



A grizzly crosses a snowy valley just north of the Yellowstone River on the Grand Loop Road on Friday. Grizzlies hibernate, also called denning, for about five months a year in the park and are now out and hungry. The deep snow hides much of the plant life the bears depend on in early spring. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Park superintendent Wenk calls reports of his departure 'premature'

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Dan Wenk doesn't want to be the subject of a story — especially if it's about him leaving his job as superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.

"It's not true," were the first words out of Wenk's mouth as he entered the Holiday Inn for the 67th annual Cody Country Chamber of Commerce National Parks Day luncheon on Monday.

He later quipped during a question and answer period that, "I'm circling the drain, but I'm not dead yet."

National media reports of Wenk being sent to a different post in Washington, D.C., surfaced in the past week, first in the Washington Post; the Department of the Interior refused to confirm the reports.

Individuals familiar with the changes, including some who have been briefed on the plan, spoke to the Washington Post

on the condition of anonymity because the decisions had yet to be finalized by the Interior Department's Executive Resources Board; the paper said Wenk could be reassigned to the National Capitol Regional Office with Cameron "Cam" Sholly, the head of the Park Service's regional office in Omaha, taking over in Yellowstone.

Wenk's initial Monday reply was "no comment" — not because he didn't want to deny the reports, but because he knows that no matter what he says, people will think what they want, he said.

"What the Washington Post printed was accurate, but not complete," Wenk said in an interview prior to his public speech.

Wenk said he is periodically considered for movement with the only difference being that it became public knowledge this time.



DAN WENK

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GATE OPENS New entrance chief greets thousands on opening weekend

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

The long wait is over: The East Entrance is open.

Hundreds of carloads of nature enthusiasts trekked west through the North Fork, Shoshone National Forest and passed the gates into Yellowstone National Park on Friday.

First in line at the gate, Nancy Gilmore, an employee in academic affairs at Northwest

College in Powell, and friends Cassandra Luckett and Venda Shick were all smiles as gate employee Kimberly Kain swung the gate open.

"We got here at a quarter to seven. We stopped to see a grizzly [on the way]," Gilmore said. "We come every year on the first day. We saw a ton of bighorn sheep, a ton of elk, lots of deer and a couple bald eagles, but we did not see moose. We were in too big of a hurry to get up here and be first in line."

The new supervisor at the East Entrance,

Brian Perry, had butterflies in his stomach as media surrounded him to learn the story of his journey to the entrance.

"I didn't realize I would get interviewed," Perry said as the swarm of journalists moved their cameras in the direction of the gate and visitors started their engines.

Perry is no stranger to the park, but gate supervisor is a new direction in his career. He took over the job left open by the retirement of Dennis Lenzendorf. Perry moved into his new home, immediately adjacent to the gate, just a week before the gates opened.

"I'll be honest, it's been hectic. I just made a major move and it was challenging starting a new job and being a new supervisor," Perry said.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Perry previously worked eight seasons at Grant Village (on the west edge of Yellowstone Lake) as an interpretive ranger. He also worked three years at Mammoth Hot Springs and was previously a private guide in West Yellowstone, Montana.

"I've been all around the park," he said. An increase in the entry fee of \$5 didn't slow traffic through the gate as much as a bear sighting east of Pahaska Tepee. But

'We got here at a quarter to seven. We stopped to see a grizzly [on the way]!'

Nancy Gilmore
First through the gate

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Held in check by its owner, a pup licks its chops in anticipation at the East Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The entrance opened Friday despite high avalanche potential in Sylvan Pass.



A male mountain bluebird forages during the afternoon at Nez Perce Ford on the Grand Loop Road. The birds are common in the area's wide-open spaces at middle and higher elevations.

After email hack, county mulls ways to boost security

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Park County officials may hire an outside expert to examine their cybersecurity after hackers disrupted their email system for nearly three weeks.

Three accounts on county-maintained servers were compromised by spammers and wound up leaving county employees unable to send outgoing email from their normal accounts from April 10 to April 30.

"That really concerns me," Park County Commissioner Jake Fulkerson said at last week's commission meeting.

"For a \$25 million organization to be without email for 21 days is really ..." he said, not finishing the thought.

Fulkerson suggested the IT department — which currently runs the county's email system — look into switching to an email service like Microsoft's Exchange Online, bring in a consultant or otherwise boost the county's security "to lessen the odds of this happening again."

"Because if we could lose

our email for, you know, 21 days, what else could happen to us?" Fulkerson asked.

The county's IT staff did set up temporary email accounts while the @parkcounty.us addresses were out of commission.

Chief Information Officer Mike Conners and his staff "were phenomenal through this whole thing and getting emails out to the people," said Clerk of District Court Patra Lindenthal, adding, "Their

staff really picked up the slack."

Earlier in the discussion, Commission Chairman Loren Grosskopf asked what it would cost to never have such a hack again.

"I don't know there's any way you can ensure it's never going to happen again," Conners replied, repeating an IT mantra. "Because if you're going to have any kind of connectivity to the outside world, the hazard's going to be there."

Conners said he was open to having an outside consultant come in, though he also said

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'I don't know there's any way you can ensure it's never going to happen again!'

Mike Conners
Chief information officer

Commissioner Grosskopf not seeking re-election

TWO SEATS OPEN ON COUNTY BOARD

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Park County Commissioner Loren Grosskopf says he's leaving the board at the end of the year, announcing Monday that he will not seek re-election.

"I believe I have honored my campaign promise that I would devote full-time effort and leave Park County government more efficient and financially stron-

ger than when I began," Grosskopf said in a statement. The Cody Republican and current chairman of the commission said he's proud of his work, but "it is time to allow someone else to bring different ideas, energy and perspective to the board."

Now 69 years old, "As you get closer to 70 ... you start thinking about, OK, how many productive years do you have left in your life and ... you want to do all these things," Grosskopf said in an interview. "My bucket list is still pretty long."

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Local postal workers to collect food for Loaves and Fishes on Saturday

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

Usually, a mailbox's sole purpose is for mail. But on Saturday, mailboxes across the country will become collection points for jars of peanut butter, boxes of cereal, canned soup and other non-perishable goods.

Local postal workers will participate in the national Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, collecting food donations

for Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes. Beginning Wednesday, Powell-area residents will receive bags in the mail to place their donations in and they're encouraged to put the sacks next to their mailboxes on Saturday.

The annual food drive helps replenish the local food pantry's shelves. So far this year, Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes has provided food for about 90 local families per month on average, with about 335 people served each

month. The busiest month of 2018 was January, when food was provided for 104 families and 383 people.

"We're coming up on our summer season, and donations really go down in the summer, both food-wise and monetary-wise," said Cindy Balderas, treasurer of Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes.

Summertime brings a tough combination: While donations dwindle, usage of the pantry typically increases.

"School's out ... more kids are home, and more people are using the pantry," Balderas said.

In addition to food items, the local nonprofit always appreciates monetary donations from the community, she said.

Loaves and Fishes uses donated funds to buy certain food items — such as meat, eggs, milk and bread — at local grocery stores. As an emergency food pantry, the organization also will

buy food that's needed.

"We're needing to make sure we have the basics," Balderas said.

Recently, the pantry spent about \$2,500 on food for one month.

"We try to buy all local — we don't go to big-box stores," Balderas said.

Monetary donations go toward food, she said. All of the Loaves and Fishes workers are volunteers, so there's no

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LOTTA NUMBER - 6316 09/27/2018

LAST WEEK'S LOTTA NUMBER BELONGED TO JOANN CHEATHAM OF POWELL WHO RECEIVED \$20.





A coyote looks out over Sedge Creek after gnawing on the carcass of a bison for lunch. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Open: Delays at Fishing Bridge for survey crews slowed traffic down to one lane

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Perry didn't discount the importance of the fee hike.

"Times are tough and every little bit counts," Perry said.

In 2017, the gates opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 1 p.m. out of concern for avalanche danger in Sylvan Pass. This year, snow piled at the edge of the road — and warm weather threatened to close the gate — but it remained in check through the day.

Gate employee Kain expected 400-500 cars to enter the park on opening day. After 15 years of seasonal work at the park, Kain also has a new position — now full-time. Kain is the new lead visitor use assistant and will move to staff accommodations soon in anticipation of wintering in the park. Having made several trips to Mammoth already, Kain said the park is in beautiful shape and the warm weather is bringing out the bears.

"I've already seen three grizzlies," she said. "Early and late are the best times to see bears."

Once through the gates, visitors were thrilled with views of majestic snow-covered peaks and plentiful wildlife. Grizzlies were abundant near roads, causing many bear jams. Bison lounged and browsed near geothermal features at Sedge Bay. A coyote gnawed on a rotted bison carcass for hours at Pelican Creek. Sandhill cranes, mountain bluebirds, American white pelicans and waterfowl flocked to the Yellowstone River



Cars pass through Sylvan Pass where the danger of avalanche is high. Superintendent Dan Wenk said if an avalanche occurs, it could take a day to reopen the road.

and browsed meadows free of snow. Reports of wolves near Mammoth Springs sent many north on the long drive.

Delays at Fishing Bridge for survey crews slowed traffic down to one lane controlled by flag crews.

