#### AUGUST 2024



### ABOUT SWOT

#### **OUR MISSION**

Enriching seniors' lives through advocacy, diverse programming, and wellness and nutrition opportunities.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

Located in the Driggs City Center at 60 S. Main in Driggs, Idaho. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### LUNCH

Served at noon Mondays through Fridays.

#### HOW TO REACH US

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WE ALL SCREAM! Ice cream socials coming to Tetonia, Victor and Alta, Wyo.

See Page 3

# Valley Talk

SERVING SENIORS IN TETON VALLEY, IDAHO AND WYOMING



# OUR DAY IS COMING!

#### NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY IS AUG. 21,

AND SWOT WILL JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION

National Senior Citizens Day is a celebratory day established in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan as a time to reflect on the significance and accomplishments of aging adults.

TURN TO PAGE 10 TO SEE SOME OF OUR SENIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### activities planned at SWOT

A special Brunch for Lunch at noon will be free to all those 60 and over.

Bingo at 1 p.m. with special prizes.

Join us for this celebration!





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Home-cooked and delivered meals are available by contacting:

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# the **SWOT** team

## NOTE FROM ALLIE Hum of life pulses through SWOT

I WAS WALKING through the Senior Center the other day and was



struck by the life pulsing through the room. The Fit and Fall Proof classes were wrapping up. Home-

#### ALLIE MOLLENKOF executive director

delivered meals were being brought out from the kitchen to

be connected with drivers for delivery. Weekend plans were being made between some friends, and staying for lunch was being discussed: It was

considering! Your Tin Cup dollars that are so generously given support that snapshot of our work and so much more.

salmon and that's always worth

The day-in, day-out hum of the center is what keeps me pushing our mission forward.

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Thank you, to all of you, for believing in this work and for being a part of it.

We could not do it without you! I look forward to seeing you soon!

#### CHAIR CHAT

# Thank you for your Tin Cup contributions



ANNA

board chair

ON BEHALF of the board of Seniors West of the Tetons, I would like to humbly thank everyone of you who donated through the Tin Cup Challenge.

#### This is my sixth year on the board and fourth year as chair, and I'm here to say that every year I am overwhelmed by the support and trust that you have in our organization.

with your donations to continue

KIRKPATRICK It's so fulfilling to know that you believe in our mission as much as we do and that you trust us

enriching seniors' lives through advocacy, diverse programming, and wellness and nutrition opportunities.

Your donations will enable us to keep our Teton Valley seniors engaged, supported and thriving, and that's what it's all about isn't it?

See you at the Senior Center!

### DONATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you love the services we're providing and want to see even more, please consider making a donation today. We couldn't do this without your help.

Donate online Go to www.teton seniors.org/online-donation-portal

By mail Send us a check at P.O. Box 871, Driggs, ID 83422

#### Become a monthly donor Become a SWOT Shining Star by signing up to give monthly at

teteonseniors.org/shining-star

#### 2 VALLEY TALK

### theSENIORscene

### SWOT ICE CREAM SOCIALS Scheduled in the Valley

Seniors West of the Tetons invites older adults in Teton Valley and ice cream lovers of any age to join us at three ice cream socials this month. We're bringing the cool sweetness to you.



The event is expanding to a third location this year - Alta,

Wyo. - as well as Tetonia and Victor. The scoops will be handed out, free of charge, starting at 2 p.m. on these dates and locations:

• Aug. 2: In Tetonia at Ruby Carson Memorial Park, 3103 Perry Ave.

• Aug. 9: In Victor at Sherman Park, 180 Elm St.

• Aug. 29: In Alta, at Alta Park, 185 Targhee Towne Road.

# Wyoming photos to be on display

The Wyoming Public Media's Photo Contest Traveling Display will be at the Senior Community Center in August.

Fourteen photographs, including one that SWOT Board Chair Anna Kirkpatrick took of Table Mountain, will show various places and people of Wyoming. The photos were selected from 150 submissions last year for Wyoming Public Media's calendar.

A reception is planned at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 20. Enjoy small eats, and see these stunning photographs.

# A series to improve your bridge game

A four-week Bridge Chat Series will run weekly on Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. from Aug. 2 through Aug. 23.

Kristen Schulz, who taught an Intro to Bridge series earlier this year, will be leading this series for players who understand the basics of bridge and want to improve with additional bidding tools. She will cover pre-emptive bidding, takeout doubles, strong two club openers and slam bidding.

Sign up for all four sessions for \$15 or drop in for \$5 a session. Register at tetonseniors.org/bridge-chat.

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# **PROGRAMS** & activities

#### WE'VE GOT a lot

- going on at the Senior
- Center. Here is your
- guide to our programs.

