

PARK COUNTY GROWS SLIGHTLY

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Backing a statewide trend, Park County's population grew a little last year.

New estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau say that Park County added 156 residents between July 2016 and July 2017. That puts the county's population at 29,568.

Park County had 63 more births than deaths and had 96 more people move in than leave, the Census Bureau said in figures released Thursday.

The 0.5 percent increase came in contrast to Wyoming as a whole — where the population fell by 1 percent, to 579,315. It was the second straight year that Park County continued to grow while the state generally shrank.

Only eight Wyoming counties are believed to have added residents between 2016 and 2017, while the other 15 lost people.

The bureau estimates that neighboring Big Horn County's population sunk by 0.3 percent, to 11,906 residents.

Campbell County took the biggest hit, losing 5.2 percent of its population — more than 2,550 residents.

Staffers at the State of Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division generally blamed the downward trend on people leaving the state for better job opportunities; Wyoming is believed to have lost about 6 percent of its jobs — 17,000 positions — between early 2015 and early 2017.

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SENATOR TAKES QUESTIONS FROM POWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi toured Powell Middle School on Friday afternoon, talked with students and answered their questions during a school-wide assembly. Students walking alongside Enzi include (from left) Sam Johnston, Whitney Jones, Madison Harvey, Ben Whitlock, Madeline Argento, Brooklyn Bennett, Payten Wells and Morgan Schmidt. Pictured in the background at right are Josh Schmidt and Charlotte Wilson. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Enzi says arming school staff should be local decision

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

A school boards around Wyoming debate whether teachers should carry concealed firearms, Powell Middle School students brought the question to Sen. Mike Enzi.

Enzi, who visited the school on Friday, said he's always voted for bills that uphold the Second Amendment.

"Arming teachers — it isn't quite that simple," Enzi said. "That has to be a decision that's made locally."

Wyoming's senior senator said his brother-in-law is a school resource officer — and he brought up the concern that if police run into a school and see someone holding a gun, how do they know if they're a good guy or bad guy? There has to be identification and prop-

er training, Enzi said.

The Republican also highlighted Powell Middle School's security measures during his afternoon visit.

"I've got to tell you, this is the most secure school that I've ever been in," Enzi said. "I had to have my picture taken and give my driver's license. I'm impressed with that. I have to go through security all the time at the airports, too, and they don't give me any special breaks just because I'm a senator."

Enzi took a variety of questions from students for nearly an hour during Friday's school-wide assembly.

An eighth-grader asked what Enzi thought about the walk-outs across the

country where students have demanded action on gun violence in the wake of last month's school shooting in Florida.

"I'm really surprised that the educators are letting them go and do that.

They should be in school studying and getting the knowledge" to affect the process, Enzi said.

He told students they really can make a difference in government. During his years serving in the Wyoming Legislature and now the U.S. Senate, Enzi said he's seen kids bring bills that were well thought-out.

"Any time you see something that needs to be done, you've got to work on it," Enzi said.

He encouraged students to go through

the right channels, adding, "they're very usable."

The senator also said it's important to find compromise with others, bringing up what he often calls the "80/20 rule." Enzi said when he worked with late Sen. Ted Kennedy, a Democrat from Massachusetts, they would talk about issues and find the 80 percent that they could agree on. Then they would focus on that common ground, rather than the 20 percent where they disagreed.

GRIZZLIES, CLOCKS AND THE PRESIDENT

Students' questions spanned a wide range of topics, from wildlife to the senator's life.

Enzi told students he supported the

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After difficult years, 'conservative' deer hunts

SOME NEW HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

With mule deer buck ratios below objective in the upper Shoshone River herd unit (hunt areas 110-115), the Wyoming Game and Fish Department will hold hunters to a four-point antler point restriction. Doe harvests will also be reduced west of Powell this fall due to low populations.

"We're staying conservative," said Tony Mong, Cody area wildlife biologist for the Game and Fish.

Very difficult winter conditions during 2016-17 and poor fawn ratios for the past four years have resulted in herd units west of Powell being below objective, Mong said during the fall season-setting meeting at the Big Horn Federal Savings Bank's community room Thursday. In popular Hunt areas 110 through 115, deer population estimates are below the objective of 9,600-14,400, with 8,600 ani-

mals now estimated in the herd.

Meanwhile, a new tag has area hunters chomping at the bit for a chance to harvest a bison on the North Fork of the Shoshone River. It will be the first time in recent history that bison tags have been offered on the North Fork, Mong said.

"If you draw that license, it will be amazing," he said. "It's to deal with damage and brucellosis management issues on the North Fork."

But don't get your hopes up — drawing the tag will be like winning the lottery. Three tags were offered, two resident and one nonresident. Hunters had to apply for the three tags by Feb. 28.

Mong also mentioned a possibility of offering a general tag for mountain goats in the future, thanks to new laws passed by the state Legislature. Additional chances to harvest a goat would be a response to overlap of the growing goat population and

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Wyoming Game and Fish proposes \$81.55 million budget

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

How much does it cost to manage Wyoming's wildlife experience? From the fish you catch to the birds in the sky; from the wildlife you watch and hunt — even the scary ones you don't necessarily want to see — it all comes at a cost.

Several entities are involved, but for citizens of the Cowboy State, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has the most impact on each person enjoying the great outdoors.

So, how much? The Game and Fish Department's proposed budget for the July 2018 to June 2019 fiscal year is \$81.55 million. That's down slightly from this year's standard budget of around \$81.89 million.

About 60 percent of the revenue comes from people buying hunting and fishing licenses while 25 percent comes from federal taxes on guns, ammo, fishing tackle, boats —

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Brad Sorensen and Craig Swanson of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department help tear down a fence at the Park County Regional Landfill south of Cody on March 16 to make room for a new electric fence. The new fence, meant to deter grizzly bears, is being installed by a private contractor. The job was financed with the help of the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming Outdoorsmen, Park County, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and the Yellowstone Country Bear Hunters Association (now known as the Western Bear Foundation). Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Johnson Fitness Center renovation underway

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

Renovations to Northwest College's Johnson Fitness Center are being accelerated.

During its meeting earlier this month, the NWC Board of Trustees approved \$240,000 worth of major maintenance funding for the project — allowing work on the third and final phase of the center's renovation to begin once Phase II concludes this summer.

"The project is part of our facilities

PROJECT PART OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUNDING

master plan, and it was time to ramp that up," said NWC President Stefani Hicswa, noting that the State of Wyoming approved the funding for the renovation.

Phase I was completed last summer and focused on HVAC replacements and upgrades, insulation replacement and electrical improvements. Phase II is focusing on fire suppression system installation, asbestos abatement and other HVAC replacements and upgrades.

Phase III, according to a project memo, will address further mechanical and structural improvements relating to building abatement and flooring, office space, ceiling improvements and partitioned showers.

"Now, from spring break to the beginning of fall semester, we're working on Phase II and Phase III, Hicswa said. "Phase III was set to be later in the year, but the state recommended doing it all at once."

As she crunched the numbers and

looked at the project's timeline, NWC Vice President of Administrative Services and Finances Lisa Watson seconded the state's recommendation.

"Lisa Watson started looking at it and thought, 'Well, since we have everybody out of there, let's go ahead and get it done,'" Hicswa said. "That also saves money from an inflationary standpoint, because if we wait, it will be more expensive in a couple of years."

Hicswa noted that college has identified renovations to the Visual and Performing Arts building and a new student center as priorities.

"But in the meantime, we've got to start addressing some of the other deferred maintenance issues on campus; the Johnson Fitness Center is one of those," Hicswa said. "If we put it off any longer, we're going to have some really big problems to deal with."

Safety and maintenance concerns

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Enzi: Senator encourages students to work hard and do their best, no matter what career they pursue

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delisting of grizzly bears. "Clear back when I was in the Legislature, I thought grizzlies were about to be delisted then," he said. If Enzi had pursued his dream job, he may have dealt with grizzlies more often. In response to a student's question, Enzi said he'd wanted

to be a park ranger in Yellowstone National Park. Growing up, he enjoyed spending time in Yellowstone with his grandparents, and especially loved fishing and hiking in the park. Enzi said he didn't have an interest in politics when he was young, and didn't pursue a scholarship because it required taking two years of government.

Years later, former U.S. Sen. Al Simpson encouraged Enzi to pursue public office. Enzi was speaking on leadership at a conference in Cody, and Simpson took Enzi aside and told him to put his money where his mouth was. Simpson told him, "You need to run for something — and your town really needs a mayor." Enzi eventually became mayor of Gillette, then was elected to the Legislature and has served in the U.S. Senate since 1997.

The senator encouraged students to work hard and do their best, no matter what career they pursue.

Enzi's dad told him, "I don't care if you're doctor, a lawyer, a shoe salesman or a ditch digger." He simply wanted his son to do the job so well that people would say, "That's a Mike Enzi ditch."

"Another thing my dad always said is that nobody is more important than anybody else. We just have different jobs," he said.

Enzi said students would likely have multiple jobs. He cited research that says today's ninth-graders will have about 14 different occupations over the course of their careers. Not 14 different jobs, Enzi said, but 14 occupations — nine of which haven't been invented yet.

"That is why your teachers are trying to teach you how to learn, because you're going to have to learn how to do these new jobs," Enzi said.

Enzi told students the most frustrating part of being a senator is not being in charge of your own schedule.

The senator worked on the \$1.3 trillion spending bill Thursday until midnight, then awoke early Friday to get on a plane at 6 a.m. to fly to Wyoming.

Enzi said he is usually

in Washington from Monday through Thursday, and then returns to Wyoming from Friday through Sunday, except when there's a recess.

When asked about daylight saving time, Enzi brought up an example of how Wyoming students can make a difference.

Every year, students from a Sheridan elementary school wrote to then-Sen. Simpson, asking to extend daylight saving time past Halloween so they could have an extra hour of daylight for trick-or-treating.

"I started getting those letters when I became a senator," Enzi said.

For years, he introduced bills for the extension, and in 2005, it finally passed.

Enzi said that personally, "I would say just leave it the same all the time. I like having daylight savings."

Students asked how often Enzi meets with President Donald Trump.

"As often as he invites me," the senator replied.

Enzi said he's always work-

ing on a number of issues and carries a list to discuss with the administration. When asked what the biggest change is since Trump took office, Enzi said "we've gotten a lot more done."

It used to take six weeks for a letter to get through the mill of approval at the White House, but now things are handled more quickly, Enzi said.

Enzi said communication with the White House is better. He called Trump a pretty good manager and said the president needs to do more and say less.



Republican Sen. Mike Enzi, Wyoming's senior senator, spent nearly an hour answering a variety of questions from Powell Middle School students on Friday. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Big Horn Ankle and Foot

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Other than clipping them once in a while, most people don't give much thought to their toenails - they don't seem very important.

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abnormalities.

The commonest nail impairment is the ingrown nail, in which the corners or sides of the nail dig painfully into the surrounding soft tissue, causing irritation, redness, swelling and pain. The ingrown nail is generally a problem of the big toes, but other toes can be afflicted.

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SAVE THE DATE: PHS ALUMNI WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6-7

Since 1915, Powell High School alumni have gathered for an all-class reunion. That won't change in 2018 — but this year's reunion weekend will be held in July instead of the last weekend in June.

PHS alumni festivities will be July 6-7. Years ago, the annual event was held the weekend after the Fourth of July, but was then changed to late June. Organizers heard from alumni who thought the early July weekend would work better with people's schedules, said Laurie Larsen, who serves on the alumni committee. Classes will gather for their

own reunions Friday, July 6, and all-class alumni activities will take place Saturday, July 7. The committee is working with the Powell Chamber of Commerce to plan the weekend activities.

If your PHS class is celebrating a reunion this summer — such as a 10-year reunion or 25-year reunion — contact the chamber (754-3494) or the alumni committee at powellalumni@reunion@gmail.com to let them know about the get-togethers.

More information about class reunions will be posted at www.facebook.com/powellalumni.

reunion. The committee is scheduling bands to play on July 7, and would like to again feature music from various decades. If your band is interested in performing, contact the committee.

In addition, the alumni committee is always looking for people who want to help organize the annual event.

"We're hoping people will want to step up," said Larsen.

If you'd like to get involved, email the committee at powellalumni@reunion@gmail.com.

— Tessa Baker

Notice Of Availability - TANF/CPI GRANT FUNDS Through The Park County Commissioners Office

The Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming is announcing the availability of grant funding through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Community Partnership Initiative (TANF/CPI). The funds are made available to Park County through the Wyoming Department of Family Services.



The primary goals of the funding are to:

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- Implement and evaluate effective, research-based programs and strategies;
- Provide services that will assist families in moving toward self-sufficiency; and
- Enhance sustainability of community efforts beyond the funding period.

The ultimate goal is to serve the TANF-eligible population in the most effective way possible in order to aid them in reaching self-sufficiency.

TANF/CPI funds shall be used only for one (1) or more of the following:

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3. Prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
4. Encourage the formation and maintenance of two- (2) parent families.

Please request an application from the Park County Commissioners Office, 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414, 527-8510, 754-8510 or electronically from ngerharter@parkcounty.us. Deadline for submitting an application is Friday, April 13, 2018.

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Powell man joins State Board of Education

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Forrest Smith, founder and co-owner of GF Harvest in Powell, was sworn in as the newest member of the Wyoming State Board of Education last week.

"Just looking at kind of the opportunities that I had growing up ... in elementary school and middle school and high school and the teachers that were doing stuff for me — and the education that we got as students — I thought that it would be something that would be very interesting," he said of his decision to apply for the board.

