

Aging Office of Western Nebraska

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Fall Edition

From the Director ~ Cheryl Brunz

Welcome to Fall from Director Cheryl Brunz

Fall is in the air. We will welcome cooler temperatures and a true fall with the leaves changing colors before they fall from the trees.

The Aging Office of Western Nebraska is looking for volunteers in all our communities in the Panhandle. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to a Site Manager at your local Senior Center or call our office at 308-635-0851. Did you know that volunteering decreases the risk of depression, gives a person a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills, helps people stay physically and mentally active, may reduce stress levels, may help you live longer, and helps you meet new people? All of this will be answered below from the Mayo Clinic Health System.

Helping people, changing lives: The 6 health benefits of volunteering

Volunteers make an immeasurable difference in the lives of others. Oftentimes, they perform with the core intention of helping others. But did you know that volunteering can benefit your own health as well? Researchers have attempted to measure the benefits that volunteers receive including positive feeling referred to as helper's high, increased trust in others and increased social interaction. (Continued on page 6)

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Senior Center Locations

Hemingford Alliance 308-762-8774 308-635-0851 Banner Co. Sch. Kimball 308-436-5262 308-235-4505 Bayard Lewellen Tiger Den 308-586-1966 308-778-0102 **Bridgeport** Mitchell 308-262-1868 308-623-1145 Chadron Oshkosh 308-432-2734 308-772-3400 Chappell Rushville

Sidney

Handy-Bus Contacts

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Box Butte Co.	308-762-3596
Cheyenne Co. Sidney	308-254-7070
Chadron	308-432-0520
Crawford	308-665-1256
Kimball Co.	308-235-0262
Panhandle Trails	308-761-8747
Scotts Bluff Co.	308-436-6687
Sheridan Co.	308-360-3504



308-436-3233 Gordon 308-282-2939

Harrison

Crawford

Gering

308-668-2261

308-874-2954

308-665-1515

Hay Springs

308-638-4534

BEEF WITH APPLES & SWEET POTATOES

2 lb. boneless beef chuck shoulder roast

1 (40 0z can) sweet potatoes, drained

2 small onions, sliced

2 apples, cored, sliced

1/2 cup beef broth

2 minced garlic cloves

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. dried thyme

3/4 tsp. black pepper, divided

1 tbsp. cornstarch

1/4 tsp cinnamon

2 tbsp. cold water

Trim fat from beef and cut into 2-inch pieces. Place beef, sweet potatoes, onions, apples, beef broth, garlic, salt, 1/2 tsp thyme, 1/2 tsp.. Pepper in slow cooker. Cover, cook on low for 8-9 hours.

Transfer beef, sweet potatoes, and apples to platter, keep warm. Let liquid stand 5 minutes. Skim off fat. In small bowl, combine cornstarch, remaining 1/2 tsp. thyme, 1/4 tsp. pepper, cinnamon, and water, stir into liguid in slow cooker

Cook 15 minutes or until thickened. Serve sauce with beef, potatoes, and apples. A very warming, fulfilling

JOKES FROM THE DIRECTOR

"Newspaper"

I was visiting my son this week and asked him where his newspaper was. He laughed and said, "Dad, it's the 21st century. We stopped buying newspapers years ago. It saves trees. But you can borrow my iPad."

Okay, fine, whatever.

But that pesky housefly never knew what hit it.

"Greeting Card"

For the occasion of her new shop grand opening, a salon owner ordered a beautiful, expensive floral arrangement.

When it arrived, she was miffed that the large announcement card read, "May You Rest in Peace."

She called the flower shop and complained to the owner, who moaned, "Uh, oh. Now there's a fancy bouquet at funeral home with a big sign that says, 'Best of luck in your new location!"

Elder Access Line

Any Nebraskan aged 60 and older regardless of income, race or ethnicity is able to receive help with questions on topics like bankruptcy, homestead exemptions, bill collections, power of attorney, Medicare, Medicaid, grandparent rights and Section 8 housing. Legal Aid of Nebraska operates the Elder Access Line through a free telephone access line.

The statewide Elder Access Line is 1-800-527-7249

Lets Talk About It

Just before we know it, we will turn around and there will be a foot of snow on the ground. Or the threat of a foot of snow on the ground, at least...

With winter comes a lot of seasonal depression for many individuals – myself included. The lack of sunlight and being cooped up inside can be difficult for everyone, especially when we have been cooped up for so long already!