#### FITNESS



#### Fit & Fall Proof Drumming 9 and 10 a.m. Mondays Check the activities

9 and 10 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Wear loose-fitting clothing and bring water with you. Free. Open to all.

This is an exercise program that focuses on improving strength, mobility and balance to reduce an older adult's risk of falling. Local volunteer leaders are trained to teach the class.

ENRICHMENT

### Death Cafe

On hiatus. The Mental Health Coalition can help if you want to talk. Counseling is available. Call or text (208) 354-6198

A gathering to eat, drink and discuss the often taboo subject: Death. It is not a support group, but a directed discussion with the objective to increase awareness and help people make the most of their lives.

#### **Tech Time**

At noon the second Tuesday of each month. Free. Open to all.

calendar for the date and

time. Wear loose-fitting

and Cindie Brouwer this

fun cardio routine set to

and beating an exercise

helps cognitive function

through concentration

and coordination.

ball with drumsticks. Also

music involves movement

clothing; bring water.

Free. Open to all.

Led by Lea Hardee

This program will help you with any technology questions. Phil Mollenkof, Andy Harlan and Adam Bennion are friends of SWOT and proficient with various technologies. These guys will help you master technology; just bring your device in question and fire away.

#### Tai Chi in the Driggs Park

Intro session on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and regular session 9 a.m. Fridays. Wear loose clothing; bring water. Suggested \$5 donation. Open to all.

Meeting in the Driggs City Park this summer, Dan Keslar leads you through a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner with deep breathing.

#### HEALTH

#### Teton Valley Health updates

Free. Open to all.

Teton Valley health provides a monthly update of news and information. Come hear about the health services in our community and ask questions to learn more about the care avaialbe. See the activities calendar on Page 5 for date and time.

#### Yoga for a Better Life

9 a.m. Tuesdays. Wear loose clothing; bring water. Yoga mats and gear are provided. Suggested \$5 donation. Open to all.

This Hatha-based yoga practice is designed to increase flexibility while building strength and using your breath efficiently. It's led by instructor extraordinaire, Connie Tyler.

#### Blood Pressure Check

The second Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. Free.

Teton County Fire and Rescue EMTs will check your blood pressure.

#### **Healthy Seniors**

Free. Open to all.

A variety of health topics are covered throughout the year along with flu shots and other clinics.

#### SOCIAL



#### **Bingo** Check the calendar.

Free. Open to all.

We can't guarantee you'll win fun prizes but we can promise you'll have many laughs!

#### Trivia

1 p.m. Check calendar for monthly date. Free.

Kate Driscoll leads this fun trivia competition. Winners get a prize. Check the calendar.

#### Bridge

1 p.m. Tuesdays. Free. Open to all.

Whether you've played for years or haven't played once, this one's for you. Bridge is a tricktaking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Experienced or not, you're welcome to come learn and play or just play!

#### Mah-jongg

1 p.m. Wednesdays. Free. Open to all.

Mah-jongg is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China.

#### **Bridge chat**

1 p.m. Fridays in August. \$5 per session or \$25 for all four. Register online. Kristen Schulz teaches bidding strategies.

## Senior art classes

1 p.m. first Monday at Teton Arts studio. \$5 suggested donation. Limited.

A collaboration with Teton Arts offers monthly opportunities to explore your creativity with clay, painting, drawing and other creative endeavors. Register at https://tinyurl. com/seniorarts

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<ul> <li>Fit and Fall, 9 &amp; 10 a.m.</li> <li>SENIOR ARTS, 1 P.M. Explore several techniques to make a functional, beautiful flower vase. Teton Arts studio, 110 Rodeo Drive, Driggs. Register at tinyurl.com/seniorarts.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yoga, 9 a.m.</li> <li>Bridge, 1 p.m.</li> <li>SWOT SWIM, 1:30 P.M. Ride the van to the Teton Valley Resort pool. Bring clothes for return ride. Register at tetonseniors.org/swim</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>JENNY LAKE, RESCHEDULED, only for pre-registered participants</li> <li>Intro to Tai Chi, 9 a.m. in Driggs City Park.</li> <li>Coffee Klatsch, 10:30 a.m.</li> <li>Mah-jongg, 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fit and Fall Proof, 9 and 10 a.m.</li> <li>LUNCH WITH MAYOR AUGUST CHRISTENSEN, NOON.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tai Chi, 9 a.m. in Driggs City Park.</li> <li>Drumming, 10:30 a.m.</li> <li>VICTOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 P.M. Sherman Park, 180 Elm St.</li> </ul>
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• Fit and Fall Proof, 9 & 10 a.m. <b>19</b>	<ul> <li>Yoga, 9 a.m.</li> <li>Bridge, 1 p.m.</li> <li>WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION, 4:30 P.M. Enjoy small eats and see the exhibit.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intro to Tai Chi, 9 a.m. in Driggs City Park.</li> <li>Coffee Klatsch, 10:30 a.m.</li> <li>NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN DAY FREE LUNCH</li> <li>BINGO, 1 P.M.</li> <li>Mah-jongg, 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fit and Fall Proof, 9 and 10 a.m.</li> <li>COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER INFO AND RESOURCE VAN, NOON TO 1:30 P.M. Learn about this important organization.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tai Chi, 9 a.m. in Driggs City Park.</li> <li>Drumming, 10:30 a.m.</li> </ul>
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# AUGUST lunch menu

