

There were 483 calls for service reported to the Teton County, Idaho Sheriff’s Office between June 28 and July 4. Officers performed 152 traffic stops, 56 security checks, and 13 public assists. Deputies responded to 5 accidents and 3 hit and runs. There were 3 DUI’s. There were no controlled burns. No ambulances were dispatched to Grand Targhee Resort.

Notice: All burn permits issued through Teton County Fire and Rescue will be suspended until October 1, 2026. At that time, we will re-evaluate conditions. Outdoor cooking and recreational fires in an approved fire pit are still permitted.

6/28, 19:01: A deputy conducted a traffic stop after witnessing a speeding vehicle. The deputy



TETON TALES

SHERIFF'S LOG

observed the odor of alcohol on the driver’s breath, and there was a container from a marijuana dispensary visible. The driver, a 46-year-old male resident of Victor, failed field sobriety tests and provided breath samples that were above the legal limit. A probable cause search yielded an open container of alcohol, marijuana and paraphernalia. He was cited for possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia and 2nd offense

DUI, and later bonded out from TCSO.

6/29, 23:03: A caller notified dispatch that a valley resident had sent text messages threatening suicide. He was believed to have traveled into Fremont County, and his last known location and other information was passed along to authorities there. If you, or someone you know, may be experiencing suicidal thoughts or tendencies, emergency help is always available by dialing 988.

Non-emergency assistance is also available through the Mental Health Coalition of Teton Valley (tetonvalley-mentalhealth.com).

6/30, 11:27: A customer at a Driggs business was reported as behaving aggressively and threatening an employee. Surveillance camera footage and a description were sent to TCSO, who located the suspect. He was trespassed from the business and cited for disturbing the peace.

6/30, 12:22: There was

a rear end accident on the highway near Victor, and one driver was transported to Teton Valley Hospital for injuries to her face and head. No citations have been issued yet.

6/30, 21:22: A deputy observed a vehicle crossing the center lane near Driggs and initiated a traffic stop. The 44-year-old male resident of Driggs admitted that he had consumed alcohol and asked to skip field sobriety tests. He provided breath samples that were nearly 4x the legal limit and had a history of multiple DUI arrests. He was transported to Madison County jail.

7/1, 17:06: A landowner reported that a real estate agent had contacted him after an unknown individual had attempted to sell a vacant lot owned by the

reporting party. Information about the attempted fraudulent sale was passed along to TCSO and the incident is under investigation.

7/4, 20:47: Dispatch received a report of a drunk driver. A deputy located the suspect’s vehicle crossing the center lane of the roadway and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, a 52-year-old male resident of McCammon, failed field sobriety tests and provided breath samples that were more than 2x the legal limit. He was transported to Madison County jail.

7/4, 22:57: A vacationing family in Driggs reported that their juvenile daughter had left their rental house without notifying her parents. She returned, unharmed, a short while later.

Market/from A6

“In 2021, I moved back to Jackson, briefly. And in 2022, Nicholas and I purchased an acre near the Big Holes. We live there in a yurt, and my kitchen is in a container we purchased in Idaho Falls and had moved to the property. Baking for the Market, I don’t need a commercial kitchen, just a cottage license. We’ve outfitted the container with a double-decker household oven we were given by friends who were remodeling. I’d thought of getting a commercial oven, but the current set-up works well, even though it’s small for sheet pans so timing while baking is critical.”

“When do you bake?”

With her busy schedule, I wondered...

“I bake all day Thursday, and get up early on Friday to bake before Market.”

“You are an early bird, Claire! And when you’re not baking...?”

“My other summertime

gig is Program and Outreach Director for Mountain Bike the Tetons. And, Nicholas and I love to mountain bike.”

“What’s the most fun thing for you to bake?”

“Most things with pie dough, like galettes, strudels, and hand pies. I also enjoy making wedding cakes. I’m making one for my sister who lives in New York City but is getting married out here in two weeks. Our parents live in Alta, and my mom volunteers for Canewater Farm. She’s here at Market today with Rafe.”

“When’s your big day, Claire?”

“This September! We’re getting married on a ranch in Swan Valley and planning a pig roast. That’s why you saw me talking earlier today with Corrine, owner of Late Bloomer Ranch here in Driggs. I know her from working there this spring. And now we have her sheep, Leicester Longwools! Corrine’s heritage Berkshire pigs, chickens, gardens, and now some

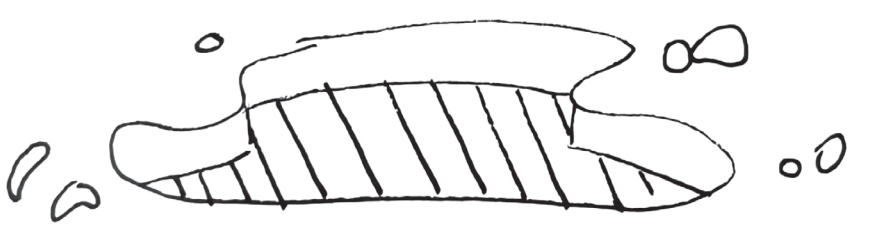
cows are all she needs. Nicholas and I are looking for a smaller ‘practice pig’ we can roast prior to our wedding so we’ll be sure everything will go smoothly.”