There are several things you can do to help curve this feeling, but one of my favorites is **Paying it Forward**. Personally, I have a lot of fun paying the bill for the car behind me at a drive through restaurant. The cashiers always laugh because I tell them they have to let me make a getaway first so the "lucky individual" doesn't identify me. In the matter of moments, at least three people have smiled from just one small act of kindness.

Don't have a lot of money? That's fine! Taking a few extra minutes to mow your neighbor's yard. Pluck that little extra weed growing on their side. You can volunteer your time in a multitude of ways. Every kind thing you do has a ripple effect. Sometimes it's just a few people and sometimes it's massive.

Once, I went back to a restaurant in Torrington, Wyoming after Paying it Forward (Burger King). It was about a month later so I had completely forgotten about it. Low and behold the cashier recognized me and said "oh my goodness, that went on for like 10 cars"! I smiled do much after I left my cheeks hurt. It makes you wonder how many people I helped smile that day. So whether it seems big or small, you never know the imprint you will leave behind. Leave one anyway.

Have you been the lucky individual of someone Paying it Forward and want to Talk About It? Let's keep the goodness going in such a dark world. Be the change you want to see in the world. Share your story by writing to the address below and I would love to feature it next quarter. As always, you may remain anonymous if you wish.

Email or write to me at AnneMarie.Lauderdale@aown.org or 1517 Broadway, Suite #122, Scottsbluff NE, 69341.

From the Director ~ Cheryl Brunz—Continued

From lowering stress to boosting self-confidence, research has shown that volunteering offers many health benefits, especially for older adults, such as:

- 1. Volunteering decreases the risk of depression. Research has shown that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression, especially for individuals 65 and older. Volunteering increases social interaction and helps build a support system based on common interests both of which have been shown to decrease depression.
- 2. Volunteering gives a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills. Volunteers, such as those at Mayo Clinic Health System, perform critical roles in assisting patients, families and staff. They serve as greeters providing patient room information and directions, as transporters of patients and patient items, and as surgery and Critical Care waiting room attendants. They make prayer shawls, blankets, sweaters, and hats typically given to newborn babies and cancer patients. Services they provide include working in the hospital gift shop, performing clerical duties for staff and offering pet therapy to patients through the Paws Force team. The work that volunteers provide is essential to everyday processes, which gives volunteers a sense of purpose.
- 3. Volunteering helps people stay physically and mentally active. Volunteer activities get you moving and thinking at the same time. One study found that volunteering among adults age 60 and over provided benefits to physical and mental health. Another study found that, in general, volunteers report better physical health than do non-volunteers. Older volunteers experience greater increases in life satisfaction and greater positive changes in their perceived health as a result of volunteering.

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Hidden Pictures Winners

Were you a Hidden Picture Winner in the last edition of our newsletter? These folks were!!

None—Alliance; Linda Loutzenhizer—Bayard; None—Bridgeport; Pauline Heesacker—Chadron; None-Chappell None—Crawford; Billie Kenzie—Gering; None—Gordon; None—Harrison; None—Hemingford; None—Kimball; Jbella Johnson—Mitchell; David Rubsam—Oshkosh; None—Rushville; Betty Casteneda— Scottsbluff; Susan Starr—Sidney.

October 2021 ~ What's for Lunch?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meals are subject to change				1 Pork Chops Potatoes Vegetables Bread Milk Dessert
4 Homemade Meatloaf Bake Potato Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	5 Turkey and Noodles Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	6 Swiss Steak w/ tomatoes Mac & Cheese Jello Bread Milk / Juice Dessert	7 Smothered Chicken Rice Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	8 Oven bake Fish Cheesy Potato Casserole Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert
11 COOKS CHOICE Bread Milk Dessert	12 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Potatoes w/Gravy Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	13 Smothered Pork Chop Potato Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	14 Oven Fried Chicken Potatoes w/ Gravy Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	15 Chili w/ beans and Hamburger Vegetables Bread Milk Dessert
18 Fish Sticks w/tartar Mac & Cheese Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	19 Chicken Parmesan Buttered Noodles Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	20 Pork Loin Scalloped Potatoes V Bread Milk Dessert	21 Beef Stew Tossed Salad Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	22 Chicken Pot Pie Jello Bread Milk Dessert
25 Taco's w/ ground Beef & Cheese Refried Beans Fiesta Rice Bread Milk Dessert	26 Tuna Salad on Lettuce Leaf O'Brien Potato Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	27 Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce Italian Blend Vegetables Bread Milk Dessert	28 Pork Roast Bake Sweet Pota- toes Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	29 Liver & Onions or Alternate Mashed Potato Vegetables Bread Milk Dessert

Gering Nutrition Site Needs Volunteer Delivery Driv-

The Aging Office of Western Nebraska Gering Nutrition Site needs volunteers to deliver meals to older adults in Scottsbluff, Gering and Minatare.