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**WHEN** Lunch is served at the Center at noon on Mondays through Fridays.

#### SUGGESTED DONATIONS \$6 for those 60 years and older

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**VEGETARIAN OPTION** 

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Baked chicken parmesan Cheesy garlic bread Garden salad Fresh grapes 13	Mediterranean hummus platter with pita, tomatoes, cucumbers, Kalamata olives and feta cheese Red pepper basil bisque Fresh grapes	Herb-roasted turkey Mashed potatoes and gravy Green bean casserole Garden salad Apple pie	visit swot at the farmers market No lunch service. 16
REUBEN TUESDAY Grilled reuben Housemade potato chips Garden salad Mixed fruit	SENIORS DAY BREAKFAST BRUNCH BUFFET Scrambled eggs Bacon and sausage Potatoes O'Brien Croissant French toast Fruit Mini muffins 21	Grilled pork chops with apples and onions Red mashed potatoes Summer sausage bean soup Vanilla pudding 222	VISIT SWOT AT THE FARMERS MARKET No lunch service. 23
Italian sub sandwich with ham, pepperoni, salami and provolone Vegetable pasta salad Garden salad Chocolate pudding	White chicken chili Cornbread Roasted corn Garden salad Mixed fruit	Baked salmon filet with white rice Mixed vegetables Lemon aioli Garden salad Lemon cookie	LAST DAY FOR SWOT BURRITOS AT THE FARMERS MARKET No lunch service.
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6 VALLEY TALK



HERE ARE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS for a few of the activities available at Seniors West of the Tetons. Numbers are the latest month available.

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#### GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN ...

These residents with ties to Teton Valley passed away recently:

Janiece Bell Jaremy Erickson Neil Fullmer Barbara Hayes Chuck Heard Julie Hibbert Keith Utterbeck Virginia Wesley





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**A LOOK AT** some of the activities from the past few weeks.



### happy hikers

The SWOT van was finally able to make it over the hill last month for the hike to Taggert Lake in Grand Teton National Park. The trip was delayed because of damage to Highway 22 on Teton Pass, but quick repair work on a detour made the trip possible. Another park event, the Jenny Lake boat ride, is rescheduled for this month on Aug. 7, but only for those who have previously registered.



#### marching to our own beat

Seniors West of the Tetons walked in the Fourth of July Parade in Victor. Walkers included Randy Brouwer, Barb Whissel, Cindie Brouwer and Alicia Whissel, along with Chef Peter Troy, Carole Ruzzamenti and Board Member Christina Assante. Board Member Cindy Dender drove the SWOT van to showcase what individual donors and the Teton Springs Foundation and Community Foundation of Teton Valley helped SWOT achieve.

#### cookin' it

Doing their best Peter Troy imitations, SWOT Board Members Lynne Browning and Cindy Dender "manned" the kitchen while Peter took a couple of well-deserved breaks last month. A huge thank you for a job well done.





### bookin' it

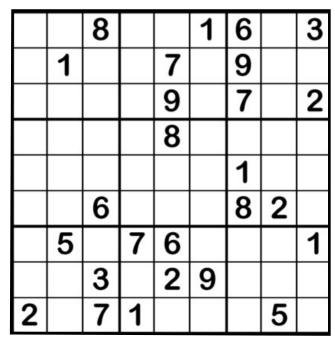
SWOT Board Member Amy Fradley and Executive Director Allie Mollenkof offered information about Seniors West of the Tetons at Victor's new bookstore, Violet Volumes, on July 6. The bookstore donated 5 percent of sales that day to Seniors West of the Tetons.

### FUN&GAMES

#### **Summer Olympics**

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#### SWOT sudoku



>> ANSWERS TO THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 11



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# in the **SPOTLIGHT**

MEET JACKIE McMANUS. You probably know her from helping with registration at lunch time. Or playing Mah-jongg or bingo. Or chatting at the Coffee Klatsch sessions. She's also a member of the SWOT Board. We recently caught up with Jackie to learn more about her.