Smith has two school-aged daughters; he said he wanted to help make sure they receive a good education — and that they and other kids have the same kinds of opportunities he received as a student.

Smith added that he sees the volunteer position on the state board as a way "to serve and give back to Wyoming for everything that Wyoming's done for us."

Smith's family business, GF Harvest, began as a pioneering FFA project to grow and sell gluten-free oats. His mother, Jill Smith, worked in the Powell school district for years as a teacher.

Wyoming State Board of Education Chairman Walt Wilcox highlighted those experiences in a Monday news release announcing Smith's appointment.

"We are excited to have Forrest join the [State Board of Education] as both the son of a teacher and someone who successfully created a business from an FFA entrepreneur project," Wilcox said. "His experiences bring a unique and important perspective to the board."

Smith said the possibility of serving on the board was first brought to his attention in January, when State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow and several of Wyoming's other statewide elected officials visited Powell.

Smith later got a call saying he'd been recommended for a spot. He applied, received an appointment from Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead and was recently confirmed by the State Senate.

"It was kind of a surprise that happened — and it was a good thing that happened," Smith said of joining the board.

He's now one of 11 board members who help set statewide policies related to education standards, school accreditation, accountability and assessments. Smith's term on the board — representing district No. 5 — is set to last six years.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn J. Blasdell

(Nov. 23, 1935 - March 23, 2018)

Evelyn J. Blasdell of Powell died Friday, March 23, 2018, at Spirit Mountain Hospice in Cody. She was 82.

Evelyn was born Nov. 23, 1935, in Porterville, California, to May (Gilson) and Benjamin Overman.

She worked as an in-home health care provider. Evelyn loved the out-

doors, camping and gardening. She also loved spoiling her pets and clients. Evelyn didn't want a lot of fanfare, so there isn't any. Her loved ones will miss her greatly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Blasdell.

Evelyn is survived by her sons Craig (Peggy) Blasdell and Mark Blasdell.

Thompson Funeral Home is assisting the family, and condolences may be sent to them at www.thompsonfuneral.net or P.O. Box 807, Powell, WY 82435.



EVELYN BLASDELL

Margaret M. Sigurdson

(Nov. 16, 1923 - March 18, 2018)

Margaret McFall Sigurdson, formerly of Powell, died March 18, 2018, at the Bethany Home in Minden, Nebraska.

Margaret McFall was born on Nov. 16, 1923, in Grant County, Wisconsin, to Elwood and Eunice (Gollmer) McFall. She grew up on the Bluebird Farm in a family of five brothers and two sisters. Margaret enjoyed the farm, preferring to work outdoors to indoors, particularly if she could be with the family horses. She attended Whig school. She continued her education at Platteville High School and Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois. Following her education, she taught at a one-room schoolhouse.

Margaret was united in marriage with Elden Sigurdson on June 1, 1947, at the Whig Methodist Church at Platteville. They celebrated 57 years of marriage prior to his death. Margaret and Elden moved many times because of Elden's employment as a petroleum engineer. With her congenial personality and love of visiting, Margaret made friends and became part of the commu-

nities in which they lived. Margaret had a gift for decorating and her home was always welcoming, from the flowers in the yard to the homemade cookies that accompanied tea or coffee.

Margaret and Elden raised Arabian horses and were active in the Northern Division of the Wyoming Arabian Horse Association. She enjoyed showing their horses at the Park County Fair and riding in parades. She loved oil painting; her beloved horses and the mountains of Wyoming were some of her favorite subjects. Margaret was also an accomplished seamstress and made many of her own clothes.

Margaret was a long-time member of Hope Lutheran Church in Powell, where she was active in the women's group and Bible study. She joined and attended Bethany Lutheran Church and Miriam Circle when she moved to Minden, Nebraska. She also appreciated the meals and fellowship at the Minden Community Senior Center prior to her entrance into Bethany Home. Margaret enjoyed all the activities at Bethany Home, with

favorites being special musicians and bingo.

Margaret is survived by her son Randy (Dawna) Sigurdson of Minden, Nebraska, and their children: Audrey Sigurdson of Arizona, Alicia (Mike) Epping and sons Tristan and Miles of Arizona, and Asher Sigurdson of Auburn, Nebraska, and his fiancée Cindy Yeager of Connecticut; son Jeff (Teri) Sigurdson and their children, Ryan and Julia of Minnesota; daughter-in-law Laurie Sigurdson of Cody and her children, Mike (Melisa) Sigurdson and their sons



MARGARET SIGURDSON

Simon and Derek of Billings, Montana, and Sara (Josh) Kendrick and sons Deacon, Ryker and Liam of Cody. She is also survived by her brother Douglas McFall of Georgia as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elden, son Kent, brothers Dale, Lyle, George and Bob McFall and sisters Gladys Brown and Dorothy Zart.

A private family inurnment will be held at a later date at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

Grant Rodger Martin

(Nov. 15, 1941 - March 21, 2018)

Grant Rodger Martin, 76, died March 21, 2018, at his home in Powell.

At his request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

Thompson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family has requested that condolences be sent to them online at www.thompsonfuneral.net or to P.O. Box 807, Powell WY 82435.

Donald C. Phay

(April 13, 1928 - March 23, 2018)

Donald C. Phay, 89, died March 23, 2018, at the Spirit Mountain Hospice in Cody.

Memorial services are pending. A full obituary will be published in Thursday's paper.

The family has requested that condolences be sent to them online at www.thompsonfuneral.net or to P.O. Box 807, Powell WY 82435.

Juanita J. Brost

Juanita J. Brost, 70, of Cody, died Sunday, March 25, 2018, at the Cody Regional Long Term

Care Center. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody with private family burial at Penrose Cemetery.

Growth: Hourly earnings in private sector higher than last year

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"In addition, the labor market nationwide, particularly in neighboring states such as Colorado, Utah and Idaho, continued to show strong expansion [during that time period], which attracted a number of Wyoming

workers and residents," the division said in a news release.

However, the state economy has rebounded, thanks in part to the mining industry adding about 2,000 jobs since early 2017. Business layoffs are "very low," and average working hours and hourly earnings in the

private sector are higher than last year, the division said.

"Wyoming's current labor market environment should provide encouragement for people who are looking for jobs within the state," said Wenlin Liu, the Economic Analysis Division's chief economist.

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IN OUR OPINION

Spring burning: Call ahead, check the forecast

With Easter just around the corner, it's no surprise this week's forecast calls for snow. But true to spring's temperamental nature, we'll also see sunny warm days that beckon children to play outside, homeowners to start yard work and farmers to begin preparing their fields.

If you're planning a controlled burn of a field this spring, it's important to follow some basic guidelines from local and state officials:

- Before igniting a fire, be sure to call the Park County Dispatch Center at 754-8700 to notify them. If a blaze is left unattended and dispatchers are not informed it's a controlled burn, the Powell Volunteer Fire Department will put it out.

In the Powell, Clark, Ralston and Garland areas last year, more than 1,640 burns were called in to the Sheriff's Office. County wide, there were around 3,000.

- Check the latest weather forecast, available online at www.weather.gov or by calling the National Weather Service's Riverton office at 1-800-211-1448.

"Having an up-to-date wind speed and direction forecast can help you decide whether or not dropping the match is worth the risk," Tim Troutman with the National Weather Service's Riverton office, said in a news release.

A perfectly calm morning can turn into a blustery afternoon, he noted. If the weather conditions look unstable, don't burn.

- Burn between 8 a.m. and sunset. Keep the burn area small so it can be safely controlled if the wind picks up and conditions worsen. Also be sure someone constantly attends to the blaze until it's completely out; don't allow a fire to continue burning overnight when no one is around.

- Have shovels, hoses, buckets and hand sprayers nearby to control the flames. Always plan for a possible shift in the wind.
- If flames start to get out of control, call 911 and stay out of harm's way. You'll be asked to provide the location of the fire, its size and whether any structures are threatened by the blaze.

While we know many local landowners are familiar with these tips, it never fails that the Powell Volunteer Fire Department is called to out-of-control fires each spring. We understand that even with the best plans, a blaze can get out of hand — especially among the literally thousands of burns that are conducted in Park County each year. However, it's still important for landowners to take the necessary precautions to help prevent those situations.

The Powell area is fortunate to have dedicated teams of firemen and emergency responders standing by, ready to help whenever a fire gets out of control. Be sure to thank them for their faithful service — even if it's not your fire that they're responding to this spring.

Tessa Baker

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An American (child) in Paris

Bonjour de Paris! Yes, I'm writing you from the heart of Paris, France, where I finally have arrived to explore the land of my dreams for just over a month. Not only did I cross 4,771 miles to arrive here from my hometown of Cody, but I also have traveled back in time.

You think I mean to turn this into a trite treatise on how Europe's rich and storied history spans so much farther back than the United States'. But no — that's too obvious. When I tell you I've traveled back in time, I mean within the trajectory of my own life.

In France, I am a child again. For instance, my first day here, my gracious host asked if I'd like to accompany her to a bookshop to find some Easter books for her grandchildren. I said yes without guessing just how engrossing I'd find the children's section of a French bookstore.

Scene: Brightly clad beehemoth girl squatting in a chair constructed for toddlers, nose buried and brow furrowed in concentration as she mouths and sounds out each word of "Le Petit Chaperon Rouge" (Little Red Riding Hood) before turning to the next cardboard pop-up page.

Despite endless hours of studying French, now that I am in France, my communication level might — if we're talking about a slow developer — rival that of a 4-year-old. Any pride I had at my progress with the French language has been absolutely extinguished in the fire of my flaming cheeks any time a Parisian speaks to me and expects a response.

On the eight-hour flight from Cincinnati to Paris, I began reading a book several friends suggested as less of an option and more of a bible for my trip. It's especially relevant to me because the next leg of my trip will be on foot — walking a portion of The Camino, a centuries-old sacred excursion spanning about 780 kilometers of Spain.

One passage in the book, "The Pilgrimage" by Paulo Coelho, spoke directly to my childlike experience in France thus far:

"When you travel, you experience, in a very practical way, the act of rebirth. You confront completely new situations, the day passes more slowly, and on most journeys you don't even

understand the language the people speak. So you are like a child just out of the womb. You begin to attach much more importance to the things around you because your survival depends on them.

You begin to be more accessible to others because they may be able to help you in difficult situations. And you accept any small favor from the gods with great delight, as if it were an episode you would remember for the rest of your life."

In France, I am as clueless and nearly as helpless as a child.

At first, I found my ineptitude devastating. But Coelho's words remind me great value can arise from the innocence and attentiveness of a child.

Children do not assume they know anything. Thus, they are able to learn much — much more than adults who have long since decided they've seen and heard it all and therefore do not need to be on the lookout for anything new or terrible or wonderful.

Since dropping every last ounce of my pride, I feel light

enough to learn a whole new set of flight controls. Here in France, the old adult Virginia, who was all too familiar with how to set her course exactly and express herself in English precisely, exists no longer. She died to give birth to the French Virginie, and Virginie c'est un enfant — a child who has no idea where she is going; that's what she's here to find out.

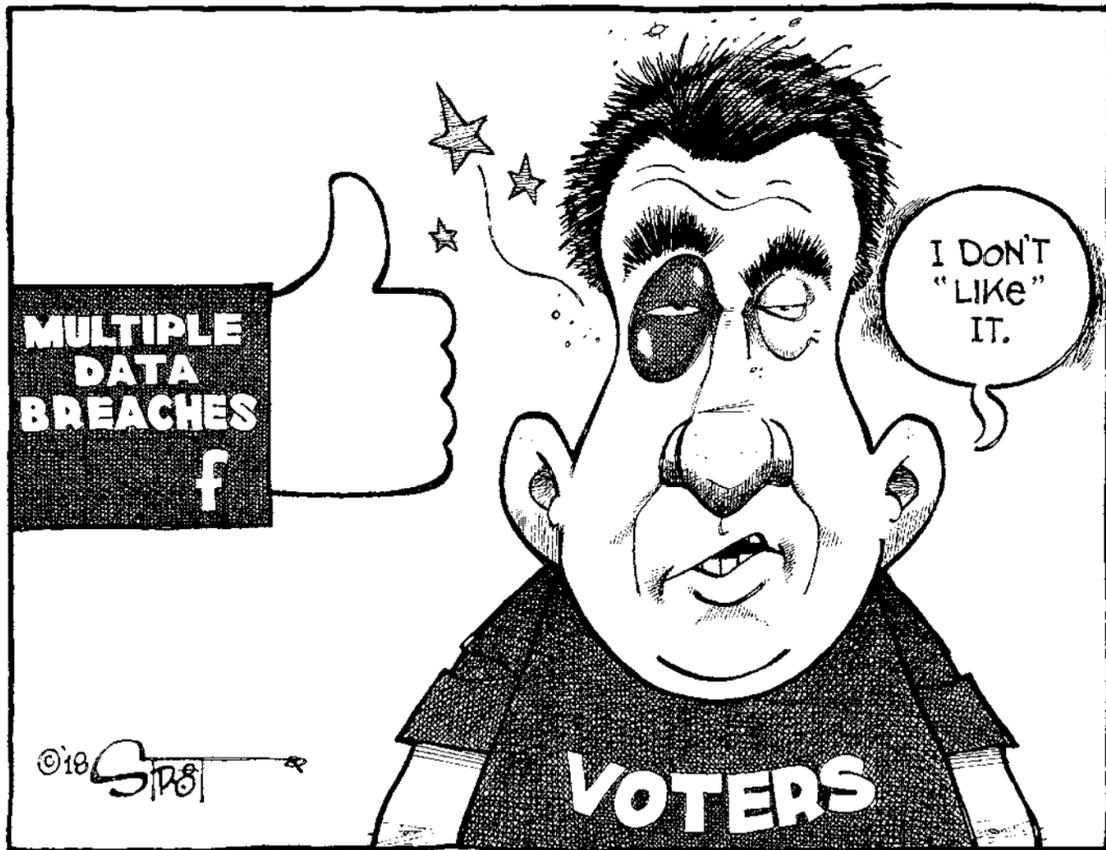
To a child, any moment might be miraculous or disastrous; every person might be my savior or my demise. Since I do not know anything about anyone, I must pay extra special attention for any sign of that next big-hearted someone who will help me navigate the great unknown in which I now find myself.