"There will be half-hour delays and [crews] will be doing that until Oct. 15," Perry said. "It's very difficult for us when we are under construction. But we have to find

time to do it."

Survey crews will continue for a short time, but then the park will be forced to start cutting trees according to Nancy Ward, chief of maintenance at the park.

"We need to clear the trees before nesting birds take up residence," Ward said Monday.

Traffic will remain down to one lane through the summer, depending on work that needs to be done by contractors, she said.

"They will have to keep the traffic moving," Ward added.

Separately, the Park Service hopes to finish paving between Norris and Mammoth Hot Springs this year, and have that entire project finished early next year, she said. Traffic jams in both construction zones have been long at times.

The Beartooth Highway leading to Cooke City, Montana, and the Northeast Entrance remained closed on Friday, forcing many on a round trip back to the East Gate. The drive east through the Shoshone National Forest to Cody offered many roadside views of full-curl bighorn sheep rams, herds of elk and deer near Wapiti and several moose in the North Fork of the Shoshone River.

On their way out of the park, Bob and Georgia Funkhouser said they'll wait until the snow melts a little before venturing back into Yellowstone. They saw one bear as it struggled to make its way through the snow. Georgia Funkhouser said she felt sorry for the big boar, but knows it's nature's way.

"I love my bears," she said.



A grizzly crosses a field of snow on the edge of a forested area just east of Sylvan Pass. Several grizzlies were reported out and about Friday with deep snow limiting their movement to higher elevations.

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Rebecca Dalin of Greybull prepares to receive her associate of science degree in elementary education at Northwest College's commencement exercises Saturday morning at Cabre Gym. A total of 234 graduates marched in the celebration. Tribune photo by Mike Buhler

Wapiti woman running for state House

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

If she's elected to represent House District 24 in the Wyoming Legislature, Denise Shirley says she'll work hard to bring jobs to the area.

Shirley says Cody's seasonal tourism positions are not enough for families and she'd like to see more jobs in light manufacturing.

"Getting here and just looking from an outside perspective, you go down Sheridan [Avenue], there's a lot of closed shops," said Shirley, a Wapiti Republican who moved to the area in 2015.

She said rent in downtown Cody is unaffordable for businesses.

"We have a lot of trinket shops on Sheridan — and I'm not knocking our merchants — but there's really not a lot for Cody residents to buy here," Shirley said, adding that people shop in Billings for big items "because it really is expensive here."

Shirley said the Cody area could be home to businesses that assemble furniture, electronics or other items.

Expanding the area's transportation system would be key to any of those efforts, she said, specifically wondering if Cody's Yellowstone Regional Airport could be enlarged to accommodate larger aircraft.

A stay-at-home mom, Shirley's past experience includes working as a wellness coordinator and assisting at both legal and finan-

cial advising offices. Shirley and her husband moved to the area from California, wanting to raise their two girls in a place that shared their conservative values.

Shirley, 46, has been actively involved in the Park County Republican Party since arriving here and she currently holds the position of state committee-woman. She previously served on a school board in Texas and unsuccessfully ran for the Cody school board two years ago. Shirley is the team mom for Cody High School cheerleading team, where her two daughters, ages 16 and 17, are members; she also has a 26-year-old son.

In Wyoming's education system, Shirley would like to see more of an opportunity for learning trades, saying she's long believed that not all students "fit in the box" of a traditional college education. She'd like to see partnerships that allow Wyoming students to use Hathaway scholarships toward trade school-type learning.

"I think if we can train our kids here, we can keep our kids here," she said.

Shirley, who is pro-life, also sees education as a potential way to support young women who might consider an abortion.

"We continue to tell girls, 'Have your baby; give your baby up for adoption,' but we don't give them the tools to succeed,"

she said.

Shirley suggests aiding young mothers through the time they finish college, "because most of the time, the fathers do not stick around." Under that concept, the government would provide support for six to eight years

instead of the 18 to 20 that might be offered under the current welfare system, she said. Shirley would also like adoptions to be less difficult and expensive.

As a state representative, Shirley said it will be important to work with local officials, vowing to attend Cody City Council and Park County Commission meetings.

House District 24 represents the western part of the City of Cody, the North and South forks of the Shoshone River (including Wapiti) and the northern part of Yellowstone. The seat is currently held by Rep. Scott Court, R-Cody, who is finishing up his first two-year term. Sandy Newsome, a Cody Republican, has said she is also running for the position.

Shirley noted that Park County has only had one female legislator in its history (Peg Shreve).

While not saying people should vote for her because she's a woman, "I think women have a lot to give to the Legislature," Shirley said. "I think they have a lot to give to the Republican party."



DENISE SHIRLEY

Security: 'When you have your own server, it's miserable'

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that "I don't know that throwing money at it is going to make any difference."

"We have excellent tools [already]," he said.

Conners said he's heard that the county is "more secure than 90 percent of the places around" because of its tough security measures. For instance, he noted that social sites like Facebook are blocked on the county's network.

Conners said it's a balancing act between convenience for users and security.

As one example, "you can change passwords every day if you want to, but nobody's going to remember their passwords then," Conners said.

Last month's trouble apparently started when someone, likely overseas, somehow obtained the passwords of three email accounts.

From a computer appearing to be in the Netherlands, someone logged into a county email account in the early morning hours of April 10 and blasted out roughly 50,000

pieces of spam, Conners said. The messages were aimed at tricking people into giving up their login information on a bogus webpage.

Two Cody police department email accounts (which are also hosted on the county's server) were compromised the following day and a smaller amount of spam was sent in one of those instances, Conners has said.

The IT crew generally got hold of the problem by changing all passwords and shutting out the hackers within a couple days, but the flood of spam landed the county's email

system and all @parkcounty.us email addresses on multiple "blacklists." Thanks in large part to Google blacklisting the county's email system, employees were unable to send outgoing emails to many addresses up until April 30.

Conners said there was nothing the county could have done to speed up the process of getting off Google's blacklist, saying the county was "pretty lucky" when compared to a California police department which was blacklisted for six

weeks.

The City of Powell landed on a smaller blacklist a couple years ago, but that only put the city out of commission for perhaps half a day, recalled IT manager Zack Thorington.

"It can happen pretty much to anybody," Thorington said.

He hopes the city will one day be able to switch from its self-hosted service to Exchange Online, which costs \$4 per user per month.

"When you have your own server, it's miserable," Thorington said.

Park County officials plan to discuss options at a staff meeting today (Tuesday).

"We're not going to spend hundreds of thousands, but if there's a reasonable amount of money and we can make a few changes internally to help Mike [Conners] and his staff succeed," Fulkerson said.

Commissioner Tim French suggested looking at what kind of prices regional experts might charge for an evaluation.

"It's been a booger and especially for Mike [Conners] trying to get a handle on this thing, and his crew, and it's tough — and we've 200-some employees that use email everywhere," French said.

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Running

Millions of Americans each year take up running for physical and psychological benefits or for just plain enjoyment. As more and more people join the existing ranks of exercise enthusiasts, it is important that injuries can be recognized and treated, or more importantly, prevented.

Preexisting conditions and biomechanical imbalances cause many injuries. Running is not for everyone. Certain musculoskeletal and heart conditions may prevent it.

Thirty percent of the running injuries involve the knee. The Achilles tendon is the second most common site of injury, with Achilles tendonitis accounting for 20% of injuries. Shin splints and stress fractures each make up 15% of injuries and plantar fasciitis (heel or arch pain), 10%. Of course, many runners sustain an injury or exhibit a combination of symptoms referred to as "overuse syndrome." Before seeking any medical advice, a runner will usually follow the advice of his fellow runners or "work through" their pain or problem.

This may convert a minor problem into a serious injury, which requires more recovery time.

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Food: Local food drive helps replenish pantry's shelves

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payroll. Park County provides space for the pantry at the annex north of Powell, so there's no cost for rent or utilities, she said.

"The county is so generous to allow us to be there to help our people," Balderas said.

She reminded those using the pantry to call ahead to schedule an appointment. Powell Valley

Loaves and Fishes volunteers are at the annex from 9-11:30 a.m., Mondays through Fridays, to distribute bags of food.

"We would really, really appreciate if they would call and make an appointment," Balderas said.

Loaves and Fishes volunteers are thankful for the support they receive from the community, she said. Blair's Super Market donated all of the bags for Satur-

day's food drive, Balderas said, saying that donation took care of a "huge expense for us."

She also thanked the local post office workers who make the food drive possible each year.

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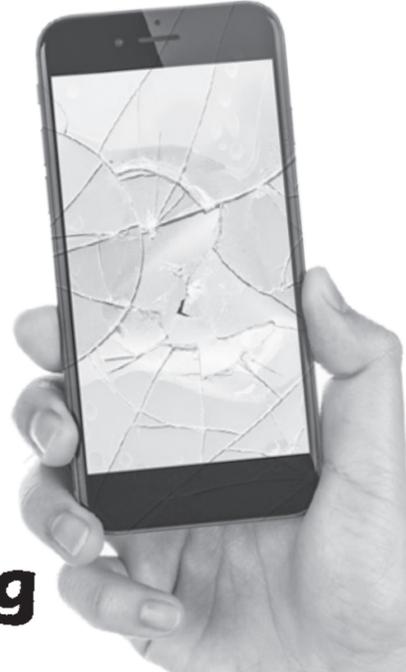
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IN OUR OPINION

Nurses: A crucial role that's too often underappreciated

A nurse's role often comes full circle in a person's life. For most of us, when we took our first breaths of air, a nurse was nearby, providing care and comfort.

