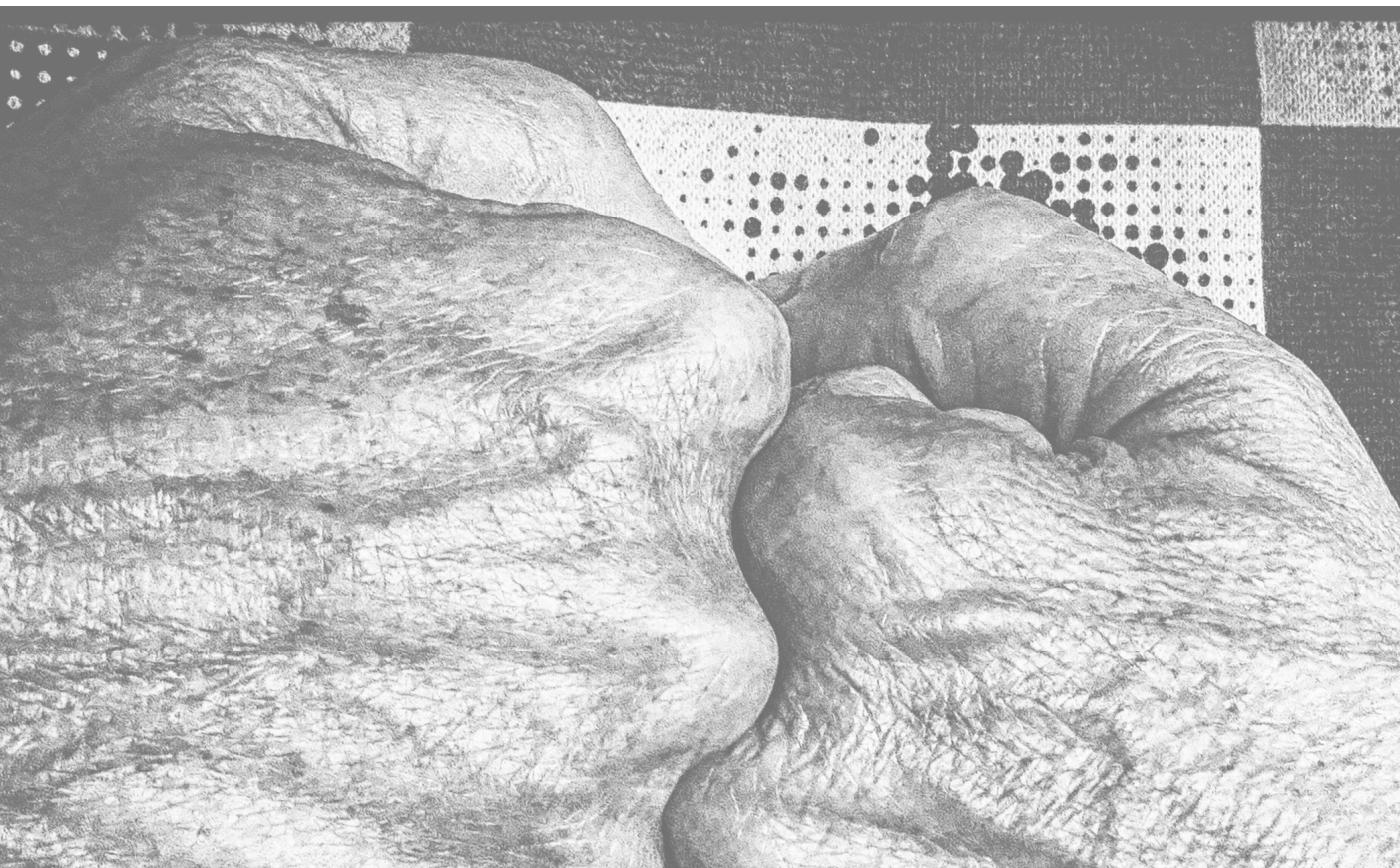


Preserving Senior Services in Platte County

A look into the Senior Citizens Service District



Our Senior Citizens Service District plays a vital role in empowering older adults across the county by providing supplemental funding to local senior centers. Through financial support for essential programs and resources in Wheatland, Guernsey, Chugwater, and Glendo, we help ensure these centers can continue serving seniors effectively. Your continued involvement ensures that we can keep these programs thriving for years to come.

