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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Fun Facts for the month of April

- **APRIL FOOL'S!!!** In trying to track down the history of April Fool's Day, I have found that there are many "origins", although the day has been observed for centuries, its true origins are unknown and effectively, unknowable! One that I found the most interesting is saying it originated during the discovery of America when Pilgrims were surprised by the wildlife sneaking up behind them and bellowing out. When those who witnessed this attempted to explain to other's they were quickly deemed "Fools"... And if you buy that—YOU have been April Fooled!:)
 - **GEMSTONE:** April's gemstone is the diamond. The diamond represents "innocence", and is the hardest natural substance on earth. Did you know that a diamond can be burned and they also come in every color?
- **FLOWER:** Daisy and Sweet Pea are the flowers of the month. In Wyoming one may be ready to start seedlings and preparing your soil for gardening. What are your favorite flowers and vegetables to grow?
 - WHERE DID THE NAME COME FROM? The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers beginning to "open" or bloom.
- **THE FIRST SUNDAY IN APRIL:** The first Sunday in April was formerly known as "Daffodil Sunday" because in Victorian times, people would pick daffodils from their gardens to take to the sick in hospitals. What a kind gesture!
 - **CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!** Friday April 22nd is Earth Day and is a Fantastic day to pick up litter, plant trees and think of a long term plan on how you can reduce your carbon footprint! Things like using reusable grocery bags and water bottles, recycling and planting native flowers!

Name: Date:

Spring Word Search



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NEST MAY BEES MARCH CHICK **FLOWERS** SEASON SUNSHINE GREEN PICNIC WARM TULIP

BUNNY BLOSSOM RAINBOW SEEDS GARDEN **APRIL**

KITES BUTTERFLY **EGGS** EASTER BIRDS **SPRING**

Bingo

BINGO

Every Saturday Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Play starts at 6:00 p.m.



Trivia:

- 1) What was the name of the first satellite launched into orbit by Russia in 1957?
- 2) Which famous song sung by Doris Day was introduced in the 1956 Hitchcock thriller, "The Man Who Knew Too Much"?
- 3) Which aspiring Rock n Roll singer appeared on the Ed Sullivan show in 1956 but could only be shown from the waist up?

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Future Events

- May 7th, 2022

 Mother's Day Tea

 at the Center
- May 9th, 2022 Blood Drive
- May 10th, 2022
 Cody Shopping
 Trip
- May 12th, 2022 Dinner Trip
- May 25th, 2022 Mystery Trip!



Upcoming Events



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TRUNK SALE April 9th

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First sale of the year! Perfect timing for Spring cleaning!

This is a garage sale in the HSC Senior Center parking spaces where YOU sell whatever fits in your vehicles trunk!

The cost to participate is \$15 (soup included) and you keep the money from your sale!

We'll be serving Soup & Homemade Bread for \$5 for you to enjoy while shopping!

RSVP as soon as you find junk for your trunk! 307-864-2151

Believe you can and you are halfway there!

Theodore Roosevelt

Blood Drive - May 9th, 2022

Blood drive at the Center from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Call Melene at 240-1414 to make an appointment!

Cody Shopping Trip -

April 12th, 2022

We will leave the Senior Center at 8 a.m. & return later in the afternoon. Come down to the Center to reserve your seat before they fill up! Cost is \$20 & lunch is on you!



Elk's Lodge Dinner Trip April 8th

Come with us to Worland while we eat at the Elk's Lodge! Trip costs \$10 & dinner is on you! Call us to get signed up!

ALL OUTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO BE CHANGED OR CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!

Strap your party shoes on and help us celebrate our April Birthdays! If you see any of these people please wish them a Happy Birthday!



This Month's **Birthdays**

Anita Adams—1st Vern Dockter—2nd Amanda Wood—2nd Mac Vass—6th Art Christensen—6th Carolyn Spann—7th Bob Seltzer—7th Todd Davis—8th Dale Bulman—9th Mary Ryan—9th Carol Larson—11th Tom Anderson—11th Nina Hammond—11th Candy Curtiss—12th Charlotte Hart—12th Barb Green—13th Judy Annan—17th John Lumley—19th Geneva Baird—20th Vi Vanbuskirk—22nd Donna Parmely—23rd Pam Kerr—23rd Carol Dowdv-24th Birdie Marciel—24th Margie Marcott—25th Joe Doak-25th Brenda Hodge—26th Steve Rhoades—26th Ty Loendorf—26th Karl Studt—27th Frank Walker—30th

SENIOR COMPANIONS ARE BACK!!!