They remain a source of care throughout our growing-up years, whether it's a public health nurse giving a vaccination or a school nurse checking for a fever.

During our worst moments — taking a child to the emergency room or receiving a heartbreaking diagnosis with a loved one — nurses help ease pain and offer support.

In later years, when the difficulties of aging set in, a nurse is again the one who's there, checking vital signs, providing medication, giving a bath or simply listening. For many of us, when we take our final breaths, it's likely a nurse will be nearby.

As they provide important care throughout our lives, it's worth stopping for a moment to recognize nurses for their dedication and service. National Nurses Week is May 6-12, and it's a good time to thank the nurses in your life for their work.

The week coincides with what would have been Florence Nightingale's 198th birthday on May 12. Known as the founder of professional nursing, Nightingale is remembered as "The Lady with the Lamp" who made rounds throughout the night, tending to wounded soldiers.

While hospital conditions, medicine and technology have improved immensely since Nightingale's time, the role of the nurse remains unchanged: to provide care. Sometimes that means weighing a newborn, and other times it's holding a hospice patient's hand.

For how important the job is, it's alarming that health care facilities across the country have been struggling to fill nursing positions in recent years.

With an aging U.S. population, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics has predicted that the number of nursing jobs will grow by 15 percent between 2016 and 2026 — meaning nearly 3.4 million nurses will be needed by the end of that time.

The bureau says a nationwide nursing shortage has eased, with more people entering the profession. But in a March report, Moody's Investors Service predicted that a lack of nurses would keep cutting into hospitals' margins — particularly those in the southern and western United States.

"Although the supply of nurses is expected to improve with the expanded nurse training programs and increase in the number of eligible nurse educators, it will still take three to four years for the supply to meet expected demand," Moody's analyst Safat Hannan said.

We are encouraged to see the next generation of nurses stepping forward locally: On Friday afternoon, Northwest College recognized 2018 graduates who will soon begin their careers as registered nurses.

It's not an easy profession to pursue, but it's a vital and fulfilling one. While the hours are long, the tasks are difficult and the job is often thankless, we appreciate the nurses in our community who work to ensure everyone receives quality care.

Tessa Baker

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Bring civility back to politics

I was on Instagram recently and one of my friends from Missouri posted a picture of former first lady Barbara Bush with this caption: "I can't imagine how painful her life must have been, at times. When your husband and oldest son are U.S. presidents and your youngest son is a prominent political figure as well, it comes with the territory, but it still had to hurt. Can you imagine turning on the news and hearing someone speak of your child like people speak of political figures?"

Needless to say, it was very thought-provoking — and in this age of venomous political partisanship, very true.

American politics has become very caustic over the last few years on both ends of the spectrum.

The latest battle in the Cold Civil War took place on April 28 when Michelle Wolf was the featured entertainer at the White House Correspondents' Dinner and delivered a scathing monologue, directed in part at White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Wolf called Sanders a liar and an Uncle Tom while comparing her to a character in *The Handmaid's Tale*, a Hulu drama set in a dystopian future where women are severely repressed. Wolf also directed comedic, but vicious, criticism

at Ivanka Trump, Kellyanne Conway and at President Donald Trump, who did not attend the event.

If Wolf was the only person to inject such a strong dose of venom into the American political conversation, it would be bad enough. Sadly, her monologue is just the latest example in what has become a pattern in American politics by both Democrats and Republicans.

Part of the problem with our political process today is that we often have little respect for those who disagree with us. I was listening to a talk show in March when a caller said that he disliked Roseanne because it "legitimizes deplorables," referencing Hillary Clinton's generalization of Trump supporters from the 2016 presidential election campaign.

Even if a person dislikes the politics and the personality of the president, to write off almost 63 million Trump voters as racists, homophobes and fascists is going way too far — and it contributes to the growing division in our country. After all, who wants to even say hello to someone who is a rac-

ist, homophobic fascist — much less have any meaningful dialogue with them?

However, it's not just Democrats and members of the left who have painted their opponents with the broad brush. In 2012, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney damaged his chances of defeating Barack Obama in the presidential race when he referred to many of his opponents as part of the "47 percent."

"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what," Romney said. "All right, there are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it."

Again, even if a person dislikes the politics and the personality of the president — at that time, Barack Obama — to write off the millions who supported him as lazy, sponging moochers is going too far. After all, who wants to even say hello to a lazy bum who mooches off the tax-

payers so he or she can do nothing all day but watch TV and drink beer, much less have any meaningful dialogue with them?

I moved to Nebraska in September 2015, just as the countdown to the Iowa caucuses was heating up. As a political aficionado, I enjoyed getting to meet many of the presidential candidates on both sides of the aisle, including Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Chris Christie, Martin O'Malley and the daughters of Bernie Sanders.

But along the way, I learned something: They are all human beings just like the rest of us. And I've always found it much harder to throw rocks at a living, breathing human being than at a TV set. Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Green, independent or whatever, we are all Americans and we are all in this together.

My Missouri friend closed his Instagram photo caption with these words: "That's why when I speak of a (politician), regardless of their affiliation or party, I try to keep in mind that person has or had a Momma who loves/loved them very much, just like me. #humanity"

Words to live by.

(Mike Buhler is the community editor at the Powell Tribune. Contact him at mike@powelltribune.com.)



MIKE BUHLER
New Kid in Town



Of men and monkeys

Recently I came across a picture of a chimpanzee accompanied by the information that his DNA is nearly 99 percent the same as mine.

Unfortunately, I don't remember the source from which I obtained this bit of knowledge, but I had heard it before, so it didn't really surprise me. But I did a bit of research, and upon further inquiry, I found that the more precise percentage is 98.8 and even that number isn't set in concrete.

I suppose there are those who are disturbed by this bit of scientific data. There are those among us who actually reject the whole idea that we are in any way related to chimpanzees. After all, anyone who has seen an ancient movie, "Bedtime for Bonzo," has no doubt noticed that Bonzo and his co-star, a guy named

Ronald Reagan, look absolutely nothing alike, and might well argue that they couldn't possibly be that closely related.

Now I'm not, by any stretch of the imagination, a scientist, so I can't speak with authority on the subject of DNA. I don't think it had even been discovered back in 1960 when I was formally introduced to the topic of genes. But in the aforementioned research, I found out there is plenty of room for variation in the 1.2 percent of difference between our hairy cousins and us.

It seems that the DNA in each of our cells contains something like 3 billion paired bits of genetic information.

Multiply that by 1.2 percent and you get something like 35 million genes. Moreover, even if one of your genes is identical to the same gene in the chimp at the zoo, his gene might not act the same way yours does. Not only that, but sometimes genes make mistakes, are damaged or forget to wake up at the right time.

Leaving the chimps aside, we humans are much more alike than you might expect. At one time, it was said that humans are 99.9 percent alike.

When I first heard that, I was a bit skeptical. There's an awful lot of variety in our species, and it seems that such a small variation could not account for the difference

between me and, say, LeBron James. If my DNA is that close to Luciano Pavarotti, why can't I sing like he does?

Well, science may be answering that question. They are finding more difference among humans than they thought they would, and have even found that some people have more genes than others.

As I said, I'm not a scientist, and that's no doubt why this essay hasn't exactly been enlightening about genetic research. I'm not qualified to provide such enlightenment.

However, I am curious about the inner workings, not only of our own existence, but of the world in general. The knowledge science is gaining almost daily will continue to help us better understand ourselves and the world we live in, and maybe it will help us all to live in a better world.



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Emergency responders with Powell Valley Hospital, the Powell Volunteer Fire Department and Park County Sheriff's Office assist at the scene of an ATV wreck on Friday afternoon on Lane 16. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker

Man injured in ATV crash while moving cows

An ATV driver was injured in a wreck while moving cows on Friday afternoon.

The crash occurred shortly before 2 p.m. on Lane 16, about 1 mile east of U.S. Highway 14-A, the Park County Sheriff's Office said.

According to witnesses,

George Farms was moving cows on Lane 16 with Lynn H. George attempting to herd them on an ATV.

"George and another employee who was riding a dirt bike were in the middle of the cows when George's ATV flipped and landed on top of

him," said Lance Mathess, spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

Emergency responders found George, 61, lying in the roadway with an apparent head injury, Mathess said.

George, who was not wearing a helmet, was taken by

ambulance to Powell Valley Hospital, Mathess said, later being transported to Billings for further treatment. Mathess did not know George's condition on Monday.

The Powell Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the scene.

NWC forensics team ends season with a bang

The NWC forensics team recently concluded its 2017-18 season at the Phi Rho Pi Nationals at Daytona Beach, Florida. Six Northwest College students traveled to the weeklong tournament last month to compete in speech and debate events at the largest full-service tournament in the U.S.

