



Nova Burbank plays a carnival game in the Millstone Pizza and Brewery arcade on Tuesday evening. Powell's City Council plans to repeal an ordinance that has required businesses to pay an annual \$3 fee on pool tables and other games. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

POWELL'S ENROLLMENT INCREASES WHILE OTHERS DROP

State sees slight decrease in K-12 enrollment

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

While K-12 schools across the state have emptier classrooms than a year ago, Powell has bucked the trend, welcoming more students.

Today, Park County School District No. 1 is teaching more kids than the school districts in Torrington, Lander, Douglas and Rawlins. In 2011, all of those districts had higher enrollments than Powell.

This fall, Powell school district's enrollment hit its highest point over the past 10 years, with 1,837 students. That's 161 students more than the 2008-09 school year — a nearly 10 percent increase.

"Even Cody, just 25 miles away, has been losing kids for years now," said Jay Curtis,

superintendent of Park County School District No. 1. Curtis said he doesn't know what has led to the difference between the neighboring districts.

According to enrollment data released by the Wyoming Department of Education last week, the Powell school district is now the 13th largest out of 48 districts in the state.

Powell has 221 fewer students than Park County School District No. 6 in Cody, which ranks as the 12th largest district.

The city of Cody's population is about 53 percent greater than Powell's, with roughly 3,400 more residents. However, the Cody school district enrollment is only about 12 percent higher than Powell's.

Enrollment is a key factor in determining state funding,

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CITY TO STOP INSPECTING POOL TABLES

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

The Powell City Council plans to get out of the business of inspecting video games, pool tables and other activities in local businesses.

At a Dec. 18 meeting, the council voted to start the process of repealing an old game licensing ordinance that's on the city's books.

Code 5.36 states, "No person shall conduct, operate, or maintain, for hire or profit whether in his own place of business or not, and whether operated by coin or otherwise, any billiard or pool table, bowling lane, game vending machine or card

table without having first secured a license therefor."

The city's license fee has been \$3 a year for each billiard or pool table, bowling lane, video game machine or card table. However, the city recently received a request that the licensing fee be suspended until the ordinance could be taken off the books.

"It kind of goes hand in hand with some of [Councilman Scott Mangold's] discussion on cleaning up our code book," Mayor John Wetzel told the council. "As it sits, we are charged with charging a game license for pinball, Pac-Man — any type of games that sit in bars and establishments in

town."

Wetzel went on to say the code hasn't been updated in years, and seems to be an "arcane and outdated thought."

"There really is no reason for us to be charging somebody \$3 annually and inspecting the machines," Wetzel said. "We're not quite sure why we're inspecting pinball machines, and nobody has slot machines, so that's the only thing we could think of why this [code] existed."

Wetzel then opened the topic up to the council for discussion, offering a pair of options as to how to proceed. The first option was to suspend the licensing fee and not impose it in January; the second was to eliminate the

ordinance altogether.

"Mr. Mayor, I would recommend just getting rid of it," said councilman Jim Hillberry. "We can always bring it back if it becomes necessary."

Wetzel said that, if the rest of the council agreed with Hillberry's assessment, now would be the time to do away with what he referred to as an "exercise in futility."

City Clerk Tiffany Brando indicated that the revenue generated was hardly worth the effort of going around and counting each machine while collecting \$3 apiece.

"The revenue for last year

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Breckin Streeter, a student at Powell Middle School, plays a virtual reality game at Valley Virtual on a special activities day in downtown Powell. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Cody teacher charged with stealing from student account

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

A Cody High School special education teacher stands accused of stealing hundreds — and possibly thousands — of dollars that had been raised for the school's special needs students.

Terri Stegelman, who resigned from the Cody district in November, faces misdemeanor counts of wrongfully appropriating public

property, theft and official misconduct. She pleaded not guilty to the three charges at an appearance in Park County's Circuit Court earlier this month.