I guess I knew I would have to make some kind of trade-off in order to live out my dream of traveling abroad. And if I must trade in the adult Virginia for the enfant Virginie, then I agree to this exchange.

Because, let's face it, the grown-up Virginia would be too busy defending all she thinks she knows to learn anything new. Now that I've accepted my status in France as that of a child, it's miraculous how the bitches for which I was far too big suddenly fit me perfectly.



VIRGINIA SCHMIDT
Wild Heart,
Wondering Mind



Legislature's 2018 session featured less collegiality

With the conclusion of the 2018 session of the Wyoming Legislature, I have completed my 20th year of representing the Wyoming Stock Growers Association as a lobbyist.

Prior to beginning that service, I interacted with the Legislature for many years as a volunteer association representative and as a state employee. Throughout this time, each session has brought new challenges and first-time experiences.

The 2018 session stands in my mind as unique in several ways. In my view, the collegiality that has been a hallmark of Wyoming's Legislature has significantly diminished. The fundamental philosophical difference between the House and Senate regarding spending and funding was unprecedented in my experience. The traditional differences between our two political parties seem to have been overshadowed by the divisiveness within the majority party. The title of one bill that passed in this session, "Stand Your Ground" just might be an appropriate label for the entire session.

I suggest that there are several factors that have combined to create the current atmosphere. The challenging budget situation is only one such factor. In addition, the Legislature has experienced a large turnover in membership in the past two years — one-half of the House and six members of the Senate. Thus, the personal relationships and respect that derive from long associations is lacking. In

addition, the body is lacking the decorum and solemnity that comes from meeting in the State Capitol.

My point in offering these observations is not to criticize. It is to encourage and foster a return to the Wyoming Way — a way based on the Code of the West. Diversity of philosophy and priorities should be welcomed. It cannot be expected that there will always be full agreement. At the same time, it is essential that all members of the body be committed to seeking that point of common ground that best serves the citizens of Wyoming.

From today through November, much of the formation of the next Wyoming Legislature rests in the hands of the voters. As we the citizens visit with candidates for the Legislature, there are two questions that we should be asking. First, what is the candidate's position on those issues that are most important to us? Second, is the candidate committed to, and capable of, working to build a team that functions efficiently and effectively on behalf of all of the citizens of our great state? Thank you to each senator and representative for your dedication and service this year!

(Jim Magagna is the executive vice president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, a Cheyenne-based organization he's led since 1998. Prior to joining the association, Magagna served as director of the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments.)



JIM MAGAGNA
Guest columnist

No reason to charge fees at wasteful national parks

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Powell Tribune, for the candor in the recent article (March 8) and editorial (March 13) on operational costs at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area (BHCNRA). It is rare when the media reports such stories.

While a person may not have known the actual numbers — spending \$257,000 to collect \$97,000 — the fiscal waste should come as no surprise, as the National Park Service cannot cost effectively pick up a cigarette butt at BHCNRA or any of the 400-some-odd parks, monuments, recreation areas, seashores and historic places in their stewardship.

Recall the federal sequestration of March 2013 whereby all government agencies, the NPS being no exception, were to curtail spending. That, of course, led to Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk announcing the delay of spring plowing operations to let the snowpack melt so as to minimize the cost of clearing the roads, which led to WYDOT plowing a portion of the East Gate road, paid for by the private sector.

BHCNRA's log sawing demonstration/illustration at the 2013 Homesteader Days

was not sequestered. Thanks to some good old-fashioned elbow grease, overtime pay and quite a few miles of travel — sequestration schmequestration — the public was shown an aspect of how settlers developed the area. Bravo!

The NPS demonstrated their contempt for fiscal responsibility.

I wrote a letter to the editor of this newspaper identifying that waste. The next year, 2014, I attended Homesteader Days but could not find the log sawing cultural resource. Maybe it was there and I missed it. I like to think they stayed home, demonstrating fiscal responsibility, as those types of activities are for the park, not some traveling promotional billboard.

To probe and question is an essential responsibility of the media. If more of that occurs, perhaps funding at all parks would be spent wisely.

Back to Yellowstone, the 2016 budget for YNP (www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkfacts.htm) shows an operational cost of \$94,100,000 against \$24,400,000 in fees (gates, campgrounds, etc.). Thus, the same fiscal conundrum exists there as BHCNRA is experiencing — in fact, worse. Of that budget, \$48,440,000 was allocated for "Facility Operations and Maintenance" for such items as "construction management."

In 2016, Yellowstone left their park to

remove and replace the Gardiner School parking lot in Gardiner, Montana, at a cost, they say, of \$32,000 for two weeks of equipment and labor, no materials. I pitched this "construction management" scoop to three newspapers, none of which ran a story. It is no wonder the NPS does the things they do with regards to fiscal irresponsibility when the press looks the other way.

If Yellowstone's "construction management" waste in Gardiner is, in their eyes, minuscule — \$32,000 to \$91,400,000, or 0.0003 percent of their operational costs, thus somehow justifying their actions — than the same measurement of minuscule proportionality ought to be applied in measuring their portion of a federal budget. Using the newest federal budget of \$1,300,000,000,000 to Yellowstone's 2016 \$91,400,000 equals 0.00007 percent of that budget. The years are different, however minuscule is clearly illustrated.

There is no entrance fee at Homesteader Park. It should be the same for Bighorn, Little Horn, Yellowstone and all the rest. There is no point in paying twice for colossal waste produced by the NPS — once through your federal taxes, and again at an NPS entrance station.

Steve Torrey
Cody

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PAC ON TRACK



The Powell Aquatic Center's annual closure for pool and facility maintenance is progressing and on pace to be complete for the scheduled re-opening on Monday. Here, PAC facility co-director Tanya Bonner seals the liner in the Lazy River section, while Simon Fiebig of SlideRenu paints the waterslide feature. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

County giving \$400 to Powell graduates' party

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

The Park County government is again chipping in some cash to help Powell High School's seniors celebrate their graduation.

County commissioners voted unanimously last week to provide \$400 toward Powell's 2018 Senior Bash.

The bash, which features activities and gifts, is meant to give graduates a safe place to celebrate.

Despite misgivings among a couple of commissioners about helping to fund a "party," the majority of commissioners have felt it's worth supporting bashes across the county in recent years. There was no debate on Tuesday.

Powell has been the only community to ask for funding for a bash so far in 2018. Last year, on a 3-2 vote, the commission gave \$400 to Powell, \$400 to Cody and another \$200 to Meeteetse — even though Meeteetse organizers never actually requested funding.

Commissioners indicated that, this time around, they'll wait to see whether Cody and Meeteetse request money.

"As we get applications, we look at them," Commissioner Tim French said last week, adding, "I would suspect Cody and Meeteetse will apply."

The funding for the parties comes out of a section of the budget called, "Special Funding Requests." This year, that section includes about \$345,775 worth of funding for organizations that include senior

centers, a mental health care provider and economic development groups.

Also on March 20, after some debate, commissioners decided to send out a letter to those organizations warning that there's a "strong possibility of reduced funding" again this year.

"In the event we can keep the funding flat, they'll be tickled to death," while if funding is cut, "at least they won't be blindsided," Commissioner Joe Tilden said of keeping the language in the letters.

Rep. Winters to run for state auditor

A state lawmaker from Thermopolis is running for Wyoming state auditor.

State Rep. Nathan Winters, a Republican, announced his candidacy on Monday.

Winters said he "can bring vision and a plan for action to the auditor's office that will help Wyoming taxpayers while keeping government small and close to the people."

He said he'll focus on promoting "transparency and government accountability while increasing efficiency and constituent service." He specifically cited a need for more transparency in how Wyoming taxpayers' money is spent.

"By making smart, good government reforms we can empower citizens to more easily follow their tax dollars and make informed decisions," Winters said in a release.

Winters has spent the last six years representing House District 28, a broad area that includes Thermopolis, Meeteetse, Burlington, Basin, Shoshoni and Kirby.

He said his three terms in the House have helped him clearly see the challenges the state faces as well as observing how programs can run efficiently or drift from their original mission.

"During my time in the legislature, I have worked consistently to advance a conservative budget, keep taxes low and support wise fiscal policy for the state," Winters said.

Former legislator and Wyoming Department of Agriculture Director Ron Micheli — who ran for governor in 2010 — is chairing the Winters for Auditor campaign.

"It is a privilege and honor to support Nathan [Winters] in his run for auditor," Micheli said.

"Wyoming needs true conservative leadership at all levels and Nathan will bring accountability, transparency and conservative principles to this important office."

Former Wyoming State Auditor and Secretary of State Max Maxfield also threw his support behind Winters.

"Having held that office for eight years, I understand what it takes to be successful — both in the auditor's office and on the boards and commissions that come with the office. Nathan is a proven leader and has earned our vote," Maxfield said.

Winters said that he'll work with the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) to ensure that small business, energy, agriculture and tourism "can operate unencumbered in a business-friendly environment while creating good-paying jobs and allowing our state to prosper."

He added that, "I believe I have the conservative values and determination to make a difference while carrying on the tradition of smart, common-sense leadership that this office has enjoyed over the years."



NATHAN WINTERS

Fire department allows county to keep using space

The Cody fire department is giving Park County a smoking hot deal: a five-year lease for just \$10.

For that nominal fee, leaders of Park County Fire Protection District No. 2 have agreed to let the county government continue using space in the fire hall to store some lawn equipment.

A couple commissioners feigned disappointment with the rental rate last week.

"Any room for negotiation?" quipped Commissioner Lee Livingston.

"You think they'll take it for \$9?" asked Commissioner Jake Fulkerson.

In seriousness, the commission was grateful.

"This will be great," said Commission Chairman Loren Grosskopf. "We can avoid building another building for our lawnmowers."

The Cody fire district purchased the building — which sits right next to the courthouse — from the county in 2013 for \$450,000.

JUDGE: MILITARY DEPT. DID NOTHING ABOUT SEX HARASSMENT

BY AUSTIN HUGUELET
Wyoming Tribune Eagle
Via Wyoming News Exchange

A federal judge has ruled that the Wyoming Military Department allowed a former employee to be sexually harassed by a supervisor in 2010 and 2011 and did nothing to stop it.

Following a July 2017 bench trial, U.S. District Judge Scott Skavdahl ruled last week that Don Smith — former director of the Wyoming Youth Challenge Program for at-risk adolescents — harassed former Commandant Amanda Dykes through inappropriate emails, verbal comments about her appearance and a number of songs and poems he wrote for and about her.

Given evidence that the department had failed to come to her aid when she reported the harassment, Skavdahl concluded the Military Department had ef-

fectively forced her to resign.

The judge wrote that Dykes "was subjected to continuous harassment by her direct supervisor on the basis of her gender, and her complaints to those whose job it was to help fell on deaf ears."

Dykes will be entitled to \$221,030.62 in back pay.

According to the judgment, Dykes' trouble with Smith began with non-work-related emails to both her personal and work accounts in October 2010.

On May 26, 2011, he wrote another email begging her to respond to his messages, saying, "Please write to me. Please don't wait, write soon, it hurts too much

[not] to hear from you, just say what you think, I can take it."

In the same email, Smith wrote that he was embarrassed about his feelings for her because they were so strong.

"I haven't felt this way about anyone before," he wrote. "You have changed this old man. I don't even recognize myself."

He also began making long visits to Dykes' office around that time — and on two occasions, Smith told Dykes he loved her.

Dykes tried various tactics to avoid Smith and eventually contacted human resources and Smith's supervisor to express her



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CORRECTIONS

■ A Thursday story about Powell High School track coach Scott Smith understated the number of years he's led the team. Smith first became the head coach in 1993. The Tribune regrets the error.

■ Due to an editing error, hyphens in a Thursday story about a recent Lone Wolf Taekwondo tournament were replaced with the word "of," which created multiple mistakes throughout the article. The article also misstated how points were scored during the Olympic-style sparring; points were registered by judges, not by equipment worn by the participants. The Tribune regrets the errors.

NEW FACES

■ Jessica and Daniel Stanley of Powell are parents of a baby girl, Michaela Grace Stanley. Michaela arrived at 1:40 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2018, at Powell Valley Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Michaela is welcomed by brothers Caleb, 6, and Levi, 2, and sister Noelle, 4. Grandparents are Wayne and Pamela McBroom and Brian and Vicky Stanley.

■ Kaia Rose Cadwallader is the baby girl born to Alex Few and Grant Cadwallader of Powell. Kaia arrived at 3:13 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at Powell Valley Hospital with a weight of 7 pounds, 15 ounces. She joins brother Tug Cadwallader, 5.