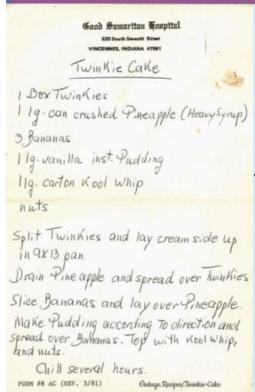


The Senior Companion
Program Volunteers can visit
with Seniors/Disabled in our
community who may need a
little help to remain living in
their own homes. This is a
free program funded by a
federal grant. For more info.
Call Vernita at 235-5959 or
877-634-1006

We are very pleased to announce that the Senior Companion Program has returned!!! What a blessing our volunteers are each and every day. If you would like to volunteer to provide companionship to someone in our community please do not hesitate to give Justin a call at 307-864-2151. Becoming a senior companion can involve activities such as playing cards, conversation or even watching a movie together! This is a non-medical position so there is no experience necessary other than a caring heart! We are bringing together seniors with seniors! We look forward to helping you get signed up and start making a positive impact in others' lives!

The closest thing to being cared for is to care for someone else... Carson McCullers

VINTAGE RECIPE OF THE MONTH



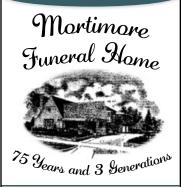
In this month's issue we are featuring a no bake twinkie cake! I haven't had a twinkie in years, but I would be willing to buy a box just to try this out—oh how I LOVE pineapple!

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to have featured in the newsletter please reach out and we'd love to share it with our community!

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Pre-arrangements available

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April — Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
faster Happy	Our menu is subject to change without notice. 1 serving of milk is served daily.	EARTI	7	Chef Salad Carrot Sticks Bread Strawberries & Bananas Cookies
Baked Fish Cheddar Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Garden Salad Banana Bread Peaches	Beef Stroganoff over Noodles Country Blend Veggies Wheat Roll Coleslaw Fruity Jello	Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Carrots Veggie Salad Wheat Roll Baked Apples	Philly Steak Sandwich French Fries Peas Garden Salad Cookies	Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice Pilaf Asparagus Salad Wheat Bread Ice Cream
Chicken Wings ¹¹ Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Tossed Salad Breadstick Cookie	Sweet & Sour 12 Pork Rice Pilaf Peas Asian Salad Angel Food Cake w/ Berries	Beef & 13 Spinach Wrap Potato Chips Cucumber/ Tomato Salad Granola Bar Orange	Taco Salad Peas & Onions Breadstick Fruit Pudding	Baked Ham 15 Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Rye Bread Pineapple Ginger Snap Cookies
Orange 18 Chicken Fried Rice Egg Rolls Oriental Veggies Pumpkin Bread Pineapple	Liver & Onions Baked Potato Tossed Salad Rolls Garden Veggies Peaches	Chicken 20 Spaghetti over Noodles Garlic Bread Broccoli Green Salad Oranges	Fish & Chips Brussel Sprouts Creamy Coleslaw Fruit Cocktail Tapioca Pudding	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Garden Veggies Cucumber/Tomato Salad Cherry Crisp
Chicken Strips 25 Sweet Potato fries Pickled Beets w/ Onions Fresh Fruit Macaroni Salad Roll	Stuffed Bell Pepper Baked Potato Green Salad Bread Fruit Cocktail	BBQ Pork Sandwich Potato Soup Mixed Veggies Apricots Cookies	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Beet Salad Mandarin Oranges Cake	Lasagna Italian Veggies Garlic Bread Green Salad Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

April — Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
EASTER &		h Day		Pool Players 8:00-4:00 Shopping 8:15-11:00 12:30-3:00 Blood Pressure 10:00-12:00	
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This Day in History

April 1st, 1970: Cigarette advertising is banned in the U.S.

April 2nd, 1992: Mob boss John Gotti often referred to as "The Teflon Don" Convicted for first time.

April 3rd, 1860: Pony Express Service Starts. **April 4th, 1964:** The Beatles hold an unprecedented record of twelve positions on Billboard

Hot 100 singles chart.

April 5th, 1968: Race riots follow assassination of Martin Luther King.

April 6th, 1917: America enters WW1.

April 7th, 1933: On April 7th 1933 beer goes on sale again in 19 of the 48 states and the District of Columbia.

April 8th, 1974: Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th career home run.

April 9th, 1942: The Japanese forced 75,000 captured American and Filipino soldiers on the Bataan Death March.

April 10th, 1970: The Beatles break up.

April 11th, 1965: The Palm Sunday tornados strike Indiana and the surrounding states.

April 12th, 1945: Franklin D. Roosevelt dies, Vice President Harry S. Truman becomes the President of the United States.

April 13th, 1969: The Love Bug, a popular Disney movie, was released.

April 14th, 1970: Apollo 13 explosion.

April 15th, 1912: The Titanic strikes an iceburg and sinks on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York.

April 16th, 2007: Killing spree at Virginia Tech. **April 17th, 1964:** The Ford Motor Company unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair.

April 18th, 1923: First baseball game is played at Yankee Stadium in New York City.

April 19th, 1897: The World's oldest annual marathon run in Boston Massachusetts, United States races for the first time.

April 20th, 2010: Deepwater Horizon explodes in the Gulf of Mexico.

April 21st, 1956: Is Andie McDowell's Birthday and the Day Elvis had his first song to reach #1—Heartbreak Hotel.

April 22nd, **1970:** Earth Day was observed for the first time.

