-Ups Wyoming First Foundation Reveille Rotary of Casper Natrona County Cow-Belles

# <u>Memorials</u>

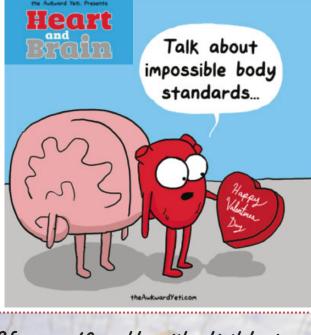
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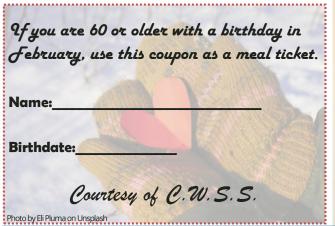
Jan Christensen Mark & Denise Christensen





Farewell to Our Illustrious "Oldest" Member

Betty Rahn Cresswell, born June 14th 1919, left this earth from her home on December 6th 2024. Betty was an active member of the Casper Senior Center, teaching Chair Exercise three days a week from 2005 (at the age of 86) until the Center closed in 2020 for COVID (just before Betty turned 101). She also played cards with the Big Bridge group on Fridays for many years, continuing even after reaching the age of 105. We will never forget her beautiful smile and aspire to exhibit her inspirational energy levels!



#### [love is more thicker than forget]

**by e. e. cummings** https://www.poetryfoundation.org/

love is more thicker than forget

more thinner than recall more seldom than a wave is wet

more frequent than to fail

it is most mad and moonly and less it shall unbe than all the sea which only is deeper than the sea love is less always than to win

less never than alive less bigger than the least begin

less littler than forgive

it is most sane and sunly and more it cannot die than all the sky which only is higher than the sky Photo by Paul Cusick on Unsplash

# UNKNOWN NUMBERS



Don't answer the phone if you don't know the number, even if it appears to be local. Scammers call pretending to be from places like Medicare. You can protect yourself by not picking up the phone.

Friends, legitimate businesses, and family members will leave voice messages. Bad actors will not.

For assistance with Medicare fraud, abuse, or error, call the Wyoming SMP at 800 856-4398



"Passwords are like underwear: don't let people see it, change it very often, and you shouldn't share it with

strangers."



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#### Winter Nutrition Tips For Better Health & Wellbeing

https://meetcaregivers.com/winter-nutrition-tips-for-senior-wellbeing/

During the winter months, our energy levels decline. However, a healthy lifestyle can change that. Here are a few general winter nutrition tips to keep in mind:

- Follow the 4 x 3 rule. That means eating from the four food groups (fruits and vegetables, grains, meat, and dairy) three times a day.
- Healthy snacking. In between meals, seniors should snack on high-fiber foods. Besides supporting a healthy digestive system, fiber also helps promote feelings of fullness. Rye, apples, nuts, bananas, and prunes are just a few fiber-full foods that can help you or your loved one feel your best all winter.
- Stay active, even when it's cold. Physical activity helps lower inflammation, blood flow, energy, balance, mood, and more.
- Drink plenty of water! It's easy to forget to stay hydrated when it isn't hot
  outside, but that doesn't mean it's any less important to drink at least 64
  ounces of water a day.



Being cooped up inside during the winter gives you time to learn new recipes that support health and longevity.

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Contact: Debra Antista-Bianchi, Wyoming Executive Director

#### Baby it's cold—and dangerous—outside for loved ones with Alzheimer's

Winter weather conditions—colder temperatures, snow, ice, and early darkness—are potentially dangerous and even life-threatening for the 10,300 Wyomingites with Alzheimer's or other dementia. For their 16,000 unpaid family caregivers, the stress and challenges of keeping loved ones safe during this time can be overwhelming. By preparing in advance, caregivers can anticipate and avoid the risks posed by winter weather.

"People living with Alzheimer's and other dementia can be vulnerable during winter weather because their judgment may be impaired and they may be unable to communicate discomfort," said Debra Antista-Bianchi, Executive Director for the Alzheimer's Association of Wyoming. "It's really important to take extra precautions with these individuals when there is severe winter weather, snow, or ice present, particularly if they are at risk for wandering or falls."

