

## COUNTY WANTS DRUG SMUGGLER'S FORMER RANCH

### FISHERMEN OBJECT

BY CJ BAKER AND MARK DAVIS  
Tribune Staff

**P**ark County commissioners may ask the governor to hand over 657 acres of state land in Clark.

At a December meeting, commissioners said they would like to acquire the former Beartooth Ranch — which federal authorities seized from a drug smuggler roughly two decades ago — and some commissioners suggested selling the property to a private owner.

"I think we should pursue it and try to get that ranch released and deeded to Park County and then we can sell it and it can become an active ranch paying property taxes again," Commissioner Tim French said at a December meeting.

However, Commission Chairman Loren Grosskopf said Wednesday that he'd rather "see it in the public hands so we could use it" and that the ranch's ownership isn't the county's real concern with the ranch.

"It's in deplorable condition. We only want someone to manage it and return it to productive use," Grosskopf said.

The commission has drafted — but not yet sent — a letter to Gov. Matt Mead. It would ask Mead to work with Wyoming's Congressional delegation to have various federal restrictions on the Beartooth Ranch



**Tom Reed, East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited president, and Tim Wade, owner of North Fork Anglers in Cody and Trout Unlimited lifetime member, fly fish the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River near the Beartooth Ranch, also known as the 'drug ranch.' Park County commissioners want the state to give the property to the county — an idea that Reed and Wade oppose.** Tribune photo by Mark Davis

removed — and to then transfer the property's ownership to Park County "unrestricted," though "while retaining public easements."

Commissioners say the ranch has fallen into "extreme disrepair" under state management, citing vandalism to ranch buildings and the costs of controlling weeds on the property each year.

Commissioners generally approved the letter at their Jan. 16 meeting, but wanted to run it by Park County Attorney Bryan Skoric and make some further tweaks.

In the meantime, East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited leaders sent commissioners and Gov. Mead a letter last week, "adamantly" objecting to the ranch being given to

the county. The group's letter says the county's request appears to be "nothing more than a land grab."

"I've been contacted by many members, some rarely heard from; they are unilaterally opposed to the transfer of the property to the county," said East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited President Tom Reed.

### A COCAINE SMUGGLER'S TREASURE

Somewhat ironically, a dispute over fishing access at the Beartooth Ranch played a part in the property falling into government hands.

Stewart Allen Bost, a boat captain, bought the Clark property in September 1987. Federal authorities say he financed the purchase with upwards of \$1.35

million he'd earned from shutting 3,000 kilograms of cocaine from the Bahamas to Florida.

Federal prosecutors indicted Bost on drug charges in 1989, but Bost began going by the name "Allen Stewart" and authorities were unable to find him.

According to a federal judge's summary of the case and media reports from the time, local Bureau of Land Management officials began taking a hard look at "Stewart" in 1996 when he applied for grazing permits as both Bost and Stewart.

BLM personnel had also noted "continuing problems with missing signs, fencing, and blocking a state right-of-way onto the ... property for public fishing," U.S. District Court Judge Alan Johnson wrote in a later ruling.

Park County Sheriff Scott Steward became involved in the investigation and worked with U.S. marshals, in part because he'd spoken with "Stewart" on a traffic stop.

Steward and another officer spent months surveilling the ranch and eventually spotted Bost, helping marshals arrest him on the ranch in July 1996.

Over the coming years, the federal government seized hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of cash and assets from Bost — including the ranch.

For its help, the Sheriff's Office initially received \$140,000, which included proceeds from a home Bost had owned in Colorado. Then, after Bost got out of prison in 2000, locals spotted

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## College partnering with By Western Hands in Cody

BY ILENE OLSON  
Tribune Staff Writer



**DENNIE HAMMER**

**E**fforts to sustain existing Western artisans and apprentice new ones are picking up in Park County — including through a new program being developed at Northwest College.

Western functional art has a long history in the Cody area, beginning most notably with saddle maker, leather and silver worker Edward Bohlin and furniture maker Thomas Molesworth, both of whom helped develop and define the Western style in the early 1900s.

Along the way, they and other talented artisans employed some of the people who would follow in their footsteps — who then trained additional up-and-coming craftsmen.

But many of today's Western artisans are nearing retirement, and there aren't enough people trained to take their place.

To help address that need, the organization By Western Hands is partnering with Northwest College to develop apprenticeship programs that will provide a path for people to become skilled Western artisans and craftsmen. Artisan mentors would work

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## A CELEBRATION FIT FOR SUPERHEROES



**Powell students celebrated their 100th day of the school year on Wednesday with a variety of activities. Ryleigh Hutzenbieler and fellow kindergartners at Southside Elementary School wore superhero costumes for the occasion. For more photos, see Page 13.** Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## With state help, hospital raises money for new ambulance

After two years of work, the Powell Medical Foundation has reached its goal of raising enough money to buy a new ambulance for Powell Valley Hospital.

The State Loan and Investment Board approved a \$68,250 grant for the vehicle on Jan. 18.

The foundation began raising money for the ambulance in February 2016, raising \$82,150 from donors toward the \$150,400 cost of the ambulance.

Foundation executive director Jennifer Tippetts said she attended the SLIB meeting in Cheyenne to answer any questions about the application. The SLIB board — comprised of the state's top five elected officials — made no comments, but voted unanimously in favor, she said.

The Park County Commission wrote a letter of support for the grant in September.

The current ambulance, purchased in 2000, is the oldest of the four within the Powell

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## Public input sought on future of cutthroat trout

BY MARK DAVIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

**L**ocal Wyoming Game and Fish Department fisheries managers brought out the big guns for a meeting with the public Monday — including hiring professional facilitator Tara Kuipers to run the meeting and bringing up department director Scott Talbott from Cheyenne.

The Cody meeting was billed as a conversation with concerned citizens about the department's conservation efforts for Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

"This is truly the beginning of a conversation. We are starting tonight. We want your help in identifying where we're going to go next," Kuipers said in guiding the meeting.

Yet at times it seemed more like the Game and Fish extending an olive branch.

"We can do better. We can do better serving the people who are the owners of [the state's] wildlife. That's what tonight is about. It's about going back to what we really need to be doing as an agency. We need to find balance between serving wildlife and serving [the public]," said Sam Hochhalter, Wyoming Game and Fish Department Cody Region fisheries supervisor.

In introducing the meeting, Talbott pointed to many of the

department's successes, such as with managing beaver, elk and antelope.

"They are part of the incredible success stories that we have in our past," Talbott said. "We're pretty good biologists. But we need your help on [serving the public]. That's what we call the art of wildlife management: The science is often fairly easy; the art is much more difficult."

Talbott has been pushing for communication with the state's residents in many topics. The

**'We want your help in identifying where we're going to go next.'**

Tara Kuipers  
Facilitator

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**Greg Mayton, aquatic invasive species regional specialist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, leads a discussion group during a Monday night meeting on cutthroat trout conservation at the Park County Library in Cody.** Tribune photo by Mark Davis

# Artisans: 'A pretty bold undertaking'

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with students to provide hands-on instruction on design and techniques, while NWC would provide educational elements.

By Western Hands is a Cody-based nonprofit with a sole focus of promoting Western functional art — works that can range from furniture to saddles, beadwork to metalwork and beyond.

The organization plans to open the By Western Hands Design Center on Cody's 12th Street that will host an annual exhibition each September. In addition, the facility will provide year-round gallery space for high-quality works of functional art, museum space for historic displays and exhibits and workspace for artisans and apprentices.

## PASSING ON THE KNOWLEDGE

"I think the education aspect of By Western Hands is probably the most important part of this project for the future of Western design, whether it is traditional, spiritual, nostalgic or contemporary," said Scott Armstrong, a contemporary Western furniture maker in Powell.

"The gallery will give us established artisans a way to continue to make a living, but most of us are in our 50s and 60s, so it is really important to find a way to pass on the knowledge and techniques we have developed in our careers," Armstrong said. "The teaching shop and museum are what is going to make what we do today relevant in the future (I hope)."

Armstrong said it is important to have options for students who want to work with their hands and don't want to go, or can't afford to go, to college for four years.

Dean Bruce, NWC dean of extended campus and workforce, said the college is working to develop the curriculum and the apprenticeships.

"We could set up different apprenticeships based on what the need was" and the students' interests, Bruce said.

Bruce said he hopes to have the apprenticeship program available in the fall, but it could take longer to organize it and get it approved.

Harris Haston of Cody (and Tennessee) and his wife Carlene Lebus have led the effort to establish the By Western Hands Design Center, and are leading negotiations with the college as well.

Haston said there will be two options for apprenticeships: A two-semester certificate program, and a four-semester associate degree program.

"A lot of issues we have to address for accreditation," he said.

Both will have business education requirements, he said. "The craftsmen strongly recommended that, in the program, we include some business classes," Haston said. "They're the guys who said, 'If we're going to

do this, let's require them to do some business classes, because I wish I'd had some."

"Once you become a craftsman, you really need to know how to keep your books, track your time and general business ethics," he said.

Haston said the apprenticeship program will start out small, with just a few students, to make sure it's running correctly.

While execution will be a challenge, "It's just astonishing how well it's come together so far," he said. "It is remarkable the responsiveness the college has given to By Western Hands. They already have a group of scholarship-supporting sources."

Shelby Wetzel, executive director of the Northwest College Foundation, said the educational goal is to "teach through the college those kinds of skills that someone might need to go alongside the apprentice skills."

Wetzel said she is working with donors to provide individual scholarships to students, probably in addition to the regular Trapper Scholarship Program.

If the apprenticeship program works out, she will work with By Western Hands to establish endowments for the apprenticeship program, she said.

"This is groundbreaking stuff," Wetzel said. "It's exciting, trying to develop a niche market that fits the Cody niche markets in Park County, Wyoming. It's too soon to know how it will work out."

## SUSTAINABILITY

Haston said education is important for sustainability of Western functional art, "because some of our greatest skilled craftsmen, they're aging out on us."

The new center will feature seminars and demonstrations by accomplished artisans and craftsmen, he said.

Other facets of the By Western Hands' vision include increasing financial stability for Western craftsmen through branding and marketing; increasing the number of group members; and providing space to exhibit their work.

"It's difficult to focus on branding if you're busy with shop work," Haston said.

Armstrong said he joined By Western Hands years ago when the group formed.

"Once [I was pulled] out of my shop and into a group environment, I kind of had to keep doing it," he said. "It's really nice to talk to people about shop problems."

Growing the group will increase the types of functional art offered at the By Western Hands Design Center, while maintaining its high-quality, handcrafted design and integrity.

Dennie Hammer, the interim executive director of By Western Hands, said efforts to increase membership are un-



This rendering shows approximately how the By Western Hands Design Center will look when it is complete. The center will be housed in a building at 1007 12th St. in Cody, and will include retail space, work space and a museum area. Courtesy image

derway.

"In order to become a member, you have to be juried in," he said. "They look at the quality, they look at the construction of whatever the piece is, and whether this represents what we're trying to promote. Once artisans are juried into the organization, then they are free to participate in our exhibition as well as provide stuff for the retail space."

The retail space will provide a year-round venue for craftsmen to display and sell their Western functional art.

The museum section, meanwhile, will highlight the history of the art.

"We're working with the Buffalo Bill Center of the West," Hammer said. "They have several Molesworth pieces that they no longer display that they're willing to let us use."

Wally Reber of Cody, a former associate director for the Center of the West, is putting together historical information for the museum, Armstrong said.

The building was purchased by Helping Hands LLC, an organization formed by a group of investors specifically for the purpose of providing By Western Hands a "basic building," Haston said.

"They've done their part," Armstrong said. "Now it's up to us artisans to raise the rest for the renovation."

Haston said it's uncertain whether the retail space will be renovated in time for this September's exhibition.

"It's kind of 'stay tuned,' he said. "The committees are executing well. We don't quite have all the capital raised, but we feel it's enough that we should move forward."

"If everything goes well, I wouldn't be surprised if we make it" in time for a grand opening in September, Haston said.

Of the overall design center, Armstrong said "the historical part is educational, the shop part is to keep the artisans alive — to give us a place to sell and to show contemporary stuff."

"They're really doing work in every one of those dimensions to pull this together," said Wetzel, of the NWC Foundation. "It's a pretty bold undertaking. That's the exciting part of it all, I think."



Wood furniture artisan Scott Armstrong of Powell stands near a display of small models of some of the furniture he's made. He makes several models of each piece to see which one he or the customer likes best, then he makes a model to scale before starting the actual furniture. Armstrong is a member of By Western Hands, a group that is working with Northwest College to develop an apprenticeship program and to open a design center in Cody. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

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Scott Armstrong  
Western furniture maker

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With the Super Bowl just around the corner, law enforcement officers are urging football fans not to drink and drive.

In Wyoming, drivers are considered impaired if they have a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or higher. Drunk driving can be deadly, and even small amounts of alcohol can impair judgment to make driving unsafe, law enforcement officials say. During 2016 in the Cowboy State, 28 percent of fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involved drunk drivers.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation recommends the following tips:

- If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously — your friends are relying on you.
- Remember it's never OK to drink and drive. Even if you've only had one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation, Uber or ride-sharing service to arrive home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on

the road, call law enforcement.

• If you see someone who is about to drink and drive, take the keys away and arrange to help transport them home safely. Don't worry about offending someone.

The Wyoming Highway Patrol urges drivers to call the Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately (REDDI) hotline at 1-800-442-9090 to report suspected drunk drivers. Callers should be prepared to provide the dispatcher with a description of the vehicle, its location and direction of travel.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Powell, Wyoming, will be conducting a public meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., local time, on February 20, 2018, at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a project overview and to allow the public to comment on the Absaroka Street Reconstruction Project.

At the meeting, the City of Powell and Engineering Associates will present the preliminary design of the proposed project and answer any questions from the public.

Written comments are also welcome. Please send written comments to City of Powell, Attn: Gary Butts, 270 N. Clark, Powell, WY 82435 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018.



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**OBITUARY**

**Delores A. Kinney**

(May 9, 1944 - Jan. 29, 2018)

Delores A. Kinney of Powell, born May 9, 1944, in Dallas, Texas, went home to the Lord on Monday evening Jan. 29, 2018, in Cody. She was 73.