■ Brian and Jessica Malone of Deaver welcomed a baby boy, Holden James Malone, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at Powell Valley Hospital. Holden arrived at 5:23 p.m. with a weight of 7 pounds, 10 ounces. He joins brother Keith Joseph Malone, 3, and sister Stella Marie Malone, 1. Grandparents are Cristie and Jean Rekdal and Terry and Cathy Rekdal.

POLICE REPORT

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

MARCH 13

■ 11:09 a.m. Police were asked to check the welfare of a child on Bismarck Court. The case was placed under investigation.

■ 3:55 p.m. An officer responded to a complaint that a male subject in a dirty, light blue, small SUV-type vehicle was parked and watching the caller and their children on East Fifth/North Ferris streets. The incident occurred about 45 minutes prior to the call. The officer was unable to locate the vehicle. The resident called back to report the car was driving around their house, being driven by a male with gray hair and beard and wearing glasses. A responding officer looked for the vehicle and spoke with the caller, but the vehicle was gone. Officers provided extra patrol in the area.

■ 4:07 p.m. A resident on Queens Boulevard reported a German Shepherd had been barking for the last eight hours. A responding officer found the dogs in the house.

MARCH 14

■ 9:21 a.m. Two bicycles — red and black NEXT Terrain Shock — were placed in the bike cage after reportedly being abandoned for several days on West Second Street.

■ 9:56 a.m. Taryn Kokkeler, 32, of Powell, was arrested on North Clark Street on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

■ 3:53 p.m. A burglary was reported on Avenue G and the case was placed under investigation.

■ 6:26 p.m. A report was received that an intoxicated male was stumbling down North Beckman Street. Responding officers arrested Jesse A. Rodriguez, 49, of Powell, on suspicion of being a pedestrian under the influence.

■ 7:41 p.m. Officers responded to a report of fireworks being set off on North Day Street. Officers advised the residents about the city ordinance regarding fireworks.

■ 10:06 p.m. Dylan Miears, 22, of Powell, was arrested on North Clark Street on suspicion of unlawful possession of drugs.

MARCH 15

■ 11:49 a.m. A citizen found some money behind a business on Bent Street and gave the money to an officer. Ads were placed and the

PENROSE FIRE HOSE



Powell fireman Mick Hobbs works to snuff out a fire that got into some trees in the Penrose area, off Wyo. Highway 32 near Lane 20, on Sunday afternoon. As warmer weather arrives, landowners are starting to burn fields and ditches. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

money was placed in property.

MARCH 16

■ 1:49 a.m. An officer responded to a complaint of a dog on North Day Street that was outside, chained up all the time and continually barks. No one was home at the time and the incident was placed under investigation.

■ 9:51 a.m. A child at Westside School was reported to have had a gun at a park over the weekend. The child admitted his father had loaned him a backpack and a handgun was left in it. The child denied he had the gun when he went to school. Officers searched the backpack and did not find anything. The child's father was notified. Consequences for scaring other students with the story were going to be handled by the school.

■ 12:23 p.m. Officers responded to a report that a female tore down the blinds at a residence on Bismarck Court. The blinds were not damaged and the female was advised she was no longer welcome at that residence. She gathered her belongings and left.

■ 2:22 p.m. Police were asked to have a woman trespassing from a property on East Second Street, but the woman lives in a different town. The caller was advised to notify dispatch when the woman is in town and the trespass notice would be served at that time.

■ 5:08 p.m. Adam Ray Lynn, 26, of Powell, was arrested on South Ingalls Street on a circuit court warrant.

■ 7:25 p.m. Dispatch received a report from a caller who believed an elderly woman on North Bernard Street was unable to care for herself or her home any longer. The caller was assured there is an open case with the Department of Family Services for the woman, and officers have frequently checked on her. The caller was advised to call DFS and let them know of his experience with the elderly woman.

■ 10:49 p.m. An officer responded to a report of a very loud television on North Bent Street, and the occupants agreed to turn the television down.

MARCH 17

■ 10:34 a.m. An officer found a license plate in the street at West Park/South Douglas streets. The registered owner was advised to claim the item.

■ 5:52 p.m. An officer observed a vehicle parked at Ponderosa Court/Grand Street with two dogs in the car and hazard lights on; the officer found the dogs were fine.

■ 6:36 p.m. A resident reported an older teen pushing a younger teen to the ground at the skate park at Homesteader Park. The case was placed under investigation.

■ 9:55 p.m. An officer checked on a vehicle backed up to a business at East First Street and found people were just loading supplies for the FFA banquet.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

MARCH 13

■ 2:48 a.m. A number of cars were reported to be drag racing in the area of Road 12 outside of Powell. It had reportedly been occurring between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., and on for the past several weeks. Extra patrols were requested.

■ 9:31 a.m. The Sheriff's Office was unable to assist with a request to check on the welfare of a person on Wapiti Estates Drive in the Cody area.

■ 11:04 a.m. Two sets of keys were found on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 east of Cody, in the area of milepost 64, by Wyoming Department of Transportation crews.

■ 1:05 p.m. A man on Hitching Post Drive in the Cody area reported being the victim of identity theft.

■ 1:30 p.m. A woman reported concern about a neighbor on Wapiti Estates Drive in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office assisted.

■ 4:51 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on Lane 9 in the Powell area.

■ 5:58 p.m. A caller reported concern about a vehicle that had been parked at a fishing access area on Road 6CU/Ptarmigan View Drive in the Cody area for the past three days; the caller hadn't seen anyone around the vehicle, which had camping gear in the back, and was concerned if the occupants had tried to cross the river.

■ 6:42 p.m. Two unlicensed teenagers were reported to be racing on a private road on Marquette Drive in the Cody area that they were not supposed to be on.

■ 7:09 p.m. A citizen flagged down a deputy to report a traffic complaint on Marquette Drive/Road 6WX in the Cody area.

■ 8 p.m. A man on Lane 11 in the Powell area flagged down a deputy to report that a female came into his residence and threatened his wife.

■ 10:13 p.m. For the past 45 minutes, a white pickup was reported to have been driving up and down Ptarmigan View Drive in the Cody area. The caller said the vehicle pulled into a driveway moments earlier and was just sitting there.

■ 7:48 a.m. Jenna Jean Diaz, 33, was arrested on a warrant on Wyo. Highway 114 in the Powell area.

■ 8:19 a.m. Three black cows were returned to their owner after getting loose on Lane 8/Road 8 in the

Powell area.

■ 10:03 a.m. A woman on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area reported that a shipping company lost her prescription medications. She said the tracking data showed the medications arrived in Cody and she was told to notify law enforcement.

■ 1:04 p.m. A deputy checked on a vehicle that appeared to be stuck in the mud on the shoulder of the road near the Park County Annex in Powell. He found that the driver had help coming.

■ 1:49 p.m. A deputy stopped a four-wheeler on Bent/Second streets in Powell and issued a warning.

■ 3 p.m. A caller reported that a registered sex offender was sitting in a Cody park on Blackburn Avenue and watching children.

■ 7:36 p.m. A deputy assisted Cody police with a domestic disturbance on 23rd Street in Cody.

■ 10:30 p.m. An intoxicated man on Lane 10 in the Powell area called the Sheriff's Office and asked to speak to a deputy, saying he was looking for someone and was upset that no one had called him back. The Sheriff's Office assisted.

MARCH 15

■ 6:37 a.m. A caller reported that a vehicle had been wrecked on their property on Road 2AB in the Cody area, with no one around.

■ 6:55 a.m. A deer versus car crash was reported on Road 5/U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area. The Sheriff's Office was unable to locate the incident.

■ 9:35 a.m. The Sheriff's Office was asked to check on the welfare of a person on North Ridge Drive in the Cody area, as the caller said they'd been unable to reach the person by text or phone.

■ 10:40 a.m. A man on Road 3EX in the Cody area reported receiving a possible phone scam.

■ 10:53 a.m. A woman on 29th Street in Cody asked to speak to someone about an injured stray cat she had been feeding. The call was later canceled.

■ 11:41 a.m. A dead deer was reported in a yard on Birch Lane in Cody. The call was referred to another agency.

■ 11:05 p.m. A caller reported that their daughter's ex got into a camper and stole items on Lane 5W in the Frannie area. The caller said the male had left about 10 minutes earlier and was possibly headed to Powell.

MARCH 16

■ 11:48 a.m. A person in a white Dodge truck with a dog was reported to be trespassing on property on Road 3/Lane 9 in the Powell area that was clearly marked no trespassing. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the vehicle.

■ 9 a.m. Kristina Kay Van Vleet, 35, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center for failure to comply on a misdemeanor charge.

■ 1:25 p.m. A deputy came upon a motor vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area; the Wyoming Highway Patrol was en route from north of Cody.

■ 5:53 p.m. A caller reported people were walking their dogs along the canal that runs through his property on Lane 14 in the Powell area. The man said he'd spoken with a couple about the issue earlier in the day and they got angry about it.

■ 8:50 p.m. Gerald Eugene Fisher, 55, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center for failure to comply on a misdemeanor charge.

■ 9:03 p.m. A semi-trailer was reported to have been stolen on Rattler Road in the Powell area by an employee who was refusing to give it back.

■ 11:51 a.m. A dead horse was reported in a field across from a residence on Road 15 in the Powell area.

■ 2:42 p.m. A caller on Quarter Horse Lane in the Cody area reported receiving messages on Facebook from someone who was trying to get the caller to send them money.

■ 3:31 p.m. An anonymous caller reported that someone with a warrant was at a location on Lane 8H in the Powell area. The Sheriff's Office didn't find the person.

■ 6:46 p.m. A man reported that a neighbor's dog was continuing to come onto his property and was tearing things up on Cactus Road in the Powell area. The caller had reported the same issue on March 9.

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Easter services PLANNED AT LOCAL CHURCHES

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

Churches are hosting special services to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Local congregations will gather for a community Good Friday service at noon at Union Presbyterian Church, hosted by the Powell Ministerial Association. Pastor Shane Legler will preach at the community service.

The ministerial association's Easter sunrise service will be at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at Grace Point (formerly First Baptist Church). Pastor Jeff Baxter will deliver the message at the community service.

First Southern Baptist Church is presenting the Easter musical "Lamb of God" at 6:30 p.m. today (Tuesday) at the Rocky Mountain Manor, 140 N. Cheyenne St. in Powell.

The following local churches reported Easter service information to the Tribune:

- The Bennett Creek Church in Clark will have a Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m. Friday with communion. On Easter Sunday, the church will host an early service in memory of Christ's resurrection at 8:30 a.m. at the Clark cemetery, across from the rec center. An Easter breakfast at the church will follow. (The church will provide beverages, place settings and breakfast meats. Bring a favorite breakfast recipe to share if you'd like.) The church's Easter Sunday service will begin at 11:15 a.m.
- Charity Baptist will celebrate Easter with a service at 10



Courtesy photo

a.m. Sunday at the Powell Valley Care Center. The whole congregation will join the service at the care center.

- Cornerstone will have its normal 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday at Northwest College's Fagerberg Building, Room 70.

- Faith Community Church will have a potluck Easter breakfast in the fellowship area at 9:30 a.m. Easter worship services will follow at 10:45 a.m.

- First Southern Baptist Church will host the Lord's supper at 7 p.m. Thursday. On Easter Sunday, the church will again present "Lamb of God," a musical by Russell Mauldin, in the church's sanctuary at 10:45 a.m.

- First United Methodist Church in Powell will have a combined Maundy Thursday worship service held at the

Lovell United Methodist Church in Lovell, with a soup dinner at 6 p.m. and a Maundy Thursday worship and communion service at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday, the Powell church's worship service begins at 9:30 a.m.

- Garland Community Church of God will host a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. Thursday. On Easter Sunday, there will be a children's egg hunt at 10 a.m. The Easter service starts at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

- Glad Tidings Church will host an Easter celebration service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

- Grace Point will host a Good Friday worship service at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday, the church will host the Powell Ministerial Association's sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. Grace Point will have a potluck brunch at 9 a.m. and Easter Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.

- Immanuel Lutheran Church will have a Maundy Thursday worship service at 7 p.m. and a Good Friday worship service at 7 p.m. On Easter morning, the church will have an early service at 7 a.m., followed by a breakfast and then the 9 a.m. worship service to follow.

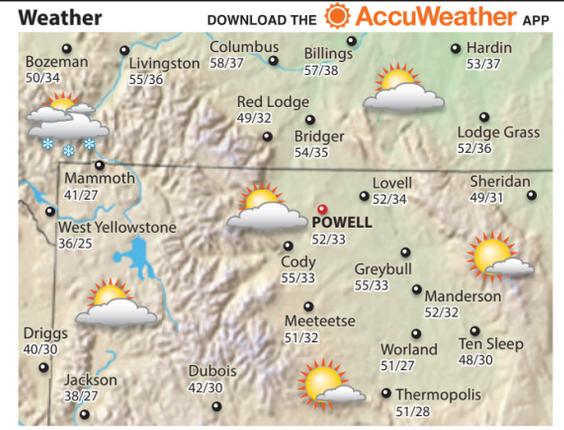
- Living Hope Community Church will have a Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Easter Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. (following fellowship with donuts and coffee at 9 a.m.)

- New Life Church will have two Easter morning worship services on Sunday. The first one begins at 8:30 a.m. and the other will start at 11 a.m.

- St. Barbara's will host Mass at noon today (Tuesday) and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Holy Thursday Mass begins at 6 p.m. Thursday. On Good Friday, the church's liturgy service begins at noon. On Holy Saturday, there will be an Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. The church will celebrate Easter Sunday with Mass at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.; Latin Mass will begin at noon.

