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JANUARY NEWSLETTER <

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MEET THE TEAM



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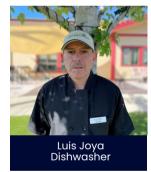


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Letter From Jovita

Happy New Year!

As we welcome 2025, I'm deeply grateful for the generosity and support we received last year. Thanks to you, we can continue providing essential programs and services to Blaine County seniors. Your contributions make a lasting impact—thank you!

A new year is a fresh start, and there are many ways to get involved at the Senior Connection:

Health & Wellness

For \$80/year, our fitness memberships include all classes and unlimited gym access (except during class times). Join classes like Fit & Fall Proof, Casey's Circuit, and Ageless Motion with Manon. Check the Activities calendar for details.

Transportation

Need a ride? We offer transportation to the Center for fitness classes, lunch, and medical appointments. See page 17 or call us for rates and details.

Caregiving

We're dedicated to helping older adults age with dignity. Our caregiving services assist with daily living, and we host an Alzheimer's Support Group every Wednesday.

Nutrition

Join us for a nutritious lunch Monday–Friday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM, or enjoy a meal delivered through Meals on Wheels. Call 208-788-3468 to learn more.

Volunteerism

Volunteers are the heart of what we do! We're seeking lunchtime servers and Meals on Wheels drivers. If you'd like to help, call us at 208-788-3468.

Vision and Hearing Updates

We have some exciting updates! Vision and hearing services are moving to Hailey– find all the details on page 9.

Thank you for making the Senior Connection a special place. I look forward to all we'll accomplish together in 2025.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

With gratitude,

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Jovita Piña Executive Director





Our sincere thanks to the following individuals and groups who gave to the Senior Connection between November 19 - December 16

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We do our best to acknowledge gifts. Please call us at 208-788-3468 with any errors or omissions so we can correct our records.

LOOK AT WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE!









THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING 2024!

Dr. Carol Stephens, PsyD, LP, CBSM

Wednesdays At Senior Connection 2 PM - 3:30 PM

Thursdays (every other) at Wood River YMCA 2:30 PM -3:45 PM SENIOR ∰ CONNECTION



Dr. Carol Stephens leads and facilitates this group for family caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's and other related dementias.



THEMES FOR CONVERSATION



Understanding Alzheimer's /Dementia Communication Strategies

Stress Management



Caregiving Strategies

If you are interested and would like to sign up, please contact Janis at 208-595-1896



TECHNOLOGY CLINIC

BEST EVER TRICKS & TIPS

Cheri Reinke will hold a Technology Clinic on January 8th, 2025 from 1:00-1:45pm at The Senior Connection. This month she will talk about Tricks and Tips on your cell phone and computer.

ONE-ON-ONE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE BOOKED BY CALLING THE SENIOR CONNECTION FOR AFTER THE CLASS

www.crtechsupport.com





WATERCOLOR CLASS WITH ANNIE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 1:15 PM

Space is limited, please make your reservations with Molly at 208-788-3468

If you have already participated you will be added to the waitlist

DINER'S CLUB SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH





Meet at the Senior Connection 12:00 pm to Carpool or meet us at the restaurant at 12:30 PM

JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 16th 10:00 am at the Senior Connection.



A welcoming book club where we share their love of reading, discuss literature, and foster a sense of community.

Please reach out to Molly for reservations. RSVP to secure your spot! 208-788-3468

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VISION & HEARING CENTER UPDATES

STARTING JANUARY 1ST, 2025

The Vision and Hearing Center is moving to Hailey!

New Location - Starting January 2025

We're Moving to Hailey! Starting January 2025, The Senior Connection Vision and Hearing Center will be located at:

314 South River Street, Suite 206 (Above Copy & Print in Hailey)







Dr. Nathan Welch, MD

Dr. Jennifer Olbum Ja D.O. FAOCO

Janileth Ruiz, Technician

If you have an appointment scheduled in January, please call 208-928-4300 to confirm your appointment and the new location.



Vision Services

FREE SCREENINGS by appointment for: Retinal diseases, diabetic eye disease, glaucoma

Treatment on site for retinal disease.