As a team, NWC brought home six awards. Dominic Damiano of Worland earned bronze awards in both drama and prose, while Isaabella Munoz, also of Worland, brought home a bronze award in program oral interpretation.

CJ Day of Star Valley won a bronze award in International Public Debate Association.

Jared Lange of Rock Springs and Taylor Rempp of Harrison, Nebraska, each received the Phi Rho Pi Merritt Award for service to Phi Rho Pi.

In addition, the team brought home a slew of awards from the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) Nationals in Portland, Oregon.

NWC forensics fielded three teams at the NPDA National Championship Tournament. Overall, NWC placed fourth in community college sweepstakes.

Season-long sweepstakes were awarded at the tournament, which includes the national

ranking of all colleges and universities that compete in parliamentary debate, based on placings at tournaments throughout the season. NWC forensics finished third in the nation among community colleges and ranked 20th for all colleges and universities.

Individually, Rempp was named All-American at the tournament.

To be considered for an All-American award, students must have at least a 3.5 GPA at their home institution, provide proof of a successful debate career and demonstrate service to their debate and home communities. Rempp was the only community college student to earn this award.

TEAM HELPS OTHERS

While the team has earned their fair share of successes throughout the season, they also use their voices for much more than winning awards. During the past year, the team raised more than \$2,000 to help fund a variety of service projects.

In the fall semester, they adopted a high school debate team from Houston, which experienced significant losses during flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

With the funds, NWC students were able to replace the students' supplies and help provide handbooks for the 2017-18 season for the East Early College High School debate team.

Additionally, the team contributed to fundraising efforts for Big Horn Basin debater Marisela Burgos, who is stranded in Juarez, Mexico, while attempting to correct her Deferred Action for Child Arrivals program status. As their season came to a close, the team also donated 211 pounds of goods, such as toiletries and clothing, to shelters in Billings and Denver.



NWC forensics students pictured are top row (from left) Colby Day, Dominic Damiano, Jared Lange, Trysa Flood and Dalen Brazelton; and bottom row (from left) Emily Whitworth, Isaabella Munoz, Jacinta Schneider and Taylor Rempp. Courtesy photo

GOP women set to hold meeting on Friday and 'Shoot then Sip' on May 17

The Park County Republican Women organization is hosting two events in May. Both events are open to all Republican women in Park County.

A general membership meeting will be held Friday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Governor's Room at The Irma Hotel. Past presidents of the group will be honored at the no-host luncheon. Georgia Davis, president of the Wyoming Federation of Republican Women, will be the guest speaker.

The women will meet again at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 for a "Shoot then Sip" social gathering at Cody Firearms Experience. There is no requirement to shoot. Food and drink will be enjoyed.

More details will be provided on the Park County Republican Women Facebook page. RSVP for both events on the Facebook page, to Sandy Newsome by phone or text to 307-272-1676 or email ParkCountyRepublicanWomen@gmail.com.

HEART MOUNTAIN TRAIL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The trail leading up to the top of Heart Mountain has been temporarily closed due to difficult trail conditions and bear activity in the vicinity.

Heart Mountain Ranch Preserve managers say other activities at the preserve will continue, as only the trail to the summit has been closed. In recent years, bear activity has prompted managers to temporarily put the trail off-limits for weeks or months.

"Bears coming out of hibernation are normally very active in the Northern Rockies and we want to take every precaution possible to prevent any conflicts between people and bears — for

the safety and health of both," The Nature Conservancy, which manages the preserve, said in a Wednesday announcement. "Our staff will be monitoring the trail for signs of bears and will make a determination of when there seems to be less activity. At that time, we'll reopen the trail to public use. Of course, we always recommend that people be bear aware at any time they are hiking the preserve."

The preserve's annual community hike remains scheduled for June 2. For more information about the closure and hike, visit www.nature.org/Wyoming or call 754-8446.

Symposium on suicide prevention can be seen online

Wyoming's Third Annual Symposium on Suicide Prevention is set for Wednesday in Cheyenne.

The event is set to run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne.

The 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. event is "sold out," but arrangements have been made for the symposium to be live-streamed on YouTube and at www.governor.wyo.gov.

Gov. Matt Mead says suicide prevention has been one of his top priorities.

"The topic of suicide should be discussed openly," Mead said in a release. "We have to do more to prevent suicide through awareness and education and to recognize the warning signs of suicide."

The symposium will include welcoming remarks from Mead, and screening of the award-winning documentary, "The S Word" and remarks by its director and writer, Lisa Klein.

"There is no more highly charged personal issue for me," Klein said. "That's the

reason I was driven to document it and open a much-needed conversation. It is time for us to boldly talk about suicide because no family should have to experience this."

Other presentations will feature a broad range of speakers and topics, organizers say, such as suicide prevention among the Native American population, veterans and teenagers and young adults. In addition, the Cheyenne Chamber Singers will make a special appearance to perform "Please Stay," a song about preventing suicides.

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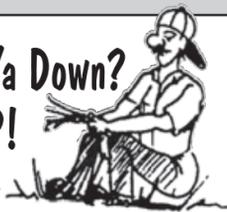
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DIGEST

This photo of the Chief Joe Slide was taken Wednesday afternoon via a web camera. To see the live web camera images of the slide on Wyoming Highway 296 — the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway — visit www.wyroad.info.

Photo courtesy WYDOT



New repairs underway near slide area on Chief Joseph highway

PUBLIC MEETING SLATED FOR MAY 24

Temporary repairs of new cracks in Wyoming Highway 296 above the “Chief Joe Slide area” are continuing.

A private contractor, Geological Stabilization, Inc., of Grand Junction, Colorado, completed repairs last week on the Chief Joe Slide, the Wyoming Department of Transportation said in a news release Wednesday. Work included installation of a soil nail wall.

“The work consisted of stabilization of the existing single-lane detour,” said WYDOT resident engineer Todd Frost of Cody. “The detour has a 10-foot width restriction and a 48,000-pound weight restriction. The 10-foot width restriction will remain in place until further notice, and the weight restriction is currently being reviewed and may be modified in the near future.”

The Chief Joe Slide is located

at milepost 26.1, about 3 miles west of Highway 296’s intersection with Wyoming 120, northwest of Cody.

The Chief Joe Slide began slipping away on April 19, and single-lane traffic control over the slide area has been in place since then. The slide area is located in the same location as a similar slope failure last spring.

During the recent work, Frost said WYDOT employees began monitoring another minor settlement area on the switchback above the slide area.

WYDOT contracted with GSI for stabilization of this small settlement area, and work started Wednesday; it will take about a week to complete, Frost said.

“At this time, traffic delays are minor,” he said.

WYDOT and U.S. Forest Service personnel met last week in Cody to continue developing a

permanent repair for the Chief Joe Slide.

WYDOT began working in the area last fall, with geology crews drilling the slide area to help determine its size and the possible scope of repairs. The work last fall and design through the winter will help to accelerate the permanent fixes, Frost said.

“The U.S. Forest Service is joining WYDOT in this cooperative project along the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway,” Frost said.

He said WYDOT appreciates the willingness of everyone to work together on this issue.

A public meeting for Sunlight Basin and Crandall residents — and open to all citizens — has been scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Chief Joseph RV Park (formerly the Painter Outpost) near the Clark’s Fork River.

STOVETOP SMOKE



Members of the Powell Volunteer Fire Department work to clear smoke out of an Avenue B home on Sunday afternoon. Water in an unattended pot boiled off and started a stovetop fire, said Powell Fire Chief Damian Dicks. When firefighters arrived shortly after 1:20 p.m., ‘there was no visible flames just a house full of smoke,’ said Dicks. ‘Aside from smoke damage to the rest of the house, fire damage was minimal and confined to the kitchen area.’ A smoke detector alerted the homeowner to the fire and no one was injured, he said. — Tribune photo by CJ Baker

WEATHER REPORT

Date	High	Low	Precip.
04.25	65.4	27.7	.00
04.26	66.2	32.9	.00
04.27	75.1	33.2	.00
04.28	82.4	38.2	.00
04.29	70.9	46	.06
04.30	49.6	40.1	.30
05.01	54	38.6	.07
05.02	61.6	37.4	.00

(Information provided by Powell-weather.net and Weather Underground).

DISRICT COURT

Charges reaching the court are only allegations and the defendants are presumed to be innocent. Counts are felonies unless otherwise noted.

CHARGES REACHING THE COURT

- Duane A. Jarvis, born 1993, of Casper, charged with theft totaling more than \$1,000 and misdemeanor counts of interference with a peace officer, eluding police and reckless driving.
- Amanda Lauren Gill, born 1990, of Cody, charged with delivering a schedule II controlled substance (methamphetamine) and allowing a child to be in a vehicle where methamphetamine is being sold.
- Phillip Thomas McGuire, born 1969, of Cheyenne, charged with two counts of conspiracy to

deliver a schedule II controlled substance (methamphetamine).

- Breanna L. Roemich, born 1998, of Cody, charged with theft totaling more than \$1,000 and misdemeanor counts of interference with a peace officer, eluding police and reckless driving.
- Kristen Sam, born 1990, of Cody, charged with possessing a controlled substance for a third or subsequent time and misdemeanor counts of interference with a peace officer and using a controlled substance.

