

NEWS



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CENTER HOURS

8am- 4pm | Mon - Fri

MEALS

11:30am - 12:30pm | Mon - Fri

TRANSPORTATION

8am - 3:30pm | Mon - Fri 307-745-1511 (Ext. 131)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Betty Buckman
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SECRETARY: To be determined
TREASURER: Linda Allgeier

David Hammond Philip Varca

DISCLAIMER

Please note that the Menu, Activities schedules, and Events are subject to change.

FROM THE DIRECTOR, TAMMY COMER



What's up October?

Hard to believe it's already October - we had such a great summer and early fall, especially with the addition of the Community Garden's beds and the fabulous veggies and herbs that came from it! We truly enjoyed our partnerships this summer with the Laramie Rivers Conservation District, the Laramie Garden Club, and Feeding Laramie Valley with their Specialty Crops grant over the summer which produced organic lettuces, radishes, and herbs that were used in salads and meals for the Center's Home Delivered Meal Program. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped plant, weed, water, and harvest our veggies (shout out to you Gardening Grandmas!!!), and thanks to our partner, ARK Industries, for their help with painting pots for our flowers and for Roy's help watering our garden beds and flowers (ROY, what would we have done without your help?). A special thank you to George and Dave for their awesome work, to All in One Plumbing for putting in a last-minute upgrade to improve access to water, and to the donors whose gifts were earmarked for this project! It truly takes a village, and we have learned a lot this summer about what is required to grow crops in Laramie and intend to take that knowledge and improve our gardens next year as well!



Organic pest removal - the ladybugs really enjoyed hanging out in the arugula!



George and Dave's awesome work.





Wednesday Monday Tuesday **Thursday Friday**

		750	1100	- Harri
A contribution of \$5.00	All menu items are served with:	Beef Goulash	Pork Medallion with	Baked Tilapia
towards the cost of your meal is	1 cup green salad/dressing	Steamed Broccoli		Macaroni Salad
appreciated if you are 60+.	1 cup mixed fruit	WW Biscuit		Veggie Medley
If you are 59 and under,	1 Milk 1 slice Whole Wheat Bread			WW Roll
the cost is \$7.00	I shee whole wheat Bread		WW Bread	
6	7	8	9	10
Beef Taco Bar	Priscilla's Veggie Chowder	Baked Ham	Marry Me Chicken	Shrimp Creole
	Half Sandwich on WW Bread	Pineapple and Raisin Sauce		Rice
	Chips	Sweet Potato	Steamed Peas & Carrots	Oriental Veggies
	Crudité	Steamed Corn	Biscuit	Cornbread Muffin
13	14	15	16	17
		Spinach Mushroom		Mediterranean Cod
	Hamburger Steak & Gravy Baked Potato		Tortellini with Roasted Veggies and Pesto	
		Chicken		Couscous
	Cauliflower & Cheese Sauce	Brown Rice	Garlic Bread	Steamed Green Beans
WW Bread	WW Bread	Steamed Carrot Coins		WW Bread
	19000	WW Roll		98.00
20	21		23	24
Chicken Dorito Casserole	Southern Style Pork Chop	Chicken Fried Steak	Vegetarian Chili Mac	Baked Pollock
Steamed Root Veggies	Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Apple Sausage	Parmesan Potato Bake
WW Bread	Mushroom Onion Gravy	Peas & Carrots	WW Bread	Mixed Veggies
	Bahamas Veggies	WW Bread	The section of transact and train	Biscuit
27	28	3 29	30	31
Red Beans & Rice	Chicken Cacciatore	Healthy Shrimp Scampi	Philly Cheesesteak	Chili Con Carne
Andouille Sausage	Pasta	Fettucine	Peppers & Onions	Cheese & Onions
Monaco Veggies	5 Way Mixed Veggies	Steamed Capri Veggies	Baked French Fries	Baked Sweet Potato
Biscuit	WW Bread		Steamed Carrots	Mini Cinnamon Roll
			WW Hoagie Roll	

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

















HOME DELIVERED MEALS Erica Curry, Director (307)-745-5116, ext. 120

The Home Delivered Meals program serves one of Laramie's most vulnerable populations. To reach our goal of enhancing nutritional wellness for all seniors in our community it is important to serve those who are home-bound or otherwise unable to shop and prepare their own meals.