#### Tell us about your background.

I grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. I went to college at Central Islip State University of Technology. I received a bachelor's in nursing and a master's in psychology. My career included working as a charge nurse at Central Islip Psychiatric Hospital, and I also worked at the Central Islip outpatient clinic for several years.

#### How did you get to Teton Valley?

I came to Idaho two years ago at my daughter's invitation. She introduced me to the Senior Center.

#### How did you get involved volunteering with SWOT?

I was asked if I would like to volunteer and I said yes. I have been sitting at the front desk for the past two years.



# JACKIE McMANUS

SHE'S A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Why did you decide to join the SWOT Board?

I thought that being a senior with my volunteer experience, I could be of help to the Board of Directors.

# What have you learned about SWOT by being involved?

I have learned that the Senior Center provides much more than meals. It is a place where you can find companionship and friendship.

#### You spend a lot of time volunteering. What do you like to do when you're not volunteering?

In my free time, I am an avid reader. I also am getting to enjoy time with my daughter, my son-inlaw and, especially, with my grandson.

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### SENIORS CONTINUE TO SHINE AS WE ADVANCE IN YEARS

Sure, we might move a little slower than we used to. Sure, we sometimes forget things. But - and this is a big "but" - consider some of the things that today's seniors have done as we age:

- Adapted and learned digital skills in a fast-paced time of change in our business, professional and personal lives.
- Supported our communities as volunteers. According to a recent report from the United Health Foundation, one-infive individuals 65 or older spent time volunteering in the past year.
- Provided monetary support to nonprofits. In 2022, 77 percent of those 65 and older reported a charitable donation in the past year, more than any other age group.
- Boosted the economy by continuing to work. Roughly one-in-five adults over 65 were employed last year.
- Contributed to the economy by being big spenders. Older consumers contribute more than half the consumerspending in the United States.

## **BOARD SAYS GOODBYE TO HILARY FRENETTE**

The Seniors West of the Tetons Board of Directors regretfully is saying goodbye to member Hilary Frenette.

Hilary's three-year term on the board ended this summer, and the board extends a huge thank you to her for her service. A registered nurse, Hilary presented and organized healthrelated programs, including many during the pandemic.

Her level-headed approach and leadership earned her the nickname of the "voice of reason." We will miss her on the board.

She and her daughter, Cora, have been regulars at SWOT events. and we hope to continue



**Hilary Frenette** 

to see Hilary - and Cora - at SWOT programs and special events.

#### interested in joining a board committee?

Much of the board's work is done by its committees – Communications, which handles publicity for SWOT events; Finance, which oversees our financial situation; Fund Development, which is in charge of fundraising; and Governance, which sets policies and recruits new board members. If you're interested in being on a committee, email board member Jim Haag at visitwithjim@gmail.com.

### **FLOWER**POWER

WILDFLOWERS WITH ANNA KIRKPATRICK, BOARD CHAIR

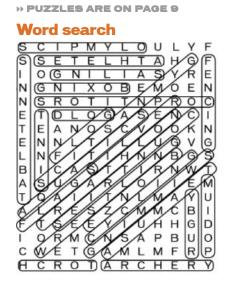


I love these wild irises. In the spring, you see them in the fields and along ditches, but my favorite place is in low spots in pastures, where they are even more picturesque with the cows wandering among them. This was taken along South Bates road this spring.



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#### **PUZZLE**answers



#### SWOT sudoku

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**12 VALLEY TALK** 

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23	Bridge Chat Series, 1 p.m. Kristen Schulz shares bidding strategies to improve your game. \$5 a session or \$15 for full series. Register at tetonseniors.org/bridge-chat.
Aug. 2	Tetonia Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m. at Ruby Carson Memorial Park, 3103 Perry Ave.
Aug. 5	Senior Art: Create a functional clay flower vase, 1 p.m. at Teton Arts Studio, 110 Rodeo Drive in Driggs. Register at tinyurl.com/seniorarts.
Aug. 6 & 27	SWOT swim at Teton Valley Resort, 1:30 p.m. Ride the van. Bring a towel and dry clothes for return ride. Register at tetonseniors.org/swim
Aug. 9	Victor Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m. at Sherman Park, 180 Elm St.
Aug. 21	National Senior Citizens Day free lunch, noon.
Aug. 21	National Senior Citizens Day Bingo, 1 p.m.
Aug. 27	Teton Valley Health oncology update, 11a,m.
Aug. 28	SWOT Volunteer Session, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Aug. 29	Alta Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m. at Alta Park, 185 Targhee Towne Road



Kate Driscoll returns with her fun trivia competition at 4 p.m. on Monday on Aug. 12. Come join a team and vie for prizes and bragging rights.

# **SAVE** the date

#### ALL ACTIVITIES

are at the Senior Center unless noted. Participants should register online at tetonseniors.org or call (208) 354-6973.