“Do you have any long-term plans, Claire?” I asked.

“My long-term business dream is to combine baking, lamb, and knitting. My kitchen provides the baking, the sheep provide the wool, and I love to knit — as you may have noticed when I’m not helping customers! That’s my dream. For now, baking, biking, and being with the community is fulfilling.”

Note for Market customers: Be an early bird at our Market next Friday. Good goods go quickly! If you miss out, don’t despair — our first of ten Victor Farmer’s Markets is next Tuesday evening, July 14th, from four to seven pm. See you at Victor City Park with amazing local music, great vendors, and community all ‘round!

Pothole Report



No potholes reported this week. Thank you to Public Works for keeping up with the summer crowds!

know of a pothole we should warn others about? email editor@tetonvalleynews.net

Farmers/from A1

This shows up in market prices, and despite the benefits of fresh produce, people may avoid such costs. TVFM, however, has several pathways to ease that burden.

In 2023, when TVFM became a nonprofit, they began accepting SNAP/ EBT as well as offering the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb) program at both their Driggs and Victor locations. According to La Manna, the market wants to get the word out to more people that these programs are available, and reduce stigma around utilizing food assistance.

“This is definitely a part of the market and offering that is very underutilized in the community,” said La Manna. “I think the biggest hurdle is just knowing how to engage with it.”

SNAP, which stands for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, is a national program that anyone under certain income can apply and qualify for. Through the Idaho Farmers Market Association (IFMA), TVFM is able to participate in these programs and help facilitate people to use their cards at the market. To use, simply show your card like you would at the grocery store at any viable stands. Vendors that accept SNAP will display a neon green sign mentioning so. You will then receive \$1 denomination wooden tokens to use for purchasing fruit, vegetables, mushrooms,

meat, dairy, eggs, baked goods or honey. Sweets, chocolate or prepared food do not qualify.

The DUFb program is an additional service which provides SNAP participants with a one-to-one match for up to \$20 — if you ask for \$20 off your EBT card, you will walk away with \$40. DUFb Up Food Bucks can exclusively be used for fruit, vegetables and plant starts.

“We’re just trying to make it like a normal currency. There’s no shame. It’s so expensive to live and work here,” said La Manna. “These are the resources that are available currently and going to be expanded on in the future.”

These resources, though, see very little use. Last year, only three people used them all season. La Manna believes this is also in part due to the high cost of living in Teton County, and SNAP’s lack of adjustment to accommodate for those differences.

“My suspicion is that’s more than just an information and education gap,” said La Manna. “There’s a lot of our community are just out of the bracket for qualifying, but still struggle to make ends meet who fall within the gaps of the system.”

Realizing the only way to address this need is through grassroots efforts, this is where TVFM got the idea for their future program: “Farms to Families.” The program, currently in the process of fundraising, would function similar to DUFb — matching market dollars for shoppers.

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“It would be an honor-based system where people can come to the market and say: ‘Hey, I work here, I live here. I want to use \$20 cash or off my credit card’ and the market will help match that to help people’s dollars go further,” said La Manna.

From a market standpoint, this helps people better access organic, local food. It also allows farms to maintain their livelihood.

“We want to have farmers set their prices, and see how we can meet them where they’re at,” said La Manna, “That’s what is sustainable.”

Farms to Families is still

in development stages for program specifics for who may qualify and what funding is available, but there is dedication behind the project.

“It’s definitely a lot to sort out,” said La Manna, “But we absolutely recognize that this is a significant need in our community and the farmer’s market feels expensive for a lot of people.”

TVFM is not alone in this movement towards increasing connectivity, which they draw momentum from.

Across Idaho, markets are beginning to implement similar programs independent of federal

action. Most Idaho markets still rely almost exclusively on SNAP/DUFb for financial assistance — IFMA supports these programs across 15 markets from Kootenai County down to Twin Falls. Caldwell Farm to Fork Farmers Market has their Senior Farmers Market Produce Program, which provides weekly vouchers for adults 60+, funded by the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health and St. Luke’s Health System. Idaho State University of Rural Health is currently piloting a statewide Farmers Market Produce Program at three different farmers markets: Portneuf Valley Farmers Market in Pocatello, West Bench Farmers Market in Boise, and The Farmers Market at Sandpoint in Sandpoint.

Funded by the Idaho

Department of Health and Welfare, seniors and youth will receive a \$50 voucher book for purchasing fruits, vegetables and plant starts.

“We’re fortunate to have other markets and support to look to for guidance of what worked and what didn’t,” said La Manna. “More than ever now, too, as things have gotten so expensive nationally, this is the right time to try and do something like this.”

TVFM will continue to accept SNAP and utilize the DUFb program. In La Manna’s words, Farms to Families is an expansion of that “to be more inclusive to working families.”

No matter how you shop, TVFM is working hard to provide a pathway for residents to access the quality foods Teton Valley farmers grow.

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