The charges specifically relate to allegations that, in July, Stegelman transferred \$600 from an account that was mostly made up of the proceeds of fundraising efforts led by special needs students.

However, an affidavit from Cody Police Detective Justin Dollard filed

with the case alleges that Stegelman also stole another \$2,149 — for a total of nearly \$2,750 — after taking over the management of the account last year.

Dollard reviewed various financial statements and concluded that, with dwindling funds in her personal accounts, Stegelman stole from the special needs account to cover her own expenses, including a mortgage.

She reportedly refused to talk to

Cody police about the allegations and her attorney, Brigita Krisjansons, didn't respond to an email from the Tribune.

Stegelman worked for the Cody school district for more than 17 years — from August 2000 until Nov. 21, when she submitted a letter of resignation, said Park County School District No. 6 Superintendent Ray Schulte. Court records say that, in addition to contacting Cody police about the suspicious transac-

tions, the school district conducted its own internal investigation.

"I can't say much about it," Schulte said of the situation. "It's a personnel issue, so I just can't comment on it."

He noted that Stegelman is presumed to be innocent.

Stegelman became the treasurer/secretary of the Vocational Training Center's (VTC) fundraising account

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TERRI STEGELMAN

Powell's Christmas shoppers showed up late this year

WEATHER, WYOMING ECONOMY INFLUENCE HOLIDAY BUYING

BY DAVE BONNER
Tribune Publisher

It wasn't a banner year, but a late burst of Christmas shopping helped Powell retailers to finish the season on an upbeat note.

The record increases in holiday shopping that were posted by many stores across the country didn't register in Powell, but it's not unusual for the economy of rural Wyoming to lag the national trends. Most Powell businesses contacted after Christmas were pleased to equal year-ago numbers.

A long weekend leading into Christmas helped to wrap the season on a high note, said Jim Linton of Linton's Big R.

"People seemed to be waiting for the three-day weekend [Dec. 22-24] to do their shop-

ping," he said. "Those last three days really helped. It was great. It was like the way it used to be. December actually started out kind of slowly, but when cold weather hit, people started buying."

The late run helped Linton's to pull even with sales of December 2016, Linton said.

The Wyoming economy is still experiencing speed bumps, he reflected.

"Our farm situation with low commodity prices is still pretty tough in the Big Horn Basin," Linton said. "The oil and gas economy is still slow to come back in this area, even though it's picking up in some parts of the state. We feel very fortunate given the economic conditions to have come out about even with last year."

"When the economy is slow, people tend to buy practical goods," Linton added. "Housewares and toys were selling well. Our clothing

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HOLIDAY HELPERS



Sally Montoya and Alice Russell work on gift boxes for the Christmas Basket program at the Wyoming Army National Guard Army prior to opening the doors to families in need. The program served 118 families this year. For more about the program and one of its long-serving volunteers, see Page 13. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Stealing: Trial tentatively set for April 19

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and took over its management in August 2016, charging documents say.

The account holds the proceeds of various fundraisers conducted by special needs students, including popcorn/concessions sales, car washes, vending machine purchases and other activities. The money is used for "a variety of things" for the special needs students in the VTC program, Schulte said, such as equipment, classroom supplies or field trips.

During the 2014-15 and the 2015-16 school years, an average of about \$5,500 was raised each year, detective Dollard wrote in his affidavit.

But "deposit amounts and frequency dropped off drastically" during the 2016-17 school year, when Stegelman took over as treasurer, Dollard wrote; only about \$2,500 went into the account — a more than 50 percent drop from the prior year.

In the affidavit, the detective cites bank records to make the case that Stegelman was steal-

ing from the "VTC/Job Box" account.

For instance, Stegelman became the sole signer on the fund-raising account on Jan. 23 — and on that same day, she deposited \$350 in cash into her checking account, Dollard wrote.

The detective says it was only after Stegelman took over the VTC account that she began depositing cash into her own bank accounts. The deposits also seemed to arrive whenever Stegelman's funds were running low, the affidavit says.