- Trinity Bible Church will host a complimentary community Easter breakfast starting at 9 a.m. Sunday, followed by a resurrection celebration at 10:30 a.m.

- Union Presbyterian Church will have a dramatic reading, "The Cover Up," at 7 p.m. Thursday. Communion will be celebrated. The church's Easter Sunday worship service starts at 10:30 a.m. with special music by the choir and bell choir.



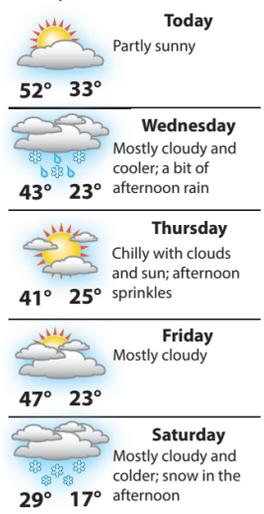
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TEMPERATURES

High/Low	61°/23°
Normal high/low	51°/23°
Average temperature	40.4°
Normal average temperature	37.2°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week	Trace
Month to date	0.01"
Normal month to date	0.23"
Year to date	0.62"
Snowfall for the week	Trace"
Snowfall month to date	0.3"
Snowfall season to date	17.6"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset7:06am/7:36pm
Moonrise/Moonset3:22pm/5:10am



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City	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W
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Casper	49/28/pc	Greybull	55/33/s	Rawlins	45/27/s
Cheyenne	48/29/pc	Jeffrey City	44/30/s	Rock Springs	45/30/s
Gillette	47/30/s	Kirby	53/29/s	Shoshoni	50/32/s

The Nation	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	60/52/c	Houston	84/70/pc	Louisville	66/59/r
Boston	46/34/s	Indianapolis	59/47/r	Miami	77/66/pc
Chicago	57/38/r	Kansas City	49/33/r	Phoenix	74/53/s
Dallas	73/54/t	Las Vegas	68/53/s	St. Louis	62/42/r
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PHS SPEECH & DEBATE

Team finishes season on positive note at state

The Powell High School speech and debate team ended its season on a positive note at the state finals in Lander earlier this month.

PHS junior Aidan Hunt placed third in drama among 3A competitors, advancing to semi-finals. Ashlyn Aguirre, a sophomore, earned second place in POI — program oral interpretation — in Class 3A. Junior Bennett Walker placed 10th among 3A competitors in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Coch Michelle Bills said the past two months were busy. At a tournament in Laurel, Montana, debater Walker qualified for state in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

"The Greybull tournament was also successful for all students improving their rankings," Bills said.

In Greybull, Aguirre won first place in POI, Aidan Hunt finished third in drama, and Shaelynn Theriault placed fifth in original oratory. Devin Ott placed sixth in poetry.

Bills said the "Worlando" meet was great for senior Treven Keeler, who ended his speech and debate season with a first place finish in impromptu.

"A great ending to his senior year," Bills said.



TREVEN KEELER



PHS speech and debate students (from left) Bennett Walker, Aidan Hunt and Ashlyn Aguirre competed at the state tournament in Lander earlier this month. Courtesy photos

Speech and debaters also took on a community service project for a Sheridan coach's daughter who was diagnosed with severe Crohn's disease.

Aguirre and Kaitlyn Church spearheaded the Powell High School Cares project with a hat day for students and a jean day for the staff.

"It was a total success with \$718 donated to the Wiley Family," Bills said. They also put in some stuffed animals and

games for the child's long trips to Denver each month for treatment.

Speech and debate students were recognized at an awards ceremony on March 19. Marina Goffaux received the Team Spirit Award. Aguirre and Church received the "Helping Hands Award." Olivia Lobingier, Anna Atkinson, and Courtney Childers received the Leadership Award. Fifteen team members lettered during the 2017-18 season, Bills said.

Jackson eighth-grader wins Wyoming State Spelling Bee

"Krill" may be just be another word to some, but for Beckett Lucas-Griffin, it represented a ticket to Washington, D.C. later this year.

Lucas-Griffin, an eighth-grader from Jackson, bested 50 spellers from 18 counties to earn the right to represent Wyoming at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

He scored in the top 30 in a 75-word, written preliminary round, then made no mistakes in 27 rounds of oral competition.

Lucas-Griffin previously took second place at the 2015 Wyoming State Spelling Bee.

To reach the State Bee, spellers had to qualify by winning their county's competition.

Drama emerged in the middle of the oral rounds when seven spellers went eight rounds without any eliminations.

By round 24, the competition had been narrowed to a three-way battle between seasoned competitor Finnegan Willis, 2016 state champion Shiva Yeschlur and Lucas-Griffin.

In the 26th round, Willis



Beckett Lucas-Griffin (center) of Jackson poses with his trophy after winning the Wyoming State Spelling Bee. He's pictured with third place finisher Shiva Yeschlur of Rock Springs (at left) and runner-up Finnegan Willis of Crooked County (at right). Photo courtesy Payton Sweet

missed "shirring" and Yeschlur missed "bletting," leaving Lucas-Griffin to spell through one more round. He successfully spelled

"krill" — a tiny crustacean feasted upon by many types of aquatic animals — to complete the championship round.

Among Big Horn Basin students, Madeline Wagler of Hot Springs County had the strongest showing, tying for 11th place.

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basically everything it takes to go hunting and fishing.

Grants make up 8 percent of the revenue. Most grants also come from donations made by hunters and anglers through hook and bullet issue organizations.

About 3 percent of the revenue is interest earned from the department's wildlife trust fund. Drawing on access funds, license recoupment and boating registration make up most of the rest of their revenue.

The Game and Fish expects to receive a total of about \$79 million in income in the coming fiscal year, leaving a deficit of \$2.6 million — if the department spent its entire budget. Historically, however, only 92-94 percent of the budget is spent. Why? The department is frugal, explained Renny MacKay, director of communications for the Game and Fish.

"Our people don't spend their entire budget. Supervisors are fiscally conservative," MacKay said.

Other factors contribute, like the weather; if there are projects planned but the weather doesn't cooperate, that spending is delayed.

Even if the department spent all of its budget, it wouldn't go into the red. If the Game and Fish needs extra cash to make up the deficit between income and expenditures, it can reach into its piggy bank, which currently has about \$31 million inside.

Budget cuts helped build that reserve account.

Between 2012 and 2014, the

department slashed spending on items like vehicles and maintenance, as well as one-time projects. (To be clear, the \$81.6 million is the standard budget — what it costs to operate the department. One-time projects are found in a different budget.)

Essentially, it came down to a juggling act. Just like your family budget, there are unavoidable expenditures and then the rest. A family needs food, housing and transportation. You might be able to eat more Top Ramen and find a cheaper place to live, but the easier alternative is to delay maintenance on your aging family vehicles or put off a kitchen renovation.

The department faced similar issues. Instead of delaying family vehicle maintenance, the state may stock less fish or buy fewer new vehicles and equipment.

So, where does all the money go?

The wildlife division is the most expensive, coming in at about \$30 million. The division's big ticket item is law enforcement, costing \$8.65 million. The fisheries division spends about about \$16.7 million, with all but \$1 million of that total going toward fisheries management, habitat and culture.

The services division costs about \$13 million. Their big

ticket item is habitat access and maintenance.

The administration and education budget is just under \$8 million, as is the fiscal division. Legislative mandates — Game and Fish money the Legislature

spends — cost more than any other big ticket item in the division.

The department also spends another \$6 million on grants.

According to the governor's Outdoor Recreation Task

Force, outdoor recreation in Wyoming generates \$5.6 billion in consumer spending annually, \$1.6 billion in wages and salaries for 50,000 in-state jobs and \$514 million in state and local taxes.



Newly elected Wyoming Game and Fish Commission president Mark Anselmi presides over the commission's meeting on March 15. On his left is the new vice president of the commission and Cowley resident, David Rael. On his right is Scott Talbott, director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis



A mule deer buck hides in the sagebrush near Meeteetse during the 2017 deer season. The 2018 season will require bucks have a four-point antler point restriction in several hunt areas in this part of the state, in an attempt reverse the trend of falling buck ratios. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Hunts:

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bighorn sheep in sections of Hunt Area 3 (the Sunlight/Crandall areas and the North Fork area north of U.S. Highway 14/16/20). The tags won't be offered this year, but they will be considered as a "new tool in the toolbox" for future seasons, Mong said.

Hunt Area 3 has some tough hikes to reach goats, Mong said. The 2017 season was tough on hunters due to weather.

"We got dumped on and people couldn't get to goats deep in the country," Mong said.

The harsh weather led to a higher than usual nanny harvest, he said; hunters were forced to take goats closer to access points.

Mong added that there will be some expanded elk opportunities in the area due to damage on private land.

Renovation: Fitness center being temporarily housed in the Fagerberg Building

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— plus the fitness center's importance to not just the campus but also the community — pushed it to the top of the list.

"It's important that we are very strategic and proactive in looking at our facilities' needs for 20 years out; we fix up before it fails," Hicswa said. "This is one of those projects that has several large mechanical and safety issues that were identified for replacement. We worked with the state and identified the priority order for what we needed to do."

The Johnson Fitness Center renovation project was identified as a priority item in 2014, according to Hicswa. Due to the age of the building and the level of deferred maintenance, the project was presented to the State Construction Department for major maintenance funding. The building had several large mechanical and safety projects identified as being in need of replacement or improvement.

Working with the state, each project was identified and scheduled accordingly.

That the Johnson Fitness Center is also considered a classroom didn't hurt.

"That's part of the reason the state prioritized it so high

— it is academic-based," Hicswa said of the center. "We need to have that academic base to offer the classes that students need and the community members want. It is an important facet of the campus."

With work currently underway, Hicswa said she anticipates the Johnson Fitness Center renovations to be done and ready to go as students begin to trickle back to campus in late August; currently, the fitness center is being temporarily housed in the Fagerberg Building.

With the \$240,000, "we can do the flooring in the hallway, upgrade the bathrooms in the locker rooms people use in the fitness center," Hicswa said. "It's a nice upgrade for the campus and a nice service to the community."



Workers assess their handiwork Monday outside the Johnson Fitness Center on the Northwest College campus. The NWC Board of Trustees recently approved \$240,000 to complete upgrades on the center, with work scheduled to wrap up before the fall semester begins in August. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

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PANTHERS WIN 3-2 OVER RIVERTON ON GOAL BY MUFFETT

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

With visiting Riverton tying the game late on a penalty kick and time winding down in regulation, Panthers head soccer coach Jeff Dent wondered if his team should pump the brakes and prepare for overtime.

"It was a tough one," Dent said. "Do I tell them to slow down and run the clock out, or do I have them keep playing?"

The Powell High School boys, who lost their season-opener in an overtime heartbreaker against Pinedale, decided against a repeat performance. With less than 10 seconds in regulation,

'Man, this was pure excitement. They played hard all the way through the game.'

Jeff Dent
Head coach

Powell played to the whistle, with Kyler Muffett catching a rebound off the Riverton goalie and burying

it home for the 3-2 win.

"Man, this was pure excitement," Dent said. "They played hard all the way through the game. Against Pinedale, we weren't organized. Star Valley [in game two], we were sort of organized. We did a lot of working on our passing and talking to each other this week, and it came together [Friday]. They had their heads up, they saw each other, they moved on and off the ball. It's what we've been working for."

The teams were evenly matched, with both creating scoring opportunities in the first half. Dent knew the Wolverines would be a physical team, and they didn't disappoint.

"With Riverton as physical as they are, I was afraid it might scare my men off the ball a little bit," Dent said. "It didn't. They stepped up and they played, and they played hard. They played their game and stuck with it."

Rob Sessions got the Panthers

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Panthers midfielder Luis Gutierrez moves into a position to score Friday against Riverton at Panther Stadium. Powell won 3-2 on a last-second goal from Kyler Muffett for its first win of the season.

Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Lady Panthers top Riverton 3-1

WAGNER, KOLPITCKE, SMITH NET GOALS

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

Powell High School girls' soccer coach Jack Haire knew going into Friday's game against visiting Riverton that his would be the faster team.

Against the Lady Wolverines (0-3), Powell proved exactly that. Bolstered by the return of three starters, the Lady Panthers (2-1) controlled the action throughout, maintaining the lion's share of possession and creating better scoring opportunities in a 3-1 win.

"We're really happy with where we're at and how we're looking," Haire said. "It was nice to see the team together and play hard against a tough Riverton team. They're not an easy team, by any means."

Riverton jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, scoring at the 34:03 mark. But PHS' Kayla Kolpitcke, playing in her first game of the season, tied the game at the midway point of the first half. Michele Wagner's shot on goal was deflected by the Riverton goalie back out to Kolpitcke, who buried the rebound for the score.

"To have Kayla Kolpitcke back as that fast, talented option up the middle, it seemed to fit well," Haire said. "She is so fun to watch. She's quite a pleasure to coach; she's a good person."

For Kolpitcke, there's no place she'd rather be than on the field.

"It was amazing; it's good to be back," said Kolpitcke, who missed the first two games of the season because of hockey obligations. "When they scored first, we were like, 'Oh my gosh, we've got to win this.' We came back, and the whole team was working really well together."

Having been denied a goal just minutes earlier, Wagner made good

'We're really happy with where we're at and how we're looking.'

Jack Haire
Head coach

on her next attempt, finding the back of the net with 18:31 to play in the first half, giving the Lady Panthers a 2-1 lead. Wagner's shown a knack for being in the right place at the right time this season — a trait she doesn't come by accidentally, according to her coach.

