

## FIRE GUTS POWELL MOBILE HOME

RESIDENT SAFE IN SECOND HOUSE FIRE IN LESS THAN A WEEK

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports/News Editor

In what's become a disturbing trend, a fire destroyed a home at the Cactus Garden Court on Saturday — the second fire of its kind in the Powell area in less than a week and the fourth this year.

The Powell Volunteer Fire Department was paged out at 6:56 p.m. to reports of a fully engulfed structure in the 800 block of east Seventh Street.

The trailer's resident, Cory White of Powell, said Monday that he was doing OK, all things considered.

"I'm just happy that nobody was hurt," White said. "We did lose a pup, but we're just glad that it wasn't worse."

The initial call stated the trailer was occupied, but it turned out that no people were inside.

"I was vacuuming and saw a strange light," said neighbor Billy Jo Whitman, who made the 911 call. "I opened the curtains and saw flames shooting out. We thought [the resident] was home so my husband went to the front door."

Dave Whitman tried to get

inside, but the smoke proved too much to take.

"Oh man, smoke just poured out," he said. "I couldn't get in. But I thought they were home."

Fire Chief Damian Dicks said the department rolled on the fire as if there was someone inside, and was grateful when he was told otherwise.

"When it was first called in, the occupant was unaccounted for," Dicks said. "The Powell Police Department informed us when we arrived that he had been accounted for."

The cause of the blaze has not been officially determined, though Dicks said it may have originated at the stove.

"The occupant had reported to us that he had been cooking on the stove before he left," Dicks said.

The trailer is considered to be a total loss. White said he's lived at the location for the last four or five years.

Two dogs were trapped in the home when the fire broke out: A dachshund named Buddy, belonging to the White's son, was found deceased while a bulldog belonging to a friend

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Powell Firefighter Mick Hobbs puts a hose on flames as they shoot out of the back of a trailer in the Cactus Garden Court in Powell Saturday night. The trailer was a total loss and one family pet was lost in the fire. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## Daylight saving bill:

**POWELL LAWMAKER'S BID TO END TIME CHANGE FAILS AGAIN**

BY CJ BAKER  
Tribune Editor

Get ready for another year of "springing forward" and "falling back."

For the third straight session, the Wyoming Legislature has rejected Rep. Dan Laursen's efforts to end the twice-a-year time changes in the state.

"I'm bringing my bill again in hopes that you guys all will see the light," Laursen quipped in pitching his bill to his fellow legislators last week.

The Powell Republican added that, "Many people despise changing the clock two times a year and I'm one of them. It does affect our lives and especially the younger and older citizens."

Laursen's legislation, House Bill 45, would have permanently put Wyoming on daylight saving time. That's the time in place from mid-March to early November, intended to provide more light during the evening hours.

The bill needed support from two-thirds of the members of the House (40 lawmakers) to be considered during the budget session. HB 45 came up well short of that threshold, garnering 27 aye votes against 32 nos on Thursday.

Park County Reps. Scott Court, R-Cody, and Nathan Winters, R-Thermopolis, supported the legislation, while Reps. David Northrup, R-Powell, and Jamie Flitner, R-Greybull, voted no.

One of the primary objections expressed on the House floor was that the bill would put Wyoming out of sync with

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## BLIZZARD HITS POWELL AREA



Three-year-old Skylar Potts, of Powell, helps his father, Derek Potts, shovel the walk Sunday afternoon as they prepare to venture out in the storm. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

BY CJ BAKER AND TESSA BAKER  
Tribune Staff

The Powell area was hit with a genuine blizzard on Sunday — complete with white-out conditions, horizontal snow and cold temperatures. Even colder weather followed.

The National Weather Service's preliminary data said the Powell area received about 2 to 4 inches of snow, but the howling wind piled up multiple feet of snow in spots.

"It blew some of the snow away — that's what makes it kind of hard to measure," said Ralph Estell, meteorologist with the National

Weather Service in Riverton. "It's your snow this moment and somebody else's the next."

Snowfall totals from the storm were still coming in, as some offices were closed for Presidents Day on Monday, Estell said. Wind speeds averaged about 30 mph throughout the day Sunday, with a peak gust of 44 mph recorded at the Powell airport.

Drifts forced the City of Powell to temporarily shut down Avenue E between Cedarwood Drive and Tower Boulevard.

Park County's road and

bridge crews were effectively hamstrung in the strong winds; Sunday "was pretty bad," said county engineer Brian Edwards.

"The crews really weren't able to do much ... because it was drifted in and blowing faster than they could keep up with," Edwards said, adding that, in the blizzard conditions, "it gets to where it's just not safe to have the crews out there."

A county plow did help clear Road 15, in the Ralston area, for a citizen who was suffering a kind of medical emergency on Sunday, he said.

Monday was supposed to be a holiday for county employees, but with many other people working and the roads covered in snow, road and bridge crews were called into service.

Things were "definitely looking better" on Monday, Edwards said.

Assuming the wind didn't pick back up, he expected all of the county's paved roads to be open by mid-afternoon Monday. Then, crews planned to move on to the gravel routes.

Powell school buses were

'In all of that storm, we had only four calls involving vehicles stuck out in the county.'

Lance Mathess  
Sheriff's office

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## DIVING INTO A TITLE



Panther diver Hudson Wilkerson — a Lovell High School senior who swims with the Powell swim team — hugs head coach Stephanie Warren after receiving his state championship medallion for diving on Friday. Wilkerson won the event with a score of 438.55. For details, see Page 9. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

Blake Clark, Adiposse president, carries tires he pulled out of the Shoshone River during Saturday's 15th annual cleanup of the Blue Ribbon fishery.

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## River cleanup brings out community on cold day

BY MARK DAVIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

Fifteen years ago, the river was a mess. But then fishermen and community members took matters into their own hands.

Fast forward to Saturday and the public access at the Belfry Bridge, in Cody, is pristine. Shelters for picnics and family gatherings built by community groups dot the shoreline and the banks of the Shoshone River are clear of litter — an inviting oasis for all.

The East Yellowstone Chapter of

Trout Unlimited (EY TU) and Adiposse, a smaller and younger fishing club, sponsored the cleanup. Despite the cold wind, dozens from the groups and community members came together for another round of cleaning, their only payoff a continued sense of pride.

"When we first did this, we filled three big horse trailers," said Dave Sweet, board member of EY TU. "We pulled cars, canoes, bicycles, mattresses and toilets out of [the river]. You wouldn't believe the stuff we've

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## River: Volunteers brave low temps

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found."

While a couple dozen walkers traversed the banks at three locations along the river, boats cast off in the cold to scour the river down to the Corbett Bridge. Their goal was to fill a dump truck provided by Big Horn Redi Mix — lofty considering their years of labor. But there's always garbage, whether carried in by the wind or dumped by those too lazy or cheap to make the drive to the landfill.

"This is nothing; this is easy after 15 years," said Blake Clark, president of Adiposse. "We're just taking care of the stuff we're blessed enough to have."

Park County allows the group to dump the garbage in the landfill free of charge, Clark said.

From the boats, a few tires, an old water heater, a child-sized sled and hundreds of pounds of plastic and metal bits were collected. Styrofoam, plastic, bottles and cans filled large black bags, donated by Ace Hardware, by those on foot. While the cleanup didn't start until 9 a.m., folks started arriving early; they're a family of sorts. The spirit of family exists not only between parents and children, but by total strangers as well.

"It brings the community together," Sweet said. "We'll see

families here, many that don't even fish."

Many headed out with friends and family. Parents brought their children to teach the importance of community service. But Sammi Kerrisun struck out alone on the chilly morning, identifying a hillside as her target. She's a transplant to northwest Wyoming from Nebraska and not a member of the fishing community. Kerrisun enjoys the trails along the river and pristine views. She quickly started filling her bag with used food containers and plastic — most hidden in bushes and in the grass near the trail.

"I just wanted to do my part," she said.

Volunteers warmed themselves with hot coffee donated by Cody Coffee. The effort is done in the winter because water flows are lower, allowing them to find more trash. The group had planned to head to a clean up of the Bighorn River near Thermopolis on Sunday, but weather tentatively postponed it to next Sunday. They're in the second year of the effort there and have a lot of work to do.

"When I travel to places and you see it full of garbage, that sends a message before you even hit the water," said Tom Reed, president of EYTU. "I think a clean environment makes it more enjoyable for everyone."



Scott Ballinger and Ian Morrison empty their boat of litter picked up off the banks of the Shoshone River during the annual cleanup.

## Daylight: Many states discuss issue

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telling Montana lawmakers last March.

During Thursday's debate in Cheyenne, Rep. Laursen called for Wyoming to take the first step toward ending the twice-a-year time changes.

"Many states are visiting the issue, but are looking for a state to lead," he said. "Our state should be that leader."

As Montana's debate illustrates, not everyone agrees on whether daylight saving or standard time is preferable.

A couple of school teachers called Rep. Mark Kinner, R-Sheridan, about the impact HB 45 would have had on children's school days.

"... They were concerned about our kids getting up fairly early and then having to go to school in the dark during that time of year when the days are very, very short," Kinner recounted.

The lawmaker said he'd also gotten "a lot of feedback" from people who'd prefer to stick with standard time.

The federal government's Uniform Time Act allows states to opt out of daylight saving time and stay on standard time. That's what Hawaii and Arizona do.

But getting rid of standard time, as Laursen's bill proposed, would be trickier.

Under HB 45, the governor would ask the U.S. secretary of transportation to transfer Wyoming from the Mountain time zone to the Central time zone. Technically, Wyoming would then be on Central Standard Time, rebranded as "mountain daylight saving time." The net effect would be that Wyoming would stay on daylight saving time year-round.

HB 45 argues that Wyomingites are more habituated to the eight months of daylight saving time than the four months of standard time — and that the biannual switch "is disruptive to commerce and to the daily schedules of the residents of the state."

When Laursen first drafted a bill about the time changes in 2016, he proposed making standard time permanent. However, he switched course after hearing from many people who preferred daylight saving time.