Delores will be remembered as an avid gardener, lover of music, dance, painting and elephants. She was a nurturing soul whose friends became family. Delores celebrated to the fullest, especially the holidays. In life she found comfort with her church family at 2nd Baptist Church in Greenville, Kentucky.

She leaves behind her two children, whom she treasured, Dana (Gary) Ladd and Marvin R. (Randy) Kinney, both from Powell; her dear brother Marvin Ray Driggers of Green-

ville, Kentucky; three granddaughters Breanna Kinney of Livermore, Colorado, Ciera and Sheena Kinney from San Jose, California; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Also left behind is her beloved dog Buster.

She will be reuniting with her husband Marvin E. Kinney Jr., her mother Alice Ruter Powell, her father Marvin Alvin Driggers and her three sisters Peggy M. Sincerbox, Mary Marie Noe Rose and Billy Maude Driggers, who all preceded her in death.

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so fresh and new. I wish that you all could close your eyes and that you could see it, too.

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Graveside services led by Katie Williamson will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to: Spirit Mountain Hospice, 808 Canyon View Road, Cody, WY, 82414.



**DELORES KINNEY**

**Trout: 'We're losing our pure lines of cutthroats'**

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meeting, at Grizzly Hall in the Park County Library, was similar to recent grizzly bear and mule deer meetings. It started with a plea for public engagement, separated into small discussion groups and then came together to share some of the common themes through the groups.

About 70 participants showed up, many from groups like the East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited or the Cody Anglers Group. Others in attendance included Park County commissioners Lee Livingston and Joe Tilden. For the most part, the crowd was eager to be part of future solutions. But there was still some animosity in the crowd.

"We need to learn from our mistakes," said Kirk Bollinger, dressed in a shirt displaying the Wyoming flag and sitting near the front row.

The lack of communication on past projects resulted in bad blood between some in the public and fisheries managers and included complaints up the chain as high as Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead.

"We've been involved in cutthroat restoration for decades. We've done a lot of positive things," Hochhalter said. "It didn't work for Porcupine Creek and it didn't work for Eagle Creek."

In searching for new habitat for cutthroats, fisheries managers previously suggested

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Sam Hochhalter  
Game and Fish

waterfalls in Porcupine Creek in the Bighorn Mountains and Eagle Creek in the North Fork area; the falls would have served as natural barriers where the species could exist without competition with other trout. The efforts of fisheries managers changed 15 years ago, Hochhalter said, when they began looking at existing populations and at new drainages — places where new populations could be established without competition.

"Putting new populations on the landscape is an important part of our efforts," Hochhalter said. "We're losing our pure lines of cutthroats due to hybridization."

Cutthroat trout have been crossing with rainbows, a non-native species, called cutbows. They also compete for habitat with German brown trout and brook trout.

When the Game and Fish



**Park County Commissioner Joe Tilden comments during a meeting about cutthroat trout conservation in Cody Monday night. The meetings are designed to form a working group to help guide regulations on the native trout species.** Tribune photo by Mark Davis

devised the Eagle and Porcupine creek plans, a lack of communication led to complaints. Most people want cutthroat conservation, but not if it affects the fishing in their backyard, Hochhalter said. Brook trout is a non-native species, but is popular because it's easy to catch and the daily limit is more than five times higher than cutthroats.

Brook trout have more than 2,000 river-miles of habitat in the Big Horn Basin, but cutthroats have less than 200 river-miles of habitat where they don't compete with non-native species.

The combination of lack of habitat and competition with non-native species are problematic for fisheries managers wanting to keep the management of cutthroats in-state.

"What's the driving force behind this effort? Is it fear of repercussions from the Endangered Species Act [ESA] or is it actually the Game and Fish following through on their charge of management of all wildlife species?" asked Commissioner Tilden.

Talbott admits the listing of the cutthroat on the ESA is a threat.

"We've had multiple petitions to list cutthroat trout as an endangered species. If that happens, it will change our

communities, it will change our culture," the director said in an interview after his presentation.

Many in the room were ready to move on, excited to be included in the process from this point forward. Several mentioned serious consideration of expanded catch and release areas and increased enforcement of the regulations. Others cited water quality issues and the need to educate the public about conservation issues. The lists inked during small group discussions will be consolidated and presented at a later date.

The department has been working on several projects to save the cutthroat — including recent efforts after the illegal stocking of walleye in the Buffalo Bill Reservoir — and is also working with private landowners and organization partners like Trout Unlimited.

But the department's job extends beyond the cutthroat.

"It's our responsibility to conserve all aquatic wildlife, including all native species — a lot of you probably haven't heard of, like sturgeon chub in the Bighorn River ... or Mountain Suckers in the Clarks Fork drainage. There are a lot of species out there and we have a responsibility to ensure they're around today and down the road for future generations," Hochhalter said.

The Game and Fish will announce the next installment in the "working group" series soon, tentatively scheduled for mid-to late February.

**Ambulance: May be delivered in time for Mardi Gras**

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hospital's fleet and "is increasingly unreliable," Tippetts told commissioners then.

"If you turn on the brights, you lose power in the front; if you turn on your windshield wipers, you lose power in the back," she said. "So, it's left more than one individual on

the side of the road while we wait for another ambulance to come."

The new ambulance was built by MEDIX, the same company that built the last one purchased for the hospital.

"They worked with us to try to get the best possible price," Tippetts said.

Tippetts hopes to have the

ambulance delivered in time for the foundation's annual Mardi Gras fundraiser on Feb. 13, but she said the timing depends on when she receives the completed paperwork for the grant from the governor's office.

The foundation launched its fundraising campaign for the ambulance at the 2016 Mardi Gras.

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All precincts (except Precincts 10-1 and 21-1) will meet at the VFW Post 2673, 808 12th Street in Cody. Precincts 10-1 and 21-1 will meet at the Mountain View Clubhouse, 1001 Road 18/Highway 294. All registered Republicans in Park County are welcome to participate.

Pursuant to our By-laws, precinct committee men and women are automatically delegates to the County Convention, even if they do not attend the Precinct Caucuses. Alternates will be selected at the Caucuses.

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The Wyoming Legislature's 2018 Budget Session is set to convene in just a couple of weeks in Cheyenne, and the decisions made during this session will affect funding from everything from education to infrastructure to wildlife and environmental research.

This year will be a challenging session as our Legislature wrestles with an uncertain budget and looming program cuts and reductions. The emphasis will most likely be workforce and economic development and education.

That's where you come in. As legislators prepare for battle on behalf of their constituents, it's just as important for those who elected these officials to play an active part in the process. The legislators we elect serve on our behalf, but they can't do it alone. To cast informed votes and make difficult choices, our legislators need the benefit of our experience and they need to know our wishes. The most effective way to do that is to reach out, even if you believe one voice won't make a difference.

As residents of the least-populated state in the union, we have the unique opportunity of getting to know our legislators personally, often on a first-name basis. These relationships are the cornerstone of Wyoming's legislative process, and we would be remiss not to take advantage of such an opportunity.

That said, things will not always go as planned in Cheyenne; decisions will be made and bills will be passed that will leave many voters scratching their heads. It's exactly those situations where we must question if we did enough to make our opinions heard. The old axiom that rears its ugly head after each election, "If you didn't vote, you have no right to complain," extends farther than the voting booths. Electing an official should be just the first step of the process.

The budget session starts Feb. 12, and there's still time to get involved. Some of this year's proposed legislation, over 130 bills so far, are now online for your perusal at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us>. Once the budget session starts, it will become increasingly difficult for voters to find an audience with their legislators, so time is of the essence. To make things easier, streamline your argument. Offer solutions, rather than criticism. Tell them what you think. If they're doing a great job, let your lawmaker know. A little positive reinforcement goes a long way. But don't be afraid to hold them accountable.

Finally, maintain open lines of communication after the end of the session. Next year's session will be here before you know it.

You can find the contact information for our legislators on this page or by accessing the Wyoming legislative website. You can follow bills on the site, too.

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# I'll make you a proposition

Being considered by some to be a Super Bowl visionary, I'll reveal this Sunday's exact score in due time, but first I'd like to offer you a little proposition. In fact, a whole gaggle of propositions.

I'll begin by telling a little story about a beautiful woman wearing black shoes, singing on a Sunday afternoon two years ago in Santa Clara, California. A thousand miles away, a young man with a dream paid particular attention to those black shoes. You see, that man was barefoot because he was poor and had no shoes. Had that singer worn blue that day, he might have afforded a brand new pair of shoes.

And now here's the shocker you never saw coming: That woman singing "Crazy in Love" was Beyoncé, and that barefoot dreamer was me. I had made an offshore wager at 8-to-1 odds — called a "Proposition bet" — that Beyoncé would be wearing blue pumps during her half-time performance of Super Bowl 50.

I had no way of knowing this pampered, golden-child billionaire had chosen a "black-power" theme as a tribute to the Black Panthers, Black Lives Matter, protesting police racial discrimination. Few

also knew she and megastar husband, Jay-Z had paid for an extensive police escort to the stadium.

But I don't care about all that; I only care that blue shoes would have won me \$80 on a \$10 bet. So I guess my overall theme is lessons learned from that day. You guessed it: Legalized gambling can make a barefoot bachelor's dreams come true; it's just a matter of making wise choices.

In order to be an educational column, I must first explain what a proposition, or "Pro bet" is. It's simply risking a certain amount to win a certain amount on outcomes — the odds set by experts in Vegas — not related to the actual score. For instance, I often pick a favorite player to score the game's first touchdown. This Sunday, I could choose super tight end, "Gronk," but he's too obvious with 7-to-1 odds. I can barely buy penny loafers at those odds.

But my man, wide receiver Torrey Smith, would turn my \$10 into \$200. Adding to my "seer" reputation, in last weekend's champion-

ship games, I correctly chose Jacksonville's Mercedes Lewis in game No. 1, and Minnesota's Kyle Rudolph in game No. 2. That'll get a man some fancy kicks to strut around in Monday morning.

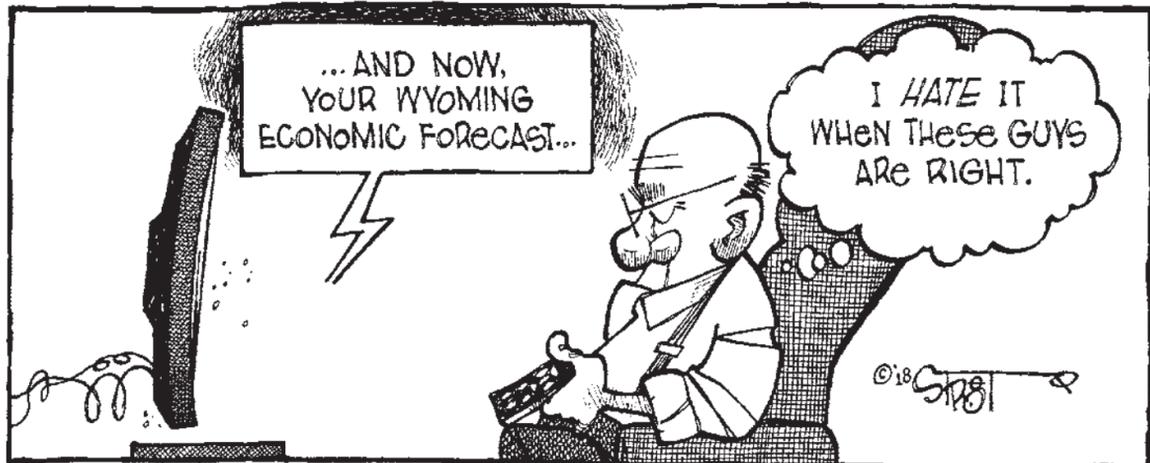
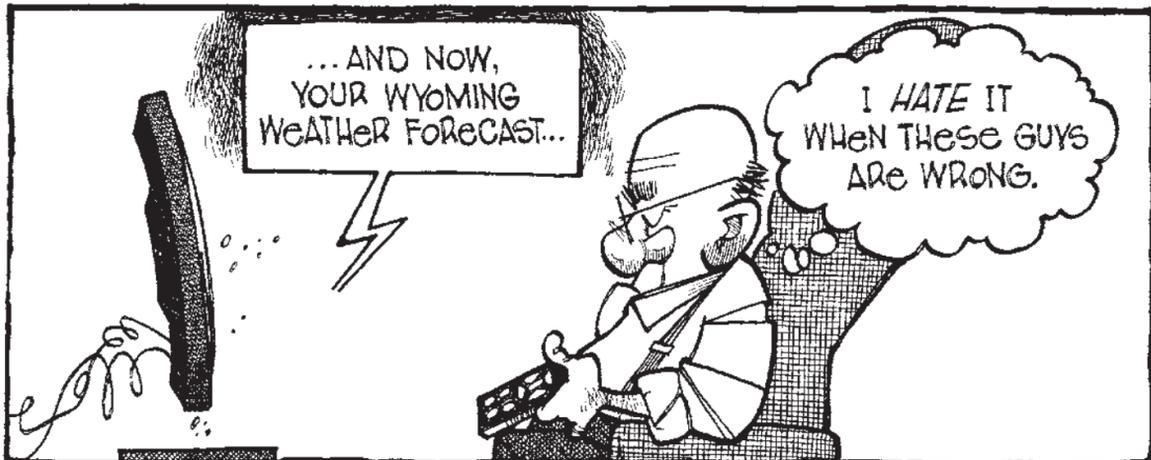
But you might say, "I don't care about ridiculous bets like that; I just never want to see Tom Brady's or Bill Belichick's smug faces again!" Well, there's a place for such hate-filled wishes, and there's more "novelty props" than you can throw a flag at. If you'd correctly wager \$100 that both Brady and Belichick will announce their retirements after the game, you'd pocket \$3,600.

Eagle fans might further hope Gronkowski won't even play because of recurring concussion symptoms. He probably will, but if not, your \$100 wins you \$150. What are the chances of any player being forced from the game after being dealt a concussion? It's almost even money either way, but I'm thinking at least one behemoth will stagger from the field, look at his coach and mumble, "Daddy?"