"Michele [Wagner] is kind of the nucleus there at her center-mid position," Haire said. "It's very important at that position to be talented with the ball, as well as aggressive and unselfish. Michele fits that quite well. She's a blessing for me to have on my team."

The second half saw Powell pick up where it left off, controlling the action and constantly attacking the offensive zone. Senior Jaya Smith completed the Lady

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Sydney Olsen receives encouragement from coach Jack Haire during halftime of Friday's game against Riverton.

Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

Panthers, Lady Panthers fourth at Cody Invite

PHS ATHLETES WIN FIVE EVENTS

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

The sun was shining, but Mother Nature made up for it with the wind, as the Powell High School boys and girls track teams opened their season at the Yellowstone Sports Medicine Invitational in Cody on Saturday.

Both teams finished fourth overall at the 10-team event, which featured a solid mix of class 4A, 3A and 2A competition. Sheridan finished in the top spot for both boys and girls.

"It was a really good meet, with high-quality teams," said PHS track coach Scott Smith. "Sheridan has one of the top 4A teams in the state. Cody, Riverton, Lander and Worland are all good teams, and Lovell is one of the top 2A teams, so it was great competition."

Smith added that, "I thought our kids did real well — there's a lot of potential out there."

LADY PANTHERS

On the girls' side, JuliaKay O'Neill took the top spot in the 800 meters and ran anchor on the 1600 sprint medley, a new event this season. Along with her team-



Powell High School junior Rachel Bonander launches the shot put 28 feet, 7 inches to place 12th in the event. She also placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 95 feet, 7 inches.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis

mates in that event — Tamoka Hasegawa, Jala Satterwhite and Gracen Curtis — the Lady Panthers finished first.

Sabrina Shoopman finished first in the 300 hurdles.

"Those two girls [O'Neill and Shoopman] coming back with some state experience did well for us," Smith said. "Sabrina had a really good 100 meter hurdles going, but got too close to one and hit it. That knocked her back

quite a bit. It probably would have been an automatic qualifying time for her. She came back in the 300 hurdles and ran really, really well. Last year she was a little afraid of it, a little tentative. But she got right after it Saturday."

Despite the wind, Smith said all of his runners ran aggressively, and he was pleased with the effort, especially considering it was the first meet of the season.

"Some found out they need to be in a little better condition to finish strong, but other than that, I like the aggression of this team," Smith said. "They get after it, and they're doing their best, that's all we can ask for."

In the field events, freshman Cassidy Miner impressed with a second-place finish in the shot put and a fourth-place showing in

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Lady Panther dance team fifth at state

STATE TRIP THE CULMINATION OF MONTHS OF PRACTICE

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

The Powell High School dance team wrapped up its fourth season earlier this month, placing fifth in jazz dance at the state competition in Casper.

Lander Valley took the top spot at the state competition, followed by Star Valley in second, Lovell in third and Riverton in fourth.

Head coach Victoria Danovsky said the fifth-place showing was the culmination of a season of hard work by the seven dancers: Delaney Jackson, Rylee Ramsey, Kelly Pappenfort, Makenzie Stearns, Ashlynn Guerrero, Mady

Riedinger and Jasmine James.

"They started their season at the end of November, so their season was very short," Danovsky said. "They're very dedicated, just a great team."

The Lady Panther dance team — which Danovsky described as "a new group of girls" — practiced four nights a week from November to February. Practices focused on strength and flexibility, with one night a week set aside for technique work.

The recent state dance competition featured two categories: jazz and hip-hop. Since Powell is a newer team with a short season, the dancers fo-

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Kyler Muffett, No. 12, celebrates with the team after scoring the winning goal — seconds before the end of the game Friday at Panther Stadium. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

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on the board first, scoring his second goal of the season on a nice crossing pass by Sam Bauer.

“Rob [Sessions] is very hungry for goals,” Dent said. “He goes hard, sometimes almost too hard, he tends to leave the team behind him. He’s a strong player with an excellent shot. When he makes an early score like that, it really build the boys up.”

Riverton answered with a goal of their own, however, and the game went into the half tied at 1-1. The Panthers controlled the tempo at the start of the second half, and with 25:59 to play in regulation, Powell took a 2-1 lead off the foot of Luis Gutierrez. It was Gutierrez’s first goal of the season.

“Luis [Gutierrez] has awesome feet. He can move a ball around you without even moving it 2 feet,” Dent said. “He’s just an amazing player. He went around their defense, went around their goalie and just pushed the ball into the net.”

Dent called Gutierrez one of his “solid players” who’s also

adept at keeping a cool head during games.

“Sometimes we as coaches want to push him [Gutierrez] harder, but he just keeps going steady,” Dent said. “Having him in the midfield is a very big strength for the team. He and Rob [Sessions] have different styles, but it works well together.”

Just as it looked that the Panthers would be able to ride out their 2-1 advantage, they gave Riverton a late break: A penalty in the Panthers’ zone gave the Wolverines a free kick. Riverton converted, and just like that it appeared the game was headed to overtime.

But Muffett, a student at Rocky Mountain High School who moonlights with the Panthers during soccer season, had other plans.

“Kyler [Muffett] has been with me for a couple of years, and this was his first varsity goal,” Dent said. “He’s always been right there in the action, always trying hard. We’ve worked on his positioning, and I think that’s what happened there. He was in his position and the ball

was loose, and he stepped in and took care of it.”

Dent credited Powell’s defense for keeping their heads throughout the game, especially after the late penalty that evened the score. The return of defender Jace Smith, who had yet to play this season due to a basketball injury, also sparked the Panthers.

“Having Jace [Smith] back was huge,” Dent said. “He got some practices in this week, got qualified and stepped up. He’s my general on the field.

He took care of his line, and he’s hungry, too. He wants the ball and wants to make things happen. He’s a competitor.”

Senior goalie Gabe Katz picked up his second win on the season for the Panthers, turning away nine shots.

“Gabe [Katz] has really good hands, he’s really stepped up his game,” Dent said. “He’s been working with [Northwest Col-

lege keeper] Luke Holt, as has Ashton Brewer — they’re both excellent goalies. I think Gabe is going to have a very good year.”

Offensively, the Panthers were busy, recording 17 shots on goal.

“I was impressed, I was very happy,” Dent said. “For a young team like I have, the skill and the tenacity is amazing. I’m really excited about what’s going to be coming next.”

Powell (1-2) travels to Worland (3-0) today (Tuesday) to take on the undefeated Warriors, and Dent expects a tough test. Worland has scored six times in three

games, while not allowing a goal against this season.

“Worland is doing very well,” Dent said, adding, “Their coach works them well, gets them into position. They play well as a team, so they’re going to be tough again. We’ll work on our passing and possession, and go in with that.”

“We want to beat them, that’s our goal,” he said.

‘For a young team like I have, the skill and the tenacity is amazing.’

Jeff Dent
Head coach



Lady Panthers defender Jalie Timmons, left, and Michele Wagner battle for the ball against a Riverton opponent Friday at Panther Stadium. Powell won the game 3-1. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

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Panthers’ scoring with 13:16 left in the game, catching Riverton’s keeper out of position for the insurance goal.

“That goal was so great to see,” Haire said. “We have been working on those shots to the corner of the post to catch the keeper like that. And Jaya [Smith] is just so stinkin’ talented, and so aggressive and so fast. ... I’m expecting big things from her, as well as the rest of the front three.”

Kolpitcke agreed, adding that being on the field with Wagner and Smith is almost second nature.

“Me, Jaya [Smith] and Michele [Wagner] have a really good lineup,” Kolpitcke said. “We know how each other are going to move, we understand how each other plays. We’ve been working all week, focusing on beating this team.”

The early goal by Riverton notwithstanding, the Lady Panthers were stellar defensively, shutting down charge after charge by the Lady Wolverines quickly and efficiently. Sadie Hogan, Jalie Timmons, Yesica Carrasco and Joey Haire anchored the defense and did an “outstanding job.”

“Our defense is well-rounded, as well,” Haire said. “Right now,

we’re still pretty healthy, and the girls are aggressively fast. Communication seems to be working well with that defense, and I’m super-excited with where we’re sitting.”

Goalkeeping duties were split for the Riverton contest, with Sydney Olsen taking the first half and Melynda Davison minding the net in the second. Haire was pleased with the play of both, saying that having a pair of quality keepers is a good problem to have.

“Sydney [Olsen] came in like a veteran and played a great first half,” Haire said. “I know she was disappointed when I made the change to Melynda Davison

in the second half, but I wanted to give them both some experience against a good, quality team before we get deeper into the season. I have confidence in both.”

Up next for Powell is a game at Worland today (Tuesday). The Lady Warriors — ranked No. 2 in Class 3A in the season’s first WyoPreps.com coaches and media poll — are 1-1 on the season.

“Worland is good,” Haire said, adding, “They’re just simply good. I think they finished second at state last year, and they put a hammering on us last year. We’re not going to let them hammer us this year — we’re going to do all we can to win the game.”

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Dance: Team hopes to grow and start earlier next season

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cused on jazz only. Rehearsals were spent marking steps and learning the routines, and dancers depend on each other to know their roles — even holding their own practices to hone their performances.

“In the future, I’m hoping to get the kids into hip-hop part of the world,” Danovsky said. “But as of right now, our focus is learning the basic techniques for jazz, learning what dance is, learning how the body moves, things like that.”

The state competition was a learning experience for the Lady Panthers, but also a rewarding one, as Danovsky said each member of the team is anxious to make a return trip.

“As a coach, I always tell my kids when we’re going to a competition, it’s not about results on a piece of paper,” she said. “Getting a trophy, that’s a bonus, but it’s actually about going and giving your best

performance. As a new team, they put themselves out there and really did a nice job. They’re excited to go for it again.”

This year’s team had only one senior, Mady Riedinger, and Danovsky expects the rest of the dancers to return for next season, as well as a few new faces.

“We’ll advertise this spring [for interested dancers], and then advertise again in the fall, see what we’ll get,” she said. “We don’t hold auditions for the dance team, we just let them sign up if they’re interested. Hopefully, we’ll grow and get a bigger team.”

Danovsky said she’d like to start a feeder program at the elementary and middle school levels to generate more interest for the high school program.

“We’d like to grow our high school program, because dance and the arts are not a real big thing here,” she said. Danovsky owns Victoria’s School of Dance in rural Powell and three of the PHS dance team’s

members came from her studio. She has taught dance for 28 years, including tap, ballet, jazz and modern/lyrical.

Danovsky choreographs the routines, as well as chooses the music, though she is always open to suggestions and ideas from her team.

“Our main focus in their stance form is jazz,” she said, adding, “We’re a pretty good team about going through the selections of music. The last couple of years have been a little different because we’ve had to have a license to mix music. But with music and choreography, if they share an idea, we utilize it at times.”

The goal for the dance team’s next season, according to Danovsky, is to start in September, with an eye toward participating in a few halftime shows during the football season before the actual competitive dance season starts.

“We’re definitely looking to get an earlier start,” she said.



Delaney Jackson, with the PHS dance team, performs during halftime at a Powell/Worland basketball game earlier this year. The PHS dance team wrapped up its season at the state dance competition in Casper in fifth place.

Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

PUBLIC NOTICES

“BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW”

Revise gas tariff

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for authority to revise its natural gas tariff for excess flow valves to comply with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations. The Commission’s approval of MDU’s tariff revisions is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing, and further order of the Commission.

On May 19, 2017, MDU filed its Application requesting authority to revise its natural gas tariff to address excess flow valves (EFV). The changes to the tariff are in response to Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations that require the Company to notify customers of the availability of EFVs. According to the Company, it currently installs EFVs on all new and replacement service lines in accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations. The proposed change is applicable only to EFV installation on existing service lines.

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 April 13, 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. 30013-327-GT-17 (Record No. 14727) 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: March 14, 2018.
First Publ., Tues., March 20, 2018
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Waste haul bids

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids, for the purpose of entering into a contract, for Hauling of City of Powell Municipal Solid Waste will be received by the City of Powell, 270 North Clark, Powell Wyoming, 82435 until 10:00 am, Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

Mailed and hand delivered bids shall have the words “MSW HAUL” written on the outside of the envelope. The bids will be publicly opened, read and acknowledged at the above hour and date and award will be made as soon thereafter as practicable.

Bids received after the time and date above will be rejected and returned unopened.

Copies of the details, requirements and specifications may be obtained from the City of Powell, 270 North Clark, Powell Wyoming, free of charge.

The City of Powell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informality in any bid received.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF POWELL

John F. Wetzel
Mayor, City of Powell
First Publ., Tues., March 20, 2018
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County minutes

Park County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Vice Chairman Fulkerson called to order a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Present were Vice Chairman, Jake Fulkerson Commissioners Lee Livingston, Tim French, Joe Tilden, and Clerk Colleen Renner. Chairman Loren Grosskopf was absent.

Dave Sweet led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Items and Other Business:

Approve-Minutes
The minutes from February 20, 2018 were presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Livingston moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and motion carried.

Approve-Payroll
Payroll was presented in the amount of \$535,272.00 which is one bi-weekly with health insurance and the monthly elected payroll for \$81,037.79 to the Board for approval. Commissioner Tilden moved to approve payroll, seconded by Commissioner Livingston and motion carried.