"These folks work 12-hour shifts. An hour difference would be a big deal to them," Todd O'Hair, a Cloud Peak representative, was quoted as



Volunteers patrol the banks of the Shoshone River near Cooper Lane on Saturday during a cleanup of the river sponsored by Adiposse and the East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

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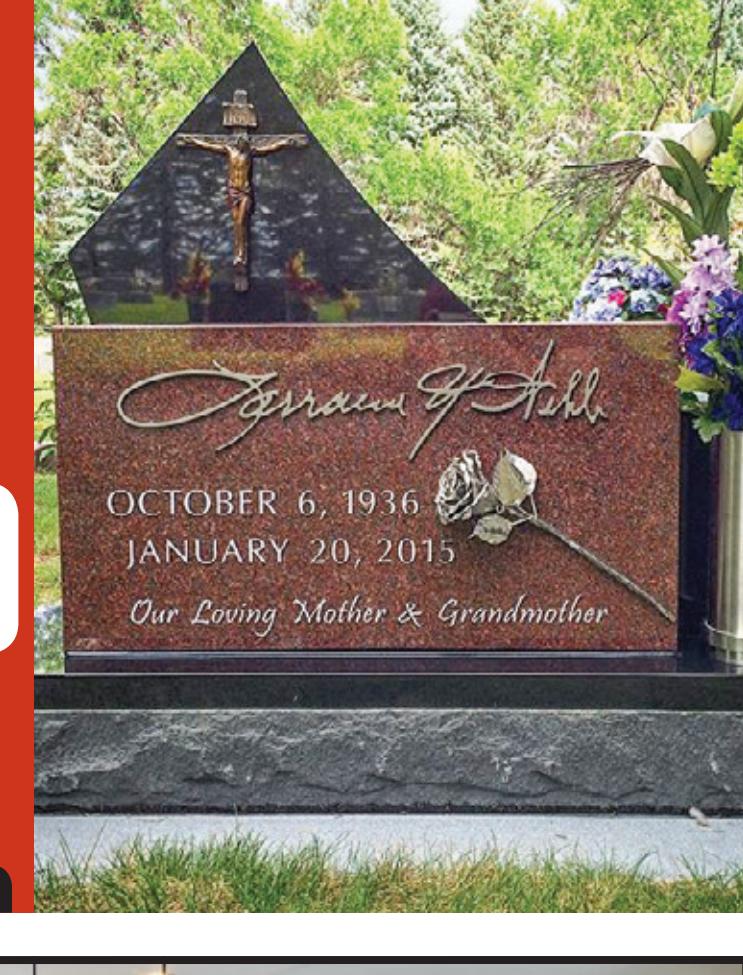
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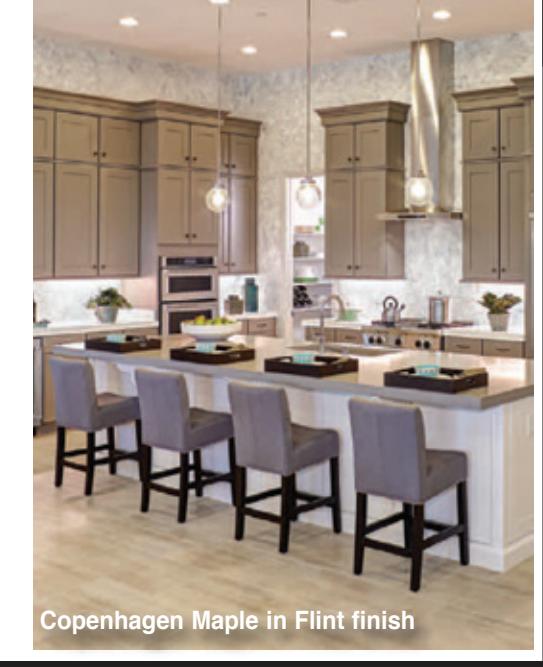




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**OBITUARY****Susan Wiedekamp**

(April 23, 1943 – Feb. 6, 2018)

Susan Wiedekamp, 74, of Tempe, Arizona, passed away on Feb. 6, 2018, after recently being diagnosed with lung disease.

A celebration of life service will be held in Tempe, Arizona, on April 7, and another will be held in Powell in July but details have not yet been finalized.

Susan was born on April 26, 1943, in Brush, Colorado, to

Don and Frances Roderick. They moved to Powell to homestead where Susan attended school and later married Russ Wiedekamp. In 1987, Susan and her family moved to Arizona where she worked as a CPA.

Susan loved to garden, sew and travel and in recent years, took trips to Europe, Canada, India, Central and South America.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband Russ and her

parents, Don and Frances Roderick. Susan is survived by her son Steve and daughter-in-law Debi of Clovis, California, daughter Wendy of Gilbert, Arizona, and grandchildren, Luke and Grace Wiedekamp.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the Valley www.hov.org/donate/ in Susan's honor. Condolences can be sent to 1905 E Dunbar Dr., Tempe, AZ, 85282.

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# POWELL TRIBUNE

IN OUR OPINION

## Another house fire — another quick response

So far, the first couple months of 2018 have brought an unwelcome mixture of fire and ice to Powell.

A blizzard pounded the area on Sunday with blowing snow, frigid temperatures, icy roads and huge drifts. While it arrived with an especially powerful punch, snowstorms come with the territory in Wyoming.

In the hours before the snowfall, however, something more awful happened: A fire destroyed a Powell resident's home. We're thankful to report that no people perished in the Saturday night blaze, but saddened by the family's loss of a beloved pet.

Alarmingly, the fire marked the fourth time a Powell home has been destroyed by flames in just over six weeks.

"It seems we've had as many — if not more — just in this first part of the year than we typically do in an entire year," said Chief Damian Dicks last week, after the Powell Volunteer Fire Department fought the third house fire of the year on Feb. 12.

The other two local fires occurred on Jan. 2 in town and on Jan. 6 in rural Powell, where, sadly, a man died of smoke inhalation.

We truly hope residents are spared from any more house fires this year.

The recent wave of fires continues to show how crucial it is to have a working smoke detector in your home. If you don't already have one, get a smoke detector as soon as possible. It's an easy task to put off, but the consequences could be deadly for you and your family.

It's also a good time to test your smoke detector and check the batteries. Any detector over 10 years old should be replaced, Dicks said.

Each time we see flames engulf a residence — destroying irreplaceable family keepsakes and abruptly uprooting lives — our hearts break for those who called it home.

In such moments, it's also important to recognize the first responders who put their own lives at risk during fires and other emergencies.

Whenever a 911 call comes in and the sirens blare, a faithful team of firefighters, EMTs and law enforcement officers hurries to the scene.

Sometimes, they're awakened in the middle of the night and leave a warm bed to battle a blaze in the subzero wind. Other times, they rush out of a birthday dinner or date night. And every time, they must be away from their families to help others — even if that means risking their own lives.

While we cannot say why 2018 has been such a bad year for fires, we can say that, without Powell's first responders, things would have been much worse.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Here we go again

Dear Editor:  
Another mass shooting. Let us have a moment of silence to contemplate dead people ...

OK, now that's over with, can we get down to the important business of further enhancing rich folks' stock portfolios?

Your legislature at work!

**Phil Anthony**  
Powell

### Valentine was a true saint

Dear Editor:  
I would like to thank Autourina Mains for her lovely and informative letter on Valentine: A physician and priest.

**Donna Hall**  
Powell

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## Oscar Meyer and Gilligan's Island

**V**alentine's Day has passed, but the romantic dinner my dog Ginger and I shared is fresh in my memory. Nothing says "I love you" like Top Ramen. She gazed into my eyes like she'd died and gone to heaven.

That's how romantic holidays are for us bachelors who haven't dated for a coon's age. We love our pets passionately and fantasize about TV vixens. I'm between big screen girlfriends, but Fox News' Kimberly Guilfoyle is a mistress-in-waiting. Anytime you find beauty, intelligence and humor in the same curvaceous package, you don't just walk away wondering what might have been.

But KG shouldn't get too comfortable in the No. 1 slot. If I believed in reincarnation, I'd want to come back as an offspring of the British royal family, who land women WAY over their heads.

Have you seen these breathtaking chicks? Kate Middleton and Meghan Markle ... all I can say is "YUM!" I haven't seen two gals this hot since Ginger and Maryanne. I'm not saying Bill and Harry don't have a few things going for them, but Harry

is a flaming redhead and I'd put my thinning hairline up against William's any day. Oh but so sorry my saintly mother wasn't officially a queen!

Now, you might ponder, "Is that all he does is watch TV?" No, I do have a fairly rich life removed from the couch. There's crossword puzzles and bowling among a few other things. It's not like I'm uninteresting and totally sedentary.

But yes, I spend plenty of time staring at the tube, so will offer observances people too cheap to spring for cable probably aren't aware of.

• I wish William Devane would shut his yap about the riches that await those investing in silver. Yes, Billy, your riches mount every half hour they show your pitch on Fox News. But quit assuming we blue collar gamblers have tens of thousands laying around surveying the greatest investment yield. You're filthy-rich; we get it ... so just retire and join a bowling league, for God's sake!

• Conversely, that oft-

advertised "My Pillow" is all it's cracked up to be and more. When you sleep and nap as much as I do, you need a solid head anchor. For years I've bought those Wal-Mart cheapies, and after going to sleep with a cloud under my head, I'll wake up for bathroom breaks with my face in a pool of cold slobber, resting on a backpack full of shifting nerf footballs.

A lady gave me one of her extra My Pillows and six months later, it's barely changed shape. The My Pillow guy chirps almost as much as the silver guy, but at least he's hawking something not just wealthy execs can afford. At least Mike Lindell actually invented that groundbreaking pillow; silver was around long before Devane.

• I've about had my fill of precocious kids on sitcoms. Case in point: that little Asian girl the gay couple on Modern Family adopted as a baby. She was cute when she did little more than coo and gurgle, but years later, she dryly mumbles, "I don't like

where this is going," or "How's that working for you?" Kids that age are more likely to say, "I hurt my bum," so lay off the brilliantly insightful, precocious gems. As Elaine on Seinfeld once said, "No one is buying it and you shouldn't be selling it."

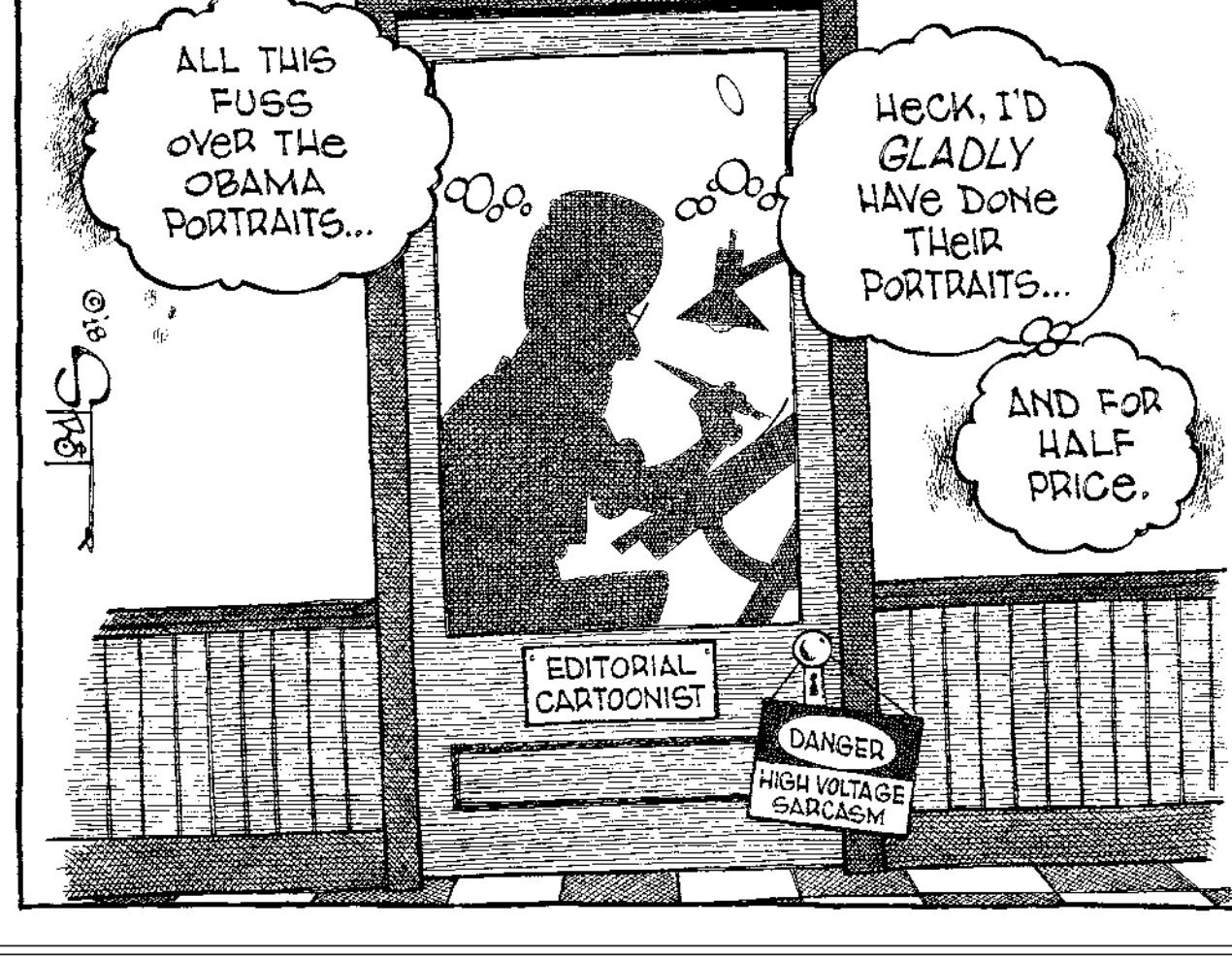
• It might not be as healthy as Top Ramen, but in the same scrumptious league is the good ol' baloney sandwich. I was weaned on baloney; mom packed them almost every day for school. Washed down with cartons of chocolate milk, that hauntingly good taste never escapes a man. Whether with mayo or my ketchup preference, it's a wild, fanatic party in your mouth.