To help anticipate the challenges posed by winter weather, the Alzheimer's Association offers these tips:

- Take advantage of the daylight. Winter months bring decreased sunlight and shorter days. Visual perception can be a challenge for those living with Alzheimer's or other dementias and can cause increased confusion or disorientation in dark or shadowy environments both inside and out.
- Prevent wandering. Wandering is one of the most frequent and challenging problems that caregivers

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- face and can be extremely dangerous in colder conditions. Shorter days during winter months can also increase the risk of "sundowning." Monitor closely for agitation or restlessness as day transition into night.
- Bundle up. Help the person living with Alzheimer's dress warmly for winter weather conditions by wearing dry, loose-fitting layers and covering exposed skin.
- Buddy up. In an Alzheimer's Association survey, a whopping 84% of caregivers said they would like more support in providing care for someone with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, especially from their family. It can be hard for caregivers to find time to complete simple tasks outside of the home. Don't hesitate to ask other for help with errands, grocery shopping, or snow/ice removal.
- Prevent slips. Balance and mobility can be a challenge for a person living with Alzheimer's or dementia. Assume all surfaces are slick. Assist the person by taking smaller steps and slowing down so they can match gait and speed to a safer level. Traumatic brain injury risk is heightened for older adults who fall.
- Be prepared. Winter storms can be dangerous. Check weather conditions regularly and have emergency plans in place.

More safety tips can be found at www.alz.org. The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline also provides reliable information and support 24 hours a day, call toll free: 800-272-3900. Photo by Daniel Brubaker on Unsplash

Saturday	<sup>8</sup> MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	35	22 MEALS COME WITH MILK & BREAD	
Friday	TFettuccine Alfredo Dayl Seafood Alfredo Garden Mix Veggies Mixed Green Salad Tropical Fruit French Bread Coconut Pudding	14Happy Valentine's Day! Breaded Cod Garlic Pasta Corn Cobbette Sunflower Bread Sliced Peaches	21Salmon Fillet Mac & Cheese Roasted Broccoli Cole Slaw Corn Muffin Diced Pears	28 Happy Birthday Lunch! Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Almandine Honey Wheat Biscuit Pineapple Upside Cake
Thursday	6international Frozen Yogurt Day! Ranch Chicken Bake Braised Cabbage Mixed Berries Wheat Roll Frosted White Cake	13Turkey Noodle Soup Egg Salad On Croissant Celery, Carrot, Pickles Cottage Cheese Salad Cranberry Dessert Bar	20Lamb Tips Rice Pilaf Brussels Sprouts Carrot Raisin Salad Wheat Biscuit Strawberry Jello	27Chili Cinnamon Roll Green Salad Fruit Mix
Wednesday	5Smothered Beef Burrito Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes Rice Black Beans Mexican Cucumber Salad Churro	12Lost Penny Day! Pork Roast & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Creamy Cole Slaw Honey Wheat Roll	19Lasagna Italian Vegetables Caesar Salad Garlic Breadstick Citrus Fruit	26 Carpe Diem Day Porcupine Meatballs Sweet Yams Country Mix Tossed Vegetable Salad Wheat Roll Jello Whip
Tuesday	4Pork Chow Mein Brown Rice Sesame Green Beans Asian Slaw Corn Muffin Almond Cookie	11Baked Chicken Sweet Potatoes Harvest Blend Veggies Apricots WWV Biscuit Gingerbread Cake	18VegetableSoup Ham Salad Sandwich Potato Chips Fresh Veggies Sugar Cookie	<b>25</b> Chicken Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Tater Tots Berry Blend Sugar Cookie
Monday	3 Turkey Tetrazzini Roasted Asparagus Tossed Vegetable Salad Garlic Onion Roll Sliced Peaches	10Philly Cheese Pasta Country Mix Zucchini Tossed Salad WW Roll Cherries	17Happy Presidents Day! Chicken & Dumplings Roasted Cauliflower Tossed Spring Salad Raisin Bread Gingered Pears	<b>24</b> Spanish Meatballs Brown Rice Braised Asparagus Cucumbers & Onions WW Roll Melon Cup
Sunday	<sup>2</sup> <i>Groundhog</i> Meatloaf (Baked Potato Seasoned Zuochini Carrot Raisin Salad WW Roll Cherry Pie	9Pork Wellington Catalina Vegetables Pea Salad Black Bread Apple Pie	<b>16</b> Beef Pot Roast Potatoes & Carrots Tomato Basil Salad Blueberry Pie Honey Wheat Roll	23Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Cranberry Orange Sauce Pumpkin Pie

# Thanks to Ruth Doyle for her "Happy Christmas Display"



















#### What is the Natrona County Senior Citizen Service District (NCSCSD)?

This District provides financial viability of programs & services for Seniors in Natrona County.