Approve-Vouchers
The following vouchers were presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner French moved to approve the vouchers as presented seconded by Commissioner Tilden and motion carried:

Payee	Amount
307 Glass - Willie Onstine	\$853.26
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$1,063.56
A & I DISTRIBUTORS	\$454.40
ABSAROKA DOORS	\$3.76

ALBERTSONS - SAFEWAY	\$205.77
AT&T MOBILITY	\$1,997.44
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	\$144.00
BEAR CO., INC.	\$23.50
BIG HORN CARPET ONE, INC.	\$557.12
BIG HORN WHOLESALE, INC.	\$1,379.24
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$3,157.56
BLAIR’S MARKET	\$34.93
BLOEDORN LUMBER - POWELL	\$131.66
BOB BARKER COMPANY	\$499.89
BONINE, DUNCAN	\$195.78
BONNER LAW OFFICE	\$951.37
BRANDON-WINTERMOTE, KIMBERLY	\$178.34
BRAY REPORTING	\$1,008.80
BRAZELTON, LILLIAN	\$29.43
BUSH, DEBORA	\$204.50
CENTURYLINK	\$5,410.08
CENTURYLINK BUSINESS SERVICES	\$10.59
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$388.40
CHIEF SUPPLY/LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLY	\$472.90

CODY ACE HARDWARE	\$238.87
CODY OVERHEAD DOOR CO., LLC	\$360.00
CODY WINNELSON CO.	\$436.50
CODY, CITY OF	\$19,882.56
COULTER CAR CARE CENTER	\$48.50
D&G ELECTRIC, LLC	\$4,277.87
DAVE BALLING AGENCY	\$100.00
DELUXE FOR BUSINESS	\$149.98
EAGLE RECOVERY & TOWING	\$450.00
ELECTRICAL ALLY, INC.	\$970.00
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	\$16,286.16
FASTENAL	\$108.04
FREMONT MOTOR CODY, INC.	\$394.14
FULKERSON, JAKE	\$8.22
GRAINGER	\$314.95
GUERTIN, ANDREW	\$112.05
HANSON CHEMICAL INC.	\$1,494.95
HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO.	\$1,943.00
IVERSON SANITATION	\$50.00
JACKS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$133.04
JUDGE DAVID B. PARK	\$443.83
KENCO SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY	\$1,141.75
LITTLE AMERICA	\$301.02
LOEPER, JESSICA	\$3,585.00
MCBROOM, MATTHEW A.	\$18.64
MORRISON, MARION	\$182.70
MOTOR PARTS, INC.	\$267.99
MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUB	\$50.00
MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUB	\$100.00
MOUNTAIN WEST COMPUTER	\$53.90
NATIONAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$539.40
NORTHWEST RURAL WATER DISTRICT	\$86.15
ODDE, HANS	\$503.63
OFFICE SHOP, THE	\$1,862.60
O’REILLY AUTO PARTS - POWELL	\$16.93
PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE, INC.	\$21,375.00
PEAK ENVIRONMENTAL MGT., INC.	\$4,182.50
PHILLIPS, CLINT	\$510.00
PILCH ENGINEERING INC., PC	\$4,000.00
PITNEY BOWES, INC. - A/R	\$2,108.13
POWELL ACE HARDWARE, LLC	\$149.55
POWELL LOCK	\$91.00
POWELL, CITY OF	\$7,727.11
PUTNEY, LINDA	\$200.14
RENNER, COLLEEN	\$458.63
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$780.51
ROGER’S SPORT CENTER	\$279.99
SELBYS, INC.	\$1,125.00
SKORIC, BRYAN	\$28.34
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	\$901.53
TCT WEST, INC.	\$8,602.70
TITAN MACHINERY	\$688.03
TRI STATE TRUCK & EQUIP, INC	\$675.16
UPS STORE, THE	\$16.75
VARDIMAN, JEREMIAH	\$153.69
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$287.32
VISIONARY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$78.30
WAL MART COMMUNITY/GEMB	\$747.98
WCTA	\$180.00
WYOMING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIV	\$53.18
WYOMING WATER WORKS	\$421.00
TOTAL	\$132,090.19

Approve and sign Beartooth Ranch correspondence
Commissioner French stated the reason for this letter is the property has fallen in disrepair. After discussion on forming a committee and investigating what can be done, it would be in the best interest of the County to work with the state to best manage this property. Commissioner Livingston would also like to address the letters that he has received from other entities and clear up any confusion there. Commissioner Livingston made a motion to approve the letter with changes as discussed, Commissioner French seconded, and motion carried. Mr. Simonton would like a copy of this letter and Commissioner French stated it is a public document and he can obtain that from Ms. Gerharter when she has made the changes.

Approve and allow Chairman to sign Certification of Title III expenditures for 2017 (Brian Edwards, Park County Engineer)

Mr. Edwards stated this certification of Title III expenditures in the amount of \$55,382.02 is correct. Those remaining dollars will be used in 2018. This is a joint road maintenance plan through the Forest Service. Commissioner Livingston made a motion to accept the agreement and allow the chair to sign, Commissioner French seconded, and motion carried.

Approve and allow Chairman to sign Modification of Grant or Agreement 15-RO-11021400-014 with the USDA Forest Service (Brian Edwards, Park County Engineer)

Mr. Edwards presented this joint road maintenance plan for the Kirwin Road, Sunlight Road and Hunter Creek Road which all provide access to the Forest Service, which cannot exceed the amount of \$15,000. Commissioner French made a motion to approve and allow the chair to sign, Commissioner Livingston seconded, and motion carried.

Approve and allow Chairman to sign Modification of Grant or Agreement 15-RO-11021400-014 with the USDA Forest Service (Brian Edwards, Park County Engineer)

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Approve and allow Chairman to sign Change Order #1 for the Bridge EGD Replacement Project on the Lower South Fork (Brian Edwards, Park

County Engineer)

Mr. Edwards reported that Bridge EGD required additional clean rock and geotechnical material to fix the boggy area on the south end of the bridge, according to Robert Croft with Engineering Associates. Change Order #1 is being presented in the amount of \$9,800.00 increasing the Contract Price to \$1,285,927.00. Commissioner Livingston made a motion to approve the change order and allow the chair to sign, Commissioner French seconded, and motion carried.

Approve and allow Chairman to sign Grant Award Agreement from the Office of Homeland Security for PW-00016 (Project 2512 – Category A – Debris Removal) from disaster DR-4327 (Martin Knapp, Park County Homeland Security Coordinator)

Mr. Knapp presented the grant award agreement, project completion certification report, documentation for the work done to date, a local site inspection, compliance with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations applicable to this project. All are verified on the reimbursement request form to submit to Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS) for repayment. This is first of many obligations we will be receiving from WOHS regarding the spring 2017 flooding. The total award amount is \$14,216.57, federal share of that amount is \$10,662.43 and the local share is \$3,554.14. Commissioner Tilden questioned if all the funding from the Federal Share will be funneled through the state and if there are handling or administration fees attached. Mr. Knapp was uncertain and will report back on the question. Commissioner Livingston made a motion to approve the documents and allow the chair to sign, Commissioner Tilden seconded, and motion carried.

Mike Mackey, Northwest Rural Water District – RE: Public Hearing: Inclusion of Real Property in Park County into the District without Election

Commissioner Fulkerson opened the public hearing. Mr. Mackey reported he comes before the board once a year to request the addition of individuals wanting to have their property included within the boundaries of the water district without an election. Commissioner Fulkerson called for comments from the public and there being none, Commissioner Tilden made a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner French seconded, and motion carried. Commissioner Livingston made a motion to include parcels without an election and allow the chair to sign the order, Commissioner Tilden seconded, and motion carried.

Mike Garza, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent – RE: Consider/approve custodian position move from Temporary Full Time to Full Time

Mr. Garza stated this person was initially hired as temporary while an employee was on maternity leave and later filled a full-time position after a termination. This is an exception to the norm and no action is required. Commissioners thanked him for explaining the situation.

Pat Meyer update on Bills

Mr. Meyer quickly wanted to report that SF98 regarding oil and gas production died in committee in the House and HB152 regarding wind energy storage died this morning in committee.

Also during break, Commissioner Livingston stated he has been asked to attend a Forest Service round table March 19th in Denver. He will represent outfitters and, if need be, also represent the Board.

Commissioners – RE: Discuss Fairground Arena improvements

Commissioner French discussed how they would like to clean up the race track/arena area of the Grandstands. Mr. Ben McDonald, Project Manager, Public Works Department, went onsite to identify the best solution and cost to return the track to a PRCA type/size rodeo arena. The cost estimate if an outside agency were hired, is roughly \$46,250. Using in-house staff and equipment would cost \$4,600. The guardrails will have to be removed and the sale of the metal could bring enough revenue to pay for the project.

Mr. Mike Garza, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, received a rough estimate on the fencing. To fence in the area north of the shop is about 261 linear feet, using and 8-foot fence with privacy slats will cost about \$10,480 and \$8,005 without slats.

Mr. Landen Greer, representing motor sports, talked about stock piling some of the dirt so if they wanted/needed to build bike or motocross tracks it could be done without having to have dirt hauled back later.

Ms. Teecee Barrett stated that between the Fair Advisory Board and her budget, she could come up with some dollars. Mr. Dale Hobby and Mr. Ron Nieters, Foremen for Cody & Powell Road & Bridge, stated their crews can begin the work immediately and should only take about 4-5 days.

Mr. Ed Wells would like to see this become a full scaled arena for multi-use, which should be the main objective.

Commissioner Livingston would like to see the improvements started while the guardrail removal and fencing project are out to bid. Road & Bridge crews will do the removal of the guardrail as they are doing the dirt removal. The bid will be for removing it from the property and paying for what it is worth.

Commissioner Tilden made a motion to proceed with the project, Commissioner Livingston seconded and motion carried.

Commissioners – RE: Discussion in response to Mr. Bernie Spanogle’s letter dated February 5, 2018 regarding Corbett Road

Commissioner Livingston explained this history behind the letter received from Mr. Spanogle regarding public access on Corbett Road. Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) easements and access to the river are not the same for all landowners on Corbett Road, causing problems. After discussion, consensus was that this is not a problem for the Board to solve as Corbett Road is not a county road. The property owners need work this out with the WGFD.

Greg Bevenger, Chair, Park County Library System and Frances Clymer, Director, Park County

Library System – RE: Request to hire

Ms. Clymer is requesting permission to hire a reference librarian and would like to be allowed to increase the salary on this position. After researching the Wyoming State Library’s salaries for this position, the average is \$45,000. At the current wage, two candidates withdrew their applications so she would like to advertise this position with \$39,500 as the starting salary. With the closing of the Bistro there are wages left in that budget line that could cover this increase. After discussion, Vice Chairman Fulkerson stated this is a not action item but the Board appreciates them coming forward to inform them that it could affect the annual budget. No action was taken.

Adjourn.
Commissioner Livingston made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner French seconded and the motion carried.

Loren Grosskopf, Chairman
Jake Fulkerson, Vice Chairman
Tim A. French, Commissioner
Lee Livingston, Commissioner
Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner
Attest:

Colleen Renner, County Clerk
Publ., Tues., March 27, 2018

County minutes

Park County Board of County Commissioners
Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Chairman Grosskopf called to order a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Present were Chairman, Loren Grosskopf, Vice Chairman, Jake Fulkerson Commissioners Lee Livingston, Tim French, Joe Tilden, and First Deputy Clerk Hans Odde.

Commissioner French led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Executive Session.

Commissioner Livingston made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Wyoming State Statute § 16-4-405 (a) (ix), seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried. Commissioner Livingston made a motion to exit out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried. There were no decisions made in this session.

Adjourn.
Commissioner Livingston made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Tilden seconded and the motion carried.

Loren Grosskopf, Chairman
Jake Fulkerson, Vice Chairman
Tim A. French, Commissioner
Lee Livingston, Commissioner
Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner
Attest:

Hans Odde, First Deputy County Clerk
Publ., Tues., March 27, 2018

Gas increase

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 increase of \$0.278 per dekatherm (Dth) to its Firm Residential, Firm General Service, Small Interruptible and Large Interruptible customers, and an increase of \$0.279 per Dth to its Optional Seasonal customers, through its Commodity Balancing Account (CBA), effective on and after March 1, 2018. The proposed pass-on increases are attributable to an increase 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 10.3 Dth in March 2018 may expect a monthly gas bill increase of approximately \$2.86 or 4.8%, before taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage. The proposed retail rate increases result in a projected dollar-for-dollar increase in MDU’s March 2018 total revenues of approximately \$79,500, using projected sales volumes. The increase 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 April 23, 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. 30013-333-GP-18 (Record No. 14938) 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.
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the discus. Rachel Bonander took fifth in the discus.

"In the girls' discus, [Cassidy Miner] did really well," Smith said. "Rachel Bonander came in, just barely got in to the finals and had a great couple of throws in the finals and moved herself up quite a bit."

Emma Karhu finished sixth in the pole vault, McKenna Hanson finished fifth in the triple jump and Satterwhite took ninth in the long jump.

PANTHERS

For the boys, the 4x800 meter relay team of Brody Karhu, Tyler Pfeifer, Joey Hernandez and Alan Merritt took first, while the Panthers took the top two spots in the triple jump; Dalton Woodward finished at 41 feet, 1 inch, and Kanyon Gann second at 39 feet, 7.5 inches. Colby Warner finished second in the high jump with a state-qualifying height of six feet, and eighth in the triple jump, while two pole vaulters, Brody Karhu and Kaelan Groves qualified for state. Karhu finished fourth with a vault of 12 feet, 7



Lady Panther Emma Karhu vaults her way to a sixth-place finish in the pole vault Saturday at the Yellowstone Sports Medicine Invitational in Cody. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

inches, and Groves placed seventh with a vault of 12 feet, 1 inch.