In fact, my fantasy is a picnic on the beach with Meghan Markle. On ice in the champagne bucket rests bottles of "Fairlife" chocolate milk. I open the picnic basket to reveal several baloney sandwiches, and Meghan kisses me so long and hard on the mouth, I lose consciousness. When I wake up, she and Kate Middleton are in the middle of a cat fight.

Is that scenario likely to play out? Probably not, but stranger dreams have come true.



**DOUG BLOUGH**  
My Lousy World



## Building a stronger future for Wyoming, step-by-step

**I**n Wyoming, we believe in leaving things better than we found them. Be it our jobs, water, lands or communities, our strong work ethic and commitment to making things better for current and future generations is unwavering.

As the Wyoming Legislature convenes for the 2018 Budget Session, Republicans are dedicated to making progress on the most pressing matters facing our state. We're focused

on diversifying Wyoming's economy for the long-term; ensuring fiscal discipline and smart planning for the future; making government more accountable and efficient; and preserving our way of life for Wyoming families.

Wyoming remains strong and well equipped to tackle current and future challenges. Our state is the best place in the nation to raise a family, run a business and pursue the American dream. Wyoming citizens have every reason to feel optimistic about our future.

This session we will work to advance a number of bills aimed at making lasting and meaningful gains in diversifying Wyoming's economy. This is not a quick fix. It will require sustained dedication and investment from this and future legislatures. Many of the proposals we are working through reflect the recommendations and ideas from ENDOW (Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming). ENDOW, established by Gov. Matt Mead

and the Legislature last session, is a 20-year strategy aimed at building and attracting new industries to diversify our state's economy.

Among the legislation recommended by ENDOW that we will consider this session are measures to keep and improve air service; extend broadband connectivity; grow job training opportunities; authorize virtual currency businesses to operate in Wyoming; require computer science education in K-12 schools; build out our international marketing and trade opportunities; and support Wyoming innovation and entrepreneurship.

As we work on diversification, we must also redouble our efforts to streamline, pre-permit and add value to the tremendous natural resources that deliver such incredible benefits to our state. It is our natural resource economy that pays the majority of our taxes, funds our schools and creates jobs for people statewide. Ensuring the energy sector's long-term viability is essential to keeping taxes low and our economy stable.

Addressing our continued revenue shortfalls while still ensuring Wyoming schools, roads, hospitals, emergency services and other critical infrastructure receive the funding they need to serve our citizens is a top priority. While our projected revenue forecast is better than we once anticipated, there is still much work ahead to maximize our

investment income and modernize our revenue streams.

Republican legislators' fiscal discipline, commitment to savings and stewardship of Wyoming's investments have greatly softened the blow to state agencies, allowing Wyoming to make thoughtful reductions to spending instead of requiring severe, unexpected cuts.

We have already begun to chip away at our structural deficit, reducing it by more than 20 percent in the last year alone. We will continue that work this session to stabilize our revenues and reduce our deficit.

One of the many benefits of a citizen legislature is that Wyoming legislators work and raise our families in the real world, in communities across the state. We apply the same common-sense thinking to our time in the Legislature.

The efficiency bill is one such example of common-sense thinking working to improve Wyoming government's accountability to the people while driving down the cost of running government. This bill consolidates redundant functions within each government agency and increases efficiency across all of government. By adopting new technologies, refining processes and eliminating waste, the state can provide a higher level of service to Wyoming people at a lower cost.

We have a proud history of prioritizing education in Wyoming, investing in our young people

and ensuring Wyoming students have access to the best learning opportunities — be it K-12, Wyoming community colleges or the University of Wyoming.

Our commitment to Wyoming's young people — who are the next generation of Wyoming civic and business leaders — must remain a hallmark of our work and legislative action.

Republicans in the Wyoming Legislature remain united on

the vast majority of issues we are facing this session. However, that's not to say we won't have our differences. Where there is disagreement, you will see vigorous debate matched with respect and civility. Debate is what moves us forward, and what ensures we end up with the very best ideas for Wyoming.

Wyoming's citizen Legislature is a gem of our state and our legislative process works. This legislature is forward-thinking, deliberative and deeply committed to strengthening Wyoming for all. The passion and debate our legislators bring to the table is absolutely critical to the work of both the House and Senate. Throughout this session, we encourage all Wyoming citizens to stay engaged in the legislative process and make your voice heard.

(State Sen. Eli Bebout, R-Riverton, is the president of the Wyoming Senate. Rep. Steve Harshman, R-Casper, is the speaker of the House.)



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## VIEW FROM ABOVE:

### TYREE TO TALK ABOUT DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY SATURDAY

Morgan Tyree, assistant professor of graphic arts at Northwest College, will showcase his most recent exhibit and give a talk on drone photography on Saturday. The presentation begins at 1:30 p.m. in Grizzly Hall at the Park County Library in Cody.

"Aircraft have always been a part of my life," Tyree said. "I was born in Akron, Ohio, and lived in a modest home in a modest neighborhood that was directly under the flight path of aircraft arriving and leaving the Akron Municipal Airport."

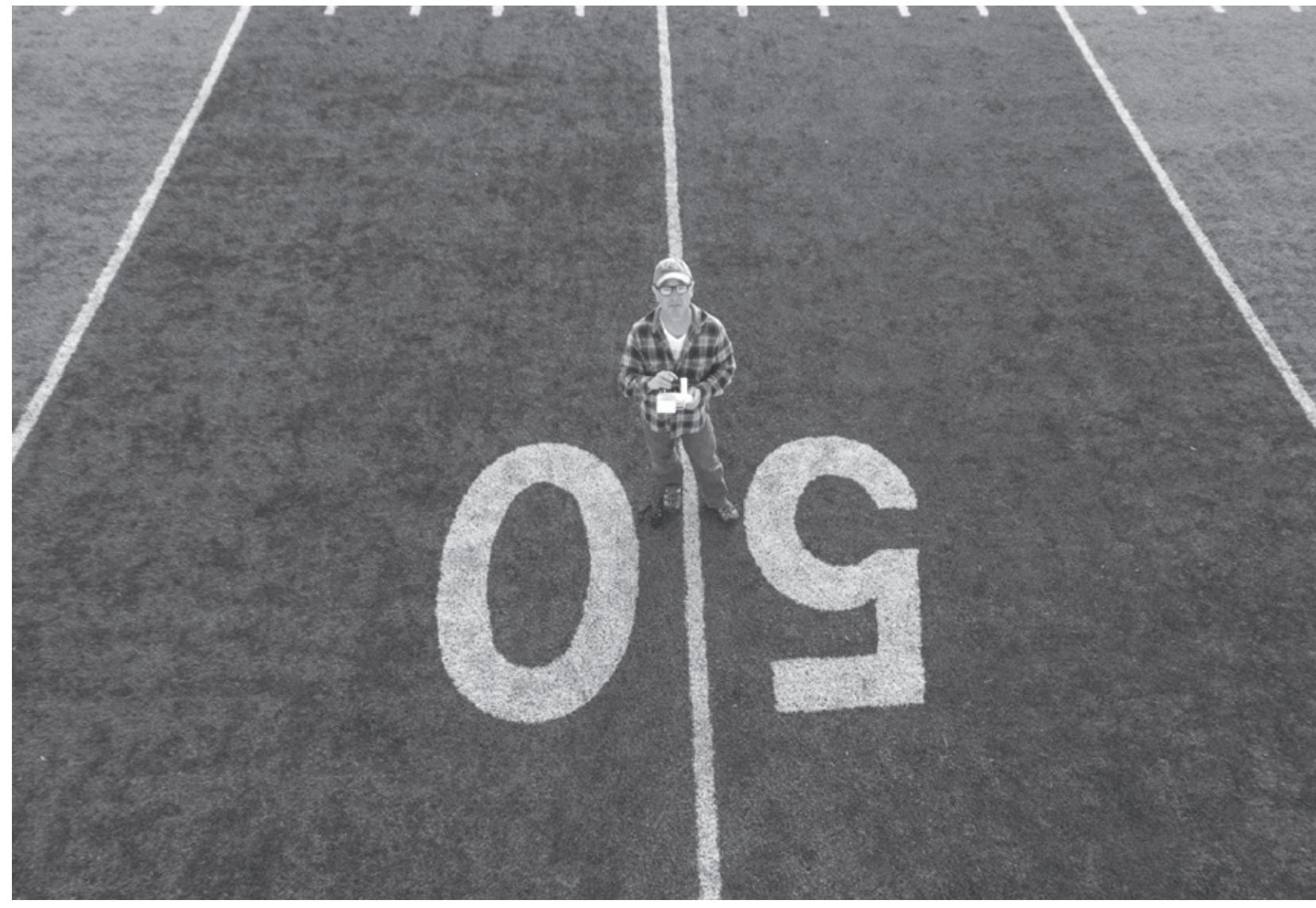
In 2012, Tyree began flying remote controlled drones around his house, but his background in photography is more extensive.

After earning his bachelor's in graphic communication from Arizona State University, he began working for the Phoenix-based aerial photographer Jerry Landis of Landis Aerial Surveys. Tyree served as a darkroom technician and printed aerial photographs ranging from 10x10 inch negatives to 60x60 inches in size. He later continued his education to earn a master's in vocational education from Northern Arizona University.

"My father gave me an appreciation for aircraft in those early days, too, as he prepared and loaded aviation ordnance for the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Valley Forge (CV-45) during the Korean War," Tyree added.

This event is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact Carol Bell, development manager for the NWC Foundation, at carol.bell@nwc.edu or 754-6190.



Morgan Tyree is pictured on the 50-yard line of a football field in this selfie. Tyree will talk about drone photography during a Saturday afternoon program at the Park County Library in Cody. Photo courtesy Morgan Tyree



### BEAN COMMISSION TO MEET BY VIDEO

The Wyoming Bean Commission is scheduled to meet via video conference on Friday.