Hot meals go out to seniors Monday-Friday and frozen meals can be delivered for weekends and holidays.

Interested in getting Home Delivered Meals or have a loved one who needs Home Delivered Meals? **CALL US!**

DRIVERS NEEDED!

information.

The number of home delivered meals is increasing and our need for drivers has also increased. Delivering meals takes about 1-1/2 hours ONE TIME A WEEK. Not only do the drivers deliver meals but also provide socialization and friendship with those to whom they deliver. Please consider donating your precious time to the Home Delivered Meal Program. Call Erica at 307-745-5116, extension 120, for more





CALL 800-477-4574

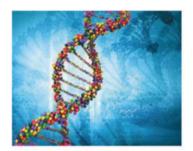
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SENIORS ON THE GO October Hikes



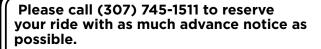
October 3 - Blair Trail by Brady Rock. Led by Larry. This hike is a moderate 4.5 mile loop from the picnic area to the area's lesser known climbing walls, along the rugged flank of Green Mountain, and back to the parking area. Average elevation 8200. October 10 - Pole Mountain, Twin Mountain Loop. Led by Sandy. The hike will include all of the Twin Mountain Loop Trail, including the Green Mountain and Skeleton trails. This is a long, moderately difficult hike for a total of 6 miles. If there is a second leader, some hikers may choose a shorter in-and-out hike. Average elevation 8884, with 820' elevation gain. October 17 - Pilot Hill, Buck Sullivan Spring. Led by Rollin. Some of the hike is out in the open through range, including some sagebrush, and the rest is on game trails. The hike will follow the rimrock canyon to the Forest boundary and back by Buck Sullivan spring and tank. The distance is about 4 miles, moderate in difficulty. Elevation 8700 to 8300. October 24 - Pilot Hill, Pilot Hill Rec Area to Willett Drive Trailhead. Led by Larry, Christine, and Sandy. We will take the Pilot Hill Connector Trail (with expansive vistas into Lodgepole Creek and Horse Creek drainages) from the Pilot Hill Road parking area to FR 703G, where we turn down the canyon and go past Laycock Spring and its downstream water tank and troughs, eventually coming to the Old Rock Quarry Road and back to Willet Drive. With six miles of maintained trails, mostly downhill starting at 8600' and ending at 7300', this hike is rated as moderately difficult because of hiking distance. This is an end-to-end hike. When we meet at the Eppson Center, we will decide who will be carpool drivers (as few cars as possible) and who will park at the trailhead at the end of Willett Drive in Laramie. October 31 - Pole Mountain, Happy Jack/Haunted Forest (Point-to-Point)/ Led by David. This hike begins on the Headquarters Trail, then continues on the Haunted Forest to Aspen, ending at the Happy Jack trailhead. Distance is around 4 miles. For those who want a longer hike of 6+ miles (and if there is someone to lead them), they could take Lower Haunted Forest instead of Aspen. 8200 to 8800 elevation. Wear a costume if you dare!





DNA Presentation **Understanding Ethnicity Estimates** Thursday, October 2 Classroom 1-2:30 pm

TRANSPORTATION Guy Morrow, Coordinator (307)-745-1511



As we move into the heart of summer, I want to remind everyone that our transportation team is here to keep you moving — safely, comfortably, and on time!

Whether you're heading to a doctor appointment, or need a ride to the Center, we're proud to provide reliable service you can count on. A few reminders:

- Please book your rides 48 hours in advance.
- Please be ready to roll 15 minutes prior to your quoted pickup time.
- Please consider making a donation for transportation. Any contribution, no matter how small, helps our program!

Reminder: Tri Shaw rides are on Mondays at 9:30 or 10:30. Call Guy or Angie to schedule. Transportation is more than just getting from place to place — it's about staying connected and active in your community. So, let us take

the wheel and get you where you need to go!

Costs associated with rides:

- Age 60 or over: No cost but donations are always
- greatly appreciated.
- Age under 60: \$6 per ride or \$12 round trip.
- Age under 60 and have a diagnosed medical disability: \$4 per ride or \$8 per round trip.

Required: All riders must complete a Senior Assisted Transportation Services (SATS) application before they can schedule rides.

Pick-Up hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm (closed daily from 12:00-12:30pm).