On Weekdays, Volunteers will pick up coolers holding eight to ten meals at the Gering Nutrition Site, 2005 Depot, Gering Nebraska 69341.

The Volunteers would be asked to deliver meals one to three days per week. When making a delivery, we ask you to place the meal in a plastic bag, knock on the door or

ring the doorbell of the meal recipient, then place the bag on the doorknob or a nearby table.

After the route - which should take about an hour—is completed, volunteers return the coolers to the Gering Nutrition site.

For information, please contact the Aging Office of Western Nebraska at 308-635-0851 and ask for Mary Smith.



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Across

- 1. Throw
- 5. See 36 across
- 9. Wile E's supplier
- 13. Loja's loc.
- 14. Unrehearsed
- 16. Destitute
- 17. Legal rep.
- 18. Nursery rhyme porridge
- **19.** Air quality portmanteau
- 20. Insomniac's occupation
- 23. Pull out
- 24. Starchy staple in West Africa
- 25. Ambient musician Brian
- 28. Fruity dessert
- 29. Hundred Acre ursine
- 32. Lend an ear
- 34. Proxmire award
- 36. With 5 across. "California Dreaming" singer
- 39. Pier grp.
- **40.** Sets a price
- 41. Review for "Treasure Island"
- 46. Teacher's task unit
- **47.** Floating, perhaps
- **48.** File folder fitting
- **51.** Lion tail?
- 52. Rapa (Easter Island)
- 54. Baltimore bird
- **56.** Wrapped pork snack
- 60. Some Feds
- 62. Garr of Mr. Mom
- ex machina
- 64. Farm cry

- 13 14 15 16 18 19 17 20 21 22 23 24 26 27 32 28 29 34 35 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 61 62 63 60 64 65 66 67 68 69
- 65. Sometime still shot shade
- 66. Long division word
- 67. Vaudeville vignettes
- 68. Condemn
- 69. Business grp.

Down

- 1. Saucer go-with
- 2. Inky invertebrates
- 3. Leave in stitches?
- 4. "Just " (Nancy Reagan line)
- 5. Domed building, frequently
- 6. Gulf port
- 7. Smelting side-effect
- 8. Hardly a he-man
- 9. Abbey alcove

- 10. Vies
- 11. Farm cry
- 12. Work unit
- 15. Interest
- **21.** Graphic beginning?
- 22. Expressionist painter Nolde
- 26. Vampire's target, perhaps
- 27. Small bills
- 30. Bearer of Hugin and Munin
- **31.** Hagar the Horrible home-maker
- **33.** He played Robin in "Robin and Marian"
- 34. Spaces
- **35.** Those opposed
- **36.** Survey option

- **37.** Olympian warrior
- **38.** Like some youths
- 42. Atari classic
- 43. Alaskan natives
- 44. Like some harps
- avis
- **48.** Subway scratch?
- 49. Alaskan natives
- 50. Backs
- 53. " a drink!"
- 55. Mumbai's motherland
- 57. Sets pen to
- 58. It's melodious in Milan
- 59. It's found on a fedora. but not a fez
- **60.** Ode opening?
- 61. Label on an amp

Meet Morgan Gardner

Hello. My name is Morgan Gardner.



I am the new Resource Provider, I grew up here in Scottsbluff and after high school went on to Wyoming where I went to college and graduated in 2008. I then came back to the valley and worked as a cosmetologist and Telemetry Tech at RWMC. I then moved to Denver Colorado for the last 12 years where my husband and I married and started a beautiful family. We were blessed with our son and soon after our daughter. We love to ski and snowboard, camp and golf, we are needless to say a

very active family. I truly enjoy everyone I have had the honor of meeting and love to listen to all our clients' stories. I feel so blessed that all of you have become a little piece of my family.