The meeting is scheduled to run from 1-5 p.m. and cover RMA insurance payments, 2018 University of Wyoming research project presentations, research needs and funding considerations plus any other business as needed.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.

Folks can join the video conference at the Powell Research and Extension Center, at other

sites in Laramie and Lingle or via the internet.

Members of the Wyoming Bean Commission include chairman Beau Fulton, who is a Park County grower, Lynn Preator, a handler/bean dealer representative from Big Horn County and Pascual Aguilar, a Big Horn County grower.

The six-member commission is funded through assessments collected on dry bean sales and is housed within the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

For a web link and instructions to participate in the meet-

ing — or for more information on the Wyoming Bean Council — contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-7321. For an agenda, check the Wyoming Bean Commission Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wyomingbeancommission/>.

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### Bighorn Canyon ranger to present program on buffalo jumps Thursday

A Thursday talk will examine how buffalo jumps were created by local Native Americans and the central role buffalo played in the day-to-day living of the many tribes that lived in Wyoming and Montana.

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Park Ranger Todd Johnson's talk starts at 6 p.m. in Room 65 of Northwest College's Fagerberg Building.

"Buffalo jumps were a very important facet of Indian culture for hundreds of years," said Johnson. "They were critical for the survival of the tribe as they not only provided sustenance but the warm hides allowed them to survive the western region's harsh winters."

Other parts of the animal — like horns, sinew, bones and even the entrails — were used for daily activities like sewing, eating, and farming, he said.

"Every part of the buffalo was used. They were literally a walking supermarket for the tribes that

hunted them," said Johnson.

The presentation will include photos from some of the jump sites located in the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area and from other sites in the West. Johnson will also display a wide variety of bison products, including hides and a skull.

Also participating will be Johnny Tim Yellowtail, a member of the Crow Tribe. He'll discuss the Native American perspective on hunting buffalo and the spiritual bond that evolved over time between the two. Yellowtail will also perform an original song about the Bighorn Mountains in the Crow language.

The presentation, "Organized Chaos: The Importance of Buffalo Jumps and Their Impact on Native American Culture," is part of the Powell Valley Community Education program.

For more information, visit <https://nwc.edu/pvce/> or contact Christy Fleming, chief of interpretation at Bighorn Canyon, at 307-548-5402.

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Park Ranger Todd Johnson poses with a donated European mount bison skull that was recently added to an educational exhibit in the area's visitors center. During a Thursday talk in Powell, Johnson will discuss the role that buffalo played in the lives of Native American tribes. Courtesy photo

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# DIGEST

## Rock removal project to resume Monday

A \$1.68 million project involving rock removal along U.S. 14/16/20 west of Cody is scheduled to resume Monday.

By contract, unrestricted traffic will be allowed, without stops, to drive through the project area between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on working days. That's to allow daily commuters to make their way to Cody and home again in the late afternoon.

"At other times, the maximum delay time will be 20 minutes," said Wyoming Department of Transportation resident engineer Todd Frost of Cody.

Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and pilot vehicles.

"The contractor will be working in two areas at once: by the west end of the long tunnel and also on the same slope where rock excavation was done before the winter closure," Frost said. "Work in these areas will consist of installation of rock bolts and installation of rock fall attenuator."

In addition to removing more than 10,000 cubic yards of rock, work on this project includes removal of loose rock through scaling, and installation of rock bolts and rockfall barriers above the highway.

The project work is located between mileposts 44.39 and 45.37, which begins about a mile west of the long tunnel on U.S.



**The rock removal project work zone is located about a mile west of the long tunnel on U.S. 14/16/20 near Buffalo Bill Reservoir.** Photo courtesy Stuart Eckhardt, WYDOT

14/16/20 and ends at the long tunnel near Buffalo Bill Reservoir.

The prime contractor on the project is Wilson Brothers Construction of Cowley.

### POLICE REPORT

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

#### FEBRUARY 4

■ 1:34 a.m. A traffic stop in the alley behind South Cheyenne Street resulted in the arrest of Casey Weber, 26, of Powell, on suspicion of driving while under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance, and a warning for failure to signal turn. A passenger, Christina Lackman, 24, of Powell, also was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance.

■ 3:07 p.m. An auto burglary reported on Avenue G was placed under investigation.

■ 5:03 p.m. A long, brown checkbook-size wallet was reported lost in the Powell area.

#### FEBRUARY 5

■ 1:11 a.m. A possible drunk driver was reported on South Absaroka Street/East Coulter Avenue, but officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.

■ 1:45 a.m. Ren Utter, 27, Powell, was arrested at South Ferris/East Jefferson streets on an outstanding warrant and on suspicion of driving while under influence. A passenger, McKenzie Ray, 21, also was arrested on a warrant and issued a citation for criminal entry.

■ 11:25 a.m. An officer conducted a welfare check for a resident on East Seventh Street, and advised the resident was fine.

■ 12:30 p.m. A domestic disturbance on West Fourth Street that occurred over the weekend was placed under investigation.

■ 2:22 p.m. A report of a burglary to a residence on North Evarts Street was placed under investigation.

■ 4:03 p.m. Dispatch received a complaint of younger drivers who "drift" down the street at East Third/North Jones streets. The caller reported it happens every time it snows and the individuals drive recklessly. A responding officer checked the location, but did not see anything unusual or any reckless driving.

■ 5:20 p.m. A shoplifter was reported on West Coulter Avenue, and the case was placed under investigation.

#### FEBRUARY 6

■ 12:48 a.m. Dispatch received a call about an elderly male at a business on East Second Street who said he needed help because he has no power at his residence. A responding officer escorted the resident home and advised the resident did have heat and power and was fine.

■ 8:03 a.m. A driver's license was reported lost in the Powell area.

■ 10:41 a.m. An officer performed a welfare check for a resident on North Bernard Street and advised the resident was fine.

■ 11:42 a.m. Brett T. Brown, 19, of Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, was arrested on West Coulter Avenue on suspicion of shoplifting.

■ 3:23 p.m. A female in a business on North Bent Street was reported to be under the influence of something. A responding officer issued a 29-year-old Lovell resident a citation for public

intoxication.

■ 3:30 p.m. A resident on East Seventh Street reported kids peeling out of the east parking lot and nearly running over the resident. The resident requested more patrol of that area.

■ 7:41 p.m. Medication theft was reported on Avenue G and the case was placed under investigation.

■ 9:40 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on North Beckman Street and arrested Brian Mackey, 37, of Powell, on suspicion of domestic battery and non-domestic battery.

#### FEBRUARY 7

■ 10:40 a.m. A blue Tundra with a black topper reportedly drove through two stop signs at North Clark/East Seventh streets, and didn't even try to slow down. The vehicle was last seen going north on Day Street, but responding officers did not see the vehicle.

■ 11:38 a.m. Two vehicles, a green Ford Explorer and an older blue GMC-type vehicle, were reportedly spinning cookies at East Fifth Street. Responding officers spoke to a subject in the area, but no one witnessed any violations at that time.

■ 12:41 p.m. A drug incident on East Seventh Street was placed under investigation.

■ 5:22 p.m. Two snowmobiles were reportedly driving down the alley on East Coulter Avenue, but they were gone upon an officer's arrival.

■ 11:12 p.m. A caller reported a vehicle in the alley on East Second Street that was running and no one was around. A responding officer advised the owner was there.

#### FEBRUARY 8

■ 9:57 a.m. A resident reported finding a small amount of cash at Julie Lane/Kattenhorn Drive.

■ 10:59 a.m. An officer was flagged down at East Seventh Street in reference to a fight that happened at the school. School administration handled the situation.

■ 11:11 a.m. A caller requested a welfare check for a woman on North Day Street, but the woman was quickly located and the request was canceled.

■ 1:55 p.m. A driver's license was reported lost on East Seventh Street.

■ 4:11 p.m. A vehicle was reportedly driving erratically on West Coulter Avenue. A responding officer located the vehicle parked, but there was no driver.

#### FEBRUARY 9

■ 1:08 a.m. An officer spoke with the driver of a vehicle in a parking lot on North Bent Street and was advised the woman was going to check on an elderly female who could smell a whiff of smoke. The officer accompanied the woman and learned that a cigarette had been dropped, but nothing caught on fire.

■ 9:44 a.m. Dispatch received a report of a 5-pound Chihuahua that had been left in a car on East Coulter Avenue since the previous day with just a thin sweater on. It was very cold outside and the caller said the dog was barking non-stop. The community service officer contacted the dog's owner and advised her to attend to the dog; the owner removed

the dog from the vehicle.

■ 2 p.m. An officer checked on the welfare of an elderly female on North Bernard Street who failed to pick her dog up from the dog groomer. Assistance was provided.

■ 3:32 p.m. A dog was reportedly tied to a truck with no shelter at East Fourth/North Evarts streets. The dog's owner was contacted and advised he must provide shelter for the dog.

■ 4:33 p.m. An officer performed a welfare check on children on North Evarts Street and advised they were fine.

■ 6:05 p.m. An officer responded to a request to check the welfare of a child on East Second Street who was outside and seemed cold, and advised the child was dressed appropriately for the weather and said he was fine and lived nearby.

■ 6:40 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a neighbor calling for help on West Seventh Street. A responding officer contacted the Department of Family Services for a woman who may be unable to care for herself any longer.

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

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#### FEBRUARY 6

■ 12:05 p.m. Holly Ann Olsen, 38, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center for failure to comply on a misdemeanor charge.

■ 5:23 p.m. A deputy was flagged down for a small motor vehicle crash on Fair Street/Coulter Avenue in Powell.

■ 6:53 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation on Road 1AB/Road 8VC in Clark.

■ 6:54 p.m. A deputy assisted with a vehicle that had slid off U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

■ 8:46 p.m. A possible vehicle slide off was reported on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

■ 9:08 a.m. A report was received on Facebook that there was a maroon Ford truck in a ditch on Lane 8/Running Horse Road in the Powell area. The post had been received at 3:50 p.m. on Feb. 6. The vehicle was gone when the Sheriff's Office arrived.

■ 1 p.m. Gated pipe was reported stolen on Road 7 in the Powell area.

■ 2:31 p.m. An injured deer was reported in the road on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody. The Sheriff's Office was unable to locate the animal.

■ 4:01 p.m. McKenzie Grace Ray,

21, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

■ 7:05 p.m. A person not named in sheriff's logs was picked up on a warrant at the Big Horn County line on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

■ 8:03 p.m. A vehicle was reported missing on Brantz Trail in the Cody area.

■ 9:45 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Powell police with a report of possible shots fired at a motel on East Coulter Avenue.

#### FEBRUARY 8

■ 9:21 a.m. A truck reportedly hit an animal on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meetetse area.

■ 1:40 p.m. Checks were reported to have been stolen from a man's residence on Papoose Lane in Clark. He'd been notified that someone attempted to pass the checks in Missoula, Montana.

■ 4:09 p.m. A caller reported that, for the past couple nights, people in a Toyota Celica with tinted windows had been coming onto their property on Road 2BC in the Cody area and walking around in the snow. The caller said that, the previous night, the people had defecated in the caller's yard. The caller said it had been happening for about a week and a half, between midnight and 4 a.m.

■ 4:37 p.m. Five horses were reported to be out on Road 2AB near Trotter Road in the Cody area.

■ 6:58 p.m. Someone was reported to have dumped a load of hay on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.