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Congress must pass a budget

Dear Editor:

The federal government's fiscal year is from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. One of the primary duties of Congress is to draft and pass a budget so the federal government can operate. Everyone in Congress shares the blame for NOT doing their job in a TIMELY manner. This budget fiasco has been going on for decades. I wonder how many years in the past two decades, the federal budget was actually in place on Oct. 1? At this time on the federal fiscal calendar, Congress should be working on a draft budget for 2019, not working on a band-aid budget to finish 2018.

Everyone in the private sector knows that if you don't do your job, you don't get paid. Slackers lose their job. The representatives of the United States should begin receiving a paycheck when the federal budget is passed and they should not receive back pay for any budget delays after Oct. 1. That just might provide Congress incentive to do their job in a compromising and

timely manner. In the meantime, us taxpayers continue to pay the bill for Congress and the federal government to operate ineffectively and inefficiently.

Think about these things next time you cast your ballot. Are our representatives really working for us or just collecting a paycheck?

**Marynell Oechsner**  
Powell

### An open letter to the revenue committee

Greetings, Wyoming Legislature Joint Revenue Committee members:

First, let me say, I hope this note finds you all doing well and in good health.

Second, I admittedly must say that it is absolutely exasperating to have to endlessly watch over you folk (selectively applied, of course — you know who you are...) in Cheyenne who seem to always seek our demise (whether willfully or in utterly uninformed ignorance and incompetence) as a state

and a people whose voices seem never heard!

With that said, it has been brought to my attention that some within your midst are considering to implement new and/or increased revenue and tax increases without the consent of the people once again.

And as I have personally voiced to some of you there in Cheyenne on several occasions past — please, no new or increased taxes, fees, etc., whatsoever. None.

First, get the fiscal and budgetary house in order there in Cheyenne and reduce the over-bloated size of our state government as a ratio to our tax-paying population and its ability to afford it.

Please turn the spending spigots off to any and all unnecessary, misguided and/or wasteful spending of our hard-earned tax dollars. (The \$12,500,000 grant Weatherby just received from the State of Wyoming to relocate to Sheridan is a less than stellar recent example, as posed by Dr. Sven Larson, PhD economist, in his open letter to Gov. Mead about same, dated Jan. 26, via Dr. Larson's Wyoming Prosperity Project blog.) As

a matter of fact, reduce all that you can. Might I say, if D. Trump can do it at the national level, then so can we! And if you don't know how to do any of the preceding and/or where to start, I (as many others also) would be glad to come show you how and where it can be done!

In closing, it seems like a statewide, truly open and unbiased cross-sectionally gathered Citizen Review and Approval committee (no hand-picked 'yes men or women,' just real hardworking folk who struggle to make ends meet each and every day and who are and have been leaving the state in droves because of same as is now being discussed...) seems long overdue here and won't cost what the mal-investment in the ENDOW adventure is needlessly costing us to date!

Shamefully, it sounds like those chains of subjection and slavery have not quite ended here in Wyoming that were first rattled, hearkening the bygone days of a long forgotten revolution of sorts as I recall...

Sincerely,  
**Darryl Szymanski**  
Cody

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## HABITAT ON THE MOVE

On Saturday, around 30 volunteers helped move merchandise from Habitat's Shop on Bent's old location to its new storefront at 265 N. Bent, which formerly housed Powell Office Supply. Volunteers from the Boy Scouts, Polestar Outdoors, a couple of wards with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Carl Jones and crew, along with the Habitat board and employees, pitched in for about 2½ hours to move items into Habitat's new location.

Tribune photo by Toby Bonner



## Create & Sip

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018  
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## Game and Fish studying brucellosis in Bighorn elk

As part of an ongoing study to understand the ecology of brucellosis and elk in the Bighorn Mountains, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department plans to capture and collar elk early this month.

Up to 60 elk will be captured using a helicopter net-gunning operation throughout the Bighorn Mountains, south of the lower Greybull River, and portions of the Owl Creek Mountains. Capture crews will take blood samples, fit each elk with a GPS tracking collar (which will record multiple locations per day) and then release the animals, the department said.

The study is aimed at better understanding seasonal movements and brucellosis prevalence of elk in the Bighorn Mountains. Project leaders also hope to isolate and analyze genetic strains of the brucellosis bacteria to help determine how it may have spread to the Bighorn Mountains.

Brucellosis is known to be widespread and common in elk in the Greater Yellowstone area. It's a disease caused by the bacteria *Brucella abortus* that causes elk to abort. Elk and bison are the primary reservoirs of the disease, which can spread to livestock.

Since 2012, Game and Fish has documented 11 seropositive elk along the western flank of the Bighorn Mountains. Seropositive test results indicate an elk has been exposed to the bacteria, but may or may not be infected with the disease.

Last year, more than 600 blood samples were submitted for testing from hunter-harvested elk in the Bighorn Mountains and none tested positive for exposure to the

Brucella bacteria. Fifty-nine elk that were captured and collared last year also tested negative for brucellosis.

From captures in 2016 and 2017, there are currently 43 collars actively transmitting locations as a part of this study. Collars deployed this year will collect eight locations per day. The Game and Fish leaders say that should help the department develop more

precise models for understanding brucellosis' prevalence in elk and potential risk of transmission to livestock.

Funding for the study has been provided by the U.S. Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Game and Fish, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wyoming Sportsmen Group of Gillette and University of California at Berkeley.



Up to 60 elk in the Bighorn Mountains will be captured and fitted with a GPS tracking collar as part of an ongoing study on brucellosis. Photo courtesy Lori Iverson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

## State's brucellosis team plans meetings in Worland, Lovell

The status of brucellosis in Wyoming will be discussed during meetings in Worland and Lovell this month.

Members of the Governor's Brucellosis Coordination Team also will talk about producer requirements for transport or selling and liability and reports on a new test for the disease.

The team will also address finding elk positive for brucellosis in the Bighorn Mountains.

"I think the fact that sero-

positive (blood test) elk have been found in the Bighorn Mountains over the past five years raises a concern by the Wyoming Livestock Board and the University of Wyoming," said Bruce Hoar, coordinator of brucellosis research at UW. "We want producers to have accurate, up-to-date information they may not be aware of."

The Worland meeting will take place Thursday, Feb. 15,

during WESTI Ag Days at the Worland Community Center, 1200 Culbertson Ave.

The team will then meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Lovell Community Center, 1925 U.S. Highway 310. Lunch is available following the meeting.

Hoar will give a background on the disease to start the meetings followed by a discussion on producer responsibilities by a representative from the state veterinarian's office.

Researcher Brant Schumaker of the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory will provide an update on current testing and progress of a new brucellosis test his team is developing. If successful, the much-more-accurate novel molecular assay (polymerase chain reaction) test could replace culture testing.

For more information, contact Hoar at 307-766-3372 or at bhoar@uwyo.edu.

## Notice to Water Users

The Willwood Irrigation District will hold its Annual Meeting at the Willwood Community Clubhouse

**1306 Road 9 - Powell, WY**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2018 - 1pm**

Lunch at noon at the clubhouse will feature: Homemade Clam Chowder or Chili from Taste and See Catering, and is sponsored by First Bank of Wyoming, Bank of Powell, and American Farm Bureau Crop Insurance.

**Please RSVP to 307-754-3831**

## NOTICE

### ANNUAL MEETING SHOSHONE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 - 10 a.m.

**Eagles Lodge Hall**  
**131 N. Clark Street, Powell**

Guest Speakers - Carlie Ronca, USBR Area Manager

Lunch is furnished by First Bank of Wyoming and Bank of Powell

# DIGEST

## Cody man recognized for act of heroism

Stuart "Rambo" Eckhardt didn't hesitate for a moment.

As soon as he learned Triptych Construction employee Shane Powell had been hit by a rock west of Cody, Eckhardt sprang into action, administering first aid.

Eckhardt is the Cody transportation technician for the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

For his dedication to helping others, Eckhardt received the G. Clyde Larson Memorial Award in November in Cheyenne, which recognizes acts of heroism by Wyoming Department of Transportation employees on or off the job. The department recently publicized the honor.

Since its inception almost five decades ago, 53 WYDOT employees have been named Larson award recipients. The Wyoming Highway Commission established the award in honor of G. Clyde Larson, who served on the commission from 1965 until his death in 1968.

"We don't give this award very often, which shows this is truly a special honor," said WYDOT Director Bill Panos. "Stuart [Eckhardt], without hesitation, rushed into a dangerous area to help another human being. For all that you do, for everything you did that day, thank you. You are a hero."

The incident occurred Sept. 14, when a crew from Cowley's Wilson Brothers Construction was working on a rockfall mitigation project near along U.S. 14/16/20, west of the tunnels near Buffalo Bill Reservoir.

Triptych Construction, a Wilson Brothers subcontractor from Glide, Oregon, was preparing to pull a portable drill up the slope to drill anchors for rockfall mesh. Several of the company's workers were roped in on

the slope.

Powell was on the ground, preparing the drill in the ditch between the road and the slope.

Eckhardt and others, meanwhile, were meeting about 300 feet away in a parking lot. "They were reviewing the mesh limits and anchors when they heard someone yell 'rock,'" Panos told WYDOT commission members. "As they looked up, they saw a rock tumbling down the slope. Shane Powell started running, and the rock struck him in the head."

Others called for help and attended to Powell while Eckhardt "grabbed his first-aid bag and ran into the area of the rockfall to help Shane [Powell]," Panos said. Eckhardt then rendered first aid until an ambulance arrived on scene.

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Powell — who had been wearing a hard hat — was taken to West Park Hospital in Cody, and was later moved to St. Vincent Hospital in Billings. He died of his injuries 14 days later, with his wife, Tricia, at his side.

"Although the accident ended tragically, the actions of everyone there are to be commended," Panos said. "Stuart, without hesitation, rushed into an area of grave danger with potentially more loose rock hanging above him, to render first aid in an attempt to save a life."

Eckhardt is a 28-year veteran of WYDOT — joining the department in 1989 — and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He is a Cody native and Cody High School graduate.



STUART ECKHARDT



Stuart 'Rambo' Eckhardt (right) answers questions during an interview with the late Powell Tribune reporter Gib Mathers in 2015 on the Willwood Bridge project near Powell.

Photo courtesy WYDOT

### WEATHER REPORT

Date	High	Low	Precip.
01.24	38.7	14.2	.00
01.25	44.1	20.3	.00
01.26	39.5	22.6	.00
01.27	35.1	18.7	.00
01.28	40.6	19.4	.00
01.29	36.7	22.6	.00
01.30	55.1	27.1	.01

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

### NEW FACES

Angelina Aguilar and Joseph Mitchell of Powell wish to announce the birth of a baby boy, Adam Benjamin Bob Mitchell, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018. Adam was born at 3 p.m. with a weight of 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Grandparents are Elizabeth and Jesse Ventura.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

**JANUARY 24**  
 ■ Benjamin Steven Ferrero, 28, of Lubbock, Texas, and Ashleigh Nicole Adcock, 27, of Lubbock.  
**JANUARY 26**  
 ■ Brandon Chance Asay, 24, of Powell and Darian Adie Burkhardt, 22, of Powell.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

**JANUARY 19**  
 ■ 8:13 a.m. A necklace was reported to have been stolen some time in the past on Carter View Drive in the Cody area. The caller needed a report for insurance purposes.  
 ■ 8:19 a.m. A caller reported that he'd been asked by a male to pull a vehicle out of a creek and tow it to a location on Louis L'Amour Lane in Clark.  
 ■ 9:15 a.m. A verbal domestic dispute was reported on Lane 13/ Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area. The caller said a male was not letting a female into a residence to get her things.  
 ■ 11:27 a.m. Sydney Nicole Peterson, 31, was arrested on a probation and parole warrant while at a treatment center on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody.  
 ■ 11:35 a.m. A man on Crossfire Trail in Clark reported that his credit cards had been compromised.  
 ■ 3:25 p.m. Bonita Luvel Williams, 37, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.  
 ■ 4:06 p.m. A woman reported that her ex-husband's new girlfriend gave her 13-year-old daughter drug paraphernalia as a gift on Road 22 in the Powell area.  
 ■ 5:39 p.m. A driver reported hitting a deer on Jamieson Circle/U.S. Highway 14/16/20 east of Cody.

**JANUARY 20**  
 ■ 12:19 a.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Powell police with bar checks on South Douglas Street and, later, in downtown Powell.  
 ■ 11:37 a.m. A man on Bretche Creek Road in the Cody area reported that his computer was compromised and that he'd been contacted by an anti-fraud com-

pany.  
 ■ 12:43 p.m. Jacqueline Kay Wilcott, 26, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.  
 ■ 12:43 p.m. Travis Neil Tunget, 30, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.  
 ■ 8:04 p.m. A car was reported on fire on Road 5 in the Powell area.  
 ■ 10:19 p.m. A caller reported that someone entered their daughter's room through a window, then went back out the window when the alarm went off on Lane 8H in the Powell area.  
 ■ 11:13 p.m. A juvenile male in the Powell area was reported to be sending threats of suicide via Instagram. The juvenile reportedly stated he was going to write a girl's name on himself and then shoot himself in front of the school on Jan. 22.  
**JANUARY 21**  
 ■ 12:45 a.m. A man on Road 15 in the Powell area reported that he and a woman had an altercation earlier in the day in Billings and that it had continued. He said she was refusing to leave.  
 ■ 5:35 p.m. A possible drunk driver was reported on Wyo. Highway 310 in the Frannie area. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the vehicle.  
 ■ 5:47 p.m. A deputy checked on an unattended barrel fire at a gun club on Road 5 in the Powell area.  
 ■ 10:46 p.m. An inmate versus inmate assault was reported at the Park County Detention Center.