SENTENCES

- Wade Rance Brown, born 1980, of Cody, served one day in jail, must serve five years of supervised probation and pay \$260 to the court and \$3,004.48 in restitution for theft totaling more than \$1,000, with a finding of guilt deferred.
- Crystal Lynn Field, born 1990, of Basin, served two days in jail, must serve three years of supervised probation and pay \$260 to the court and \$4,128.97 in restitution for credit card fraud totaling \$1,000 or more, with a finding of guilt deferred. Another count of credit card fraud totaling \$1,000 or more and a misdemeanor count of theft totaling less than \$1,000 were dismissed.
- Joseph Edward Jones, born 1975, of Cody, must serve 30 days in jail and pay \$260 for a misdemeanor count of interference

with a peace officer. That was reduced from an initial count of failing to notify the Sheriff’s Office of a change in address while a registered sex offender.

- Lindsey Pearl Lynn, born 1994, of Greybull, served 90 days in jail, must serve 18 months of unsupervised probation and pay \$360 to the court and \$18.79 in restitution for misdemeanor counts of shoplifting and possessing less than 3 grams of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). The possession was reduced from an initial felony count of possessing more than 3 grams of meth. A misdemeanor count of criminal trespassing was dismissed.

- Deserea Elaine Ringler, born 1985, of Cody, served six days in jail, must serve three years of supervised probation and pay \$260 to the court and \$105 in restitution for delivering a schedule II controlled substance (oxycodone), with a finding of guilt deferred. Another count of delivering a schedule II controlled substance (Ritalin) was dismissed.

- Kaleb J. Zarate, born 1993, of Lovell, served nine days in jail, must serve four years of supervised probation and pay \$260 to the court and \$40 in restitution for delivering a schedule II controlled substance (oxycodone), with a finding of guilt deferred.

SHERIFF’S REPORT

People arrested are presumed to be innocent and any listed charges are only allegations.

APRIL 24

- 11:37 p.m. A motorcycle was reported to have hit a cow on Road 5/Lane 10 in the Powell area, with a large herd of cows still on the road. The motorcyclist was reportedly uninjured.

APRIL 25

- 2:21 a.m. A woman asked to speak to a deputy about her horses having been left out while she was gone on Road 14 in the Powell area. The call was later canceled.
- 9:08 a.m. The Sheriff’s Office served a criminal trespass notice on a person on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area on behalf of Cody police.
- 9:29 a.m. A woman on C Street in Cody reported that she locked her keys in her vehicle. Dispatch handled the call.
- 9:30 a.m. A caller reported finding a rifle at the Dog Pond area off Wyo. Highway 295 south of Powell. It was missing numerous parts and not functioning.
- 1:55 p.m. The Sheriff’s Office assisted Powell police in transporting a prisoner with a warrant on North Day Street.
- 3:52 p.m. A man reported his brother’s dog was running on

his property and chasing his animals on Lane 10 in the Powell area.

- 3:58 p.m. Mathew Cody Melnar, 37, was arrested on a warrant on Lane 13H.

APRIL 26

- 7:32 a.m. A woman, who wanted to remain anonymous, said a male had been shooting her cows with a BB gun on Carter Mountain Drive in the Cody area. She wanted to speak to a deputy about what she could do.
- 12:15 p.m. The Sheriff’s Office assisted Tribal Game and Fish with a trespassing violation.
- 3:12 p.m. A white pickup was reported to be speeding on Road 8H, heading into Powell. The Sheriff’s Office found nothing.
- 8:04 p.m. A driver flagged down a deputy on Wyo. Highway 120 south of Cody and reported his wife was in labor. A deputy escorted them to the Cody hospital.
- 8:24 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on Wyo. Highway 120 south of Cody.
- 8:28 a.m. A citizen flagged down a deputy and reported that a female in a car on Avenue E/Road 10 in the Powell area might need assistance. The Sheriff’s Office didn’t locate her.
- 1:25 p.m. A black 10-speed Mountainair bike was found in a cement ditch near Road 9H in the Powell area.

- 5:17 p.m. After a traffic stop on Hays Avenue/Colorado Street in Meeteetse, the driver was cited for having expired registration, no proof of insurance and possession of marijuana.

- 5:42 p.m. The Sheriff’s Office assisted Powell police on a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

- 6:21 p.m. A man on Wall Street in the Cody area reported that his neighbor threatened to shoot him and run him over with a tractor.

- 8:32 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area. He assisted another motorist a short time after that.

APRIL 28

- 5:57 a.m. A caller reported that a man was in the water and yelling for help at the Buffalo Bill Reservoir off U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody.
- 8:33 a.m. A vehicle was reported to have been parked behind some sagebrush with its windows covered on Road 2ABW/Rivers Bend in the Cody area.
- 5:38 p.m. A red passenger car with no plates was reported to be swerving and varying its speed on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.
- 5:49 p.m. A caller reported that a teenager was assaulting them in a domestic dispute on Hallingdal Lane in the Cody area.

PUBLIC NOTICES

“BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW”

Gas decrease

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU or the Company) to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.378 per dekatherm (Dth) to its Firm Residential, Firm General Service, Small Interruptible and Large Interruptible customers, and a decrease of \$0.378 per Dth to its Optional Seasonal customers, through its Commodity Balancing Account (CBA), effective on and after May 1, 2018. The proposed pass-on decreases are attributable to a decrease in the overall commodity price. The Commission’s approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The average MDU residential customer using approximately 3.5 Dth in May 2018 may expect a monthly gas bill decrease of approximately \$0.80 or 2.7%, before taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage.

The proposed retail rate decreases result in a projected dollar-for-dollar decrease in MDU’s May 2018 total revenues of approximately \$41,600, using projected sales volumes. The decrease does not change the Company’s authorized rate of return.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows

a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

MDU’s Application is on file at the Commission’s offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before May 25, 2018. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 30013-335-GP-18 (Record No. 14969) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Dated: April 26, 2018. First Publ., Tues., May 1, 2018. Final Publ., Tues., May 8, 2018

Yunger estate

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST IN THE MATTER OF THE WILLIAM YUNGER

REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, dated July 25, 2016, and any amendments thereto.

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE AND NOTICE OF LIMITATION ON ACTION BY CREDITORS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID DECEDENTS AND/OR HIS TRUST ESTATE: In accordance with WYO. STAT. ANN. § 4-10-507, you are hereby notified as follows: 1. William Yunger created a revocable living trust on July 25, 2016, referred to as the WILLIAM YUNGER REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST (the “Trust”) and any amendments thereto. 2. William Yunger died on March 9, 2018, in Park County, Wyoming. 3. The Successor Trustee of the Trust is Mitchell Yunger, and his contact address is as follows: c/o J. Philip Bott, Attorney at Law, 117 N. Bent Street, Powell, Wyoming. It is the intent of the Successor Trustee to distribute the Trust property forthwith. 4. Pursuant to WYO. STAT. ANN. § 4-10-507(a)(ii), any creditor or other claimant receiving this notice by publication shall make his or her claim, in writing, to the Successor Trustee at the address listed above within one-hundred twenty (120) days of the date of the first publication of this notice. 5. Pursuant to WYO. STAT. ANN. § 4-10-507(a)(iii)(C), any creditor or other claimant receiving this notice by mail shall make his or her claim, in writing, to the Successor Trustee at the address listed above within one-hundred twenty (120) days of the date of mailing of this notice. 6. Pursuant to WYO. STAT. ANN. § 4-10-507(a)(iii)(D), the time for commencing a proceeding to contest the validity of the Trust or the proposed distribution by the Successor Trustee is one-hundred twenty (120) days of the date of this notice. 7. Any creditor failing to file a claim or to commence a judicial proceeding to contest the validity of the Trust or the proposed distribution by the Successor Trustee within the time provided,

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Ambrose hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Powell Country Club Estates Major Subdivision
Tuesday, May 15th, 2018 at 10:15 am the Park County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat application of William Ambrose for the subdivision of a 14.42 acre parcel into 14 lots. Lots sizes will vary between 1.0 and 1.2 acres (gross), and are located in Lot 40-A, RS, T56N, R98W, 6th PM, Park County, WY, in a GR-P (General Rural Powell) zoning district. This parcel is just west of Road 5 and just south of the Powell Country Club Golf Course.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room #105 in the Original Courthouse, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter is encouraged to attend, or submit comments to the Planning & Zoning Department, Suite #109, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY 82414. For more information call 527-8540 or 754-8540.

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Wyoming Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Throne speaks to a group of people at the Yellowstone Building on the Northwest College campus Monday morning. Tribune photo by Mike Buhler

Gubernatorial candidate Throne visits NWC

BY MIKE BUHLER
Tribune Community Editor

Bipartisanship and the energy industry were among the leading talking points when Wyoming Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Throne visited Northwest College on Monday morning.

Throne, the former minority leader of the Wyoming House of Representatives, spoke to a gathering of about 20 people at the Yellowstone Building on the Northwest campus.