Cody school officials said Stegelman had not kept any records of popcorn or vending machine sales, which made it hard to compare how much money was actually raised versus how much made its way into the account, Dollard wrote.

However, the records appear to be more clear about three transfers made in July.

On July 19, bank records show Stegelman transferred \$200 from the VTC/Job Box account to her personal checking account and then spent or withdrew the money in Tennessee, charging

documents say. Two more \$200 transfers were made on July 24, followed by various personal purchases in Cody, Dollard wrote.

Stegelman reportedly claimed to school officials that she'd used the \$400 taken on July 24 to buy a treadmill for Cody High School's life skills program. However, Dollard was unable to find any record of such a purchase.

The suspicious transactions were first discovered in October, when a bank statement for the account wound up in the hands of a different special education teacher. That teacher noticed the money that had been transferred out of the account in July and notified a supervisor, helping launch an internal investigation.

Schulte reported the allegations to Cody police on Oct. 20, which culminated in the filing of the charges on Dec. 12. Stegelman turned herself in at the Park County Detention Center the following day and was released on her own recognizance after her initial court appearance later in the day.

A trial is tentatively set for April 19.

Cody wheat whiskey-maker allowed to sell product on-site

A Cody area distiller crafts his whiskey with wheat grown less than 30 miles away. In order to sell Single Track Spirits' whiskey to local customers, however, the drink will have to take a much longer trip — down to a government warehouse in Cheyenne for labeling.

"Then, they [Single Track Spirits] essentially have to purchase it back from the state to sell in their local location," First Deputy Park County Clerk Hans Odde explained last

week, as county commissioners considered a permit for the business.

"That sounds very efficient," deadpanned a sarcastic Commissioner Jake Fulkerson.

Commissioners unanimously approved a satellite manufacturing permit for Single Track Spirits. That will allow the business to sell its whiskey on-site, at its location just east of Cody on Sage Creek Road. However, those sales can only be made after the bottles travel to Chey-

enne and back, as state law requires that all alcoholic beverages be purchased through the Wyoming Department of Revenue's Liquor Division.

Single Track Spirits is owned by Tom Pettinger through a corporation called Range & River Distilling, Inc. Pettinger operates the still not far from his home.

The county approved a special use permit for the distillery back in 2011.

— CJ Baker

Shopping: 'When cold weather hit, people started buying'

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department was really, really great. Sporting goods and tools were strong."

Weather was a factor in a slow start to December shopping at Ace Hardware as well, said manager Jerry Jackson. Mild temperatures early in the month put a crimp in sales of winter preparation products, he said.

"We just weren't selling snow shovels or snow melt products until the last couple of days before Christmas," Jackson said.

Christmas lights and Christmas decor products sold well early — to the point that store shelves were depleted.

"I tried to reorder some products, and our Ace warehouse couldn't resupply us. That hurt," he said.

"Overall our year has been good, but we're still off for the month," the Ace manager said. "We haven't sold cold weather products. You don't make up that business."

Jackson feels that the lingering hangover from a slowdown in the energy industry and job losses is still holding the Wyoming economy back.

"The Wyoming economy as

a whole still hasn't picked up," he said.

For the combined Powell Drug and its new gift store, Lavender Rose, the Christmas shopping "was probably a little ahead of last year," said pharmacist Steve Rogers. "It's pretty close."

Cindy Rogers, who debuted her Lavender Rose new store this Christmas season, is pretty excited about the traffic and the sales at the new property.

"She's really delighted with all the people who have come in to look and to shop," Steve Rogers said.

From a shipping standpoint, this year's Christmas season stayed consistent with a year ago, said Mike Nelson, owner of the UPS Store in Powell.

"Christmas is our peak season, and for December specifically, it was about the same as last year," he said. "We are pleased with that."

The UPS Store actually had decent growth for the year, Nelson added, but a lot of it came in the third quarter.