**JANUARY 22**  
 ■ 9:49 p.m. A deputy removed a deer from U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.  
**JANUARY 23**  
 ■ 8:16 a.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted another agency by standing by during a home visit on Cooper Lane in the Cody area.  
 ■ 8:48 a.m. A maroon Isuzu with a female driver was reported to be all over the road on Lane 16/U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the vehicle.  
 ■ 3:14 p.m. A child was reported to have gone to the emergency room after being bitten by a dog on Lane 11H in the Powell area.  
 ■ 9:35 p.m. A deputy picked up Jennifer Kanani Strauser, 37, at the county line on a warrant.  
 ■ 9:35 p.m. A deputy picked up Stacey Jon Henderson, 30, at the county line on a warrant.  
 ■ 11:14 p.m. A caller asked a deputy to come and take a picture on McIntosh Road in the Powell area.  
**JANUARY 24**  
 ■ 6:58 a.m. Someone was reported to have driven through a gate at the back of a property on Road 6WX in the Cody area. The caller said the gate had been folded in half with vehicle parts on the ground. The caller put the gate back up to keep the livestock inside.  
 ■ 9:01 a.m. Horses were reported as being neglected on Road 3FX in the Cody area. The report was determined to be unfounded.  
**JANUARY 25**  
 ■ 12:14 p.m. A woman asked the Sheriff's Office to stand by while she retrieved property from her son's home on Rattlesnake Creek Road in the Cody area.  
 ■ 12:53 p.m. Numerous items were reported to have been stolen from a residence on Lane 11 in the Powell area.

■ 3:52 p.m. Matthew Tyler Sagrilla, 26, was arrested on a warrant and cited and released for expired registration on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.  
 ■ 4:26 p.m. A bus driver reported that, while dropping children off at a bus stop on Wyo. Highway 295/Riverside Avenue in the Powell area, the children were being met by an aggressive blue heeler.  
**JANUARY 26**  
 ■ 7:05 a.m. A door alarm on Lane 7 in the Powell area was determined to be a false alarm.  
**JANUARY 27**  
 ■ 12:11 a.m. A grayish Toyota truck was reported to have been swerving all over the road on Wyo. Highway 295/Lane 11 in the Powell area. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the vehicle.  
 ■ 8:02 a.m. A fence was reportedly run into the previous night on Shirley Drive/Cliff Drive in the Meeteetse area.  
 ■ 3:29 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on Road 2AB/Hitching Post Drive in the Cody area.  
 ■ 6:25 p.m. A man reported rolling his vehicle about 7 miles northeast of Kirwin on Wood River Road in the Meeteetse area. The caller said he and three other occupants were uninjured; they had walked partway out and gotten a ride back to Meeteetse.  
 ■ 11:33 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted the Wyoming Highway Patrol with a traffic stop, just east of Ralston on Main Street.

### POLICE REPORT

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

**JANUARY 18**  
 ■ 11:30 a.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on North Hamilton Street, where they arrested Bernabe Mena, 30, of Powell, on suspicion of being under the influence of drugs and probation violation.  
 ■ 12:12 p.m. An officer responded to a domestic disturbance on North Absaroka Street, where it was determined to be a verbal disagreement. One individual was trespassed from the property.  
 ■ 12:19 p.m. A resident on Grand Street reported they had heard a knock at their door, and when they answered, only a \$100 bill was there. The resident took the bill to the bank, where it was determined to be counterfeit.  
 ■ 12:30 p.m. A resident on North Bent Street called to complain about a neighbor's very noisy dog. The owner was issued warnings for noisy barking animals, failure to obtain dog licenses, and more than two household pets.  
 ■ 12:47 p.m. The community service officer responded to numerous vehicles reportedly abandoned on East Second Street and placed intent to impound stickers on the vehicles.  
 ■ 2:26 p.m. A resident on North Division Street came into the law enforcement center to have an officer listen to a message they received. The officer advised the resident to delete the message, as it was a scam.  
**JANUARY 19**  
 ■ 3:36 a.m. An officer was called out for suspicious activity on

North Beckman Street and cited a 19-year-old Monte Vista, Colorado, resident for underage drinking.  
 ■ 4:06 a.m. While on patrol, an officer contacted a person behind a college building on North Beckman Street. The officer found the individual was a custodian and all was fine.  
 ■ 1:21 p.m. An officer responded to a report of harassing phone calls on South Hamilton Street. Nothing criminal was found. The officer advised the reporting party to contact their phone company and have the number blocked.  
 ■ 3:28 p.m. A Dodge key with a leather fob that had an Indian on it and a large, brass/copper Brixton latch/carabiner was found on North Bent Street.  
 ■ 3:43 p.m. Keys were reported lost on South Abaroka Street/East Coulter Avenue.  
 ■ 6:50 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic situation on North Clark Street and found everything was OK.  
**JANUARY 20**  
 ■ 3:50 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a prowler on East Adams Street. They checked the area, but found nothing.  
 ■ 4:17 a.m. A traffic stop at East Seventh/North Clark streets resulted in a warning to the driver for speeding and a passenger received a citation for underage drinking.  
 ■ 5:58 p.m. Officers responded to a report of someone yelling on North Day Street. They found the parties had separated and everything was fine.  
**JANUARY 21**  
 ■ 8:34 a.m. Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated driver at South Bent/East Monroe streets and were able to locate the vehicle and driver. Dylan Williams, 19, of Byron, was arrested on suspicion of driving while under influence.  
 ■ 3:34 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on North Absaroka Street, where Samuel Covington, 30, of Powell was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault and criminal trespass. They also cited a 22-year-old Powell resident for property destruction.  
 ■ 9:22 p.m. A possibly intoxicated driver was reported in the area of South Absaroka Street/East Coulter Avenue. Responding officers were unable to locate the vehicle.  
 ■ 10:39 p.m. A traffic stop at West Pat O'Hara/Crandall drives resulted in the arrest of a 32-year-old Lovell resident on an outstanding Big Horn County Sheriff's Office warrant. The resident paid bond and was released.

**JANUARY 22**  
 ■ 1:50 p.m. A Samsung cellphone in a clear case with a sticky note on the back reading "WYLD" was reported lost at South Bent Street/East Coulter Avenue.  
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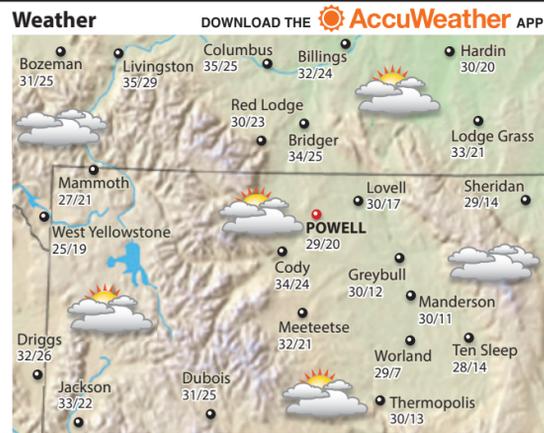
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A pair of wild mustangs graze together on the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Sunday at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. This particular herd was roaming the area between the Ewing-Snell Ranch and the Devil Canyon Overlook.

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Day	Forecast	High/Low
Today	Mostly cloudy	29° 20°
Friday	Mostly cloudy with a shower in the afternoon	37° 21°
Saturday	Snow much of the time	34° 12°
Sunday	Snow much of the time	31° 26°
Monday	A little snow at times	37° 24°

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

High/low	52°/18°
Normal high/low	34°/8°
Average temperature	31.1°
Normal average temperature	21.0°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week	Trace
Month to date	0.10"
Normal month to date	0.20"
Year to date	0.10"
Snowfall for the week	0.5"
Snowfall month to date	0.5"
Snowfall season to date	7.2"

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset .....7:35am/5:23pm  
Moonrise/Moonset .....7:08pm/8:23am

Phase	Date
Last	Feb 7
New	Feb 15
First	Feb 23
Full	Mar 1

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The State	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W
Buffalo	29/21/c	Green River	40/28/c	Laramie	32/23/c
Casper	32/16/sn	Greybull	30/12/c	Rawlins	36/29/c
Cheyenne	33/22/sn	Jeffrey City	30/25/c	Rock Springs	38/27/c
Gillette	30/18/c	Kirby	30/11/sn	Shoshoni	30/15/c

The Nation	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	58/37/c	Houston	75/54/c	Louisville	49/17/r
Boston	43/33/r	Indianapolis	37/6/c	Miami	78/65/pc
Chicago	28/15/pc	Kansas City	32/10/s	Phoenix	81/53/pc
Dallas	66/41/pc	Las Vegas	74/52/pc	St. Louis	38/12/pc
Denver	38/22/c	Los Angeles	79/57/pc	Washington, DC	54/34/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

## Wyoming teacher competes on 'Jeopardy!'

EPISODE FEATURING TEACHER FROM BURNS TO AIR TONIGHT (THURSDAY)

BY CHRIS SUTTLES  
Wyoming Tribune Eagle  
Via Wyoming News Exchange

CHEYENNE — Everyone knows what they would do with a small, unexpected fortune.

Some would travel the world, while others may invest in more practical endeavors.

Justin Earnshaw, an English teacher at Burns Junior/Senior High School, would invest in hot air ballooning skills. That's what he told studio executives during his "Jeopardy!" audition in November, anyway.

"I got up there, and I totally blanked," Earnshaw said. "It was something really quirky and personal, but I couldn't remember what it was. My mind went to the only possible solution, which was 'I would get a hot air balloon so, when my wife opened a dog rescue, I could run security from it.'"

The room fell quiet for a few seconds before everyone tossed their heads back in laughter.

"That may have been the deciding factor," he said.

Earnshaw's original answer to the question was to buy a tiny home on wheels, traveling the country and working remotely with his wife of seven years, Shannon Skelcher.

Earnshaw eventually made it to the TV show, and his episode airs tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. on CBS. The appearance is the culmination of several years worth of attempts to get on the game show.

After taking the 50-question online "Jeopardy!" test every year for five years, Earnshaw knew the odds of being called for an in-person interview were low. The chances of making it on the show, filmed in Culver City, California, were even lower.

During the online test, players have 15 seconds to answer each short-answer

question. Anyone who answers 35 or more questions correctly automatically joins a pool of randomly selected trivia whizzes to participate in an audition.

Earnshaw was one of few sent to audition in Denver with a crew. With at least 100,000 people taking the online test in the U.S. and Canada, only 400 people will be on the show each year.

"I had some missed calls at work with a Culver City area code and, sure enough, they invited me to be on the show," he said.

Earnshaw had only a few weeks to prepare for his debut on the small screen. As a high school teacher, he had unknowingly prepared for years.

"You should read up on as many categories as possible," he said. "For me, that didn't help as much because, I figured, you either know it or you don't."

For Earnshaw, the most intimidating preparation was mastering the show's famous wager system.

"If you get a Daily Double, how much do you go in for? You have to practice these mathematical formulas," he said.

His wife, a graduate assistant at Boise State University, persistently quizzed him on possible wagers. Being his ultimate champion, she was as excited as he was.

"It was incredible," Skelcher said. "When he called me about it, I just started screaming and jumping up and down. I think I was more into the preparation than he was."

The two have been watching "Jeopardy!" together for years. Earnshaw is an avid reader, and especially appreciated Will Ferrell's Alex Trebek impression on "Saturday Night Live" as a child. He has long been talking to Trebek from the comfort of

his couch. "At one point, Shannon was like, 'Stop answering all the questions if you are not going to do something about it,'" Earnshaw said.

"And it would not have been possible otherwise."

His students are showing their excitement in another way.

"New levels of teasing me, I guess," Earnshaw said. "They found my 'Home-town Howdy' video, and it has been merciless."

During the week he had to take off of work to film, he left his students daily warm-ups with Alex Trebek quotes and "Jeopardy!"-inspired vocabulary tests. One word of the day was "jeopardize."

While Earnshaw can't discuss the details of his performance on the show until it airs, he said he's not disappointed.

"I didn't break a Ken Jennings winning streak, but it was a great time," he said. "I had a lot of fun. Alex Trebek is definitely friendly and personable, but he was also really sarcastic and dry."

Jennings holds the record for the longest winning streak on "Jeopardy!" and continues to be the second-highest earning contestant in game show history.

Earnshaw said the producers of the show think there may be a moment from the episode that will go viral, which is another reason to tune in Thursday.

If the experience has taught both Earnshaw and Skelcher anything, it is that multiple failures are not always indicative of future luck.

"Just do it," he said. "Because you never know what will happen."

**'I didn't break a Ken Jennings winning streak, but it was a great time. I had a lot of fun.'**

Justin Earnshaw  
English teacher

## BRIEFLY

### Man dies, woman arrested after high-speed chase

CHEYENNE (WNE) — A man died by suicide Sunday morning after a chase with police resulted in a crash into natural gas and electric lines at an east Cheyenne apartment complex.

Charles Reno, 38, of Cheyenne was driving a stolen Chevrolet Avalanche, according to a Cheyenne Police Department news release.

The officer tried to stop the truck around 12:30 a.m. Sunday, but it kept going through the Sun Valley neighborhood.

Reno then drove over a ditch near the Pershing Pointe Apartments before entering a parking lot in the middle of the complex.

The truck hit a gas line and

an electrical box, causing outages and a gas leak, according to a news release.

The truck then crossed over another ditch on the north side of the complex, becoming airborne before coming to rest on Pershing Boulevard.

When officers arrived to contact the driver, he had died by an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, according to the news release.

Cheyenne Police Department spokesman Officer Kevin Malatesta said Reno was only being chased for the stolen vehicle — he had no other outstanding warrants or charges against him.

A passenger in the car, Samantha Smith, 28, was arrested on outstanding warrants from Goshen County and interference with a peace officer. She also possessed a small amount of methamphetamine, according to the release.

### Law enforcement wants help to identify photos

ROCK SPRINGS (WNE) — The Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office is seeking help in identifying locations of pictures uncovered in a voyeurism investigation.

"We are asking the public's aid in identifying these locations," Sheriff Mike Lowell said. "Often a sketch or painting on the wall, shelves, appliances, or furniture are recognizable."

Ryan Flaten, 28, who is facing 16 counts of felony-grade voyeurism, had a preliminary hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

Flaten was arrested in Lyman on Nov. 17 and charged with voyeurism after a GoPro

video camera was discovered in a Maverik Country Store restroom. A search of his residence recovered video devices and footage of locations in Sweetwater County, which resulted in the charges and his arrest in Green River on Friday. He was released on bond Saturday.

According to a press release, the Sweetwater County investigation has connected Flaten to video cameras hidden in a changing room at the Goodwill Store on Dewar Drive in Rock Springs; a Solvay Chemicals restroom, west of Green River; and video footage of women inside several residences in Green River.