Referral arrangements for other vision conditions identified at screening review.

Hearing Services 6

FREE SCREENINGS by appointment to:

Determine if someone has hearing loss, and identify hearing range

For those with a hearing screening outside the normal range, a referral for a thorough hearing evaluation with a hearing specialist will be initiated.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Additional Activities

Carey Center - Fit & Fall Proof - Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Happy Vewycar CLOSED	2 CASEY'S CIRCUIT 11:15-11:45	3 FIT & FALL 11:15 AM Bridge With Jan p.13	4
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Fit & Fall Proof Fit™ (FFP)

Helps improve mobility for every day living activities.

Casey's Circuit Training

A cycle of 5-7 exercise stations that alternate different muscle groups and body parts used. Each exercise lasts 30-60 seconds and rest between each station is minimal. The cycle is repeated for 20-30 minutes.

Ageless Motion

A class that cultivates body-mind health through awareness, mindfulness, slow movements, breathing exercises, self massage, meditation, body-mind rejuvenation, and happiness skills.

JANUARY MENU

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy Vew Year CLOSED	2 Carey Congregate Honey Ham NO MEALS ON WHEELS	3 French Toast	4
5	⁶ Potato Bar With Beef Chili	7 Sweet and Sour Chicken	8 Lasagna	9 Pot Roast NO MEALS ON WHEELS	¹⁰ Fish and Chips	11
12	¹³ Chicken Parmesan	¹⁴ Cheese Steak Sandwich	¹⁵ Chicken Caprese	16 Baked Trout NO MEALS ON WHEELS	¹⁷ Strawberry Waffles	18
19	²⁰ Smoked Brisket	²¹ Enchiladas	Fried Chicken	23 Meatloaf NO MEALS ON WHEELS	²⁴ Chicken Fried Steak	25
26	²⁷ Chicken Tacos	²⁸ French Dip	²⁹ Cinger Beef Broccoli	30 Sub Sandwiches NO MEALS ON WHEELS	31 Biscuits and Gravy	

*Menu is subject to change depending on product availability. Please arrive between 11:30 AM- 1 PM for dine-in service.

Lunches

\$6 for adults 60 and better (A suggested donation)
\$10 for those under 60 years of age
\$10 for meals To-Go
\$4 for children 12 and under



DANCE CLASS

at the Senior Connection Classes taught by Molly! Things are getting rowdy on Monday, January 13th at 1:00 PM.

Space is limited, please make your reservations with Molly at 208-788-3468

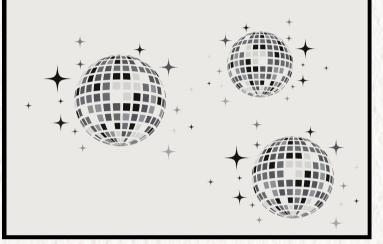


TABLE MASSAGE

Wednesday January | 22nd | 29th 9:00am - 11:00am

Gene McLaughlin is renowned for his expertise in deep tissue massage and Shiatsu, offering comprehensive and personalized care for his clients.

FULLY CLOTHED IN AN OPEN ROOM WITH AN OPEN DOOR Appointments and Pre-Payment Are Required On A Pay What You Can Basis

JOIN US IN LAYING BRIDGE!

the Senior Connection Every Wednesday and Friday at 1:15 pm



Space is limited, please make your reservations with Molly at 208-788-3468

AT THE SENIOR CONNECTION

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JANUARY. 17TH

Join us for a fun and lively Jam Session on Friday, January 17th right after lunch! Whether you play an instrument, sing, or just love music, this is your chance to make some joyful noise with fellow music lovers. All skill levels are welcome, so bring your instrument (or just your voice) and let's make some music together

Space is limited, please make your reservations with Molly at 208-788-3468







Wishing you A year of expectations for great and beautiful happenings.

If you did not get a chance to review your plan during Annual Enrollment and You are on a Medicare Advantage plan-You can still review your policy. Call me f<mark>or a f</mark>ree evaluation today.