One of the first things that Throne highlighted was a need to keep Wyoming politics civil — especially as national politics become more toxic and more partisan.

“I think it’s just so important in Wyoming,” Throne said. “We’re so small. We have a lot of overlapping relationships and we can’t let the national discourse infect our local politics. I feel strongly that when people come together and they talk about ideas, then they can find solutions — but when you vilify the other side, it’s a non-starter.”

In a similar vein, Throne also emphasized a history of bipartisanship from when she served in the state Legislature.

“It’s really just about building relationships and understanding the Legislature,” Throne said. “I have a deep understanding of the Legislature. If you’re open-minded and if you don’t judge ideas by the label — I don’t care if the idea’s a Republican idea, a Democrat idea, a conservative idea or a liberal idea, you can pick your label, but I just want to know what’s going to work.”

Throne emphasized keeping the energy industry strong in Wyoming, but she would also see like to see the state have other opportunities as the nation’s energy needs change.

“The energy industry has sustained Wyoming for a hundred years, by and large,” Throne said. “It’s been our leading economic driver and I want to make sure its future is strong. But as the markets change for our leading products, we have to make sure that we have other opportunities as a state.”

Along those lines, Throne would like to see Wyoming less

dependent on the fortunes of the fossil fuel industry in the future.

“In my mind, our major blessing in this state has also been our major challenge,” Throne said. “We rely on coal, oil and natural gas for the revenue that funds everything in the state. It’s 70-75 percent, depending on how you look at the numbers. We just can’t count on that in the future. Once you accept that reality, then solutions start to flow from there.”

Throne also fielded questions from those in attendance Monday. One subject that was brought up was opioid addiction.

“I think there’s a perception in Wyoming that we have more of perhaps a meth problem than an opioid problem, but both are issues,” Throne said. “We need to make sure that we have adequate treatment resources to bring people back into society and to keep them fully functioning.”

Throne also supports Medicaid expansion in Wyoming and

said not doing so has cost the state money.

“Because Wyoming didn’t expand Medicaid, we’ve turned down hundreds of millions of federal dollars,” Throne said. “That means that Medicaid population, which doesn’t have access to quality healthcare, still gets healthcare, but it costs more and then those costs are shifted to the businesses and to the people who have insurance. Not taking Medicaid expansion actually increased the cost of healthcare for everyone else.”

Throne also heard concerns about cuts to education in the state and how cuts to state programs affect students.

“The community colleges, the K-12 system and the university [are] all important pieces of what’s going to help us as we transition to a different economy,” Throne said. “Cutting resources to those facilities and not making sure that students have enough services to get through college ultimately is self-defeating and costs us more in the long run.”

While a host of Republican candidates have lined up to run for governor, Throne is the only one to do so on the Democratic side so far.

‘It’s really just about building relationships and understanding the Legislature.’

Mary Throne
Gubernatorial candidate

Grosskopf: Says position is very rewarding

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Still, he said the decision did not come lightly.

“I enjoy the job so much ... I probably changed my mind a dozen times in the last month,” Grosskopf said.

His decision means there will be at least two new faces on the commission starting in 2019; longtime Republican Commissioner Tim French of rural Powell announced last week that he would not be seeking another term, either.

Three seats are up for election this year: those held by Grosskopf, French and Commissioner Joe Tilden. Tilden, a South Fork Republican, is seeking re-election to a third term in office.

A few other local Republicans have already announced runs for the board: Dossie Overfield of Cody, Lloyd Thiel of Clark and Heart Mountain resident Pat Stuart.

The official filing period for those and other partisan offices opens on Thursday, May 17 and runs through Friday, June 1.

“There’s no doubt that someone will come along and they’ll take my place,” Grosskopf said. He said the county government is well-positioned for the

future.

Grosskopf believes the county made it through the “really difficult” tighter budgets of recent years that required going without raises and, in some cases, new equipment.

“They’ve stuck it out and we’ve learned to be more efficient, I think,” he said, adding the county’s staff makes the commissioners “look good.”

A certified public accountant by trade, Grosskopf brought an eye for financial detail to the board when he was elected in 2010. He won re-election to a second term in 2014.

Grosskopf has been heavily involved in discussions about public land use and has represented Park County interests at the state and national levels; he holds leadership positions with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association, the National Association of Counties and on the Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, which

played a role in last year’s delisting of the species.

He said the relationships he’s made with various local, federal and state officials over the years “have made me a better person and a much more effective commissioner.”

Grosskopf described himself as humbled by the support and trust he’s received over the past seven-and-a-half years and said he felt that — with the county’s staff and fellow commissioners — he helped keep Park County and Wyoming a great place.

“I may be leaving Park County government, but I’m not leaving Park County,” he added.

Grosskopf had been “semi-retired” at the time he joined the commission, but says the commission has been a full-time job. Grosskopf said he’s looking forward to “real retirement” next year — focusing on his wife and family, traveling, continued work with community organizations and recreating in the

outdoors. “It’s filled up my days, there’s no doubt about that,” Grosskopf said of his time as a commissioner. “But it’s very rewarding.”

‘I enjoy the job so much ... I probably changed my mind a dozen times in the last month.’

Loren Grosskopf
County commissioner



LOREN GROSSKOPF

New U.S. Attorney vows crackdown on violent crime

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming’s recently appointed U.S. attorney says his office is cracking down on violent crime as part of a nationwide reboot of a Bush-era initiative to get violent offenders off the streets.

Mark Klaassen says federal prosecutors want to reinvigorate the Project Safe Neighborhoods program, which aims to reduce violent crime through better relationships with local law enforcement and aggressive enforcement of violent crimes.

Klaassen’s announcement came at a Wednesday news conference where he touted law enforcement’s role in a 16-year prison sentence handed to Cameron Means-Goodman; Means-Goodman had been involved in a drug trafficking ring operating on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

“This case is also significant in that it represents the type of case that our office is making a priority in terms of identifying violent offenders in our communities,” he said.

In rebooting Project Safe Neighborhoods last year, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions cited a “spike” in violent crime. However, FBI statistics show violent crime has dropped precipitously over the last quarter-century.

possible departure swirling, even employees are being questioned about the issue.

Wenk replied to them by email:

“While I was not a source for the article, it is true that I was notified by [National Park Service] leadership that my name was proposed for senior executive service reassignment,” the email said. Wenk ended it by writing, “Let’s avoid rumors and focus our attention on the coming season.”

Wenk: Yellowstone National Park superintendent has over 42 years of service

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“My name is in consideration [for a move], but whether or not it will move forward with the [Executive Resources Board], whether or not it’s going to be approved, whether or not I’ll move and where I’ll move to are totally unknowns,” he said. “Any story at this time is totally premature.”

Wenk complained that reports of his leaving the park makes him a lame duck and

devalues his position. He said everybody now comes to him and says, “I understand you’re leaving.”

“You wouldn’t believe how many times I’ve had to answer this question,” Wenk said. “My answer is no, it’s not true; it may never be true. What I know is nothing has happened.”

Both Wenk and Grand Teton National Park Superintendent David Vela — who also spoke at Monday’s event in Cody — are part of a cadre of employees

called the senior executive service that could be moved by the Trump administration.

They are not uncommon discussions: “It happens in all administrations,” Wenk said.

He has served as Yellowstone’s superintendent since 2011 and retirement is often discussed at the Wenk residence.

“I have over 42 years of service; I’m 66 years old,” he said. “Retirement would have to be part of any discussion.”

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Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

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PRECIPITATION
Total for the week 0.63"
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Normal month to date 0.20"
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Normal year to date 1.34"
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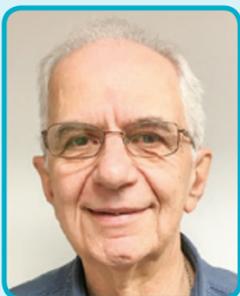


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PHS TRACKSTERS TAKE FIRST IN CODY

PANTHERS, LADY PANTHERS LOOK TO REGIONALS THIS WEEKEND AT PANTHER STADIUM

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Wrapping up their regular season in fine fashion, the Powell High School track and field teams finished first at the Cody Trackstravaganza on Friday, taking first in nine events.

"We ask the kids to keep trying to improve, and they have been," said Powell head coach Scott Smith. "Hopefully we get that for two more weeks. No matter what the team score says, if everyone improves, it's a good day."

While it was nice to win the meet, Smith said the outcome was more of an indication of the depth the team has shown this year. With a record number of athletes turning out to compete, it's given the coaching staff more options in different events.

"Regionals and state will take a little bit of that advantage away," Smith said of his numbers. "You need to get into those top positions a little bit more. But we really did have some good performances in Cody, kids got out and won some events that they hadn't won before. It was a very successful meet for us."

LADY PANTHERS

With 248 points and behind six first-place finishes, the Lady Panthers easily outdistanced the second-place Fillies, who finished with 205.5 points. Worland rounded out the three-team triangular with 102.5 points.

Powell owned the sprints on the day, kicked off by Caitlyn Miner's first-place finish in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.57. Emma Karhu followed up her second-place finish in the 100 meters by winning the 200 meter dash, while JuliaKay O'Neill took the top spot in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:03.55.

