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Central Wyoming Senior Services, Inc.



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Central Wyoming Senior Services recognizes and honors Veterans on Friday, November 10th (Federal observance of Veterans Day) from 11am—1pm

> SPECIAL MENU MISSING MAN TABLE PRESENTATION









AARP

Wednesday, November 15th 10:00AM—2:30PM CWSS Conference Room

> \$25/Non-Members \$20/Members

Space is LIMITED, Reserve Your Spot NOW!

to Find This!

Let the front office know the answer for entry into the drawing for a free week of lunches!!

Hidden Twice, Find Both for Two Entries!

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Central Wyoming Senior Services Mission Statement

Our mission is to enrich the lives of individuals aged 60 and older by providing Community services and resources to maintain their dignity and independence.

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Central Wyoming Senior Center 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 Letter from the Desk of the President:

Please join us on November 23, 2023. Kim Cooper and the Kitchen Staff are planning a Thanksgiving Feast. Our fantastic Kitchen Staff, under Kim's direction, always does a great job.

Several members have inquired about a driver's training course. Many insurance companies will provide a discount for seniors who complete a driver's training course. AARP Driver Safety Course will be taught November 15, 2023, 10:00am – 2:30pm, in the Center conference room. Learn valuable defensive driving skills, proven safety strategies, how to stay current with the latest driving technologies, current rules of the road and how to manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. The course now includes new videos and updated course content. Join the 20 million people who have taken the AARP Smart Driver course since 1979. Cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Space is limited. So sign up soon in the office at the Center at 1831 E. 4th Street.

As always, if you have any other suggestions for classes, speakers or improvements at the Center, please let me or a staff member know.

Best wishes.

Sinda Blackstone

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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 Alicia!* Or give us a call at (307) 265-4678.







Answer to the October Riddle: A Haunted House!



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.

RIDDLE

I fly when I am born, lie when I'm alive, and run when I am dead. What am I?

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



The Senior Center will be closed Thursday–Sunday, November 23rd through November 26th

in observance of the

Thanksgiving holiday!

Assistive Tech

Casper College's Occupational Therapy Program is once again returning to the Center to provide help with handheld devices. Join them in Déjà Brew

> on Thursday **November 30th**

> > from 1PM—3PM

New Member Coffee

2nd Tuesday of Every Month 10AM in Déjà Brew

NEXT DATE: November 14th

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

FREE, Every Monday at the Senior Center 10:30 am-10:45 am Learn Steps 10:45 am-11:45 am **Dance Routines**

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SPOTLIGHT

What happened in **1945**? Major News:

Year in Review

- January 20—Franklin D. Roosevelt sworn-in for an unprecedented (and never to be repeated) 4th term as US President
- February 23—US Marines raise the US Flag at the top of Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima
- March 6—George Nissen of Cedar Rapids, IA receives a patent for the 1st modern trampoline
- April 12—US President Franklin D Roosevelt dies in office and Vice President Harry Truman is sworn in as 33rd US President
- May 7—Branch Rickey announces formation of the US Negro Baseball League
- + June 26—United Nations Charter signed by 50 nations in San Francisco, CA
- July 16—1st test detonation of an atomic bomb, Trinity Site, Alamogordo, NM as part of the US Manhattan Project
- August 8—US, USSR, Britain, and France sign the Treaty of London, which sets down procedures for the Nuremberg war trials of Nazi leaders
- September 9—1st 'bug' in a computer program discovered by Grace Hopper: a moth was removed with tweezers from a relay & taped into the log
- + October 29—1st ballpoint pen goes on sale, manufactured by Reynolds in the US
- 2 new elements discovered by Glenn Seaborg, James, Morgan, and Albert Ghiorso are announced: americium (atomic # 95) and curium (atomic # 96)
- November 20—The Nuremberg War Crime Trials begin; 24 former leaders of Nazi Germany were charged with conspiracy to wage wars of aggression, crimes against peace, war crimes, and crimes against humanity and put on trial before judges representing the victorious Allied powers
- + December 28—Congress officially recognizes 'Pledge of Allegiance'

When is Veterans Day 2023? Here's why we honor veterans in November by Joyce Orlando | Published October 17, 2023

The November holiday isn't as played up as the Fourth of July, but it is a time to honor the men and women who served in the US military branches and their service to the country. Communities across the nation host events to celebrate veterans.