- By 2030, one in *five* people in Wyoming will be over the age of 65
- One in *four* older residents in Wyoming currently live alone
- The goal of NCSCSD is to keep Seniors in their homes to age in place by supporting services to help alleviate problems associated with:
- **Physical & Mental Health** Ц

Malnutrition

- Isolation Ц Ц
  - Depression

Special District PAC donations must come from individuals, not businesses/organizations. You may contribute on the website or by sending donations to: www.natronaseniordistrict.com

Donations are needed to support the following:

- S Maintain the website & Facebook page
- Educate the Community regarding progress of the District
- S Promote Senior Programs & Services in Natrona County
- Prepare for Community Education Ś for District re-approval
- S Interim funding until mill levy funding is available after November 2025

#### NCSCSD PAC

c/o Bob Thunselle PO Box 50981 Casper, WY 82605

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Are you looking for someone to help around the house? Maybe you need to find support with weekly tasks: taking out the garbage; maintaining your vard or removing snow; cleaning house. Or your faucet broke and you need assistance with the repair... Finding a responsible, dependable handyman you can trust can be stressful, especially if you don't know

where to start. Here are some tips for finding that "Handyman" helper to make your life a little easier:

- \* Ask a friend for a recommendation—Sometimes the best finds are those that are referred;
- \* **Research Reviews**—The Internet can be your friend, especially if you get to know review sites like Google Reviews, Yelp, and Facebook Community Pages;
- Check Out a Referral App–These sites allow you to search for local contractors to help with tasks. Many of these apps are free to use, and offer certifications of contractor pricing. Check out Angi @ www.angi.com.





# James Earl Carter, Jr.

1924-2024 39th President of the United States

"We are, of course, a nation of differences. Those differences don't make us weak. They're the source of our strength."



-Al Smith Dinner, New York, October 21, 1976

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1943, Carter served as a Nuclear Submariner.

When Carter's father passed away in 1953, the submariner returned to Georgia to run the family's peanut farm.

Carter served as U.S. President from 1976-1980. After his term, he founded The Carter Center, and led humanitarian efforts across the globe – including using his woodworking talent to build homes with Habitat for Humanity.



# **ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE\***

Key: AR=Activity Room | CNF=Conference Room | DR-Dining Room | DF=Dance Floor

Activity	Day(s)	Time(s)	
Afternoon Tai Chi	Tuesday/Thursday	3:00PM—4:00PM (AR)	
Beginner Line Dancing	Tuesday	10:00AM—11:00AM (DF)	
Bible Study	Monday	1PM—3PM (AR) 3:30PM—4:30PM (AR)	
Binding Friends	Monday	6:00PM—8:00PM (CNF)	
BINGO! (\$0.50/card)	Thursday	12:30PM—2:00PM (CNF)	
Bridge	Wednesday/Friday	12:00PM&12:30PM—4PM (DR/CNF)	
Canasta	Friday	12:00PM-4:00PM (DR)	
Caps for Kids	2nd/4th Wednesday	12:30PM—4:00PM (AR)	
Casper Antiques Collectors Club	3rd Thursday	5:15PM—8:30PM (CNF)	
Casper Cut-Ups	2nd Saturday	9:00AM—2:00PM (CNF)	
Casper Needle Guild	3rd Tuesday	7:15PM—9:15PM (CNF)	
Chair Exercise	Mon/Wed/Fri	10:00AM—11:00AM (DF)	
Chair Yoga	Tues/Thurs	9:15AM—9:45AM (AR)	
Chess Club	Tuesday	7:00PM—10:00PM	
Clogging	Monday (Joyce) Thursday (Lori)	10:30AM—11:45AM (AR) 10:30AM—11:30AM (DF)	
Coffee & Conversation	2nd/4th Monday	5:00PM—7:00PM (AR)	
Craft Class	Thursday	10:00AM—12:00PM (AR)	
Cribbage	Tuesday	10:00AM—11:30AM (AR)	
Doll Club	2nd Saturday	2:00PM-4:00PM (CNF)	
Line Dancing	Tuesday	10:00AM—11:00AM (DF)	
Mexican Train Dominoes	Sun/Mon/Thurs	1:00PM	
Pinochle	Thurs/Fri	Thurs/Fri 12:30PM—4:00PM (DR)	
Poker	Mon/Wed/Fri	1:00PM—4:00PM (DR)	
Sew Crazy Sewing Club	3rd Tuesday	1:00PM—2:30PM (AR)	
VA Caregiver ( <i>Please call)</i>	2nd Tuesday	11:00AM—12:00PM (CNF)	
Wellness Clinic	Tues (Main) Thurs (Sites)	10:00AM—2:00PM(DR) 12P—1P (Sites)	
NY Dementia Care Support Group	1st/3rd Thursday	10:00AM—11:00AM (CNF)	





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PARTING THOUGHTS

'A purpose of human life, no matter who is controlling it, is to love whoever is around to be loved."

~ American Author Kurt Vonnegut ~

#### The Search is Still On:

Would you like to learn how to make espresso? How about learning the difference between a latte and a macchiato? Come volunteer as a barista on

Tuesdays or Wednesdays in Déjà Brew!

We would like to once again thank all of our members and supporters! We are especially grateful to our volunteers and donors!

Volunteer

**Opportunities:** 

If you are interested

in giving your time,

please see the office.

We cannot stress enough how much we depend on our volunteers. <u>YOU</u> keep the Senior Center running and allow us to continue providing vital services to members and our community! **Thank You Always!**