■ 9:11 p.m. A report of suspicious activity involving a van at the Buffalo Bill Dam Visitors Center west of Cody was determined to be unfounded.

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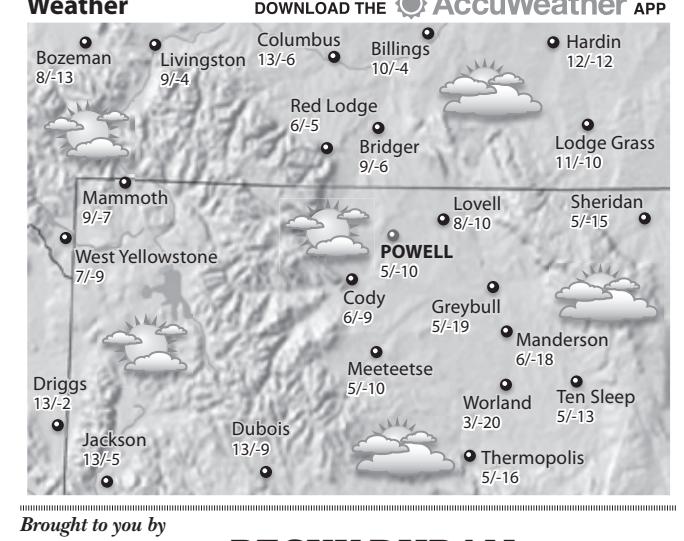
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Normal high/low ..... 38°/12°  
Average temperature ..... 16.5°  
Normal average temperature ..... 24.8°

PRECIPITATION  
Total for the week ..... 0.61"°  
Month to date ..... 0.93"°  
Normal month to date ..... 0.08"°  
Year to date ..... 1.03"°  
Snowfall for the week ..... 5.7"°  
Snowfall month to date ..... 12.0"°  
Snowfall season to date ..... 19.2"°

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Casper	12/9/c	Greybull	5/19/c
Cheyenne	16/1/c	Jeffrey City	12/9/pc
Gillette	4/14/pc	Kirby	5/19/c

The Nation	Today	Today	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	76/64/pc	Houston	78/68/t
Boston	59/52/pc	Indianapolis	70/43/t
Chicago	62/26/t	Kansas City	43/16/r
Dallas	72/44/t	Las Vegas	49/32/s
Denver	21		

## HUNTER PINK?

### LAWMAKERS CONSIDER BILL LEGALIZING ALTERNATIVE COLOR FOR HUNTING GARMENTS

BY KELSEY DAYTON  
WyoFile.com

**H**unters would have the option to wear fluorescent pink instead of the traditional blaze orange when they head into the field if a bill proposed in the Wyoming Legislature passes.

Senate File 61 would allow hunters to substitute fluorescent pink for the currently required fluorescent orange. Sen. Affie Ellis, R-Cheyenne, proposed the legislation after hearing about a study in Wisconsin that showed fluorescent pink was as visible as fluorescent orange, and sometimes more so. The high visibility prompted Ellis to propose pink but not colors like green or blue, she said.

"Safety is the most important part of the bill," she said.

The bill attempts to sustain and grow the number of people who hunt in the state, Ellis said. She doesn't think the ability to wear a different color will make more women hunt. It just provides "a fun option" for women, who represent the fastest growing demographic of hunters in the state. Ellis said women hunters she's spoken to are excited about the idea, but the rule would also allow men to choose which color they prefer to wear.

Senate File 61 passed the Senate and moved to the House on Monday with a 29-1 vote. Sen. James Lee Anderson, R-Casper, cast the lone dissenting vote.

Wyoming is not the first state to consider such a law. Wisconsin and Colorado passed similar legislation in 2016. Michigan lawmakers recently rejected the idea after the Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and many female hunters opposed the bill.

Currently hunters in Wyoming must wear one visible blaze orange garment

when big game and trophy game hunting, said Renny MacKay, spokesman for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

According to Game and Fish, there were 11,189 resident women hunters in 2008 and 14,770 in 2016. Women comprise about 20 percent of hunters in the state, MacKay said.

Wyoming Game and Fish, as a state agency, doesn't lobby for or against bills.

"Our priority is safety and also making sure more people get involved in hunting and fishing," MacKay said.

Blaze orange is the only color that has been thoroughly tested in national studies for hunter visibility in the field, he said. He also said the agency is supportive of measures designed to encourage more women hunters, such as the

Wyoming Women's Antelope Hunt, Becoming an Outdoor Woman workshops and a recent program that took women and their children out to learn to peahant hunt.

Sen. Liisa Anselmi-Dalton, D-Rock Springs, one of the co-sponsors of the bill, said it's about offering more choices to those who are already hunters, while still keeping hunters safe. She said the bill had the support of hunting groups like Muley Fanatics.

Anselmi-Dalton said she received a series of orange postcards from hunters who oppose the bill and want the Legislature to focus on more important issues.

"I understand this bill is not something that is a barn burner," she said.

But she sees no harm in offering hunters more choices, so long as safety standards are met.

Phoebe Stoner, a hunter and angler in Laramie, does see the bill as harmful.

**'Our priority is safety and also making sure more people get involved in hunting and fishing.'**

Renny MacKay  
Wyoming Game and Fish  
Department spokesman



Tonya Lewman walks through the fog and sagebrush wearing a vest in traditional hunter-orange while scouting for antelope on Oct. 7, 2016, near Ucross. Proposed legislation would allow hunters to wear fluorescent pink instead of the currently required orange. Photo courtesy Kelsey Dayton, WyoFile.com

ful. She believes it promotes the stereotypes that keep women from sports like hunting.

"It's just blatantly sexist," she said. "I find it as a female hunter to be insulting and demeaning and all the sports-women I've talked to have had the same reaction."

For her, hunting is empowering and gives her a sense of self-sustainability. The bill statutorily reinforces stereotypes about how hunting is a masculine activity and that women are more interested in things that are pink or fashionable.

Hunters wear blaze orange because it can be seen, even by those who are color blind, she said.

Even if pink was proposed because it's been studied and proven equally visible, the bill is still problematic, she said.

"You are still saying that a woman won't participate in this sport until you change something that is strictly appearance-based," Stoner said.

Stoner said she appreciates the bill's intent to attract and keep women in-

terested in hunting. But people need to reframe the question and look at why it is seen as a masculine sport and what is keeping women from it, she said.

"Hunting is intimidating and an undeniably male-dominated sport, that is indisputable," she said. "But this proposal is part of the problem and not part of the solution."

Stoner said she also finds it frustrating that last year the House killed a bill to set aside tags for the Wyoming Women's Antelope Hunt (a similar measure is proposed this year for what she considers one of the state's strongest programs for involving women in hunting) yet may consider a bill about wearing pink.

Jessi Johnson, a Wyoming hunter and coordinator with Artemis, a women's sportsman's group, is more ambivalent about the bill.

"I think it focuses on a nonissue," she said. "I've never [felt], nor met a woman who felt the color of their safety vest was the reason they wouldn't go outside and hunt."

For Johnson, the biggest issue has

long been finding clothing actually designed for women's bodies. For years she had to wear men's size-small clothing that never fit right when hunting.

Companies recently designing gear specifically for women have made a big difference, but because of the fit, not the color. She said women are more likely to spend time outside if they are comfortable and warm.

"It's not the color of the gear we care about," she said. "It's the quality of the gear. It's the fit of the gear."

Yet if the bill brings or keeps more women in the sport, "more power to them," Johnson said.

Johnson said she's more interested in other bills this legislative session, especially HB-39, which would create a license plate that would provide funding for wildlife conservation. That bill, she said, will likely have a bigger impact on wildlife conservation.

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### Auto Insurance

Pay your monthly premiums to keep your policy active. Deductible limits for comprehensive and collision coverage are determined when you purchase a policy. Selecting a higher deductible might lower your monthly premiums, but you will have to pay the higher deductible amount when a claim is filed. It may not make sense to file a claim if your repairs cost less than your deductible.

Claim delays are a frequent claim complaint. If you're involved in a two or more vehicle accident, your insurer and the other insurer(s) will conduct a liability investigation. You can help by taking photos of your damage, showing the area where the accident took place, and providing witness contact information. The NAIC's WreckCheck at: [www.insureonline.org/auto\\_wreckcheck\\_guide.pdf](http://www.insureonline.org/auto_wreckcheck_guide.pdf) walks users through what to do after an accident. If there is a dispute about what happened, a police report may be necessary before making a liability determination, but police reports may take weeks to get.

### Homeowners Insurance

Determine whether your policy requires insurer notification within a designated timeframe. Some policies may also require that you immediately mitigate damages to protect property from further loss. For example, cover a broken window so water can't get inside the home and cause additional damage.

Make a home inventory now so you can provide information in the event of damage or loss. A home inventory with photos can help expedite the claims process. Also, take photos to document your loss and damage. If you have sufficient proof to show you've done everything in your ability to prevent damages and that the damages are not due to negligence, you'll have an easier time with the

claims process.

Many homeowners policies will pay for living expenses including hotel and meal costs when you can't live in your home. Remember to keep receipts for reimbursement.

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### Prepare Ahead of Time

Read your insurance policy and ask questions before a loss occurs. Know what your policy covers and talk with your agent or insurer to make sure you have the right plan or appropriate coverage. Understand the covered perils and any exclusions in your policy. Knowing your insurance coverage can provide peace of mind in the event of an emergency.

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Deanna and Cory White grieve over their family pet, a dachshund named Buddy, after it perished in a fire at Cory White's residence. Tribune photo by Mark Davis



Petey, an English bulldog, is treated by Powell Firefighters and emergency medical technicians at the scene of a Saturday evening fire in the Cactus Garden Court off Seventh Street. Petey was taken to a local animal hospital after receiving oxygen and comfort at the scene. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

## Fire: Blaze may have been caused by stove

Continued from Page 1

of White's survived. Emergency personnel worked on resuscitating the dog with oxygen before it was transported to a vet.

"It's definitely a sad loss for the resident," Dicks said of the dachshund. "Property is replaceable. Losing a pet is unfortunate."

With colder temperatures in the forecast for the foreseeable future, Dicks reiterated

the importance of making sure all stoves and space heaters are shut off before leaving the house.

"Looking at the forecast, it's not going to warm up too awful soon," Dicks said. "Definitely keep that in mind. ... Just be conscious about stuff being turned off if you have to leave for an extended period of time."

A bank account is being set up at Sunlight Federal Credit Union in White's name. Those

wishing to assist can contact the bank directly.

"It could happen to any of us," Billy Joe Whitman said. "It's just so scary."

Last week, fire crews were dispatched to a fully engulfed residence on the 1200 block of Lane 8 in rural Powell. The house was completely destroyed, and the cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

(Mark Davis contributed reporting.)



Firefighters work the north side of the trailer fire as they got the blaze under control. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## House kills taxes, leaves cuts and savings to meet deficit

BY ANDREW GRAHAM  
WyoFile.com

The Wyoming House of Representatives failed to advance any new revenue measures in its first week of action, effectively killing any chance of raising new funds to meet the state's budget shortfall.

Funding education, overcoming the budget deficit and diversifying the state's economy remain the pressing issues on the minds of legislative leaders. But a clear path forward for education funding has yet to emerge.

Economic diversification has widespread support, but efforts to diversify the state's tax system to capture revenues from a less-mineral dependent economy are dead in the water.