April 23rd, 1928: Shirley Temple's birthday!!! **April 24th, 1800:** The *Library of Congress* was established in Washington, D.C. It is America's oldest federal cultural institution and the world's largest library.

April 25th, 1967: The first law legalizing abortion was signed by Colorado Governor John Love, allowing abortions in cases in which a panel of three doctors unanimously agreed.

April 26th, 1986: At the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine, an explosion caused a meltdown of the nuclear fuel and spread a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere, eventually covering most of Europe. A 300-square-mile area around the plant was evacuated. Thirty one persons were reported to have died while an additional thousand cases of cancer from radiation were expected. The plant was then encased in a solid concrete tomb to prevent the release of further radiation.

April 27th, 1865: On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the Sultana killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union solders who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

April 28th, 1967: Boxer Muhammad Ali was stripped of his world heavyweight boxing championship after refusing to be inducted into the American military. He had claimed religious exemption.

April 29th, 1992: Riots erupted in Los Angeles following the announcement that a jury in Simi Valley, California, had failed to convict four Los Angeles police officers accused in the videotaped beating of an African American man.

April 30th, 1789: George Washington is inaugurated as the 1st President of the U.S.A

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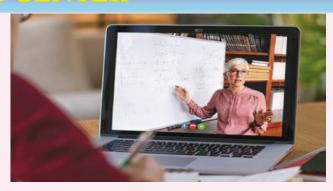
Classes that we currently have available in person at the center are:

Silver Stitchers—Sewing class

Pastel Painting—Art class

Tai Chi—Exercise class

Put your thinking caps on and let us know of an interest you may have and we will keep a lookout for training opportunities that we can bring to you! Beginning this month, we will be offering virtual based training classes. These will differ from month to month and come at no cost to you!



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My Special Senior By: Mary White

Every month I try to write a column about a senior who spends time with all of us at the center. This month I'm going to write about a senior who is very close to me. Her name is Freaky, that's right and very appropriate name for my tiny, grumpy, sweet 18 year old cat.

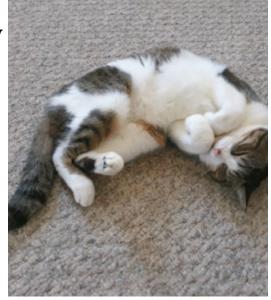
I am not really a cat person, but seven or eight years ago, my son came in my door with the unhappiest, growling, angry yet beautiful little cat. Bill had to use gloves to puck her up and put her in a carrier. He couldn't keep her so who's better to take her than good old Mom? Nobody else in the world could or would allow this mean little creature to live with them!

How wrong we were! She hid for days, finally came out to do her duty and eat, then decided she liked the treats I gave to her. I tried to feed her canned food, even tuna and chicken, she'd have none of it, to this day she refuses to eat anything except her dry food and treats.

One day she crawled up on my lap where she's stayed every day and everywhere I sit including at my computer. She continued to run and hide when anyone came into the house then one day, dear sister Donna came n which she did most days. Freaky jumped up on her lap, I know she decided life was good on her lap too. Now she welcomes everyone

and talks to them until they give her treats in her special dish, but no one had better ever try to pick her up, because part of her is still pretty darn freaky!!!

She's a house cat, but everyday she wants to go outside for a little while, but mostly stays on the porch on her chair and doesn't go out of the yard. As you can tell, I love her and just don't know what I'll do when my special senior is no longer in my life.



WELCOME Mike & Latrell Stevens!!! By: Mary White

Mike and his wife Latrell are one of the newer couples that are part of our senior family, they started coming to the center shortly after they were eligible in 2018.

All of us who are members on Facebook know Mike's pictures, he is a photographer extraordinaire, takes wonderful photos all around our wonderful Ther-



mopolis and Hot Springs County. Photography is only one of Mike's many artistic endeavors, he excels in everything from sketches to water colors, oils, stone sketching's to all things that interest him in the art world. He has an inner drive to be creative.

Mike has been part of the Thermopolis community for most of his life. He graduated from our high school in 1976 and worked in over a dozen jobs through the years including driving bus for the senior center for more than two years in the late 80's. It was during that time that he first understood the importance of the center to the seniors of our community. He finally settled in as the custodian at the middle school where he spent 21 years taking care of the building.

Mike comes from a family of four brothers and one sister, has two children, several grandchildren and has become a member of our senior family. The center has been important to Mike for many years, including his bus driving days and bringing his mother to the center.

He and Latrell have become regulars, they enjoy the socializing and the good food.. They know how important it is to get out to see and spend time with other people. They are welcome members of our senior community. :)

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working order and our lights on. Should you be in a position to donate financially or by means of volunteering, please reach out to us and we can help you make that happen!

Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much.

HELEN KELLER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COUPON

If you are sixty or older and have a birthday this month please bring this coupon to the HSC Senior Citizens Center for a FREE meal courtesy of Big Horn Federal.

NAME	•

BIRTH	DATE	

Answers:

- 1. Sputnik
- 2. Que Sera Sera
- 3. Elvis Presley

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