Veterans Day [2023] is Saturday, November 11, the date in 1918 that Germany and the Allies signed an agreement to end hostilities in World War I. Since the holiday is on Saturday, Veterans Day will be observed on Friday, Nov. 10, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Is Veterans Day a federal holiday?

Yes, Veterans Day is a federal holiday, meaning that many local and federal government offices will be closed and so will many banks. Other businesses may be closed as well, so be sure to check hours before heading out. [*Psst-the Senior Center will be OPEN*.]

When was Veterans Day recognized as a holiday?

An Act from May 13, 1938 made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday. But it wasn't known as Veterans Day originally. It was first known as Armistice Day—a day dedicated to the cause of world peace after World War I.

US President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11, 1919 to be Armistice Day to honor members of the armed forces who were killed during World War I. The date commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France. In 1954, after World War II and after the Korean Conflict, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." On June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. On October 8, 1954, the first Veterans Day Proclamation was issued by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Both Veterans Day and Memorial Day honor and celebrate the men and women who have served in the US military. But they are different. Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor the men and women who have been killed in US wars throughout history, while Veterans Day commemorates and celebrates all of those who have served in the US Armed Forces.

Handicap Parking at the Center



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires a measly 9 compliant parking spaces for lots up to 1000 total parking spots.

There are some features that must be met in order to comply, like:

- Access aisles
- ➡ A less than 2.08% slope in all directions
- A firm, stable, slip-resistant surface

The Senior Center, which shares the parking lot with the Rec Center next door, has plenty of compliant spaces. These include the 12 spaces between the cement island with the light post and the spaces just past the middle light post that were marked with blue paint on the

surface during the parking lot improvement project in 2022. And due to what we all know about winter in Wyoming (snow, blowing snow, and ice from melted snow!), the marking of our accessible spaces right out in front of the building with paint allows City snow removal equipment better access to keep our parking lot safely maintained.

Please make sure these spaces are saved for use by individuals with handicap placards or license plates!



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4,500 CALORIES

According to the Calorie Council, the average American eats 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat during Thanksgiving dinner.

SOUR CREAM Greek yogurt – saves 55 calories per ¼ cup.



Unsweetened applesauce 1:1 ratio – if your recipe calls for 1 cup of vegetable oil substitute it with 1 cup of applesauce. Vegetable oil contains 480 calories and 56 grams of fat in ¼ cup. The same amount of applesauce contains 25 calories and 0 grams of fat.

HEAVY CREAM

SALT TO TAS

Save some calories with these healthy recipe swaps!

PASTA Whole wheat pasta – higher fiber and as many as 50 fewer calories per serving. Studies show that reheated pasta is better for you. Cooled pasta has just as many calories as freshly cooked pasta. Starches become more resistant, which means lower levels of glucose, which keeps blood sugar in check.

CHOCOLATE CHIPS

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Central Wyoming Senior Services