Ready time window: Riders must be ready to board the van 15 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time until 15 minutes after. The drivers will leave 5 minutes after their arrival in that time window so as not to inconvenience other riders.

Need help looking for information?

Wyoming 211 can help!

- Food Pantries
- Mental Health Services
- In Home Assistance
- Prescription Expense Help
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Last Wishes Week: Planning with Purpose and Peace of Mind

Join us for Last Wishes Week during the final week of October — a special series of events focused on thoughtful end-of-life planning and meaningful conversations. We'll explore topics such as living wills, DNRs, estate planning, funeral choices, and more, with guidance from professionals including a death doula. These sessions are designed to empower our community with clarity, confidence, and compassion.

Having these conversations now ensures your wishes are known and honored

and it's one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones. We warmly encourage residents to invite family members to attend these sessions together.

We'll close the week with some fun and laughter at our Halloween Karaoke Party on Friday, October 31 costumes welcome!

Angie

What does a Doula do?

The doula model of end of life care and services presentation

> Monday, October 27 12:30 Classroom



Wondering about arrangements, trends, ideas, choices????

> Tia from Montgomery Stryker Funeral Home will be here to help!!!!!

Wednesday, October 29 12:30-1 pm **East Wing**

ONGOING ACTIVITIES



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00		Far	,	,	
		Acupuncture			
		(last Tuesday)			
8:00-12:00	Quilting Group	(1000)	-		
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9:00-9:30 AM	New Member		Chair Yoga		Chair Yoga
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	Monday)				
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9:30-11:30 am				Colored Pencil	
				Class	
9:00-11:30 AM				Cribbage	
9:00 AM-Noon	Chess		Chess		Chess
9:45 AM		Walking Group			
10:00-11:30 AM	Board and Card				
	Games				
10:30-11:30AM	Fall Prevention	Tai Chi for	Fall Prevention	Tai Chi for	Fall Prevention
10.30-11.30AIVI	Exercise Class	Better Balance	Exercise Class	Better Balance	Exercise Class
	Exercise class	better balance	Exercise class	Better Balarice	Exercise Class
11:30AM-12:30PM	Daily Lunch	Daily Lunch	Daily Lunch	Daily Lunch	Daily Lunch
Noon-1:00 PM	Dollar A Month	Dany Lanen	Daily Edition	Duny Lunen	Duny Eurien
140011-1.001141	Club (DAMC)				
	2nd Monday				
12:30-1:30 PM	Zila Worlday	Good Book			Tech Help
12.30-1.30 FW		Club			Chair Volleyball
12:30-2:00 PM		Club			Drawing Class-
12.30-2.00 FIVI					Intermediate
12:30-4:00 PM	Pinochle	Duplicate		Watercolor	intermediate
12.30-4.00 FW	Fillocine	Bridge		Workshop	
1:00-2:30 PM		Bridge	Writer's Workshop	VVOIKSHOP	
1:00-2:30 PM			Chicken Foot	Biscuits and Jam	
1.00-3:00PIVI			Dominoes	(1st & 3rd Thursday)	
				Rhythm Energy	
			Genealogy	(2 nd & 4 th Thursday)	
			Assistance	(2 & 4 mursuay)	
1:00-3:30PM				Mexican Train	
				Dominoes	
1:00-3:45 PM		Mahjong	Bridge Lab		
1:30-2:30 pm	Melodees				
2:00-3:30 pm		-			Drawing Class -
	1				Beginner

- All day every day

 Too Fit To Quit (gym equipment usage) MUST complete an orientation w/Activities Coordinator, prior to equipment use.

 Billiards in the Pool Room lessons and games Game Cabinet available any time to play board/card games.

 Swim Aerobics at the Laramie Rec Center, 6:00-7:15 am.

 Computers for use 8am to 4pm.

 NOTE:

- Foot Care, Medicare Assistance, LIV Health by appointment.
 NARFE last Friday, monthly.
 Veterans Service Officer (1st Tuesday) 11:00-1:00
 Laramie Fiber Guild (2nd Tuesday) 6:30-8:30pm
 Take a book to read or puzzle to complete at home!