Smith said it was good to see two state qualifications and "a couple of others were a foot over their personal bests from the year before, so pole vault was a good event for us."

The pole vaulters are coached by Dan Hunter.

In discus, Ryan Good finished fourth with a throw of 124 feet, 6 inches, while Caden Lynn finished 10th with a throw of 113 feet.

On the track, Landon Lengfelder and Groves were the top finishers for the Panthers in the 100 meters, placing 10th and 11th, respectively. Groves finished 12th in the 200 meters, while Dylan Cordes finished ninth in the 400 meters.

In the 800 meters, Jayden Yates placed sixth, while teammate Merritt finished eighth. Merritt and Yates finished seventh and eighth in the 1600 meters, respectively. Jesse Erickson was ninth in the 3200 meters, with Dylan McEvoy finishing 12th.

Senior Kacey Creed finished fifth in the 110 meter hurdles and 10th in the 300 hurdles.

The track teams will be

in Cody again on Thursday, and Smith said the team will take the week to work on technique and conditioning. The meet will be a "double dual," with Powell and Cody's middle school teams competing.

"We'll work on the things individually that we saw that we need to work on," he said. "We'll focus on one or two things, a little bit of conditioning, obviously. It will be kind of a short meet, so we may not be able to load up as many kids for the events as we did last week. With the middle school kids there, it's kind of nice for us to get a chance to see the kids coming up."

Although the Powell team brought a slew of athletes to Cody on Saturday, about 30 competitors on the massive 110-plus member squad didn't make the trip.

BOYS RESULTS

Boys 100 Meter Dash

10. Landon Lengfelder 12.39, 11. Kaelan Groves 12.52, 13. Jacob Harrison 12.44, 13. AJ Lewis 12.44, 32. Kanyon Gann 12.91, 44. Kalen Sapp 13.12, 45. Canyon Gonzales 13.19, 59. Kaden Salas 13.66, 70. Christian Bitzas 14.59, 80. Tarren Blackmore 15.34

Boys 200 Meter Dash

12. Kaelan Groves 25.97, 15. Jacob Harrison 26.24, 31. Charlie Hall 28.11, 33. Kalen Sapp 28.30, 48. Christian Bitzas 31.18, 53. Jeremy Estes 32.40

Boys 400 Meter Dash

9. Dylan Cordes 58.48

Boys 800 Meter Run

6. Jayden Yates 2:16.98, 8. Alan Merritt 2:19.83, 10. Tyler Pfeifer 2:24.91, 11. Joe Rogers 2:27.89, 12. Eyob Robirds 2:33.32, 18. Isaac Summers 2:41.80, 21. Jaxton Braten 2:50.66, 23. Tarren Blackmore 2:57.23, 24. Riley McKeen 2:57.96

Boys 1600 Meter Run

7. Alan Merritt 5:02.01, 8. Jayden Yates 5:04.81, 12. Tyler Pfeifer 5:17.26, 13. Joey Hernandez 5:20.41, 22. Isaac Summers 5:42.91, 26. Dylan

McEvoy 6:04.54, 27. Riley McKeen 6:10.07

Boys 3200 Meter Run

9. Jesse Erickson 12:32.45, 12. Dylan McEvoy 13:56.92

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles

5. Kacey Creed 19.30

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles

10. Kacey Creed 49.09, 16. Jaxton Braten 1:00.88

Boys 4X100 Meter Relay

2. Jon Morrow, Jacob Harrison, Landon Lengfelder, AJ Lewis 46.52

Boys 4X800 Meter Relay

1. Brody Karhu, Tyler Pfeifer, Joey Hernandez, Alan Merritt 8:54

Boys 1600 Sprint Medley

5. Landon Lengfelder, Kanyon Gann, Joey Hernandez, Jesse Erickson 4:09.40

Boys Long Jump

2. Colby Warner 6-00.00, 9. Charlie Hall 5-06.00, 13. Brailly Gann 5-04.00

Boys Long Jump

6. AJ Lewis 19-07.50, 14. Dalton Woodward 18-00.00, 18. Jon Morrow 17-02.00, 23. Tyler Lynn 16-07.00, 24. Bryce Hogan 16-06.50, 35. Kalen Sapp 13-11.50

Boys Triple Jump

1. Dalton Woodward 41-01.00, 2. Kanyon Gann 39-07.50, 8. Colby Warner 38-00.25, 16. Tyler Lynn 35-01.00, 19. Bryce Hogan 33-08.25

Boys Pole Vault

4. Brody Karhu 12-07.00, 7. Kaelan Groves 12-01.00, 10. Riley Bennett 11-00.00, 11. Kacey Creed 10-06.00, 14. Reece Hackenberg 9-00.00

Boys Discus

4. Ryan Good 124-06.00, 10. Caden Lynn 113-00.00, 13. Shay Dillon 111-06.00, 21. Zeke Frankenberry 102-00.00, 29. Canyon Gonzales 96-02.00, 30. Carter Olsen 95-01.00, 31. Geordan Weimer 94-07.00, 37. Andy Beavers 88-03.00, 43. Isaac Gutierrez 83-00.00, 45. Weston Moore 82-03.00, 48. Nate Belmont 80-02.00, 49. Zach Griffin 79-07.00, 56. Brooks Asher 76-11.00, 69. Kaden Salas 65-09.00

Boys Shot Put

14. Ryan Good 36-05.00, 15. Caden Lynn 10 36-03.50, 20. Zeke Frankenberry 35-01.50, 29.

Weston Moore 32-08.00, 33. Shay Dillon 32-00.50, 34. Carter Olsen 31-11.00, 35. Geordan Weimer 31-09, 42. Zach Griffin 30-03.00, 51. Canyon Gonzales 29-04.00, 54. Nate Belmont 29-03.00, 59. Andy Beavers 28-11.00, 64. Isaac Gutierrez 27-06.50, 68. Kaden Salas 25-07.50

GIRLS' RESULTS

Girls 100 Meter Dash

6. Tamoka Hasegawa 13.97, 14. Karlie McKenzie 14.69, 18. Gracen Curtis 14.94, 20. Elsie Spomer 15.02, 23. McKenna Hanson 15.12

Girls 200 Meter Dash

3. Emma Karhu 29.06, 7. Tamoka Hasegawa 29.60, 18. Gracen Curtis 31.09, 19. Jala Satterwhite 31.21, 21. Kady Wells 31.35, 27. Gabi Metzler 32.10, 36. Gabby Harshman 32.75

Girls 400 Meter Dash

13. Hailee Hyde 1:12.17, 15. Elisa Polson 1:13.44, 20. Jozi Simpson 1:21.29

Girls 800 Meter Run

1. JuliaKay O'Neill 2:28.45, 22. Hailee Paul 3:04.38

Girls 1600 Meter Run

19. Jenna Merritt 7:14.40, 20. Maggie Cappiello 7:14.49

Girls 3200 Meter Run

5. Madelyn Horton 15:35.00

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles

5. Caitlyn Miner 17.76, 6. Sabrina Shoopman 17.82, 12. Sidney O'Brien 19.21

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles

1. Sabrina Shoopman 50.44, 4. Emma Karhu 51.97, 13. Sidney O'Brien 56.75

Girls 4X400 Meter Relay

6. Emma Karhu, Natalie Dillivan, Sabrina Shoopman, JuliaKay O'Neill 4:51.76

Girls 4X800 Meter Relay

3. Hailee Paul, Jenna Merritt, Natalie Dillivan, Jozi Simpson 12:22.79

Girls 1600 Sprint Medley

1. Tamoka Hasegawa, Jala Satterwhite, Gracen Curtis, JuliaKay O'Neill 4:30.58

Girls High Jump

15. Gabri Lundberg 4-02.00, 17. Hailee Hyde 4-00.00

Girls Long Jump

9. Jala Satterwhite 14-06.50, 10. Mattie Larsen 14-04.00, 12. Jaz Haney 13-11.50, 15. Maddie Hackenberg 13-09.00, 16. McKenna Hanson 13-08.75, 18. Elsie Spomer 13-05.00, 24. Kortny Feller 12-07.00, 31. Whitney Hull 9-10.00

Girls Triple Jump

5. McKenna Hanson 31-07.25, 7. Jaz Haney 30-04.75

Girls Pole Vault

6. Emma Karhu 8-06.00, 10. Jala Satterwhite 8-00.00, 11. Caitlyn Miner 8-00.00, 14. Maddie Hackenberg 7-00.00

Girls Shot Put

2. Cassidy Miner 34-00.50, 7. Coby Calcotte 29-10.00, 12. Rachel Bonander 28-07.00, 19. Isabella Wambeke 26-02.00, 20. Kortny Feller 25-10.50, 24. Mattie Larsen 24-08.00, 26. Jasmyn Lensegr 24-06.00, 28. Marie Ramier 23-06.00, 34. Kaylee Stewart 22-06.50, 36. Katie McKenzie 22-02.00, 39. Alissa Staidle 20-00.00, 41. Mina Schuler 19-08.00

Girls Discus

4. Cassidy Miner 96-00.00, 5. Rachel Bonander 95-07.00, 9. Coby Calcotte 85-06.00, 14. Jasmyn Lensegr 76-10.00, 17. Mattie Larsen 66-08.00, 19. Katie McKenzie 60-10.00, 22. Kortny Feller 59-09.00, 25. Alissa Staidle 57-05.00, 32. Kaylee Stewart 50-08.00, 34. Isabella Wambeke 49-00.00, 36. Marie Ramier 46-00.00, 38. Mina Schuler 43-09.00



Landon Lengfelder sprints during the 100 meter dash during Saturday's Yellowstone Sports Medicine Invitational in Cody. Lengfelder took 10th in the event. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

INSURANCE *Investing in Pet Coverage*

Pet owners care deeply about their furry family members, sometimes going to great lengths to ensure the pet's health and wellness. Even with excellent care, a pet can still get sick or severely injured. The cost of care can add up quickly. According to the American Pet Products Association (APPA), Americans spent \$16.62 billion on veterinary care in 2017.

Veterinary technology has advanced, and today's pets may receive complex and costly medical treatment. Families are faced with making life-or-death decisions based on how much care they can afford. To help ease the financial burden, some families decide to invest in pet insurance.

Types of pet insurance:

- **Pet health insurance policy** reimburses the pet owner for specified veterinary care. These policies typically itemize covered treatments, deductibles, and lifetime or per illness maximums. Policy costs may vary based on the amount and type of coverage as well as the breed or species.
- **Pet life insurance policy** covers end-of-life costs, including burial or cremation expenses and may even include bereavement counseling for the family.
- **Pet injury coverage** may be part of your auto insurance policy for treatment of a pet injured in a car accident - up to a set limit. Check with your insurance agent to determine if your auto policy includes this coverage.

Compare Your Options:

- **Covered conditions:** Some policies may reimburse covered medical expenses for accidents, illnesses, surgeries, X-rays, prescriptions, hospitalizations, emergencies, or cancer treatments. Other plans may only cover accident and illness after a waiting period.
- **Pre-existing Conditions:** Hereditary conditions and certain medical conditions are considered pre-existing. Learn if the conditions are considered curable (stable or controlled) or incurable (terminal, pre-existing conditions). For curable



pre-existing conditions, the company may enforce a waiting period before coverage can begin. Conditions considered incurable such as diabetes or cancer may be excluded or covered on a limited basis. A veterinarian may need to conduct an examination to certify your pet's health.

- **Renewable Benefits:** If your pet is treated for a covered condition during the policy term, some companies may consider the condition to be pre-existing and will exclude coverage when the policy is renewed.
- **Exclusions:** Treatments not covered by pet insurance can vary by type of pet or breed. Not all plans cover preventive care, dental care, treatment of behavioral problems, breed-specific hereditary conditions or elective procedures. Treatment of congenital conditions (a condition your pet is born with) or hereditary conditions may have a limited benefit.
- **Reimbursement:** What the insurance company will pay per treatment is explained in a benefits schedule. This list outlines how much — by percentage of cost or dollar amount — the company will pay for treatments. You may be responsible for copays or deductibles. Some companies will pay the vet for services, but often you'll be responsible for the full amount at the time of treatment, and then be reimbursed for covered expenses.

- **Veterinarian Networks:** Some pet health insurance policies will require you to use a specific network of veterinarians. Check to see which ones are in your network.

Consider whether you need pet health insurance:

- **Estimate the health costs** for your animal's expected life. Take into consideration how much you could afford for emergency treatment or a long illness.
- **Shop around.** Compare policy benefits, deductibles, limits and exclusions.
- **Read the terms and conditions** including co-pays, deductibles, limits and exclusions. Double-check the amount of coverage shown in your insurance policy.

Other Options:

- **Wellness Programs:** Some veterinary offices also offer their own wellness plans for items traditionally not covered by pet insurance, such as vaccinations and examinations.
- **Discount Plans:** Some national discount programs offer veterinary service discounts for a monthly fee. Typically, in-network veterinarians must be used to receive the discount.
- **Pet Pharmacies:** Many pharmacies, like those at discount stores, carry pet prescriptions.
- **Homeowners Insurance:** Homeowners and renter's policies can sometimes assist with covering pet-related expenses on your property, depending on Wyoming law such as leash laws and breed-specific limitations and the circumstances of an injury. Insurance might cover boarding expenses while the home is being repaired for a covered loss. Know whether your animal is excluded by your insurance carrier due to the animal breed or aggressive history.

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