NDAR	ir 2023	Saturday	4	11 VETERANS DAY observed November 10th	18 <happy Birthday</happy 	25 MEALS COME WITH MILK & BREAD	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
MEAL CALENDAR	November 2023	Friday	3 Breaded Cod Garlic Pasta Corn Cobbette Carrot Raisin Salad Sliced Peaches	10Seafood Alfredo Roasted Zucchini Mixed Green Salad Tropical Fruit French Bread Coconut Cream Pie	17Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Summer Squash Salad Whole Wheat Roll Peanut Butter Cake	24 HAPPY BLACK FRIDAYI CLOSED	
MEAI	Z	Thursday	2Pork Medallions Brown Rice California Vegetables Garden Veggie Salad Black Bread Baked Apples	9Ranch Chicken Bake Braised Cabbage Cucumber & Tomatoes Wheat Roll Mixed Berries	16 Calzone Italian Pasta Salad Tossed Salad Fresh Strawberries	23 CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	30 Pork & Noodles Garden Blend Spinach Mandarin Salad Wheat Bread Sugar Cookie
		Wednesday	1Meatloaf Oven Baked Potatoes Roasted Zucchini Carrot Slaw Wheat Roll Tropical Fruit	8Taco Salad Lettuce Tomatoes Cheese Onions Rice Black Beans Pepper Slaw Red Grapes	15Potato Leek Soup BBQ Pork Sandwich Harvest Blend Veggies Apricots Ginger Cookie	22 THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMNGS	29 Lamb Tips Rice Pilaf Brussels Sprouts Carrot Raisin Salad Wheat Biscuit Strawberry Jell-O
	ouig' , Casper, WY 82601	Tuesday		7Potato Soup Grilled Ham and Cheese Celery, Carrot, Pickles Raisin Cole Slaw Pineapple Upside Down Cake	14Glazed Ham Sweet Potatoes Fresh Beets Black Cherries Chocolate Cake	21Spanish Meatballs Brown Rice Steamed Cabbage Cucumbers and Onions Melon Cup	28Hearty Vegetable Soup Reuben Sandwich Sliced Pickles Potato Chips Fresh Veggies Blueberry Dump Cake
Central Wyoming Senior Services Inc.	"The Heart of Natione County" 307.265.4678-1831 East 4th St, Casper, WY 82601	Monday		6 Philly Cheese Pasta Country Mix Zucchini Salad Corn Muffin Diced Pears	13Cabbage Roll Country Mix Tossed Vegetable Salad Wheat Roll Jell-O Whip	20Chicken Lo Mein Asian Green Beans Sunflower Bread Pineapple Tidbits	27 Lasagna Italian Vegetables Bean Salad Garlic Onion Roll Apricots
÷		Sunday		5Beef Pot Roast Potatoes & Carrots Tomato Basil Salad Honey Wheat Roll Blueberry Pie	12California Chicken Butternut Squash Green Beans Wheat Roll Peach Waldorf Salad	19 Pork Wellington Catalina Vegetables Pea Salad Raisin Bread Ginger Pears	26 CLOSED CLOSED Sending you and your family the warmest Thanksgiving wishes this year.

A Place of Refuge: What You Don't Know About Hospice Care

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, making it a good time to address the many myths and misconceptions about what Hospice is and is not.

Derived from the Latin word meaning "hospitality" or "a place of refuge," most people, upon hearing the word "hospice," tend to cringe as if the word is itself a diagnosis of death. They often believe that "hospice" is a place, the nice Hospice Homes near the hospital where people go for the last few days of their life. The fact is that hospice is not a place, it's a philosophy of care and a specialized field of medicine.

"Let's be honest, it's hard to talk about death," says Susan Burk, the Community Liaison at Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions (CWHT). "When a patient and family hear 'hospice,' there's often already fear in their hearts. Hospice is not about death. It's about life...having the best quality of life in the time that is given to you."

The team at CWHT walks alongside not only the patient but the entire family through the end-of-life journey, as their mission states, "with skill and compassion." They work to make that journey what the patient wants, providing a plan and a path forward. Patient-directed hospice care prioritizes comfort, quality of life, and individual wishes, including addressing physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs.

What Hospice is NOT:

If you'd like more information, please call 307-577-4832.

***A place**. At CWHT, most patients remain in their own homes, whether it be their residence in town, out at their ranch, or in an assisted living or nursing home facility. The Chapman and Kloefkorn Hospice Homes are available to those who need a specialized level of care.

***A way of giving up.** Hospice care is a shift in your approach to medical care. If you or your loved one no longer wants treatment, or the treatment's not working, Hospice provides a way to live the rest of your days in comfort, peace, dignity, and improved quality of life surrounded by family, in the comfort of your home.

*A permanent decision. You can leave a hospice program at any time for any reason without penalty. You can also restart hospice services at any time if you are medically eligible. There's no time limit for hospice services. Although a doctor must determine that you have a six-month prognosis to receive hospice care, patients aren't discharged after that time. There's a recertification process. Many CWHT patients have been with them much longer than six months, some even years.