"Caitlyn Miner and Emma Karhu in the 100 meters both



Panther field athlete Jacob Harrison kicks up some dirt in the long jump at Friday's Cody Trackstravaganza meet at Cody High School. Harrison finished fifth with a jump of 19 feet, 2 inches. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

significantly beat a girl from Cody that took sixth at the Wyoming Track Classic," Smith said. "They were running into a headwind, so their times may not have been that indicative, but the run was really good."

Lady Panther Brea Terry had a solid outing in the 800 meter run, placing second with

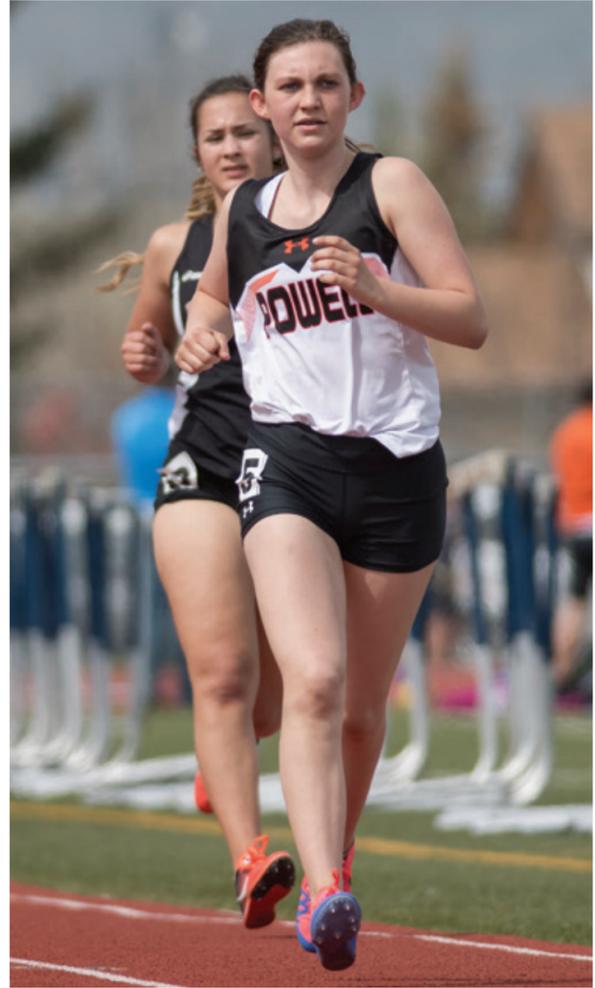
a time of 2:41.03. Hailee Hyde finished third in the same event, with Natalie Dillivan finishing fourth.

"Brea [Terry] ran a great 800 — that was a great showing for her first time out," Smith said. "That's going to help our depth for our relays."

Sabrina Shoopman claimed

the top spot in the 100 meter hurdles, and followed that with a second-place finish in the 300 meter hurdles. Madelyn Horton was first in the 3200 meter run and Elsie Spomer took the gold in the triple jump, with a distance of 32 feet, 2.5 inches.

Maddy Hanks, Karhu and Caitlyn Miner finished third,



Lady Panther distance runner Jozi Simpson eyes the finish line in the girls' 1600 meter run on Friday at the Cody Trackstravaganza meet. Simpson finished fourth with a time of 7:02.46. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

fourth and fifth, respectively, in the pole vault.

In the field events, Hailee Hyde finished fourth in the high jump, while teammate Gabri Lundberg finished sixth. Aubrie Stenerson and Jaz Haney finished second and fourth, respectively, in the long jump, while Rachel Bonander tied for

fifth in the shot put with teammate Cassidy Miner with throws of 30 feet, 10.5 inches. Bonander also finished fourth in the discus at 102 feet, followed by Coby Calcotte in sixth with a throw of 88 feet, 10 inches.

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PANTHER SOCCER

Panthers split two on the road

LOSS TO STAR VALLEY, WIN AT PINEDALE HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND



Panther forward Sam Bauer battles for possession of the ball against a Pinedale defender during a season-opening overtime loss in March. The Panthers won the rematch Saturday, blanking the Wranglers 5-0 in Pinedale. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

The Powell High School boys soccer team opened the 2018 season losing a 3-2 thriller to visiting Pinedale before suffering an 8-0 rout to Star Valley the same weekend.

Powell vowed to be more competitive the next time around, and was exactly that last weekend, racking up four goals in the second half of a 9-4 loss at Star Valley Friday, before shutting out Pinedale 5-0 on Saturday.

"... The trip had its ups and downs. Overall, though, it was a very good weekend," said Powell head coach Jeff Dent. "Our goal-scoring has definitely turned around. We've been pushing for goals, and the guys were going for it. It was good to see."

STAR VALLEY 9, PANTHERS 4

Since their opening-weekend win against Powell, Star Valley has compiled an 11-3-1 record and secured a No. 2 ranking in the state. Dent knew his team would have its hands full when the two squared off Friday at Star Valley.

"Star Valley is a good, quality team," he said. "They play a really good possession game, just like us, and they're very quick; they make things happen. I think we got knocked on our heels again a little bit. We didn't come out quite as strong as we would have

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Lady Panthers find bad luck on road

WINS ELUSIVE IN LOSS TO STAR VALLEY, TIE WITH PINEDALE

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

With just one game remaining in the regular season, the Powell High School girls soccer team continues to search for an identity, as wins remain at a premium for the talented club.

The Lady Panthers (4-7-3, 1-2) traveled south over the weekend for games at Star Valley and Pinedale — their longest road trip of the season. Powell opened the season with a 1-0 win over Pinedale at Panther Stadium, but were the victims of a 4-0 shutout against Star Valley the following game. This time around, Star Valley eked out a 1-0 win Friday on a somewhat controversial goal, while the Lady Wranglers battled the Lady Panthers to a 2-2 tie the following day.

"That was a long weekend, a long trip," said Powell head coach Jack Haire. "It's just frustrating. We can't buy a win right now."

STAR VALLEY 1, PANTHERS 0

Star Valley currently sits atop the 3A Southwest Quadrant at 8-6-2 (3-0-1 in conference), and knocked off No. 1-ranked Cody on Saturday, 1-0.

But Friday's win over the Lady Panthers by the same margin had some on the Powell sidelines shaking their heads. With the score knotted at 0-0 at halftime, Haire liked Powell's



Lady Panther Jolie Timmons makes a play on the ball during the season-opening game against Pinedale in March. The Lady Wranglers played Powell to a 2-2 tie in the rematch in Pinedale Saturday. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

chances for the upset. But a questionable goal in the final frame ruined Powell's shot at redemption, as the Lady Braves held on for the 1-0 win.

"The ball never hit the back of the net. It evidently went in between the posts, but I struggle with the call; my players struggle with the call," a frustrated Haire said. "But Star Valley won 1-0. The referee's decision is the

referee's decision."

Haire described the play as a "crazy deflection" that keeper Sydney Olsen appeared to clear. The referees saw the play differently, however, awarding the goal to Lady Brave Liz Smith.

Until that point, the game was evenly-matched, according to Haire. Both teams were

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(09TFET)
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(103TFFT)
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liked.” The Panthers had difficulty finding an answer for Star Valley senior Noah Hutchinson, who had a day for the books, scoring five goals while assisting on two others.

“Hutchinson is just an awesome soccer player,” Dent said. “He’s very good with the ball on his feet. He was their dominant force, he was everywhere. He doesn’t quit running. We’d put guys on him and he’d get around them.”

Despite Hutchinson’s heroics, the Panthers were down just 3-0 at half. The Braves opened the second half the same way they opened the first, scoring in the frame’s first 20 seconds and continuing to find the back of the net on keeper Ashton Brewer. Brewer finally found a rhythm in net, and as his play improved, the Panthers’ offense came alive. Dent subbed in some players, and it seemed to be the spark Powell needed to finish strong.

“I put Dylan Lowery in, and all weekend long, that boy played intense,” Dent said. “He played like he had nothing to lose, and I was happy to see that.”

Junior Rob Sessions scored a pair of goals for the Panthers, while Landon Sessions and Carson Wentz netted a goal apiece.

“Landon Sessions had an awesome goal from the top of the 18,” Dent said. “It was a couple of inches off the ground and just hard and solid. Cameron Wentz put one in also — it was the first goal for Cameron on the year. Cameron’s a shooter, so having him start making goals is going to be a big encouragement.”

Coming off concussion protocol earlier in the week, Brewer got off to a shaky start in net for the Panthers. After facing a whirlwind of shots in the first half and a good portion of the second, the sophomore keeper showed some grit in shutting the Braves down late, carrying that determination into the Pinedale game the next day.

“Ashton [Brewer] was getting mad at himself, and I was contemplating putting Gabe Katz in,” Dent said. “But in response to his own anger, he just stepped up and played much more aggressively. You saw a change in his style, and he became the Ashton you saw before his concussion.”

“The boys were pumped up

at the end of that game,” Dent added. “They seemed to have realized how playing together was really going to make a huge difference going into the Pinedale game.”

PANTHERS 5, PINEDALE 0

In Saturday’s game at Pinedale, Panther forward Rob Sessions continued his assault on the opposing net, notching a hat trick en route to 5-0 shutout of the Wranglers 3-12, 0-4).