House leadership let 37 bills expire without an introduction

vote Friday. The list included a lodging tax pushed by Senate President Eli Bebout, a tobacco tax increase, a wind energy tax, real estate transfer tax and a personal income tax. Avoiding votes on tax bills follows committee inaction last month when a months-long revenue discussion lost steam as the legislative session approached.

"It's not even 3:30," House Minority Floor Leader Cathy Connolly, D-Laramie, said as the House floor cleared out Friday afternoon. Though the prevailing sentiment was clearly against tax increases, the House leadership had wiped away an opportunity to debate what the state's revenue picture should look like in a post-mineral dependence future.

Last year, the Legislature cut spending and used savings to reduce the state's "structural deficit" from \$1.2 billion to \$900 million, according to the Legislative Service Office. The deficit projection doesn't take into account potential diversions of revenues or use of the state's substantial savings in new ways, as some bills propose.

The budget bill will be debated this week, and the deficits ensure there will be a number of attempts to amend the work conducted by the Joint Appropriations Committee.

Each chamber works on an identical version of the budget bill. Once the budget passes the House and Senate, differences in each chamber's version are hashed out by a conference committee. Both chambers began debate on the budget bill Monday.

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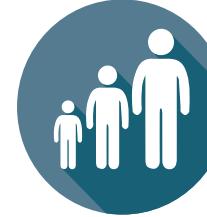
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# SPORTS

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## Lady Panthers win two on road

### SECURE NO. 1 POSITION IN QUADRANT

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

The Lady Panthers basketball team locked up the top spot in the Class 3A West's northern quadrant over the weekend, beating Lander on Friday and Riverton on Saturday.

After struggling with 23 turnovers in each of their two prior games, the Powell High School girls bounced back with just 14 between the two weekend games.

The two wins put the Lady Panthers' record at 5-0 in the quadrant and 14-5 overall.

Lady Panthers went on a 15-3 run to win, 55-45. Senior Maddy Hanks scored 10 of her 13 points in the last period, to go along with four assists and four steals for the game.

'... each time they made a run at us, the girls did a good job of answering that and finishing strong down the stretch.'

Scott McKenzie  
Head coach

"She did a great job in that fourth quarter," coach McKenzie said.

The other six points scored in the fourth quarter came from Rachel Bonander. Bonander had a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds (six on offense and four on defense) and had three blocks.

Only four Lady Panthers scored in the game, but all hit double digits. Katie McKenzie had four 3-pointers for her 12 points as well as five assists.

Aubrie Stenerson had 10 points, five rebounds and two steals.

"Lander played really well and I thought each time they made a run at us, the girls did a good job of answering that and finishing strong down the stretch," coach McKenzie said.

As a team, the Lady Panthers had only six turnovers.

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LADY PANTHERS 55,  
LADY TIGERS 45

Head coach Scott McKenzie said Friday's matchup in Lander was a game of spurts.

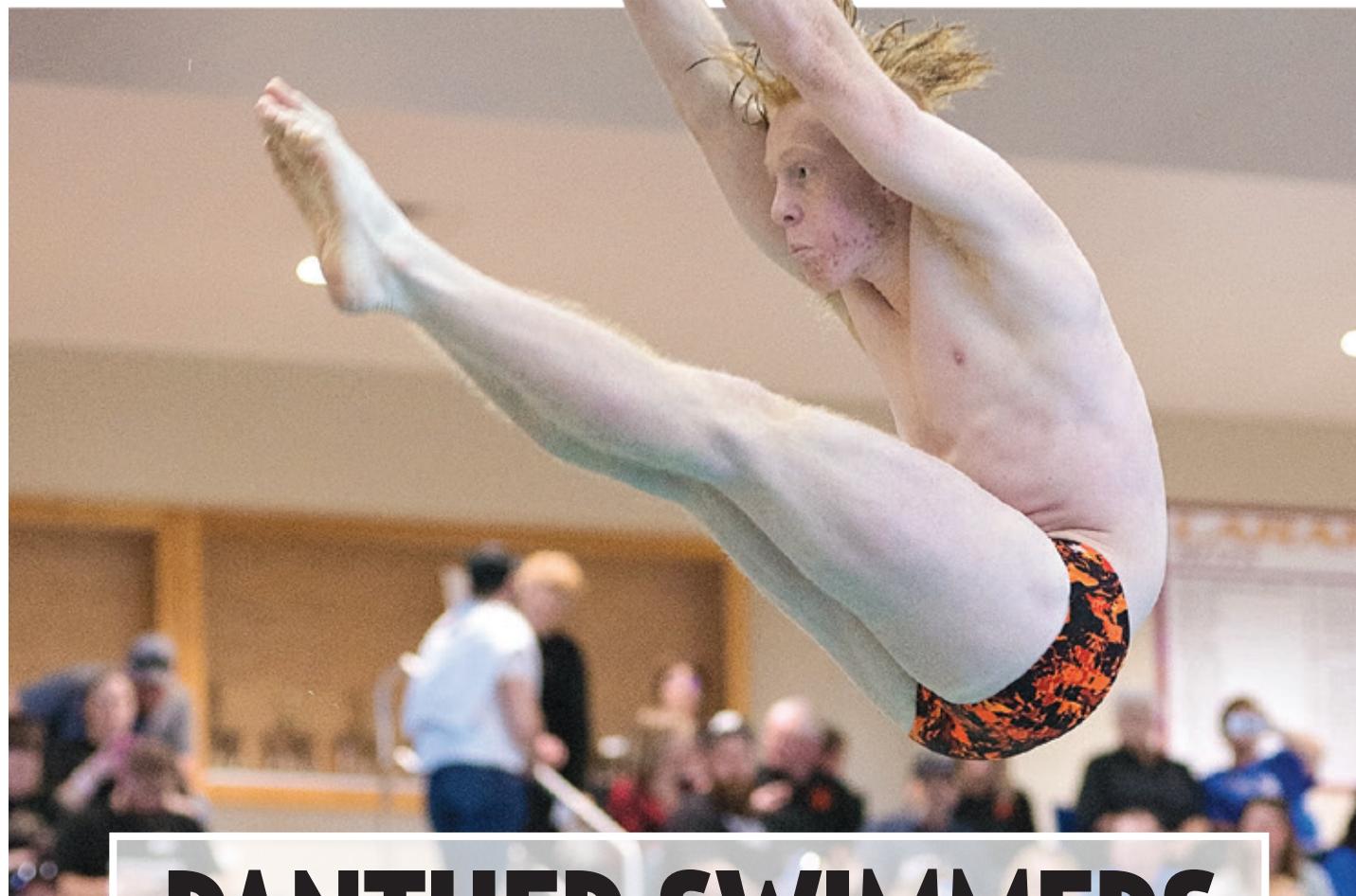
"We got up and then they would kind of spurt back," coach McKenzie said.

After the first quarter, the Lady Panthers led 12-11; at half-time, they led 25-22. The Lady Tigers took the advantage in the third quarter, holding a 33-29 lead going into the final period.

The score was tied at 42 with about 2:21 left to play before the



PHS junior Karlie McKenzie makes a move around a Riverton opponent during a home game on Jan. 19. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel



## PANTHER SWIMMERS TAKE THIRD AT STATE

### HUDSON WILKERSON WINS STATE TITLE IN DIVING

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School swim team took third at last week's 3A State Swim and Dive Championships in Laramie, with senior Hudson Wilkerson claiming the state championship title in diving.

Lander won its 22nd consecutive state championship, scoring 325 points. Lyman placed second with 197 and Powell took third with 189. Kemmerer was fourth with 125 and Rawlins was fifth with 125.

Head coach Stephanie Warren said the coaches and swimmers were really hoping to "see some good time drops" and almost every swimmer improved their times in either the preliminaries or finals.

With a new coach this season, a new location for the state meet — Laramie — and having some new elements added to the training this year such as weight lifting, "We were kind of just looking to see what was the final results of everything going to be with all

the different variables," Warren said. "I think overall with the state meet we were very pleased with what had happened, with the way the boys performed, with the way the times cut."

"I think it was kind of better than we had expected," Warren added. "That's always an encouraging thing finishing one season and getting ready to go into the next season."

**'He is constantly looking for a way to better himself. He is very goal oriented and willing to put himself out there to do whatever he can to get better.'**

Stephanie Warren  
Head coach

level and for the three years he's been here, he's consistently been working toward that — trying to better himself."

Hudson Wilkerson, a Lovell High School student, said winning the state championship feels good.

#### STATE MEET CHAMPIONSHIP AND AWARDS

Hudson Wilkerson won the state championship in the 11-dive event with a score of 438.55; the runner-up, from Rawlins, finished with 368.9 points.

"That was really exciting for Hudson," Warren said. "Hudson ... has always had a goal to be the best he can be at the high school

"All your hard work going into it and having it pay off is the best feeling," he said.

In pursuit of a state title, Hudson Wilkerson spent the last two summers going to a diving camp at Duke University and went to a USA camp in Laramie last summer, coach Warren said. Hudson also reached out to Olympic coaches and a Jamaican Olympic diver whom he met at the Duke University camps, seeking advice throughout the season.

"He is constantly looking for a way to better himself," Warren said. "He is very goal oriented and willing to put himself out there to do whatever he can to get better."

With the state title, Hudson is a contender for the All-American Award.

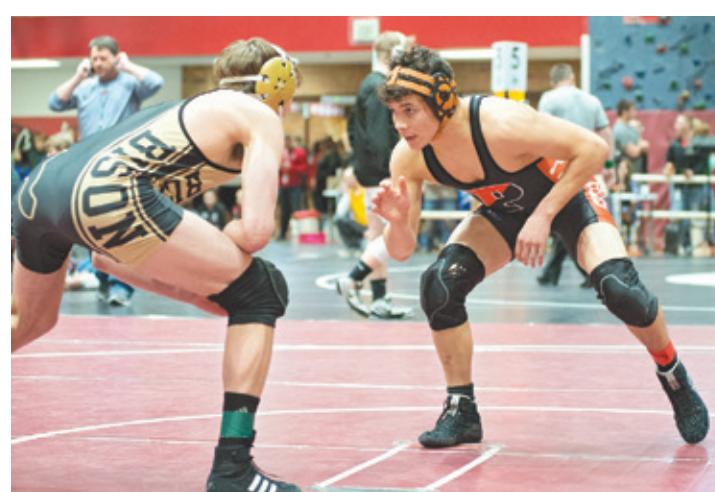
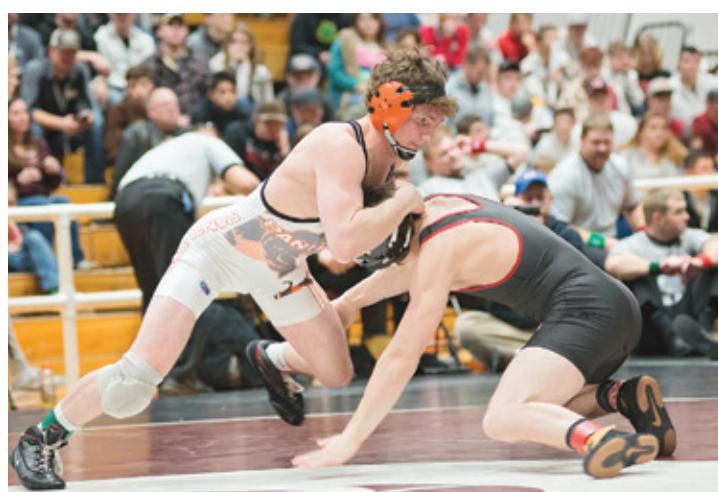
"It was really exciting to see him be able to meet that goal of being a state champion and watching him along the way," said Warren, adding that "being a small part of that has been a very exciting thing for me as well."