November 2021 ~ What's for Lunch?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Ground Beef Goulash Pea Salad Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	2 Ham and Beans Fruit Salad Bread Milk Dessert	3 Lemon Pepper Fish Scalloped Corn Dream Salad Bread Milk Dessert	4 Pulled Pork Sandwich Peas Coleslaw Bread Milk Dessert	5 Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Cream Corn Bread Milk Dessert
8 Meatballs w/ mushroom gravy Buttered Pasta Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	9 Baked Ham Sweet Potatos Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	10 Beef Stroganoff w/ noodles Buttered Carrots Jello Bread Milk Dessert	11 Biscuit w/ Sausage Gravy Hashbrowns Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	12 Chicken Tenders w/honey mustard Sauce Potatoes Kidney bean salad Bread Milk Dessert
15 Pork Cutlet Baked Potato Buttered Lima beans Bread Milk / Juice Dessert	16 Tater tot casserole Green beans Ambrosia Salad Bread Milk Dessert	17 BBQ Chicken Potato Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	18 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Tossed Salad Potato wedges Bread Milk Dessert	19 Roast Turkey Mashed Potato w/ gravy Green bean Casserole Bread Milk Dessert
22 Cooks Choice Bread Milk Dessert	23 Ham Loaf Au Gratin Potatoes Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	24 Hamburger & Cheese Pizza Fruit Salad Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	25 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	26 Swiss Steak Buttered rice Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert
29 Ham and Beans Corn Salad Fruit Cup Bread Milk Dessert	30 Liver & Onions Or Alternate Mashed Potato w/gravy Vegetable Bread Milk Dessert	Tater tot casserole Green beans Ambrosia Salad Bread Milk Dessert		Meals are subject to change

Emergency Response System and the Risk of Falling

The Aging Office of Western Nebraska is pleased to offer an Emergency Response System dedicated to providing peace of mind for the safety of yourself and those you love in the event of fall. This wonderful device simply works with the push of a button as it will connect you and enable you to speak to a live operator to assist after the alert. This device comes equipped with GPS in the event emergency personnel need to be dispatched to assist to a specific location in the event you are away from your home.

Please, reach out to Mandy Fertig or Jill Forella at the Aging Office 308-635-0851 for more information regarding the cost of this life-saving device.



Freeus introduces the reimagined Belle, designed for the Verizon 4G LTE network, coming soon!

This next generation of Belle works at home and away, offering the same beloved market-leading 30-day battery life that currently wows our dealers and customers.

It provides users with the same quick access to our expertly efficient and compassionate emergency care specialists at our UL-Listed, TMA Five Diamond Certified central station.

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Continuation: Directors Letter

- 4. Volunteering may reduce stress levels. Volunteering may enhance a person's social networks to buffer stress and reduce risk of disease. By savoring time spent in service to others, you will feel a sense of meaning and appreciation, both given and received, which can have a stress-reducing effect.
- 5. Volunteering may help you live longer. An analysis of data from the Longitudinal Study of Aging found that individuals who volunteer have lower mortality rates than those who do not, even when controlling for age, gender, and physical health. In addition, several studies have shown that volunteers with chronic or serious illness experience declines in pain intensity and depression when serving as peer volunteers for others also suffering from chronic pain.
- 6. Volunteering helps you meet others and develop new relationships. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to participate in a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people who share common interests with you. Dedicating your time as a volunteer also helps you expand your network and practice social skills with others.

Check out the jokes provide by the Director on page 3

December 2021 ~ What's for Lunch? Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday** Friday 1 2 Meals are **Smothered Pork** Fish Sandwich Chili w/ meat & subject to French Fries Chop beans Vegetable Fluffy Rice **Vegetables** change Bread Vegetable Jello Milk **Bread** Bread Milk / Juice Dessert Milk Dessert Dessert 9 8 10 **Hot Turkey** Beef & Bean **Baked Chicken** Pork Loin **Cabbage Burgers** Potato Salad Sandwich Cheese Potato Creamed Burrito **Mashed Potatoes** Spanish Rice Casserole **Potatoes** Vegetable **Tossed Salad** Vegetables Vegetable Vegetable **Bread** Bread Bread Bread Bread Milk Milk Milk Milk Milk Dessert Dessert Dessert Dessert Dessert 13 14 15 16 17 **Batter Dipped** Ham Salad Chicken & Chicken Fried Cheddar Baked Sandwich Noodles over Chicken Fish Steak **Mashed Potatoes Potatoes** Potatoes & Gravy Au Gratin **Tater Tots** Vegetable Vegetable Vegetable **Potatoes** Vegetable Bread Bread Bread Vegetables **Bread** Milk Milk Milk Bread Milk / Juice Milk Dessert Dessert Dessert Dessert Dessert 20 21 22 23 24 Sloppy Joes Baked Ham Chicken Pot Pie **COOKS CHOICE CLOSED FOR Potato Casserole Sweet Potatoes** Jello **CHRISTMAS** Vegetable **Bread** Vegetables Milk **Bread** Bread Bread Milk Milk Milk Dessert Dessert Dessert Dessert 27 28 29 30 31 **Beef Stew** Oven Fried Ham Salad Meat Loaf **CLOSED FOR NEW** Potatoes & Chicken Sandwich **Baked Potatoes** YEARS EVE Vegetable in stew Mashed Potatoes **Tater Tots** Vegetable Bread Bread Creamed Corn 3 bean Salad Milk Milk Bread Bread Milk Milk Dessert Dessert Dessert Dessert