Michelle Sandoz Your Local Medicare Insurance Plans Advisor 519 South Main St. Hailey, ID 208-788-9209 Call me to schedule an appointment and discuss your options.

LEGACY SOCIETY

Create your legacy today, and support Blaine County seniors for years to come.

Joining the Legacy Society is as simple as naming the Senior Connection as a beneficiary in your estate plans. We suggest you consult a financial advisor or estate attorney for help in choosing an option for you, or reach out to us to find out how to get the process started.

To pay it forward with a planned gift, give us a call at 208-788-3468 and ask for a member of the Development Team. Another fresh new year is here Another year to live! To banish worry, doubt, and fear, To love and laugh and give!

William Arthur Ward

Estate Planning Corner: Start the Year Prepared

The new year is a great time to review your estate plans. Here are a few tips to get started:

- Update Your Documents: Ensure your will, trust, and power of attorney reflect any recent life changes.
- Organize Your Records: Keep financial and legal documents in a secure, accessible place.
- Communicate Your Wishes: Share your plans with trusted loved ones to avoid future confusion.

B65 NEW DAYS!

Taking these simple steps now can provide peace of mind for you and your family in the year ahead.

SUBARU share the love" EVENT



This holiday season, we hope you will share the love by supporting our aging neighbors nationwide.

MILLIONS OF SENIORS ARE LEFT BEHIND, ALONE AND HUNGRY, AND THE PROBLEM IS ONLY GROWING.



1 IN 2 SENIORS LIVING ALONE lack the income to pay for basic needs¹ THE SENIOR POPULATION IS SET TO REACH 91M in the next decade, with 112M EXPECTED by 2060¹



ABOUT 13 MILLION SENIORS are threatened by or experience hunger²

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERS NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND COMPANIONSHIP; WE HELP SENIORS AGE IN THEIR HOMES.



"I have the sweetest people that bring my meals. They are precious. I call them my angels. They are always polite and talk to me sometimes, which is good when stuck in a place. It's a breath of fresh air when they come in."

MARY LOU, MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENT

Over the last 16 years, Subaru and its retailers have helped the Meals on Wheels network provide **MORE THAN 4.6 MILLION MEALS** to seniors in need across the country.

GET A GREAT VEHICLE AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE. WITH EVERY NEW SUBARU PURCHASED OR LEASED, SUBARU AND ITS RETAILERS ARE DONATING A MINIMUM OF \$300 TO CHARITY, LIKE MEALS ON WHEELS. NOVEMBER 21, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2025.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.MEALSONWHEELSAMERICA.ORG/SHARETHELOVE.

Information data sources available at <u>www.MealsonWheelsAmerica.org/Facts;</u> ¹The Escalating Issue of Senior Hunger, pg. 1; ²The Escalating Issue of Senior Hunger, pg. 2

Senior Connection Programs + Services

NUTRITION

<u>Congregate Lunches</u> Monday—Friday 11:30 am—1:00 pm *Carey Congregate first Thursday of every month Check calendar for menu

To Go Meals: \$10 charge per pick up meal. If you would like a meal to-go, you can pick up a meal between 11:30 to 1:00.

Meals on Wheels Home delivered meals, Call Molly @ 208-595-4220

FITNESS

<u>Fitness Membership</u> - Includes all fitness classes , unlimited access to the fitness center (except during class time) -\$80 per year

Fit & Fall Proof Class Wednesday & Friday @ 11:15 am *Carey Center - Fit & Fall Proof - Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00

> <u>Casey's Circuit</u> Tuesday/Thursday @ 11:15 am

<u>Ageless Motion w/Manon</u> Monday @ 11:15 am

WELLNESS

Senior Connection Vision and Hearing Center 208-928-4301

FREE VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS Call to make an appointment request, or go online

www.seniorconnectionidaho.org/vision-hearingcenter/

CAREGIVING

Homemaker Services - Help with light housekeeping, errands, cooking and more

Personal Care Services - Help with bathing, dressing, companionship and more

Respite Services - Help with companionship and supervision for caregiver respite Call Janis at 208-595-1896 for more info

TRANSPORTATION

Senior Connection Bus - Daily Rides to the Senior Connection Monday-Friday ***Reservations Required - 48 Hours In Advance***

<u>Hailey/Bellevue</u> - \$30 per month or \$5 per day <u>Mid-Valley</u> - \$45 per month or \$10 per day <u>Ketchum, Sun Valley, Carey and Picabo</u> -\$55 per month or \$15 per day

Mountain Rides Public Transportation

Hailey Route deviates to the Senior Connection with 2 hour advanced notice.