"Overall, shipping has been way up," Nelson said.

For the tech shoppers, Powell's Wyoming Wireless store experienced a busy Christmas

shopping season.

"It was very good and very busy this year," said manager Alan Jones. "New phones and new tablets were very popular this year."

Terry Collins at Marquis Awards said her store's Christmas shopping season was also comparable to last year.

"I think it was in the same range as last year; I'm not unhappy with it," she said. "It didn't seem like we had as much walk-in business as last year. Our large commercial customers are showing signs of some uptick in confidence — not huge, but it's there."

As she notes the empty storefronts on main street, Collins said it's hard to visualize what the landscape of downtown may be in 10 years.

"I know it's easy to go online, and Amazon Prime can have your purchase to you right away, but I do appreciate the people who come downtown and shop in our stores," she said.

Collins said Marquis Awards continues to do more custom things for gifts.

"It's fun and uplifting to work on these projects and help people come up with a very special gift for someone," she said.

Inspecting: Council voted to suspend licensing fee

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was less than \$300," Brando explained, though this year's total would be a little higher with the opening of Millstone Pizza.

"They have 34 games," she said.

City Attorney Sandee Kitchen said that, if the council decided to repeal the code, they would

have to come back with a new ordinance to repeal either the fee or the entire code. City Administrator Zane Logan said keeping the fee made no sense unless the city decided to substantially increase it — and "I don't see why we would have any reason to do that."

Wetzel said his recommendation would be to remove the

entire ordinance, and the rest of the council agreed. Kitchen reminded the council that the repeal process had to be done by ordinance; council then instructed legal to prepare an ordinance to do just that. In the meantime, the council voted to suspend the licensing fee. Three readings will be scheduled for that process.

Big Horn Ankle and Foot

Is Barefoot Beautiful?

A question frequently asked of doctors of podiatric medicine is whether or not it's wise to venture out without shoes or socks during the warm weather months. The answer, as you probably suspect, is no -- despite the fact that running barefoot in the park does sound like great fun.

Common sense says that going barefoot increases the chances for injury and infection. Public parks and streets have hidden hazards capable of cutting or puncturing your feet. Then there's the

chance that your barefooted free spirit will pick up a stray fungus, leading to an athlete's foot infection, or a virus that will bring on plantar warts.

Are there any safe places? You can try it on a clean, sandy beach, but even then it pays to be observant for buried glass or sharp drift wood fragments. Even your own backyard is fraught with hazards -- one can step on a bee, some poison ivy, or a puddle of toxic weed killer.

At the pool, wear thongs to keep your feet protected from abrasions -- it's easy to pick up a wart virus in this environment.

The bottom line? It may feel good to walk barefoot, but you're running a risk for injury or infection.



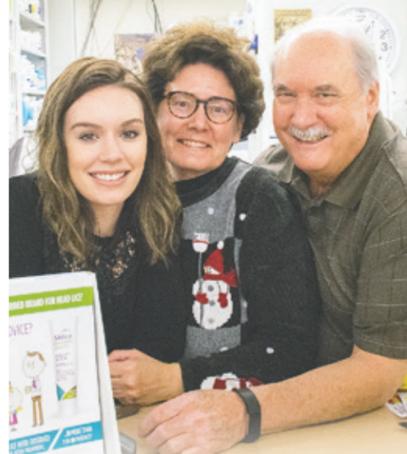
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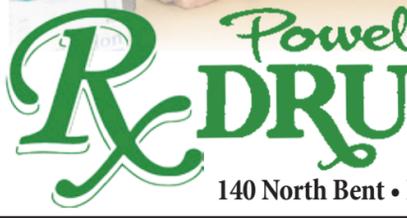
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Steve Rogers knew he wanted to be a pharmacist even in high school when he interned at the Greybull drugstore. He attended and graduated from the University of Wyoming with a pharmacy degree and obtained his first job in Gillette. Later he moved his family to Sheridan, before purchasing his own store in Powell 43 years ago. Steve purchased Powell Drug from Pete and Elaine Moncur on October 1, 1974. Thirteen years later he relocated the business to its current location on the corner of Second and Bent, after purchasing the former Pamida building. 2018 marks the 50th anniversary for Steve as a practicing pharmacist.