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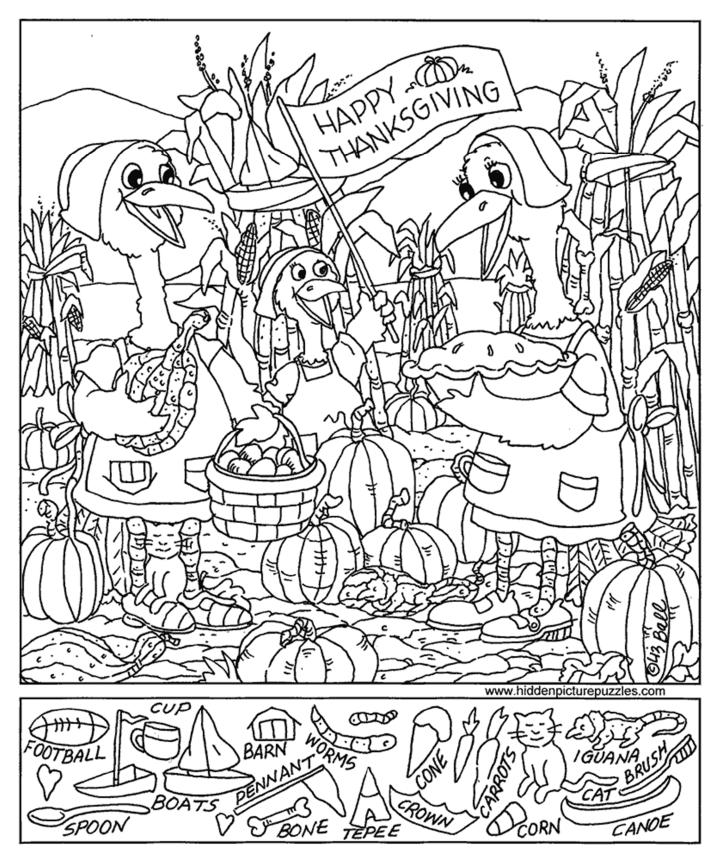
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"I need the technology to tell me which political candidate will offer me the lowest tax rate."



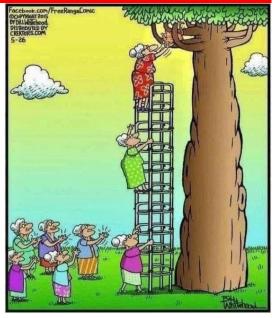
"Sims, I give you a free office, computer, tech support, health coverage. What's this about you wanting a salary, too?"



The first person aged 60 and older to find the small heart in the hidden picture and call our office to tell us where they are in the picture will receive one free meal at the Senior Center of your choosing. Aging Office of Western Nebraska 308-635-0851

More Funnies





Answer to Crossword

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A Perfect Marriage?

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other, except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask about it.

For all of these years the old man had never thought about the box. But, one day the little old woman got very sick and she knew she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed it was time that he should know what was in the box.

When he opened it he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents.

"When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was never to argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you I should just keep guiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was moved to tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"









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Dates to Remember

Columbus Day Oct 11th
Halloween Oct 31st
All Saints Day Nov 1st
Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov 7th
Veterans Day Nov 11th
Thanksgiving Nov 25th
Presidents Day Nov 26th
Pearl Harbor Day Dec 7th
Winter Solstice Dec 20th
Christmas Eve Dec 24th
Christmas Day Dec 25th
New Years Eve Dec 31st