> Call 208-788-7433 for pickup. All routes are currently free.

Mountain Rides also offers paratransit/ADA service. For Non-Emergency Medical Transport, NEMT, request Kim to schedule @ 208-788-7433

Volunteer Spotlight

I joined my husband in retirement recently. Most of my career was working in the medical world. I lived out these best days fishing with my husband and lazy paddle board trips on the Silver Creek, and game hunts in the fall. My biggest enjoyment, though, is my family. I am a caretaker of my disabled 37 year old daughter who has brought much joy to our family. I admire watching my daughters raise families of their own. But those grandchildren...hanging with my grandchildren is the best!

I am a native of Idaho and have lived outside the state over the years. But always comes back home. I have known from a very early age that caring for people was my gift. I really feel that the Senior Connection is unique and I wanted to be a part of it. I am able to use my gift by volunteering for Meals On Wheels. I wish that more counties in Idaho were as lucky to have facilities such as this.



VOLUNTEER * * * OPPORTUNITIES* *

Are you ready to give back and make a positive impact in our community? Look no further!

Meals on Wheels Volunteers: Help deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors. Your friendly smile and a warm meal can brighten their day and provide essential support.

Lunch Room Servers: Join us in our lively lunchroom, serving meals and sharing conversations with our seniors. Your kindness and energy will create a fun and engaging environment.

Email us at info@seniorconnectionidaho.org or call us at 208-788-3468

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WHY JOIN OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP?

Our program is designed to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being by offering a range of fitness classes suitable for all fitness levels. We are here to encourage new friendships, shared experiences and all while working out in a safe and welcoming environment.

BENEFITS YOU CAN GAIN WITH US:

- Excercises that help promote mobility
- Circuit training with professional Trainers
- Modern equipment & weights
- Unlimited Access Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm *

GET MOTIVATED, AND STAY ENERGIZED! SIGN UP FOR YOUR SENIOR CONNECTION GYM MEMBERSHIP TODAY



ANNUAL 12-MONTH MEMBERSHIP

80 / Person

208-788-3468 SENIORCONNECTIONIDAHO.ORG 721 SOUTH 3RD AVE HAILEY, ID

*No access during fitness classes scheduled M-F 11:15AM - 12:00 PM

Happy Birthday! January 2025

1 Robert Pyrah 1 Ali Lane 1 Suzie Pearson **1** Casey Scherer **1** Richard Carrothers 1 Norman Huber 1 Richard Hill 2 Tom Lovell 2 Drew Ann Hastings 2 Rosemary Mcilhaney 2 Linda Rotondella-Elie 3 Judy Gordon 6 Grant Swindle 6 Eliseo Gonzalez 7 Mary Peterson 7 Vicky Lockwood 7 Brian Dahl 7 Armando Lopez 8 Nancy Jones 8 Bonnie Lazzarini 8 Susan Dechevrieux 9 David Barovetto 9 Mariyah Cueva

10 Mary Jo Rumball-Petre 11 Les Dilley 11 Marty Avery 12 Sandi Alford 12 William Smith 13 Colleen Dugger 13 Don Nocito 14 David Moe 15 Dedman Ella 16 Mardi Shepard 16 Raquel Velazquez 16 John Kwan 17 Randi Wilson 19 Faye Barker 19 Julio Mitma 19 John Brown 19 Delores Mundie 20 Betty Brooks 20 Chris Selvage 21 Janis Corkery 21 Gerald O'toole 21 Verla Goitiandia 22 Tom Furtaw

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