All the people that appear in the footage at the Goodwill Store, Solvay Chemicals and the Green River residences have been identified and interviewed, Lowell said.

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## Ranch: Meeting slated for Feb. 20

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a large hole at the Beartooth Ranch. It turned out that Bost had reclaimed cash he'd buried years earlier. That investigation wound up netting another \$220,000 for the Sheriff's Office.

The county was in line to also receive the ranch until the Wyoming Attorney General claimed the property on behalf of the state, Steward says. That's long bothered him.

Steward told commissioners that the state "absolutely had nothing to do with any of this investigation whatsoever," federal authorities "did very little" and since the Sheriff's Office "did all the legwork," the ranch "rightfully should have went to Park County."

The federal government turned the ranch over to Wyoming in 1999, subject to a series of conditions.

A memorandum of understanding says the state must use the property "solely as a public area reserved for recreational or historic purposes or for the preservation of natural conditions." Crops can be grown on 80 acres near the ranch house and livestock can be grazed in certain areas if they don't interfere with recreation.

Management of the ranch was initially transferred to the local chapter of the National Audubon Society, which wanted to use the property as a nonprofit education center. Neil Miller of the Meadowlark Audubon Society told the Los Angeles Times that, "It's a marvelous opportunity."

But the society soon found the project to be beyond their financial capabilities and canceled the lease, leaving the land vacant and uncared for.

### 'NEGLECTED AND ABANDONED'

Clark resident Lloyd Thiel recently brought the Beartooth Ranch to the commission's attention, expressing frustration with the "neglected and abandoned" state of what was once "a very nice working ranch."

"With the removal of agriculture from the use of the ranch, basically they [the state] found out what everybody around here knows — is if you don't have agriculture, you don't have green pastures, livestock, trees die, wildlife leaves and you end up with a barren, nothing eyesore," Thiel told the commission on Dec. 19.

Thiel said he considered putting forward his own proposal for the land, but soon learned of the federal government's restrictions.

"The more I found out about it, the madder I got, the more disgusted I got," Thiel said. "And I [now] know I've got basically nothing to benefit except as a taxpayer on this."

He suggested commissioners work with state leaders and Wyoming's Congressional delegation to have the federal restrictions "loosened up, released or something, so that our state can have full control of what to do with this property."

Commissioners, however, said they would rather have the Beartooth Ranch given to the county.

That drew opposition from the East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

"We sincerely question the motive behind the request to transfer this land to the county," reads a portion of the group's letter, authorized by the chapter's board on Jan. 24. "It appears to us that it is nothing more than a land grab; intended to place this land into county hands where it can be sold to the highest bidder."

### ON THE RIVER

Tim Wade, owner of North Fork Anglers in Cody, a lifetime member of Trout Unlimited and a member of the Cody Anglers Group, was a Park County commissioner when fishermen were kept off the Beartooth Ranch by the Florida fugitive.

"We've got to protect this resource now as part of our legacy to future generations," Wade said.

He and Reed, the president of the East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited, took a morning drive to the so-called drug ranch last week, before the group penned its letter.

With each step into the strong current of the Clarks Fork, they became more immersed in the hunt for trout. They placed their flies with precision, each cast highlighted with flashes from neon-pink strike indicators against blue skies above distant snow-capped peaks of the Beartooth Range.

"This place is so beautiful, it's one of the few places you can go and not care if you catch fish," said Reed.

The river is open as it flows through the ranch for 1 1/2 miles. This time of the year, it typically freezes in other areas of the river with public access.

Reaching the banks of the Clarks Fork is easy at the ranch, both to fishermen and boat enthusiasts.

A fire in the mountains above in the 1990s has led to earlier snow melts, Wade said. That has raised the temperature of the river above ideal conditions.

The group of anglers, which is working on several projects intended to better the waterway for fish production, would like to see restrictions in that portion of the river. That includes limiting the access area to catch and release only and banning the use of live bait. They also don't want the area to become home to livestock. The runoff of manure nutrients will encourage more plants to grow in the river, raising the temperature of the water even further, they say.

After wetting their lines, Reed and Wade took stock of the abandoned Beartooth Ranch buildings. The structures have sat empty for years and breaches by partiers have left holes in security, but "whoever built this did it right," Wade said, while inspecting the large log home on the property.

Trees that once shaded the ranch property went unattended and have died — some falling on outbuildings of varying ages. Weeds growing unchecked are an invitation for rattlers, giving the area the reputation of being "snaky."

Deer and pronghorn tracks lead from the river's edge to a large parcel of sagebrush — a Wyoming home for sage grouse, long-billed curlew, horned larks and many other species.



Tom Reed inspects the former Beartooth Ranch outbuildings near a fishing access area to the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River. The buildings sit next to the top access area for the river for boaters and anglers. Tribune photo by Mark Davis



The Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River cuts through the former Beartooth Ranch near Clark.

Reed photographed two golden eagles on the trip and two bald eagles as well.

"Antelope and deer are down in here. We've seen elk and grizzly bears here. This is pheasant and chukar habitat and guys hunt here. And it fishes pretty good," Wade said. "A couple chainsaws and few days work and most of the damage here could be cleaned up."

County officials have taken a dimmer view of the ranch's condition.

Commissioner French said the damaged ranch house likely needs to be burned down and Sheriff Steward called the buildings "a wreck" during the December meeting.

In the letter they've drafted to Gov. Mead, commissioners say "the Beartooth Ranch has now become an eyesore and expense."

"A property of such potential should be given the opportunity to prosper," the commission wrote in the draft.

Commissioner Grosskopf contrasted the Beartooth Ranch with a state-owned property near Beulah, known as Ranch A. It was also seized by the federal government and is managed by a private foundation.

"It's a remarkable place," Grosskopf said of Ranch A, adding, "Turning that piece of property [the Beartooth Ranch] back to someone like that would really be a valuable resource for Park County or for the state."

The commission will revisit the subject with East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited members on Feb. 20.



A golden eagle perches on a telephone pole near the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River. Many raptors, upland game birds, song birds and several mammals including grizzlies, pronghorn and deer use the land at the former Beartooth Ranch.



Tom Reed and Tim Wade discuss the best places to wet a line at the access area at the former Beartooth Ranch near Clark.

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## TRAPPER/GILLETTE UPSET!

TORBERT, LOMBARDY TORCH PRONGHORNS

BY DON COGGER  
Sports/News Editor

Shortly before Saturday's game against visiting Gillette College, members of the Northwest College men's basketball team noticed something different about head coach Brian Erickson: He looked like he was dressed for a funeral.

Clad head to toe in black, Erickson had a message for his team ahead of squaring off against the undefeated and nationally-ranked Pronghorns.

"I asked the guys in the locker room for a moment of silence," Erickson explained. "They looked at me for a minute, then got quiet. I told them, 'Guys, today we're having a funeral. We're having a funeral for the death of Gillette's undefeated season.'"

And what a funeral it was. In front of a packed house and a raucous crowd, the Trappers (12-10, 2-3) took the lead early and never looked back, outlasting the No. 6 team in the nation, 94-89, for NWC's biggest win of the season.

"I'm still just numb," said a water-soaked Erickson, the recipient of a post-game dousing by his team in the locker

**'Guys, today we're having a funeral. We're having a funeral for the death of Gillette's undefeated season.'**

*Brian Erickson*  
Head coach

room after the game. "It's really hard to put into words what this game means. Tonight we took that next step of buying into the process of what we can do as a team a little bit more."

Few in Region IX gave the Trappers much of a shot against Gillette's high-powered offense, but if the Trappers were intimidated by their taller rivals, it didn't show. NWC jumped out to a quick 12-4 lead. Gillette (22-1, 4-1) battled back, taking what would be their only lead of the night at the 11:40 mark of the first half. The Trappers quickly retook the lead and — with strong performances by Reme Torbert and Luc Lombardy and a tenacious defense — held a tenuous 44-39 lead at halftime.

"We had a great first half against Casper [on Wednesday, Jan. 24], but made too many mistakes in the second," Lombardy said. "We didn't make those mistakes tonight. We definitely played better together as a team. Defensively, we kept the pressure on."

The five-point lead at the half would end up being the difference, as the two teams battled

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NWC freshman Umar Jalloh slams home a dunk during the Trappers' 94-89 upset of previously undefeated Gillette College on Saturday in the Cabre Gym. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

## McManamen a leader on and off the court

SOPHOMORE STANDOUT CARVING OUT HER LEGACY

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports/News Editor

When your last name is synonymous with Wyoming basketball, expectations can run pretty high.



DANI  
McMANAMEN

The younger sister of recently-graduated University of Wyoming cager Jason McManamen, McManamen jokingly said she's the one responsible for her sibling's on-court success.

"I taught him everything he knows," she said, laughing.

Born into a family of coaches and players, it was only natural that McManamen would find a ball in her hand at a young age. Her father Mike coached basketball in Lovell and "when we moved to Torrington, my dad continued to coach my brother, then started coaching me as well," McManamen said. "I've just been playing for as long as I can remember. I was always watching my dad's games, my brother's games. I've just always been playing."

Like most kids, McManamen was a multi-sport athlete — though basketball was always number one.

"I think maybe because it was such a big part of my family that basketball affected me the most," she said. "And I just always loved being part of a team. Team sports are definitely my

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## THE LINEUP

This Week in Powell Sports

\* Home games in bold  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
PHS Wrestling dual at Worland, 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
PHS Boys' Swimming at Conference in Kemmerer, 1 p.m.  
**PHS Wrestling dual vs. Lander, 6 p.m.**  
PHS Girls' Basketball at Pinedale, 5:30 p.m.  
PHS Boys' Basketball at Pinedale, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
PHS Boys' Swimming at Conference in Kemmerer, 10 a.m.  
PHS Girls' Basketball at Star Valley, 1:30 p.m.  
PHS Boys' Basketball at Star Valley, 3 p.m.  
NWC Women's Basketball at Western Wyoming Community College, 3 p.m.  
NWC Men's Basketball at Western Wyoming Community College, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
**PHS Wrestling dual vs. Cody, 6 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
NWC Women's Basketball at Central College, 5:30 p.m.  
NWC Men's Basketball at Central College, 7:30 p.m.



NWC's Logan Soundrup grabs the leg of Western Wyoming's Tucker Tomlinson in the first period of the 165-pound match. Tomlinson went on to win, 8-2. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## Trappers lose to Western Wyoming in Apodaca Dual Showdown

PREPARE FOR DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

The No. 4 ranked Northwest College wrestling team lost to No. 6 Western Wyoming Community College during Friday's 20th Annual Apodaca Dual Showdown.

"... Overall, I thought our guys competed hard. I was proud of them for the way they wrestled," head coach Jim Zeigler said of the 27-14 loss. "Obviously we're disappointed we didn't win the match, but I was proud of them for

wrestling hard."

Though the Mustangs won by 13 points, 12 of those points were by way of the Trappers forfeiting two weight classes.

"Giving up 12 points is obviously difficult," Zeigler said.

The coach also tipped his hat to Western Wyoming.

"They've got a really good team and they were a better team than us," he said. "They didn't wrestle harder or

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Northwest College sophomore Charri McArthur, of Lovell, looks to the hoop during a Saturday home win over Gillette College. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

## Lady Trappers fall to Casper, rebound against Gillette

WIN PUSHES CONFERENCE RECORD TO 4-2

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

After a loss to Casper College last week, the Northwest College's Lady Trapper basketball team bounced back with a win over Gillette College on Saturday.

NWC's conference record now stands at 4-2, with an overall record of 16-6.

CASPER 73, NWC 60

Heading into the Jan. 24 game, the hosting Lady Thunderbirds were undefeated in the conference and 18-2

overall.

At the end of the first quarter, Casper led 19-15, but the Lady Trappers fought back in the second quarter to tie the game at 34 heading into halftime.

In the third quarter, Northwest College outscored Casper 21-20 to take a one-point lead going into the final quarter of play, 55-54.

"But we let them go on an 8-0 run to start the fourth quarter," said said NWC head coach Janis Beal, adding, "On their home court, against a No. 1 team, we

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Calvin Fugett Jr. — a Northwest College freshman from Denver — puts up a shot during the Trapper basketball team's Saturday win over Gillette College. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

## NWC MBB: 'We needed a win'

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to a 50-50 tie in the second frame. The Trappers moved the ball well and took their time setting up shots, with six players — including all five starters — scoring in double digits.

"We've been telling the guys from day one to play hard, play smart and play together," Erickson said. "There was no second-half letdown tonight; they stayed focused and got it done."

Erickson said this team has a tendency to get away from what's working by resorting to selfish basketball. None of that was evident Saturday, as the Trappers finished with 19 assists and seven steals for the game.

"When we work the ball, switching screens, doing different things, that's when we're at our best," Erickson said. "We just have to be a more inside-out team, dribble down to the post and kick it out. Because we have the shooters."

The Trappers sank 10 3-pointers on the night, led by Lombardy with three. Lagio Grantsaan, Torbert and Blake Hinze added two apiece, while Calvin Fugett finished with one. Grantsaan led the team in assists with five, "which is pretty impressive," Erickson said. "It's a good night when your post does that."

Torbert set the tone for the Trappers' offense, netting a team-high 18 points. Lombardy followed with 17 and Fugett chipped in 16 to go along with his four assists.

"This was a great win for the team," Torbert said. "We needed that. We haven't been winning that much, we've been up and down. Today definitely boosted our momentum."

Grantsaan just missed a double-double, finishing with 14 points and nine boards, while a dinged-up Umar Jalloh contributed 11 points and eight boards off the bench.

"Umar [Jalloh] was hurting a bit during the game, he came out at halftime and had heat on his foot," Erickson said. "He was kinda limping a bit in that second half, but played really well."

Hinze rounded out the double-digit scorers with 10 points and two steals.

"These guys played at a

high level today," Erickson said. "The question for us coaches is how can we get these guys to treat every game like it's this important, keep them playing at a high level. They understand now what it took to beat the No. 6 team in the nation. Now they need to carry that out every day."

Torbert agreed.