Cindy, his wife, also graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in social work. She and Steve have been married for 34 years. The drugstore and gift shop have become her life... so much so that at his retirement onset she's recently opened a new gift shop where they can both keep busy.

Together their union has produced two wonderful children - both in the medical profession. Son Steve is a physician's assistant in orthopedics for Cody's Dr. Winzenried, and daughter Olivia is a second year medical student in Seattle... after completing her first years in Wyoming. She's studying to be a medical doctor. Both children are also graduates of the University of Wyoming.



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OBITUARIES

Katherine E. 'Kay' Copenhaver

(March 19, 1928 - Dec 26, 2017)

Katherine E. Copenhaver died Dec. 26, 2017, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell. She was 89.

Kay was born March 19, 1928, in Baggs, Wyoming, to Mildred and Harry Jesmer. She received a degree in education and was a teacher, wife, and mother. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

She married Ross Copenhaver on Sept. 14, 1948, in Baggs. Kay and Ross loved Wyoming, especially the mountains. They taught their kids to ski, fish, and camp, and regularly planned camping adventures where she particularly enjoyed catching

and cooking a fresh brook trout. Kay loved being around friends and family, especially children. She loved to bake and cook for others, and homemade treats for children were a regular occurrence. She was always up for a good game of poker or cards of any kind. She also enjoyed golfing. When she could no longer camp, Kay enjoyed feeding and watching the birds in her yard as well as raising tomatoes and growing flowers.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband Ross; brothers Wendell and Boyd; sister Shirley Zimmerman; and grandson Zach Copenhaver.

She is survived by sons Ron-

ald (Carmia) Copenhaver of Centennial, Wyoming, Mark (Ann) Copenhaver of Powell and Tracy Copenhaver of Powell; grandchildren Melissa (Bruce) Bundgaard, Sarah (Ryan) Shdo, Ryan (JoLynn) Copenhaver, Alisa (Brent) Bissell; 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at First United Methodist Church in Powell. Memorials may be made to the NWC Foundation for Ross Copenhaver Memorial Scholarship.

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



KAY COPENHAVER

Laverne 'Verne' Brant Solberg

(Oct. 12, 1918 - Dec. 25, 2017)

Laverne "Verne" Brant Solberg died Dec. 25, 2017, at Powell Valley Healthcare. He was 99.

Verne was born on Oct. 12, 1918, to Ludwig and Emily Solberg. He grew up on a farm near Lavina, Montana.

In 1939, on a blind date, he met Dollie Schmittou, the woman he'd marry. He served in WWII as an Army combat engineer and saw action in the Philippines. After the war, he worked in construction.

In 1948, Dollie, Verne and their son Larry moved to Heart Mountain where Verne and his brother Robert both established farms through the Homestead Act. Verne moved barracks

from the Relocation Center to build his home. For many years, friend and scholar, Mary Keller brought her students to hear tales of homesteading. Verne's oral history can be found at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West archives. Verne is also featured in Sharon Yamato's book, Moving Walls.

With the help of friend Pat Miller, Verne traveled on the Veterans Wyoming Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

In his long life, Verne was a builder, farmer, wrangler, hunter, bridge-player, and trophy-winning bowler. He restored old cars, particularly T-Birds from the '60s. After retiring, Verne (wagon master and mechanic) and Dollie traveled in RV caravans to Canada, Mexico and every state but Hawaii and Rhode Island.

In his late 80s he asked former

daughter-in-law, Carla Solberg to be his helper. Together they shopped, did farm business, attended local events and visited Dollie, who had Alzheimer's and had been moved to assisted living.