“The main thing we’ve been focusing on recently is the mental game,” Dent said. “We talked to them in warmups about preparing themselves in their heads, and they seemed to take it to heart. When the game started, they came out good and strong.”

Rob Sessions scored two goals in the first half for the Panthers (3-8-2, 0-3), and had a number of shots on goal that just missed.

“The guys were getting the ball up front and really pumping it,” Dent said. “Pinedale has an excellent midfield, and it didn’t take too long for our guys to see that. When they got the ball, our guys were ready for that pass and cut it off a lot of the time. That really helped us.”

The Panthers scored three goals in the second half — one by Sessions to complete his hat trick, and a goal apiece from Ernie Acevedo and Sam Bauer. After Bauer’s goal, Dent moved him back to defense and put Jace Smith up front, a strategy he incorporated in an earlier game.

“Unfortunately Jace [Smith] couldn’t get a goal, but I think it was a good experience for him, seeing how different it is playing as a forward,” the coach said. “He definitely played hard.”

Brewer recorded a shutout in net for the Panthers, and Dent said his keeper had the right mindset for the contest.

“Ashton [Brewer] wasn’t afraid to come out of the box and challenge the Pinedale forwards,” Dent said. “He wasn’t afraid, he got through and he took care of business.”

Next up for the Panthers is a rematch against Cody today (Tuesday) to close out the regular season. The Broncos won the first meeting 2-0 in Cody, but Dent believes his team matches up well with their cross-county rivals. Gametime is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Panther Stadium.

“We’ll keep working on finishing drills, but our strategy will stay the same,” Dent said. “It should be a good contest.”

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moving the ball well, with Lady Panthers Treva Robson, Michele Wagner and Jaya Smith firing multiple shots on goal throughout the game.

“Michele [Wagner] was breaking through and had a really good game,” Haire said.

Powell’s defense proved stingy as well, and keeper Olsen finished with 10 saves.

“Jalie Timmons had a wonderful game, played super-hard, even though she was injured,” Haire said. “Jaighden Rayment played excellent, and Sadie Wenzel was outstanding this weekend.”

But despite playing well on both sides of the field, the Lady Panthers were unable to find the back of the net. Forward Kayla Kolpitke missed the trip due to prior engagements, and Haire said her absence was felt.

“Offensively, we just couldn’t get one in on them,” Haire said. “I think we match up really well with Star Valley, and hopefully if this whole state thing gets figured out, we’ll play Star Valley again.”

just outside the 20, and just like that, it’s 1-0.”

Lady Panther Jaya Smith answered with a goal of her own, off an assist by Joey Haire, to tie the game at 1-1 five minutes later. Both defenses tightened up from that point, until Powell took the lead with under two minutes to play in the half — on sophomore Rachel Kuntz’ first goal as a varsity player.

“Rachel’s goal was off a beautiful corner kick by Michele Wagner,” Haire said.

The Lady Panthers entered the half clinging to a slim 2-1 lead. The two teams continued their defensive battle well into the second half, but with about 15 minutes left in regulation, another controversy led to the Lady Wranglers tying the game. A disputed call down in the Pinedale zone stopped play for several minutes while the referees conferred, ultimately awarding Pinedale a penalty kick.

“My defense was livid, and rightfully so,” Haire said. “Everyone was fired up. So Pinedale took the kick and made it, and I was very vocal in demanding an explanation of what was happening.”

With neither team able to score in overtime, the game ended in a draw. Haire said he was impressed with how Pinedale had improved as a team, but called the tie “deflating.”

The Lady Panthers will now turn their focus to their cross-county rivals, as the Cody Fillies travel to Panther Stadium today (Tuesday). Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Powell gave the No. 1 team all they could handle two weeks ago, and Haire said he’s confident the Lady Panthers can pull off the upset; a play-in game for the state tournament will follow on either Friday or Saturday.

“I would love for us to beat Cody ...,” Haire said. “That’s our focus right now. We’ve got a couple of tough games ahead of us.”



Panther sprinter Landon Lengfelder gets a good start out of the blocks in the 100 meter dash on Friday at the Cody Trackstravaganza. Lengfelder finished sixth in 12.06 seconds. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

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PANTHERS

For the boys, Powell took the top spot with 215 points, followed by Cody with 182 and Worland with 176. The Panthers recorded three first-place finishes, led by Kaelan Groves’ time of 11.66 in the 100 meter dash.

“Kaelan Groves continues to improve his time in the 100 meters,” Smith said. “He’s doing a

really nice job for us.”

Panther Alan Merritt kept shining in the 1600 meter run, finishing first with a time of 4:58.41. Teammate and fellow Wyoming Track Classic qualifier Jayden Yates was close behind with a time of 5:00.13. Dalton Woodward rounded out Powell’s first-place finishers, posting a distance of 41 feet, 8.5 inches in the triple jump.

In sprints, Landon Lengfelder and AJ Lewis finished

sixth and seventh in the 100 meter dash, while Groves and Jon Morrow finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 200 meter dash. Joe Rogers finished second in the 400 meter dash.

In the distance events, Powell’s Jay Cox finished second in the 800 meters, with teammate Tyler Pfeifer sixth. Yates finished third in the 3200 meter run, with Riley McKeen finishing fourth.

- LADY PANTHERS**
- 100 Meter Dash**
1. Caitlyn Miner 13.57, 2. Emma Karhu 13.62, 5. Gracen Curtis 14.38, 8. Karlie McKenzie 14.72
- 200 Meter Dash**
1. Emma Karhu 28.51, 2. Aubrie Stenerson 29.17, 4. Gracen Curtis 29.56
- 400 Meter Dash**
1. JuliaKay O’Neill 1:03.55, 2. Gracen Curtis 1:06.01, 3. Emma Karhu 1:06.64
- 800 Meter Run**
2. Brea Terry 2:41.03, 3. Hailee Hyde 2:46.95, 4. Natalie Dillivan 2:49.29, 6. Hailee Paul 3:00.14, 7. Jenna Merritt 3:03.81
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2. Hailee Paul 6:48.34, 3. Jenna Merritt 6:50.31, 4. Jozi Simpson 7:02.46 5
- 3200 Meter Run**
1. Madelyn Horton 14:46.13
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- PANTHERS**
- 100 Meter Dash**
1. Kaelan Groves 11.66, 6. Landon Lengfelder 12.06, 7. AJ Lewis 12.08, 8. Jon Morrow 12.16
- 200 Meter Dash**
3. Kaelan Groves 24.94, 4. Jon Morrow 24.95, 5. Landon Lengfelder 25.00, 11. Joe Rogers 26.49
- 400 Meter Dash**
2. Joe Rogers 54.23, 6. Landon Lengfelder 56.75, 7. Dylan Cordes 57.73, 9. AJ Lewis 59.40
- 800 Meter Run**
2. Jay Cox 2:02.94, 6. Tyler Pfeifer 2:17.98, 8. Joey Hernandez 2:20.72, 9. Jesse Erickson 2:21.05, 10. Eyob Robirds 2:22.43, 12. Isaac Summers 2:45.38
- 1600 Meter Run**
1. Alan Merritt 4:58.41, 2. Jayden Yates 5:00.13, 3. Jesse Erickson 5:06.02, 4. Tyler Pfeifer 5:07.78, 5. Joey Hernandez 5:14.67, 6. Eyob Robirds 5:16.53, 8. Isaac Summers 5:41.33
- 3200 Meter Run**
3. Jayden Yates 10:58.01, 4. Riley McKeen 13:13.07
- 110 Meter Hurdles**
3. Kacey Creed 17.63

“Our distance kids did a really nice job of picking two or three events and just running through it, getting good conditioning and still getting decent, competitive times out of it,” Smith said.

In the field events, Powell’s Colby Warner and Charlie Hall finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the high jump, while Brody Karhu finished third in the pole vault with a height of 13 feet, 8 inches.

Panther AJ Lewis finished third in the long jump, followed by teammate Jacob Harrison in fifth.

In the throwing events, a scratch on his final throw kept Panther sophomore Ryan Good from claiming the top spot in the shot put. He instead took second with a throw of 44 feet, 6.5 inches. Good went on to finish third in the discus, followed by teammate Reece Hackenberg in fourth. Hackenberg’s toss of 132 feet, 11 inches was an impressive 12-foot improvement on his personal best.

“Our boys discuss throwers, Ryan Good and Reece Hackenberg, showed some big improvements,” Smith said. “They put themselves close to pre-qualifying for state. They just threw very, very well.”

Powell will host the 3A regionals Friday and Saturday at Panther Stadium, and while Smith said there were no new state qualifiers at the Cody meet, he expects this weekend’s competition to change that.

“Regionals is how most kids will qualify for the state meet,” he explained. “The top eight individuals and the top four relay teams will go. You know, statewide, there’s been a lot of depth this season — not a lot of separation. Some years, you’ve got your top two or three kids in the state who are really clear-cut, and this year, sometimes the distance between first and 12th is very slim.”

“You won’t know until you see them compete against each other,” Smith said. “These next two weeks are going to be a lot of fun.”

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