"We needed a win, we're 2-3 in the conference now," he said. "We were moving the ball, doing what coach told us to do, doing what works for this team. We need to enjoy the win tonight, but we gotta come back ready to work Monday. Nobody's gonna give it to us; we gotta earn it."

### CASPER COLLEGE 100, TRAPPERS 85

Three days before NWC's stunning upset of Gillette, the Trappers were on the road to take on the Casper College Thunderbirds. NWC played a solid first half, taking a 40-40 tie into the locker room before things came off the rails a bit in the second. Casper (16-6, 4-1) outplayed the Trappers on both ends of the floor in the final frame, cruising to a 100-85 win.

"We did a good job of playing hard and playing together; we just weren't very smart in that game," Erickson said. "We gave up 60 points in the second half, and they shot something like 20 more free throws. We didn't have the officials on our side, or the fans, and I think a little of that got to us."

Four Trappers finished in double digits, led by Jalloh with 18. Torbert netted 16 points while dishing off seven assists. Lombardy finished with 11 points, including three 3-pointers, and Grantsaan chipped in 10.

Hinze led the Trappers on the boards, pulling down six to go along with five points and a pair of assists.

For the Thunderbirds, Chase Winchester led all scorers with 30 points.

The Trappers hosted Sheridan College (18-3, 3-2) Wednesday night, and will hit the road once again this weekend for a rematch with Western Wyoming (11-9, 4-2). The Mustangs won the first meeting, 89-58.

"We have a lot of ball left," Erickson said. "We need to just keep playing our game."

## THE 10<sup>TH</sup> FRAME

from Classic Lanes

SEB Oilfield Services was the top team during last week's "Thursday Night Live" league action at Classic Lanes. The team members emerged on top by tallying a total of 1,654 pins.

Scott Krimekas had the high series for men with a pin total of 466. Krimekas had games of 157, 161 and 148 — all over his average.

Cindy Cordova had high

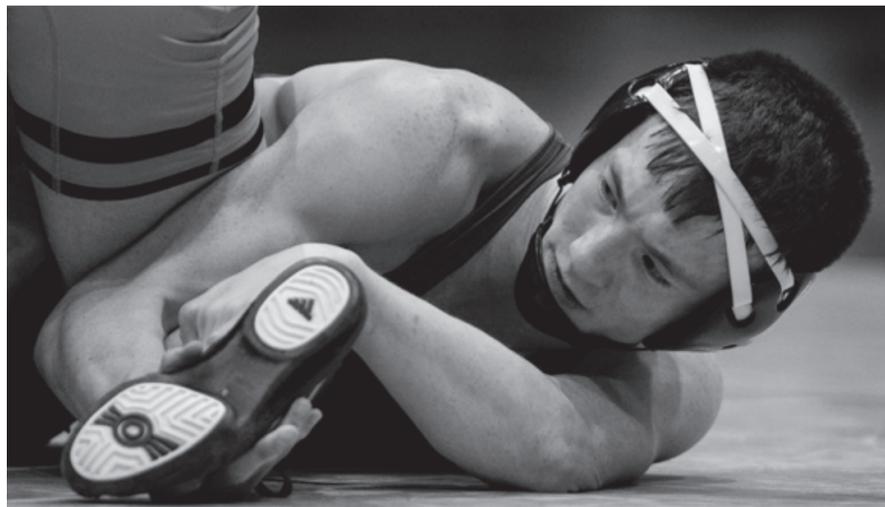
series for the women with a pin total of 429. Cordova had games of 159, 132 and 138, which were also all above her average.

Brian Lang had the high game for men with a pin total of 174.

Geri Bulkeley had the high game for women with a pin total of 170.

Bulkeley, Nic Timmons, John Whitaker and Peggy Whitaker all topped their average in all three games.

Contact Classic Lanes if you would like to bowl or if you have your own team.



NWC's Palmer Schafer grabs the foot of Western Wyoming's Jake Thompson en route to a 7-5 win in the 141-pound match. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

## NWC WR: Head to District Championships next

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compete harder than we did, but they are a better team than we are right now. They're just more talented."

The dual started at the 285 pound weight class with a match between Trapper Lisiate Anau — who's ranked second in the nation — and Shane French of Western.

Anau won by an 11-2 major decision.

The next match was between No. 2-ranked Nodir Safarov and Andrew Astle, with Safarov winning a 17-6 major decision.

Zeigler said that he thought both Anau and Safarov wrestled solid.

At 133 pounds, NWC's Taylor Jeffries, fifth in the nation, grappled with Ricky Navarrete.

"I felt that that was [a] match that we could have won," said Zeigler.

Neither wrestler scored a point in the first period. Jeffries led 4-2 in the second period, but in the third, Navarrete came back to win the bout 5-4 for the Mustangs' first victory of the dual.

"I think he did a good job, he worked hard. It ... still just leaves that taste in your mouth and he wasn't happy," Zeigler said of Jeffries' match. "I wasn't happy either, because I felt like as hard as he wrestled — and he did a great job — ... he didn't quite finish it."



NWC's Lisiate Anau handily defeated Western Wyoming's Shane French in the 285-pound match.

The next match was at 141 pounds, between Northwest's Palmer Schafer and Jake Thompson. "He stepped up," Zeigler said of Schafer. "He was one of the bigger surprises for me in how he stepped up and won that match."

Schafer, who is from Lander, won by a 7-5 decision.

"Really nice win," said Zeigler. "Palmer took charge of it and he wrestled with more confidence in that match than I've seen him all year and he was solid. I was very proud of his performance."

At 149 pounds, Nic Urbach squared off against Kenny Astle who is ranked second in the nation. Urbach was pinned in 1:25.

At 157 pounds, Tate Allison won by a 6-2 decision over Ky Webb.

The 165-pound match was between NWC's Logan Soundrup and Tucker Tomlinson, ranked No. 7 in the nation.

After the first period, Soundrup led 2-1. At the end of the second period the score was tied at 2. The score remained that way until about 12 seconds remaining in the third, when Tomlinson got a takedown and some backpoints to win by a 8-2 decision.

"That's a good kid, too," Zeigler said of Western's Tomlinson. "We were a heavy underdog in that match with Logan [Soundrup], but he did have a chance to win."

Zeigler said Soundrup hesitated. "I think he just didn't have that extra gear that comes with confidence and belief. I think he was surprised he was in that position and I think he was more worried about what the other guy was going to do than what he should be doing," the coach said. "Those are things that come with maturity, that come with success. When you gain success, you get more success in those situations."

At 184 pounds, Jeff Oakes — who is ranked second at 197 pounds — wrestled Conor Kirkland, who is ranked fourth at 184 pounds. The wrestlers were tied at 3 after one period, while Kirkland led 6-3 after two.

In the third and final period, Oakes held Kirkland scoreless, but was unable to take a lead. He lost by a 6-4 decision.

"Jeff [Oakes] wrestled hard, and that's a good kid, but it was a match that was winnable for him," Zeigler said.

The Trapper wrestling team is off this weekend and will return to action on Feb. 10 in Rock Springs at Western Wyoming Community College for the Rocky Mountain District Championships.

Three teams will compete to see who will win a trip to the NJCAA National Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Feb. 23 and 24.

## Oakes win 2018 Apodaca Award

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

On Friday, the Northwest College Trapper wrestling team hosted the 20th Annual Apodaca Dual Showdown. The event honors the life of Christopher "Brooks" Apodaca, a beloved student athlete whose life tragically ended in a crash in the spring of 1998.

As part of the annual celebration, a member of the NWC wrestling team is presented with the Apodaca Award in recognition of excellence in academics, wrestling, social and civic awareness and leadership — all qualities Brooks Apodaca portrayed.

The 2018 Apodaca Award went to NWC sophomore Jeff Oakes of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

Head wrestling coach Jim Zeigler said Oakes "has a great work ethic on and off the mat and is a model representative of the program."

"Although he does not share the quiet nature of Brooks Apodaca, he definitely has the heart of a champion like Brooks. When it comes to our team, everyone knows that he is 100 percent reliable," Zeigler said of Oakes. "He sets the tone for others to follow with his enthusiasm for every day and every workout. He is always willing to volunteer his services for team, friends and community. His discipline, determination and toughness is an inspiration to the athletes and the coaches."

Oakes is currently ranked second in the nation in his weight class — and the scholar-athlete is set to graduate from NWC in May with a degree and a certificate in welding.

"It's pretty amazing," Oakes said of winning the award, adding, "Every day I work hard with all the challenges I go through in my life."

One of the challenges that Oakes faces, is being a first-time parent. Oakes and his wife Mack-



Northwest College 184-pound wrestler Jeff Oakes hugs head coach Jim Zeigler after being named the 2018 Apodaca Award winner.

enzie just had their first child about three weeks ago, a daughter named Delanie.

"It's crazy being first parents," said Oakes. "I don't get much sleep and neither does my wife, but we sleep when we can."

Oakes added that Mackenzie helps out a lot so he can continue staying on top of his 14 credits, where he currently has all A's.

Last semester, Oakes had a 3.3 GPA and he's averaged a 3.3-3.4 GPA throughout his career at NWC.

When Oakes receives an associate's degree this spring, "I will be the first person in my family to ever graduate in college, or anything after high school," he said. "Pretty excited about that."

Oakes said he also "builds bumpers and stuff on the side so we can stay in school and eat. I do custom work like that just so I can stay in school and raise a child."

time state champion.

"Last year, when I got to college, it was kind of shell shock cause we were kind of a smaller league in high school," Oakes said. "So when I got to wrestling at a collegiate level, it really opened my eyes and I needed to learn a lot. It was just a real eye-opener last year."

Oakes finished sixth in the nation at 197 pounds last season with the Trappers and is wrestling at 184 pounds this season. His goal is to be a national champion.

"It's a great program," Oakes said NWC wrestling. "I've learned a lot from him [Zeigler]. He's a really great guy, a great coach and will help you out. I've stayed disciplined and try to help him by working as hard as I can."

After NWC, Oakes is looking at wrestling for MSU-Northern in Havre, Montana, where he really likes the coaches.

"It seems like I can learn a lot there," Oakes said.

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**PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK**  
Maddy Hanks  
Basketball

Over the weekend against Cody and Worland, Hanks scored a total of 17 points, had 15 rebounds - eight defensive boards and seven on offense - and four assists and four steals.

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**PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK**  
Kacey Creed  
Swimming

Throughout Creed's swim career at Powell High School, he has placed first 37 times, which is now the school's new record for number of first place finishes. He is also in the running for taking over the No. 1 spot in most points scored with 658 (current record is 716).