Hudson placed ninth in diving his freshman year, then second his sophomore and junior years. He has a goal of diving for the University of Wyoming next year.

Senior Kacey Creed won the Sportsmanship Award for the state meet.

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Panther diver Hudson Wilkerson completes a dive en route to his state championship title on Friday at the 3A State Swim and Dive Championships in Laramie. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel



Powell High School wrestling team members (from left) Reese Karst, Brody Karhu and Brandon Thompson — pictured in action at meets from earlier this year — won the 138-pound, 152-pound and 285-pound weight classes, respectively, at the 3A West Regional Championship in Lyman on Saturday. Tribune photos by Breanne Thiel

## Panther wrestlers place second at regional tournament

'I thought we wrestled well for the most part, probably the most consistent that we have had all year ...'  
Nate Urbach  
Head coach

### KARST, KARHU AND THOMPSON BRING HOME CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School wrestling team finished as the runners-up among the eight teams that competed in the 3A West Regional wrestling tournament in Lyman over the weekend.

Reese Karst, Brody Karhu and

Brandon Thompson all won first place in their respective weight classes.

"I thought we wrestled well for the most part," said PHS head coach Nate Urbach. "Probably the most consistent that we have had all year, which is good to see."

A total of 18 wrestlers placed in the top eight which, in turn,

earned them a spot at this weekend's 3A State Wrestling tournament in Casper.

Star Valley won the tournament with 269.5 points, Powell was second with 188 and Cody took third with 148 points. Coming in fourth was Lander with 127, Lyman was fifth with 95, Pinedale placed sixth with 92, Riverton was sev-

enth with 91.5 and Mountain View was eighth with 40 points.

Karst won the 3A West Regional title at 238 pounds. Three of his four matches were won by a pin, with times of 51 seconds, 2:41 and 2:30. His fourth victory came by way of a 16-0 technical fall.

"Reese [Karst] looked really good," Urbach said. "Just re-

ally stayed steady and had a great finals match and a great semi-finals."

Brody Karhu won all three of his matches by pins in 1:10, 1:48 and 3:28 to take the 152-pound weight class 3A West Regional title. Urbach said Brody Karhu "looked as good as I've ever seen him."

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Powell High School senior Maddy Hanks drives to the basket during a Jan. 19 home game against Riverton. Over the weekend, Hanks scored a total of 28 points — 13 against Lander on Friday and 15 against Riverton on Saturday. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

## PHS GBB: Take on Worland tonight, Cody Fillies Friday; both home games

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"So we bounced back this weekend," coach McKenzie said. "Really proud of the girls for taking care of the ball."

The Lady Panthers shot 32 percent at the 3-point line, 40 percent inside the arc and 59 percent at the free throw line.

### LADY PANTHERS 43, LADY WOLVERINES 29

In Riverton on Saturday, "we really jumped out to a great start," coach McKenzie said.

PHS hit a trio of 3-pointers in the first quarter: two from Hanks and one from Katie McKenzie.

After the first quarter, the score was 17-7 Powell. The Lady Wolverines battled back in the second period to cut the PHS lead to 21-17 at halftime, but the Lady Panthers went on to win, 43-29.

Hanks led the team with 15 points and had five rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Stenerson had 12 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals. At the free throw line, Stenerson made six out of eight attempts.

Bonander had another double-double with 11 points and 10 boards that were split evenly between offense and defense.

Coach McKenzie said the bench did a nice job each night on defense and on rebounding.

There has been a schedule change for a game against Worland that was originally scheduled for Thursday: The game will now take place in Powell tonight (Tuesday) at 5:30 p.m.

On Friday night, PHS' cross-county rivals, the Cody Fillies, will come to town for tip off at 5:30 p.m. Hanks,

the team's lone senior, will be recognized as well in what will be Powell's last home game of the season.

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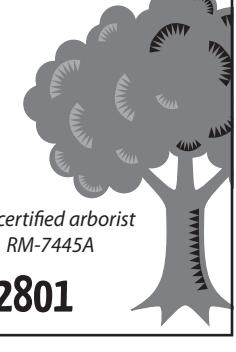
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## PHS swim: Coach hopeful underclassmen and incoming freshmen will fill gaps left by seniors

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### SENIORS

"This group of seniors that we had are definitely a group that will be missed," Warren said.

There were five seniors on the swim team this year — Kacey Creed, Hudson Wilkerson, Dillinger Wilkerson, Gavin Asay and Jared Fuller.

As a whole, Warren said the seniors have "been a very dedicated group to swimming."

Creed placed second in both of his individual events, the 100 breaststroke and the 100 butterfly, and was a member of both the third-place relay teams — the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

Creed said his high school swim career was "amazing." He plans to join the Navy after high school.

Dillinger Wilkerson, who started swimming his freshman year, said swimming is hard "because you challenge yourself every day and work to improve."

Of his state meet, Asay said he placed the best he has all four years of competing at the high school level. Asay said swimming is hard and requires the athlete to "push themselves every day."

Fuller, who started swimming at age 9, had the best times in his swim career in Laramie and said his swim career was worth it.

"It was the best time of my life," Fuller said.

While some of the depth of the team will be lost with the outgoing seniors, Warren said she hopes the underclassmen and next year's incoming freshmen will step into those places.

Creed's advice for the underclassmen is to "swim hard and come to practice... leave it all in the pool."

Fuller's advice for underclassmen is that "kicking is way more important than you think" and "to swim hard — it's all worth it at the end."

Dillinger Wilkerson advised the underclassmen to "try their best and don't quit" while Asay said "to keep it up. They all do such good work."

Hudson Wilkerson, meanwhile, said to stick with it because "your senior year is where it all pays off. Just keep pushing on no matter how bad you think it is, it's always going to get better."

All of the seniors thanked their teammates, parents and coaches — including Jerry Rodriguez.

### HALL OF FAME BOARD

After this season, the Hall of Fame leaderboard in the Powell Aquatic Center will have some changes.

Dillinger Wilkerson made the PHS Hall of Fame Board in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.60 to secure the third place spot. With the new addition, former PHS swimmer Jory Turk, who now coaches for Sheridan, will be removed.

Kacey Creed secured his spot as No. 1 in the breaststroke improving his time from last year — dropping from 1:01.76 to 1:01.54.

Creed also secured the second place spot on the board for the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.06, down from 55.14.

Hudson Wilkerson will move up from fourth in the six-dive cat-



Powell High School sophomore Jay Cox cheers on Trenton Wilson during the 500 freestyle finals at the 3A State Swim and Dive Championships in Laramie on Friday. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

egory to the No. 1 spot with a score of 301.10 — improving from an earlier score of 266.40. That moves former PHS diver Marty Lane down to second place and takes Jonah Kliewer off the record board.

Richard Spann remains in third place on the PHS Hall of Fame board for the 100 backstroke, but he improved his previous time of 56.20 seconds with a showing of 55.53.

As for the points scored throughout a swimmer's career, Creed finished in second place all time with 713 points scored — just three points away from the No. 1 slot held by Roy Oursler.

Sophomore Richard Spann is currently in eighth place with 488 points.

Hudson Wilkerson closed out his Panther swimming career in 10th place with 461 points, Jared Fuller in 18th with 324 and Gavin Asay in 23rd with 301 points.

### RESULTS FROM THE 3A STATE SWIM AND DIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 200 Medley Relay:

3. Richard Spann, Kacey Creed, Jared Fuller and Dillinger Wilkerson 1:43.38

#### 200 Yard Freestyle:

10. Joe Rogers 2:01.69 (5.87)\*, 12. Jay Cox 2:04.69 (4.16), 13. Trenton Wilson 2:05.16 (6.91), 17. Matthew Hobbs 2:10.05 (2.47)

#### 200 Yard IM:

2. Richard Spann 2:09.51 (6.60), 4. Jared Fuller 2:14.56 (6.17)

#### 50 Yard Freestyle:

12. Jay Cox 2447 (0.82)

#### Diving:

1. Hudson Wilkerson 438.55 (11.75), 5. Bryce Hogen 284.80 (18.15)

#### 100 Yard Butterfly:

2. Kacey Creed 55.06 (1.08), 7. Gavin Asay 1:00.08 (2.49), 18. Bryce Hogen 1:08.38 (3.01), 19. Ben Cannizzaro 1:08.53

#### 100 Yard Freestyle:

8. Dillinger Wilkerson 53.17 (4.05), 9. Joe Rogers 54.07 (2.67)

#### 500 Yard Freestyle:

5. Trenton Wilson 5:48.13 (15.30), 11. Gavin Asay 6:00.85 (4.84)

#### 100 Yard Backstroke:

3. Richard Spann 55.53 (2.70), 6. Jared Fuller 1:00.21 (3.23)

#### 100 Yard Breaststroke:

2. Kacey Creed 1:01.54 (0.87), 5. Dillinger Wilkerson 1:04.82 (5.29)

#### 400 Yard Freestyle Relay:

3. Joe Rogers, Jared Fuller, Jay Cox and Kacey Creed

\*(improvement from prior best)



Powell High School sophomore Richard Spann swims the 100 backstroke during Friday's finals at the 3A State Swim and Dive Championships in Laramie. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

## PHS WR:

### State in Casper this weekend

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Thompson, meanwhile, won in the 285-pound weight class. After a first round bye, he pinned his first opponent in 1:56. Thompson, who was ranked sixth going into the tournament, then beat second-ranked Eric Flores of Cody in the semi-finals by a 5-2 decision. In the championship match, Thompson pinned fourth-ranked Hunter Cranney of Star Valley in 4:43.

"He wrestled super good," Urbach said of Thompson.

Also placing in the top eight and earning a trip to the 3A State Wrestling Tournament were:

Emma Karhu and Colt Nicholson at 106 pounds. Karhu placed fourth, while Nicholson finished sixth.

"Thought Emma Karhu wrestled really well," said Urbach said; in the consolation semi-final match, Emma Karhu defeated Brady Carey of Lander — who'd beaten her earlier in the year — by a 9-5 decision.

At 113 pounds, Trevor Feller placed seventh and Riley Bennett took eighth.

Michael Maddox placed fourth at 120 pounds and Brian Brazelton took fifth.

Urbach said Maddox wrestled well.

"He had a couple close wins and he looked good," the coach said.

At 126 pounds, Stephen Preator placed third in what Urbach described as a good tournament.

Corey Linebaugh took seventh at 132 pounds in a "great" showing, Urbach said.

"He won a couple tough matches and his weight class was loaded, so he wrestled really well," the coach said.

One of Linebaugh's tough wins was over two-time state medalist Grayson Hicks by a 13-0 major decision.

Matt Jones took sixth at 138 pounds.

At 145 pounds, Seth Horton took third and Cole Davis placed sixth. Horton bounced back after being pinned by Jack Sweeney of Lander in 1:52 to take third place.

"He [Horton] did well," Urbach said.

The coach similarly praised Cameron Schmidt's wrestling at 160 pounds, where he placed sixth.

Bo Dearcorn took third at 170 pounds and "looked good," Urbach said. Dearcorn came back to beat Trent Clark of Star Valley to take third place after losing to him earlier in the tournament.