For decades, the Platte County Senior Citizens Service District has served as a vital lifeline, supporting the well-being of our community's seniors. As the first district of its kind in Wyoming, Platte County's Senior Citizens Service District was created to protect and enhance senior programs, ensuring that every resident has access to essential services, local senior centers, and a network of support. Funded by a county-wide levy, the district operates with the trust and backing of Platte County's voters, making it a true community effort. This feature offers a closer look at how the district works, how it's funded, and how you can help us continue to serve seniors across Wheatland, Guernsey, Chugwater, and Glendo.

Funding the Future: How We Support Platte County's Seniors

A Community Effort Through Voter-Approved Funding

The district is funded through a 2-mill levy approved by Platte County voters, providing over 60% of the budget for senior services across the county. This levy, renewed every four years, is critical to maintaining and enhancing the programs and resources that seniors rely on.

Through this community-backed funding, we're able to support local senior centers and offer funding opportunities to eligible nonprofits providing transportation, nutrition, and social programs for seniors. The continued support of Platte County voters ensures these essential services remain available for those who need them most.

Making a Difference

The funds provided through the levy allow us to enhance the quality of life for seniors by supplementing services and resources across the county. One of our key contributions is sponsoring a free lunch for seniors once a month, creating opportunities for nourishment, social connection, and community engagement.

Additionally, the district maintains an emergency fund to address unexpected needs, ensuring a safety net for seniors and the organizations that support them. These initiatives reflect our commitment to meeting both the ongoing and unforeseen needs of Platte County's senior population.

Investing in Transportation

Reliable transportation is essential for seniors to access critical services, stay connected, and maintain their independence. Over the past three years, we've prioritized transportation by purchasing vans in 2022 and 2023, and we are on track to purchase a new bus in 2025. These investments ensure seniors have access to medical appointments, social activities, and essential programs throughout Platte County.

Our focus on transportation reflects our dedication to addressing the unique challenges faced by our aging population, making sure they remain active and engaged members of the community.

A Legacy of Leadership

As the first county in Wyoming to establish a Senior Citizens Service District, Platte County led the way in creating a community-based support system for seniors. Today, six similar districts have been established across the state, all working to ensure that older adults have access to essential services and programs.

Our five-member board of trustees is dedicated to making sure funding is directed effectively, providing crucial support to senior centers and eligible nonprofits throughout the county. While the board doesn't manage these centers directly, it focuses on funding for transportation, nutrition, and social programming to meet the needs of Platte County's senior population.

For accessibility and transparency, our board holds meetings at various senior centers across the county, ensuring a strong connection with the communities we serve and staying responsive to the evolving needs of local seniors.



Help Shape the Future of Senior Services

We currently have an opening for a board trustee to serve the remainder of a four-year term, expiring in 2026. We encourage anyone with a passion for supporting senior services and a commitment to community engagement to consider joining us. This role is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact and help guide the district's work in enriching the lives of Platte County's seniors.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend a meeting or reach out to our board President, Rose Martinez at rozguernsey@gmail.com (307) 534-6514, or, our board Treasurer, Sarah Taylor at sarah@assistingetc.com (307) 340-2245 for more information. Your involvement could be the next step in making a positive difference for our community's seniors.

Leadership and Community Connection

Meet Our Board

Meetings are held the third Friday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Wheatland Activities center located at 1605 16th St in Wheatland. June, July, and August will be at 11 a.m. in Glendo, Guernsey, or Chugwater. All are welcome to attend!



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