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- **BABY AND TODDLER TIME** at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **"WE HAVE A DREAM: African-American Writers Who Have Made a Difference,"** noon at the NWC Intercultural House, 565 College Drive. Burt Bradley, NWC professor of English, will read selections from African American writers whose work has influenced generations of Americans of all ethnicities and helped define the African-American experience and character. Lunch will be provided.
- **WYOMING BEAN COMMISSION** will meet from 1-3 p.m. at the Powell Research & Extension Center, 747 Road 9 in Powell. For an agenda, check the Wyoming Bean Commission Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wyomingbeancommission/>.
- **"LEOPARDS AND WOLVES AND SKULLS, Oh My!"** presentation at 12:15 p.m. in the Buffalo Bill Center of the West's Coe Auditorium in Cody.
- **READ TO A DOG** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)** will get a worldview of art and its historical/cultural framework as witnessed by Anne Toner, who teaches Art and Art History at Northwest College. The presentation begins at 5 p.m. at the college's Intercultural House.
- **NORTHWEST CIVIC ORCHESTRA:** Be part of a musical society. Membership is open to community members, college students, and high school students subject to the conductor's approval. Meets every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. through April 26, with a final performance on Saturday, April 28.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- **WYOMING AGRICULTURAL AND RV EXPO** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Park County Fairgrounds. Come and see the newest innovations in agriculture and hear the latest ag information from scheduled speakers. There also will be a petting zoo and activities for little farmers. Free to the public. For more information, visit [www.wbrpro.com](http://www.wbrpro.com), call 307-213-0353 or email [wbrpro@gmail.com](mailto:wbrpro@gmail.com).
- **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** Book Sale from 1-3 p.m. in the basement of the Powell Branch Library.
- **GO RED FOR WOMEN:** Join Powell Valley Healthcare staff on National Wear Red Day for a special women's tea and heart health presentation by internist Dr. Aida Polson. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. in the Powell Valley Hospital Cafeteria. Heart-healthy refreshments will be served. For more information, call 754-2267.
- **OPEN ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION** from 6-9 p.m. every Friday evening at Gestalt Studios at the Polar Plant. Musicians of all skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 764-2389.
- **ARTIST CYNTHIA WEED'S EXHIBIT** opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. at Gestalt Studios at the Polar Plant in Powell.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- **\*SKI RIDE**, a weekly Saturday shuttle bus service to the Sleeping Giant Ski Area, will leave from Mr. D's parking lot in Powell at 7:30 a.m. and return at about 5:30 p.m. The Powell Recreation District and Yellowstone Recreation Foundation are teaming up with local sponsors to offer the weekly ski ride for Powell skiers and snowboarders. The ski ride is scheduled to continue each Saturday through Feb. 24. For more information, call 754-5711.
- **THE POWELL AMERICAN LEGION** will host the Commodity Food Distribution from 9 a.m. until noon. TEFAP requirements apply
- **WYOMING AGRICULTURAL AND RV EXPO** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Park County Fairgrounds. Come and see the newest innovations in agriculture and hear the latest ag information from scheduled speakers. There also will be a petting zoo and activities for little farmers. Free to the public. For more information, visit [www.wbrpro.com](http://www.wbrpro.com), call 307-213-0353 or email [wbrpro@gmail.com](mailto:wbrpro@gmail.com).
- **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **PARK COUNTY DEMOCRATS** monthly meeting from 2-4 p.m. at Big Horn Federal Savings, 1701 Stampede Ave. in Cody.
- **\*WEBSITE WORKSHOP**, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Powell Makerspace, 328 E. Third St. Receive suggestions and recommendations from Powell Makerspace instructors and students to make your site the best it can be. Repeated on Saturdays throughout February. Ages 16 and older. \*\*A PVCE class.
- **\*CREATE & SIP** at 6 p.m. at the Eagles in Powell with artists Stephanie Metzler and Roberta Stafford. A fundraiser for Soroptimist International of Powell. Tickets are \$40 to paint or create six cards. Includes all supplies and appetizers, no-host bar available. Limited seating. Get tickets at the Powell Chamber of Commerce, Wyoming Financial Insurance or call Dawn at 254-1340 for more information. Enjoy a wine auction and win prizes.
- **"NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S RECITAL,"** a performance piece by Bethany Smith and Jan Michael Kliewer, 7 p.m. in the Nelson Performing Arts Center Auditorium.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- **BABY & TODDLER TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **AFTER-SCHOOL HELP** from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Retired teacher Maddi Van Epps is available to help students at all grade levels. Stop by the YA section — you don't have to sign up. Also on Wednesday.
- **POWELL CITY COUNCIL** meets at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
- **\*INTRODUCTION TO WOOD TURNING**, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Powell Makerspace, 328 E. Third St. Get an orientation on the Makerspace's wood lathe and learn how to operate it safely. Then, decide on a project and when you would like to come in and work one-on-one with instructor Bob Mason for your first lathe project. Bring your own wood, or get it through the Makerspace. Ages 16 and older. \*\*A PVCE class.
- **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION** Squadron 26 meet at 7 p.m. at Post 26. Members have family members who have served in the military.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- **FREE PRESCHOOL CLASSES** for children ages 3 to 5 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Support Services Building, 245 N. Everts St. in Powell. Also on Thursdays. The classes are provided by Park County School District No. 1.
- **STORY TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Also on Wednesday morning.
- **MEET YOUR LIBRARIAN:** All sixth-graders through 12th-graders are invited to meet the new young adult librarian, Brianna, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Powell Branch Library. There will be snacks and games.
- **BACKCOUNTRY HORSE CARE WORKSHOP** from 5-9 p.m. at Trapper Arena off U.S. Highway 14-A between Cody and Powell. Reservations are requested by Thursday, Feb. 1, by calling Jeremiah Vardiman, University of Wyoming Extension educator, at 754-8836.
- **COLLEGE PLANNING 101**, 6-8 p.m. in Room 61, NWC Fagerberg Building. Don't let terms like admissions, FAFSA, COA, and EFC cause you panic. Instructors Lisa Harsh and Morgen Patrick will provide clarity to guide you. Ages 14 and older. \*A PVCE class.
- **THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETS** at 7 p.m. in the Post 26 main hall. All veterans are welcome.
- **THE PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION** No. 1 Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at the Powell Fire Department at 1101 E. South St.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- **LITTLE TOTS CLASS** for children ages 1 and 2 from 10-11 a.m. at the Support Services Building, 245 N. Everts St. in Powell. The class is provided by Park County School District No. 1.
- **THE POWELL ROTARY CLUB** meets at noon on Wednesdays at the Nelson Foundation House, 550 College Drive.
- **SHOSHONE IRRIGATION DISTRICT** annual meeting at 10 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 131 N. Clark St. in Powell. Guest speakers include Carlie Ronca, USBR area manager.
- **VALENTINES & CUPCAKES:** Kids can decorate their own cupcakes and make valentines for their friends and family from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Sign up in the Children's Department.
- **\*LASER-CUT VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS**, 6-8 p.m. in the Powell Makerspace, 328 E. Third St. Design and create intricate laser cut cards. Ages 12 and older. \*\*A PVCE class.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** on the second Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon in the Powell Valley Hospital Courtside Room, provided by the PVHC Social Services staff. For more information, call Douglas Sunderland at 754-1256.
- **BABY & TODDLER TIME** at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **WILLWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT** will hold its annual meeting at the Willwood Community Clubhouse, 1306 Road 9, beginning at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. RSVP by calling 754-3831.
- **EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. The group will discuss "The Chilbury Ladies' Choir" by Diane Ackerman.

# Applications still being accepted for heating aid

For those needing help with their heating bills this winter, a deadline is quickly approaching.

Applications for assistance through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) are being accepted through Feb. 28.

"Don't wait for the next big storm!" program leaders said in a Friday news release, adding, "The sooner you apply, the sooner we can help you with those rising heating costs."

LIEAP is a federally funded program designed to help low-income families and people on fixed incomes pay their heating bills during the winter months. Eligible Wyoming homes can also become approved for weatherization, which can significantly their lower energy costs and improve the comfort, health and safety.

The highest benefits go to those households that have the highest energy costs or needs, taking into account income and family size.

Priority is given to households that include at least one member who is elderly, disabled or age 5 and under.

Income guidelines are included in the application packet, available at <http://dfsweb.state.wy.us>. Applications may also be requested by calling the LIEAP office at 1-800-246-4221, or by sending an email to [lieapinfo@thealignteam.org](mailto:lieapinfo@thealignteam.org).

Applications are also available at all local Department of Family Services (DFS) offices, Senior Centers, and other local partnering agencies. Applicants may also submit an application online at <https://www.lieapwyo.org/forms-and-application.html>.



# Come Worship with Us!

## Cornerstone Community Fellowship

754-8005, Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America. Sunday, 10 am, 507 N. Clark St. Nursery and children church provided.

## Faith Community Church

"Love God - Love Others" 1267 Road 18 (Hwy 294), Powell. Contact: Lee Meador, 754-3289, [powellfaithcommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:powellfaithcommunitychurch@gmail.com) Church located 3 miles SW of Ralston, 1/2 mile N off 14A. Bible Study 9:30 am, Sunday Worship 10:45 am.

## First Southern Baptist Church

Corner of Gilbert & Madison. 754-3990, Don Rushing, Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 am; Morning Worship 10:45 am; Sunday Prayer meeting 5pm & Evening worship 5:30 pm. Team Kid Tuesdays 3:30 - 5 pm.

## First United Methodist Church

We love our neighbor at 2nd & Bernard Sts. 754-3160, Rev. Melinda Penry, pastor. [www.powellfumc.org](http://www.powellfumc.org); Sunday worship: blended worship 9:30 am, small group studies 11 am. Coffee before and after morning service. All are welcome, all means all.

## Garland Community Church of God

Garland, Shane Legler, pastor, 754-3775; 9:30 am Sun. School; 10:30 am Worship service; 7 pm Wed. Bible study & prayer. Located in the historic Garland schoolhouse. Everyone welcome.

## Glad Tidings Assembly of God

Gilbert & 7th St. East, 754-2333, Mike Walsh, Pastor; Sunday School 9 am, Worship 10:30 am, (nursery provided), Wed., 7 pm, Unashamed Jr & Sr high youth meet.

## Grace Point

Growing in Grace - Standing on Truth - Bringing Hope to the World. Senior Pastor, David Pool, 550 Kattenborn Drive, 754-3639, [www.GracePointPowell.org](http://www.GracePointPowell.org) Sundays 9-10am Bible classes for all ages, 10am Coffee Connection Fellowship in the Library, 10:30am Worship Service (Children's Church for 3-6yr. olds during the message). Wednesday Evenings AWANA, Middle & High School Groups, Like us at [www.facebook.com/GracePointPowell](http://www.facebook.com/GracePointPowell)

## Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Matt Tygart, 364 W. Park St. (behind Blair's); 754-4842. [www.harvestcomchurch.net](http://www.harvestcomchurch.net) Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 am; Fellowship 10:30 am; Church service 11 am; Like us on Facebook: Harvest Community Church (HCC).

## Heart Mtn Baptist Church

307-254-5040, call for location. Miles McNair, pastor. Independent, KJV, Baptist Church. Sunday school 10 am, Main worship 11 am & 6 pm. Wed. preaching & prayer, 7 pm. Nursery available. [heartmountainbaptist.com](http://heartmountainbaptist.com).

## Hope Lutheran (ELCA)

754-4040, corner of Cary St. & Ave. H, [www.hopelutheranpowell.org](http://www.hopelutheranpowell.org). Pastor Patricia Callaghan, 9:30 am Sunday worship, Sunday school & fellowship following, 3rd Monday Women's Faith Bible Study, 7:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday Women's Grace Bible Study, 1:30 pm.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.) 754-3168, Rev. Lee Wisroth, Pastor, 675 Ave. D. Sunday Worship 9 am, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:15 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday.

## Jehovah's Witnesses

Cody- 2702 Cougar Ave. - Sunday, 9:30 am public meeting; 10:05 am Watchtower study; Thurs., 7:30 pm, congregation Bible study, 8 pm, ministry school, 8:30 pm, service meeting.

## Living Hope Community Church

305 S. Everts St., Pastor Susan Legler, 754-7917, Sunday school 9 am, Sunday worship 10 am, Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm. [www.LivingHopeChurchPowell.com](http://www.LivingHopeChurchPowell.com)

## New Life Church

185 S. Tower Blvd., Tim Morrow, Pastor, 754-0424; Sunday worship 8:30 & 11 am. Kid's Church & nursery available. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Wed. youth group 7 pm.

## St. Barbara's Catholic Church

Fr. Phillip Wagner, 754-2480, 3rd & N. Absaroka; Sat. Evening Mass 5:45 pm, Sun. Mass 9 am, noon Latin Mass & 5 pm Mass on Sun., Daily Mass-Tues. Noon, Wed. 5:30 pm, Thur. & Fri. 7:30 am. Reconciliation 9am & 4pm on Saturdays.

## St. John's Episcopal Church

Megan Nickles, priest: 754-4000, Ave. E & Mountain View. Morning services 10:30 am. Godly Play - Sunday school for children, ages 2-12, 10:30-11:30 am. Visitors welcome.

## Seventh-day Adventist

1350 N. Gilbert; 754-2129 Saturday. Everyone welcome. Worship Service 9:30 am, Saturday, Sabbath School 11 am.

## Trinity Bible Church

Don Thomas, pastor, 535 S. Everts, 754-2660 [www.tbccwyoming.com](http://www.tbccwyoming.com), [reformedtbc@yahoo.com](mailto:reformedtbc@yahoo.com), 9 am Sunday School classes for all ages; 10:30 am Morning Worship Service; 5:30 pm Evening Worship Service. Contact the church for midweek home Bible studies. Free Grace Radio 88.1 FM.

## United Pentecostal Church

John Sides, Pastor, 899-4120, 754-1693. Meeting at the intersection of the Powell Hwy & Nez Perce Dr. - 7 miles from Cody. Sunday Worship 10 am, Wed. services 7:30 pm.

## Union Presbyterian Church

(PCUSA). Third & Bent, 754-2491. Rev. Jeff Baxter, pastor. Sundays: 9 am Sunday School all ages; 10:30 am Worship; 11:30 am Coffee Hour; Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month. Wednesdays: 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study. Scouting: Boy Scouts Monday @ 4, Tuesday @ 6 & Thursday @ 3. Transportation available; everyone welcome. [unionpc@ctctwest.net](mailto:unionpc@ctctwest.net).

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# NWC WBB: On the road to Western Wyoming Saturday

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can't have those lapses where we let them kind of go on that big of a run."

Casper won 73-60. "Overall, it was a step in the right direction ...," said Beal.

She added, "we played with a lot better energy — just played harder than we did the previous week against Miles [Community College]," said Beal. "I was glad to see that change. Thought we took care of the ball a little better against Casper — which is huge."

Dani McManamen led the team with 14 points.

"I thought that Dani played really well. She attacked the basket and got some scoring for us," Beal said.

Julyne da Silva Sa also scored in double digits with 12. "[da Silva Sa] played really well in the post. Casper has a really big girl also and it was kind of a chess match," Beal said. "She was being physical and finishing shots."

Kira Marlow netted nine points, while Dallas Petties led on the boards with eight, all defensive.

As a team, the Lady Trappers shot 41.5 percent from the field, 42.9 percent at the arc and 83.3 percent from the free throw line.

Casper College shot 42.2 percent from the field, 33.3 percent

from the 3-point line and 50 percent from the free throw line.

After last week's competition, Casper College leads the conference with a 6-0 record and a 20-2 overall record.

## NWC 82, GILLETTE 53

After the tough loss at Casper, the Lady Trappers exploded back into the win column Saturday, downing the Gillette Lady Pronghorns 82-53 at home.

"[It] felt like the girls' came out strong from the beginning, kind of jumped out to a lead," Beal said.

The Lady Trappers led 23-12 after the first quarter.

"It's really important for us to get out to a good start," said Beal.

In the second quarter, Gillette battled back to cut NWC's advantage to 36-27.

The Lady Trappers came out strong in the third quarter to outscore the Lady Pronghorns 23-11 for a score of 59-38 heading into the final quarter of play.

McManamen had a double-double scoring 10 points and grabbing 10 rebounds (six on defense and four on offense) and also had five assists, two steals and zero turnovers.

"Tonight we definitely had a lot more energy," McManamen said. "We came out stronger, and we had a lot more assists, playing more team ball."

Also scoring in double digits

was da Silva Sa, leading the team with 15. Petties had 13 and Charri McArthur had 11 points, including three from behind the arc.

"We haven't shot the ball great the last little while so we've got to do a better job of that — but seeing Charri [McArthur] knock down three 3's, that was good to see," Beal said.

As a team, the Lady Trappers had 22 assists and 14 turnovers.

"We played a lot better team ball just as far as trying to make that extra pass to a teammate that maybe can get a little better shot," Beal said of the assist/turnover ratio.

"We forced some turnovers which led to some easy baskets for us [too]," said Beal said.

NWC had 16 steals and Gillette had 25 turnovers.

On the boards, the NWC out-rebounded Gillette 38-24.

As a team, the Lady Trappers shot 48.6 percent from the field, 26.1 percent at the arc and 80 percent from the free throw line.

Gillette shot 37.7 percent from the field, 44.4 percent at the arc and 69.2 percent from the charity stripe.

"It was good to kind of get back on track," Beal said of the win.

The Lady Trappers faced Sheridan College Wednesday evening and will next travel to play Western Wyoming Community College on Saturday at 3 p.m.



The Lady Trapper bench reacts to the action on Saturday, as their teammates battle against Gillette College. NWC picked up an 82-53 victory. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

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Dani McManamen shares a laugh with her fellow members of the Lady Trapper basketball team. 'She's one we'd like to keep around our program multiple years to be the example,' says head coach Janis Beal.