Matthew Seckman placed eighth at 195 pounds and "wrestled pretty well," Urbach said.

"He's real close to doing some real good things," the coach said.

Duy Linh Hoang took third at 220 pounds in his first season of wrestling.

"He's really starting to pick things up which is good to see," Urbach said of Hoang, saying the athlete wrestled really well in Lyman.

The 3A State Wrestling Tournament will take place in Casper this Friday and Saturday with start times at 9 a.m. both days.

Urbach said the state tournament will be tough, as the Panthers could place anywhere from second to sixth place.

"We [have] just got to be ready to go and rise to the occasion," Urbach said. "I'm excited."

### 3A WEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

#### Individual overall records

106 lb.	Emma Karhu	5-2
106 lb.	Colt Nicholson	2-2
113 lb.	Trevor Feller	1-2
113 lb.	Riley Bennett	1-2
120 lb.	Michael Maddox	2-2
120 lb.	Brian Brazelton	1-2
126 lb.	Evan Habbeck	0-2
126 lb.	Stephen Preator	3-1
132 lb.	Corey Linebaugh	3-2
138 lb.	Matt Jones	2-2
138 lb.	Reese Karst	4-0
145 lb.	Cole Davis	2-2
145 lb.	Seth Horton	3-1
152 lb.	Brody Karhu	3-0
160 lb.	Seena Ashtiani	0-2
160 lb.	Cameron Schmidt	1-2
170 lb.	Bo Dearcorn	4-1
195 lb.	Matthew Seckman	1-2
220 lb.	Duy Linh Hoang	3-1
285 lb.	Brandon Thompson	3-0

## Panthers split games on the road



Powell High School junior Carson Heinen goes up for a jump shot during the home game against Riverton on Jan. 19.

Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

### BY BREANNE THIEL Tribune Sports Writer

In a pair of nail-biting road games, the Powell High School boys basketball team lost by one to Lander on Friday, 58-57, then beat Riverton on Saturday, 50-47.

Head coach Chase Kistler said he felt the Panthers played well in both contests and shot very well against Riverton.

#### LANDER 58, PANTHERS 57

In the first half of Friday's game in Lander, Kistler said the Tigers shot the ball well; at one point in the second quarter, the hosts were up by as many as 16 points.

"But then we just kind of stayed steady," Kistler said. He said the defense picked up and the offense was then able to roll off the momentum generated from the defense.

Kistler described Lander as a team that scores in spurts — scoring close to 30 points one quarter and then four the next.

Overall, Kistler said it was "a tough game that we gave ourselves an opportunity to win. We just couldn't close it out at the end."

#### PANTHERS 50, RIVERTON 47

The next day, the Panthers played Riverton. Kistler said it was a game where the Panthers controlled all four quarters.

"Instead of having that moment where we give up a lot of points, we just kind of controlled it all the way through," he said.

The Panthers hung on in part by sinking 11 of their 15 attempts

from the free throw line in the fourth quarter. The Powell boys had only 12 turnovers for the entire game.

Kistler said all the players stepped up against the Wolverines.

Between both games, Kistler said the Panthers have gained some confidence "that we know we can play with anyone."

"We just got to play consistent," he added.

Carson Heinen led the way for the Panthers with 15 points, followed by Zach Meredith with 13. Jace Smith added eight points, while Luke Washington and Kaelan Groves chipped in seven points apiece.

There are only two more games left in the regular season — against Worland and Cody.

The game against Worland (6-11) which was originally scheduled for Thursday, will now take place in the Panther Gym tonight (Tuesday) at 7 p.m.

On Friday night, the cross-county rivals Cody Broncs will come to town for a game starting at 7 p.m. With it being the Panthers' final home game, the team will honor its five seniors: Trent Desjarlais, Aaron Jacobsen, Zach Meredithe, Jace Smith and Luke Washington.

The Panthers have a 1-4 record in Class 3A West's northern quadrant and are 6-12 overall; Cody has a 3-2 quadrant record and is 16-5 overall.

"I'd rather be playing our best basketball now," said Kistler of the team heading into the week's competition — and then the postseason — with newfound confidence.

## NWC ATHLETICS

### Northwest Trappers weekend sports recap

Saturday was Sophomore Day for the Northwest College men's and women's basketball



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — TEACHER BREAKFAST

## STATE CONVENTION TEAM

The Powell-Shoshone FFA Chapter took eight teams down to State FFA Convention, with a few of the freshmen competing in Freshman Quiz Bowl, making it a total of nine competitions the chapter competed in for the 2017 State FFA Convention. The Vet Science team also competed for the state competition at Torrington. Of these, three teams made the top six in their events: Livestock Judging (third), Farm Business Management (fourth), Environmental & Natural Sciences (fifth), Agronomy, Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Meetings, Freshman Quiz Bowl, Poultry Judging, and Ag Mechanics.



Pictured from left are: (top) Wyatt Murray, Wyatt Decker, Logan Mehling, Isabella Wambeke, Mr. Meyer, Cayle Kremer, Tate Barhaug, Mackenzie Stearns, Caden Meyer, Ethan Mann, Adrian Sinecio, Colton Kremer, Bronson Smith and Joel Perez; (middle) Kathleen Bush, Colt Nicholson, Kaylee Meyer, Kalli Ashby, Kaitlyn Decker, Ciara Payne, Gracie McLain, Maddie Clark, Kortny Feller and Kady Wells; (bottom) Annie Price, McKennah Buck, Matt Rathbun, Chase Smith, Elaina Madruga, Tianna Timmons, Mallory Triplett, Teo Faulkner, Dani Asay and Logan Lamb.

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Powell-Shoshone Chapter members pictured (top, from left): Kathleen Bush and Kalli Ashby; and (bottom, from left) Cayle Kremer, Rylee Ramsey, Bronson Smith, Gracie McLain, McKennah Buck and Logan Mehling.

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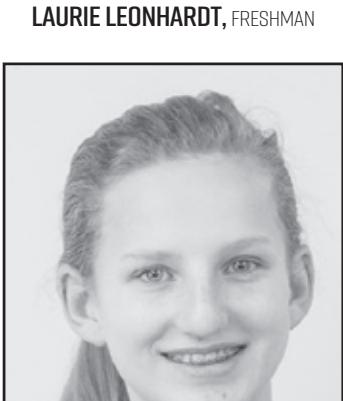
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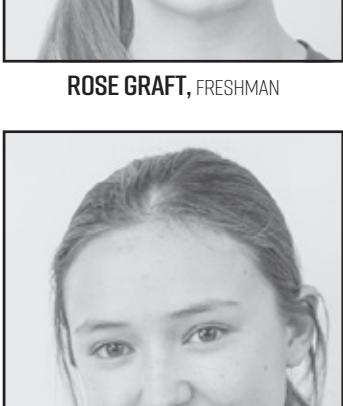
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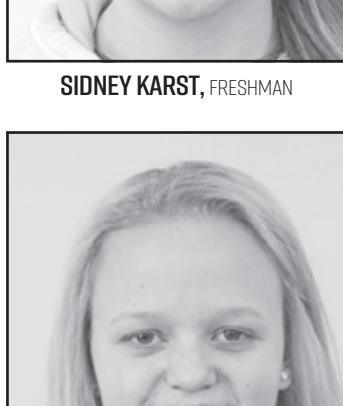
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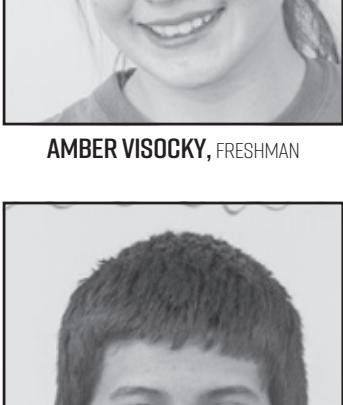
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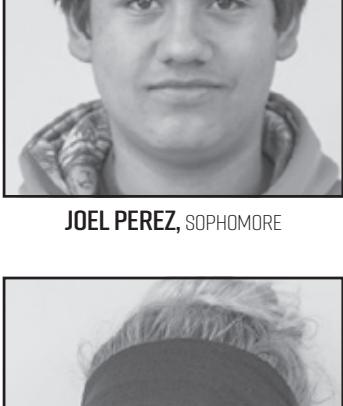
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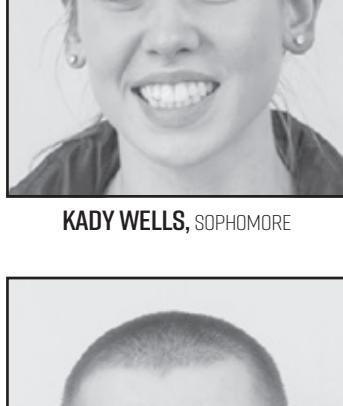
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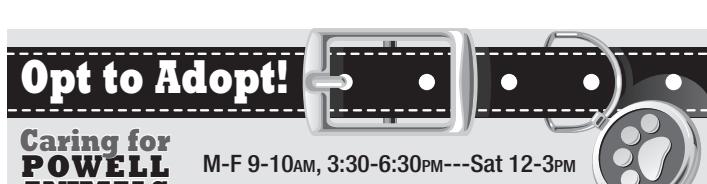
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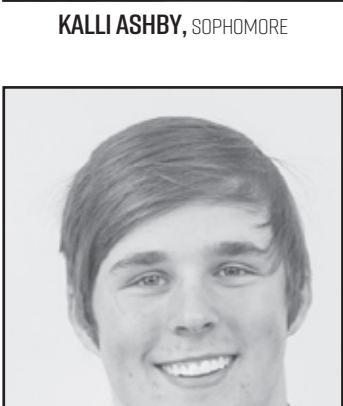
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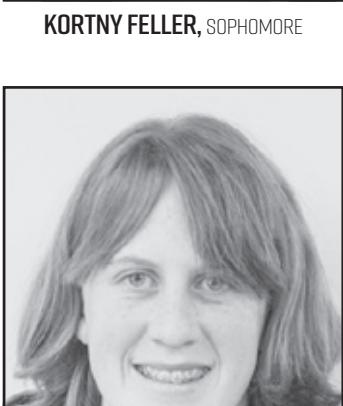
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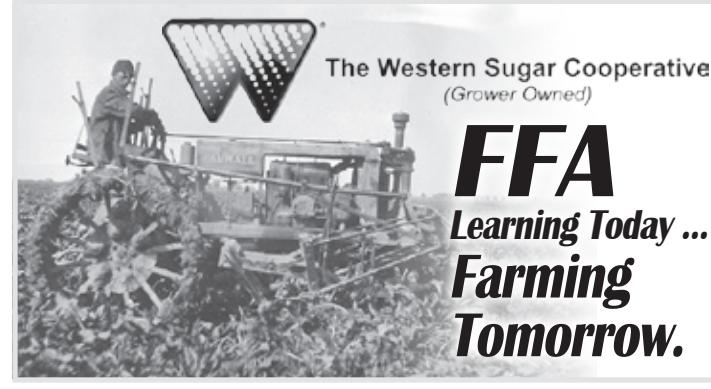
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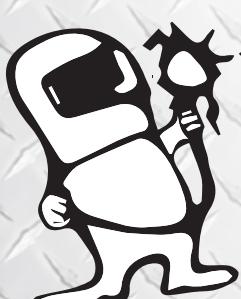
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