October Special Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10-11:30 Printmaking Starts	2 DNA class Understanding Ethnicity Estimates 1-2:30	3	4
5	6 9-10 New Member Coffee Quilt Group 8-12 Tri Shaw Rides 1:00 & 2:00 & 3:00	7	8	9	10	11 AARP Shredding Event at Territorial Prison 9-12 shred up to two boxes
12	13 Indigenous People Day Smudge Sticks	14	15	16 5:30 Dinner out TBD	17	18
19	20 Quilt Group 8-12 Tri Shaw Rides 1:00 & 2:00 & 3:00	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 12:30-1:30 Death Doula Presentation	28	29 12:30-1;30 Funeral Planning Presentation	30 12:30-1:30 Estate Planning	31 12:30-1;30 Halloween / Karaoke Party Scary Stories!	

TAMMY COMER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1





Our lovely garden - mural, flowers, shed & bench

Erica and the SALAD for HDM.



First harvest!

WOW - you really came through in a pinch!!! We are delighted to announce that



this year's MidYear Campaign, held June through the end of August, brought in over \$50,000 for Roof Repairs! We are beyond grateful to everyone who helped

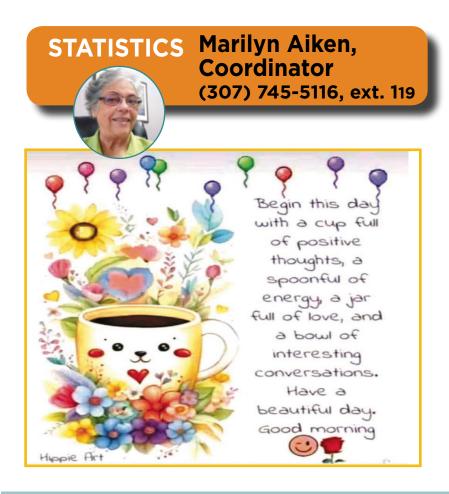
us during this time! Not only were we able to pay the \$25,000 deductible, we also were able to pay for additional repairs that insurance would not cover, including repairs to the flat membrane roof above the lobby and offices and the garage roof! We truly appreciate each and every donation to this campaign as well as donations made on WyoGives Day that included a challenge from the Laramie Duplicate Bridge Club! Thank you so much for helping us to get a

solid roof over our heads!
I'm looking forward to Last Wishes
Week at the Center between October
27 and October 31st - please join us for
information about choices and planning
as we dive into what all is involved. We
will also celebrate Halloween and Dia de
Muertos at the Center as in past years! I
look forward to seeing you and celebrating
with you!

Until Novermber,

7ammy







Please welcome **Lynn Broughton** to our team as the morning Receptionist.

If you don't already know her, please stop by and introduce yourself! She's here from 8:00am until 12:30pm each day to help you out at the Front Desk!



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Happy October!

Thank you to all those that have volunteered with the Loan Closet! Remember that we are always looking for volunteers for this awesome opportunity. We have one hour shifts available, and you will likely have some downtime to read a book, the newspaper, or work on a project. It's truly a win-win, and we're so grateful to all the individuals who have been helping us out and acting as our guinea pigs as we continue to solidify this opportunity!

As the winter months creep up on us, remember to get out and enjoy these last few sunny and beautiful days, and what better way than to join us for a

meal or activity! And as it does get colder and colder, remember that you don't have to stay inside and isolated. The Eppson Center is here rain or shine to put the social back in your life!

Thank you! Rachelle





VS.



Living Will vs. DNR **Know the Difference**

Tuesday, October 28 12:30-1:30 **East Wing**



Estate Planning Wednesday, October 30 12:30-1:30 East Wing

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Join the Dollar-a-Month Club (DAMC) and help us support the Eppson Center! With a contribution of just \$1.00 per month or \$12.00 a year, you can directly fund vital projects and necessities not covered by our regular budget. In 2024-2025 alone, our members have made a significant impact by:

- Purchasing carpet cleaners for the Center and Transportation Department. Ice Tea Machine, Electric Slicer and knife sharping for the Kitchen
- Helping to fund popular community events like the "Tea for Two" Event, Parking Lot Sale & Pancake Breakfast, and "Sweet Treats" Bake Sale.

- Making a \$2,000 donation toward the new Eppson Center roof.
- Sponsoring the weekly Chair Volleyball activity.
- Providing refreshments for the Veteran's Day Recognition and Christmas gift bags for home-delivery meals.

To become a member, simply drop off your contributions with the receptionist at the Eppson Reception Desk or at the membership table when it is located in the lobby.









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