Hospice care does not hasten death, nor does it prolong life. In fact, some studies show that hospice patients with certain illnesses may live longer with hospice care than those who choose another path. Again, the goal is to make the <u>quality</u> of the patient's life the best it can be in their last months, weeks, or days.

Nor will Hospice take away all your medications. Your hospice nurse will go over medications with you and your family to decide what you need to stay comfortable. Other medicines may be added to keep you relaxed and free of pain. Our team of nurses will work with your doctor to be sure you get the best quality of care. *You don't have to give up your doctor if you choose hospice care*.

A conversation is not a commitment, and the Care Coordination Team at CWHT is happy to answer any questions you may have. "Having that conversation can be a powerful thing," says Burk. "It's not a commitment for you, but it is a commitment for us to make sure everyone in our community has access to, and knowledge of, this unique care."

Making the Most of Your Medicare



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Hello, Medicare beneficiary!

Annie here, and I wanted to remind you how important it is for you to review your medicare summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) immediately after you receive them.

Use the tips below to help you check your notice for errors.

How to Check Your Notice

- Check the name of your doctors or providers?
- Check the dates of your appointments.
- Did you get the services listed?
- \mathbf{Q} Do the services match the ones on your bills or receipts?
- Q Did you pay any bills and did you pay the right amount?
- Check the maximum you may be billed.

For help reviewing your Medicare statements, call the Wyoming Senior Medicare Patrol at 1 800 856-4398. YOU can stop Medicare fraud in its tracks.







Gifts & Memorials

Note: This is a list for Gifts or Memorials given between September 23rd—October 20th, 2023. If donations were made between those dates and not recognized, please see the office.

Memorials

Bob Homer Rhoda Smith

<u>Gift</u>;

Frank C Stofflet Dave C Gossin Ila Johnstone John Savage Carl Chancellor First Interstate Bank

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.





If you are 60 or older with a birthday in November, bring this coupon to the front office for your meal ticket.

Name:

Birthdate:

Courtesy of C.W.S.S.

November

by William Cullen Bryant

Yet one smile more, departing, distant sun! One mellow smile through the soft vapory air, Ere, o'er the frozen earth, the loud winds run, Or snows are sifted o'er the meadows bare. One smile on the brown hills and naked trees, And the dark rocks whose summer wreaths are cast.

And the blue gentian flower, that, in the breeze, Nods lonely, of her beauteous race the last. Yet a few sunny days, in which the bee Shall murmur by the hedge that skirts the way, The cricket chirp upon the russet lea, And man delight to linger in thy ray. Yet one rich smile, and we will try to bear The piercing winter frost, and winds, and darkened air.

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ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE*

If you don't see your activity, please check with the office!

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)
Bible Study	Monday	1PM—3PM (AR)
Binding Friends	Monday	6:00PM-8:00PM (CNF)
BINGO! (\$0.50/card)	Thursday	12:30PM—2:00PM (AR)
Bridge	Tues/Wed/Fri	12/12:30PM-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 (Easy) Thursday (Intermediate)	10:30AM—11:45AM (AR) 10:30AM—11:30AM (DF)
Craft Class	Thursday (Main)	10:00AM—12:00PM (AR)
Dance Club	Monday	6:00PM-8:00PM (DF)
Doll Club	2nd Saturday	2:00PM-4:00PM (CNF)
Grief Support Group	2nd/4th Monday	5:00PM-7:00PM (AR)
Line Dancing	Tuesday	10:00AM
Mexican Train Dominoes	Sun/Mon/Thurs	1:00PM
Pinochle	Thurs/Fri	12:30PM—4:00PM (DR)
Poker	Mon/Wed/Fri	1:00PM—4:00PM (DR)
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)
WY Dementia Care Support Group	1st/3rd Thursday	10:00AM—11:00AM (CNF)

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PARTING THOUGHTS

"These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor—and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror." ~ Former Delaware Governor & US Representative Michael N. Castle ~

NOTICE: The weekly puzzles are intended for individual use and to be turned in by clients coming into the center for activity sign in purposes. Please help us continue to keep such activities free by taking only one or making a donation for additional copies.

Thank you!

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for the support *and* patience from our amazing members! 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!**