## McManamen: 'It's just been such a good experience'

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favorite."

McManamen attended Southeast High School in Yoder, where, as a member of the Lady Cyclones basketball team, she played in back-to-back state championship games. Yoder fell to Lyman, 42-36, her junior year and to Pine Bluffs, 50-40, her senior year.

Bad luck in championship games notwithstanding, McManamen knew she wanted to continue to play after graduation; she just wanted to find the right fit for her game. NWC head coach Janis Beal knew the McManamens from their days in Lovell; Mike was actually Beal's sixth-grade teacher.

"We grew up knowing her family," Beal explained. "When she moved, and as soon as she got into high school it was like, I better keep an eye on her. With the relationship I had with her

dad, I was able to reach out and talk with her."

Beal had her sights on bringing McManamen back to the western part of the state, but NWC wasn't the only Wyoming school showing interest.

"I was thinking about Laramie County Community College; they were just starting a program," McManamen said. "The athletic director had been talking to me, but I came up and visited Northwest, and that was all it took. I knew I wanted to be here. Coach told me I could wait on making a decision, but I really wanted to sign."

McManamen has no doubt she made the right decision.

"I've loved it. I've really enjoyed it more than I even expected I would," she said. "It's crazy how fast it's gone by — a couple of more weeks and it's sophomore night. I'm so glad I made the decision to come here."

So is her coach.

"Dani is such a great kid. She's one we'd like to keep around our program multiple years to be the example," Beal said. "She's just such a hard worker. She's not a real loud person; she just quietly leads by example. She plays bigger than she is."

To exemplify McManamen's character, Beal recalled making a coaching decision last week that no player ever wants to hear.

"Dani's basically started every game since she's been here," Beal said. "Last week against Casper, to kind of get everybody going, we completely changed starting lineups. She just said, 'OK, if that's what you need, let's do it.' She came off the bench and did a great job; she didn't let that affect her. That shows what kind of a teammate she is."

The Lady Trappers are 16-6 heading into the weekend, with a 4-2 conference record. McManamen is averaging 8.1 points per game and is second on the team in rebounds, averaging five a game. She's fourth on the team in total points with 178. Big games remain on the schedule, and McManamen said this team is ready to finish strong.

"It's really nice that we had so many sophomores return. We really know each other and have that chemistry," she said. "The freshmen that came in have really stepped up right away. I feel like we have a lot of depth this year. Coach can put anyone in the game, and they will step up wherever we need them to. That's been the biggest part of our team success."

McManamen says it's "awesome" playing for Beal.

"I feel like she really cares about us, more than just as basketball players. It's nice to have that relationship outside of basketball," she said.

Asked what she'll miss the most when the season is over, McManamen's answer said it all.

"Everything," she said, laughing. "I'll miss my teammates, the atmosphere of this team, all my coaches. It's just been such a good experience that it's gonna be tough when it's over."

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Dani McManamen, an NWC sophomore from Torrington, goes up for a shot in a December game. She's averaging 8.1 points and 5 rebounds per game. Tribune photos by Don Cogger



## CELEBRATING 100 DAYS

Above left, Ryder Tomash sports glasses with the number 100 in honor of Southside Elementary School's celebration of the 100th day of school on Wednesday. Isabella Palazzolo, dressed as Wonder Woman, is pictured in the background. Above right, Josh Kousoulos, Kasen Asay, Beth Black, Judah Hite and Gunner Sapp gather their supplies for an art project. Tribune photos by Mark Davis



Above, Rhett Goolsbey colors stars on his glasses. At right, Southside staff Rhonda Stevens, Lorraine Griffith, Kati Sears and Waleryan Wisniewski wore bandages proclaiming they survived 100 days of school.



## Nurse anesthetist reflects on a challenging and rewarding career

BY ILENE OLSON  
Tribune Staff Writer

As he contemplated the future of his nursing career, Stephen Katz decided he was ready for a different challenge.

So, in 2002, he left his job as emergency room manager at Powell Valley Healthcare and moved to Madisonville, Kentucky, where he went to Murray State University to become a nurse anesthetist.

Katz said he'd considered going into nurse management, "but I wasn't ready to give up the clinical side of things."

After he graduated in 2004, Katz worked at the hospital in Madisonville for another five years. He provided anesthesia services for surgeries ranging from routine procedures to open-heart surgery.

"I wanted some big hospital experience, then I wanted to come back to Powell," he said.

The opportunity to return came in 2009, when a nurse anesthetist position opened at Powell Valley Healthcare. He jumped at the chance and has remained here ever since.

"I love my job," he said. "I love what I do. I love Powell. I love being able to do what I do in Powell."

Jan. 21-27 is National CRNA (certified registered nurses anesthetist) Week. This year's theme is "Every Breath, Every Beat, Every Second: We Are There."

Katz said he and the three other nurse anesthetists at Powell Valley Healthcare — Anthony Belmont, Andy Baker and Ryan Shedd — talk to their patients before each surgery.

"A lot of patients ask if we're going to be with them the whole time, and we are. We're with them from the operating room — from the beginning of the surgery — to the recovery room," Katz said.

CRNAs administer two-thirds

of all anesthetics in the United States, 80 percent of the anesthesia in rural health organizations and 95 percent of the anesthesia in military facilities, he said.

An anesthetist is a nurse (while an anesthesiologist is a doctor), but "we do the exact same thing," Katz said. "The only real difference is, I can only do anesthesia.

A doctor can change and do something else."

Nurses were doing anesthesia long before doctors began doing it, he added.

"Anesthesia is a lot like the emergency room most of the time," Katz said. "You have one patient at a time, and when you're done with this patient, it's time to move on to the next patient, and that fits my personality well. ... I like the closure."

Katz said being an anesthetist is a "highly technical job," and he likes that as well.

It's also challenging. The more health issues a patient has, the more complicated the anesthetic, he said.

"Every patient is a serious patient," he said. "There's no such thing as a little anesthesia. I don't want to overdramatize, but my job is life or death. ... I'm the one keeping them comfortable and safe and alive."

During a surgery, there are many monitors in the operating room, Katz said, but "the most important monitor in the room is me — my vigilance."



Stephen Katz, a nurse anesthetist at Powell Valley Healthcare, stands beside the machine he uses to anesthetize patients during surgery. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

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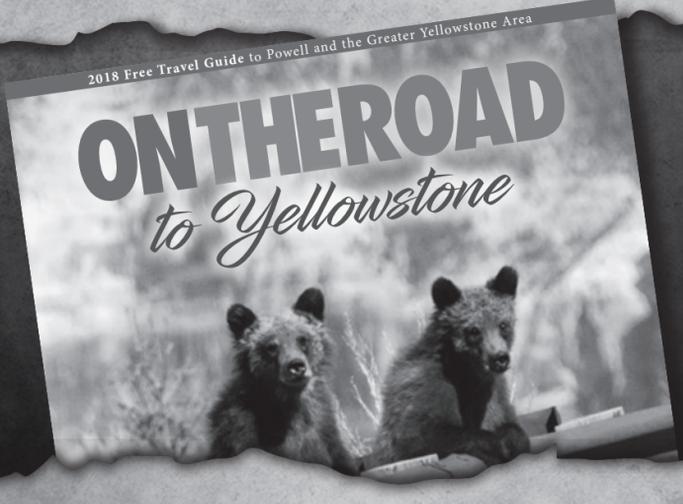
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# EXHIBIT AT GESTALT STUDIOS

**FEATURES**  
**ARTWORK BY**  
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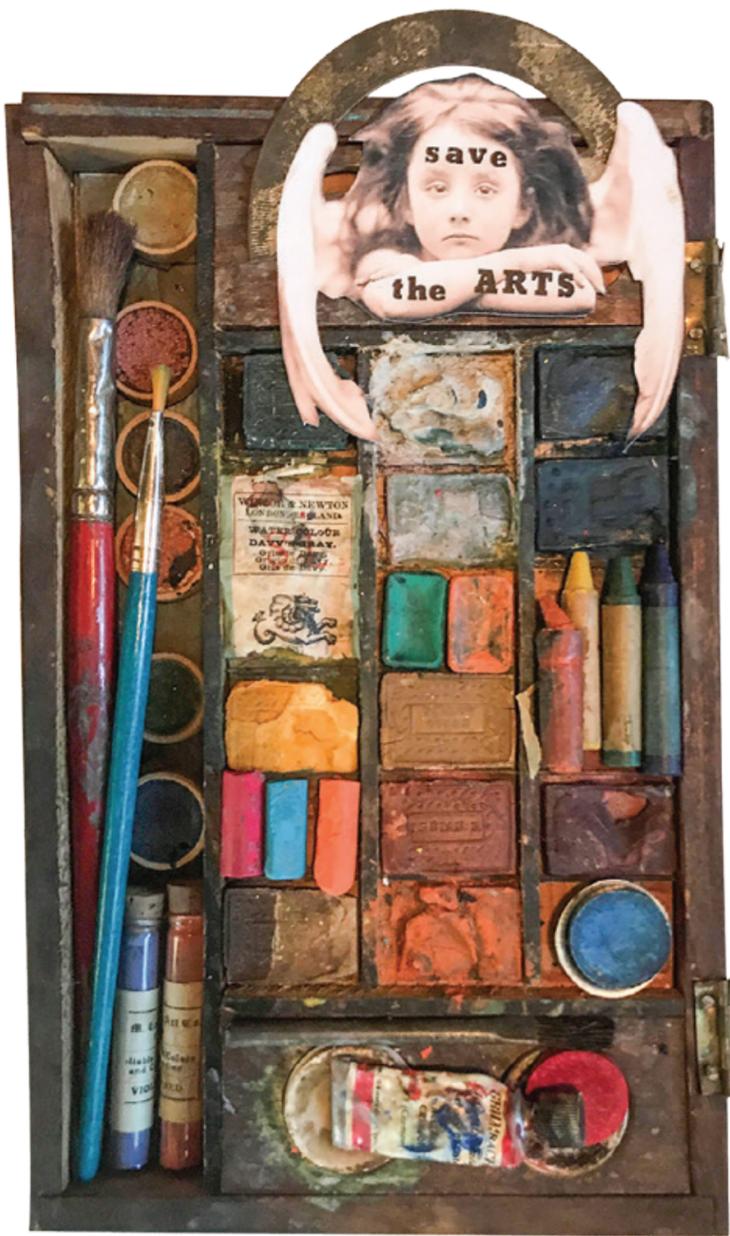
An upcoming exhibit at Gestalt Studios in Powell will feature artwork by Cynthia Weed. The exhibit opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday and will be on display through March 1.

Weed is a Wyoming native who was raised in Cody. She taught special education in the public schools for 30 years.

Weed has always been a working artist, showing her work around the state and leading workshops. She was the president of the Cody Country Art League and is currently a board member for Park County Council on the Arts.

Her work is a process of assembling found materials and ephemera of every kind, with each piece telling a story of its own. The exhibit at Gestalt will be comprised of vintage paint boxes reimaged and rebuilt.

An exhibit featuring vintage paint boxes reimaged and rebuilt by Cynthia Weed will be on display at Gestalt Studios in Powell from Friday through March 1. Courtesy image



## AAUW talk to cover an artistic journey

A fascinating and informative tour through the world of art will be presented tonight (Thursday).

Local members of the Association of University Women (AAUW) will get a worldview of art and its historical/cultural framework as witnessed by Anne Toner. Toner, who teaches Art and Art History at Northwest College, studied the topic while on a recent sabbatical.

The adventure begins at 5 p.m. at the college's Inter-cultural House.

During her sabbatical from NWC in 2016-17, Toner did extensive traveling throughout Spain and the surrounding countries. She was especially interested in art from places where several cultural and religious

influences converged. The interaction of Islamic art and cultures with that of Judeo-Christian European cultures were of particular interest.

Toner is originally from Sheridan and got her wanderlust at an early age from many trips she took with her parents. She remembers seeing a photograph of her grandfather in front of the Eiffel Tower during World War II and dreaming of going there herself someday.

The evening presentation is open to the public and anyone interested in art. University Women are also glad to talk to any women who are interested in becoming a part of the group.

AAUW members will have a short business meeting at 4:15 p.m., followed by refreshments.



**ANNE TONER**

## Local veterans assistance available

A veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will conduct community outreach in the Big Horn Basin this month.

Former U.S. Marine Josh Schmidt will be at the Powell Valley Healthcare Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5. He'll also be in Lovell from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 13, at the North Big Horn County Senior Center.

Schmidt is available to meet with veterans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims, or VA healthcare. Schmidt can also help veterans and their families apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare.

Call Schmidt at 307-250-3890 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## ACHIEVERS

### Local students named to Montana State honor rolls

Montana State University in Bozeman recently announced its undergraduate honor rolls for fall semester 2017.

With a perfect 4.0 grade point aver-

age, Bryce Bott of Powell was named to the President's Honor Roll.

Bethany McCaslin of Powell was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which includes students earning grade point averages of 3.5 or above.

Other area students on the Dean's Honor Roll include William Rankin of Cody, Hanna Ward of Basin and Alison Angermeier and Kyle Webster, both of Yellowstone National Park.

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Tuesday, February 21 - **Work Auction**  
Wednesday, February 22 - **Chore Night**  
Thursday, February 23 - **Game Night**  
Friday, February 24 - **Teacher Breakfast**

**What is the Work Auction?**  
The Powell-Shoshone FFA invites you to the annual work auction and dinner Feb. 21 at 8:30 p.m. in the PHS Commons. We will be having a free chili dinner to start and shortly after we will auction off all our members for 8 hours of work.

**STATE CONVENTION TEAM**

Members travel to state convention to compete for state CDE contests, receive awards for SAE projects, and attend activities also received their state degrees. All of that hard work paid off as the livestock judging team placed 10th out of 42 teams and parliamentary procedure placed 4th. Many athletes also received an office as Wyoming State FFA.

Top: Logan Lamb, McKinna Burk, Katie Wilson, Joshua Burke, Brady Wells, Chase Smith, Preston Quares, Jordan Smith, Renee Kautz  
Middle: Clara Perry, Kayle Meyer, Kinsey Ashby, Chance Kinast, Teo Paulner, Mallory Rippert  
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