Verne was admired and respected in his community. He was fiercely independent to the end but appreciated the caregivers who helped him stay comfortable and safe in the house he built. Medical issues prompted a move to Powell Valley Healthcare in October 2017, where with many neighbors and friends, he celebrated his 99th birthday.

Verne is survived by his son, Larry and his wife, Donna; granddaughters, Julie and Katie and their families; his caregiver, Carla Solberg; and farm kitty, Newt.

Cremation services have been with Ballard Funeral Home.

Ron Meeker

(Oct. 20, 1948 - Dec. 19, 2017)

Ronald G. Meeker, 69, a beloved husband, father and grandfather, died on Dec. 19, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded in deep love by his family.

Ron was born Oct. 20, 1948, in Lovell, to Steve and Betty Meeker. His family moved to Cody when he was a young boy where he attended Cody schools and graduated from CHS. He attended Black Hills State University where he played basketball and graduated with a bachelor's in education.

On Aug. 30, 1970, Ron married his high school sweetheart, best friend and love of his life, Tina.

They were married for 47 wonderful years making many memories together. They enjoyed life with each other to the fullest.

They were blessed with two

wonderful children Misti and Matt, who were the light of their lives.

Ron worked as a school teacher and basketball coach out of college. He started Meeker Insurance in 1981, eventually expanding it to the largest independent insurance agency in Cody.

Ron was very involved in his community, belonging to the Cody Volunteer Fire Department, Cody Stampede Board, West Park Hospital Board and the Olive Glenn Country Club Board. He coached Little League Baseball and Special Olympics. Ron loved to hunt, water ski, snow ski, camp, ride his Harley and spend time in the mountains. He never missed a sports event his kids or grandkids were involved in and was always their biggest fan.

He adored his grandchildren Nicholas, Kinsie, Logyn and Koltyn. They were everything to him and he showered them with all his love.

His love for his family was unconditional. He was a strong, honest, caring man, a loyal loving husband, a devoted father and grandfather and a true friend to many.

He will be remembered for his large smile, contagious laughter, kind heart and love for life.

Ron is survived by his beloved wife Tina, daughter Misti (Dennis) Reed, son Matt (Malysa) Meeker and four grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Cody United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with a reception to immediately follow at the Olive Glenn Golf and Country Club.



RON MEEKER

Lucille Ann Lunder Wiegmann

(March 24, 1930 - Dec. 19, 2017)

Lucille Ann Lunder Wiegmann, 87, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017, at Spirit Mountain Hospice House in Cody. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Lucille was born March 24, 1930, in Swift County, Minnesota, to Harry and Ella Lunder. She was the third of 10 children. She loved all her sisters and brothers. She was very close to them all.

She married Henry (Hank) Wiegmann on March 6, 1947. They enjoyed 69 years of marriage until Hank's death in August 2016.

Lucille was always busy cooking and baking. She will

always be remembered for her delicious buns. They were made from scratch and was an all-day process. Whenever there was an event or family gathering she readily volunteered to bring buns. She never took any home, giving away any of the leftovers.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband Hank; son Jeffery; her parents; and sisters Arlene, Joan, and Laurel.

She is survived by daughters Susan (Rodney) Kessler of Cody, Patricia (Tom) Jaeger of Minneapolis and Nancy (Scott) Jarvis of Cody; sons Chuck of Minneapolis and John of Cody. She was blessed with nine

grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters, Audrey Rudniger, Harriet Erickson, Carole (Mervin) Swanson and Norma (Robert) Fox; brothers, Lowell (Joy) Lunder, Harlow (Helen) Lunder and numerous nieces and nephews.

In memory of Lucille, please make donations to Spirit Mountain Hospice, 808 Canyon View Ave. in Cody.

A memorial service will be Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cody.

An online memorial is available at www.BallardFH.com.



LUCILLE WIEGMANN

Theodore 'Ted' Richard Martin

Theodore "Ted" Richard Martin, 66, a resident of Bonnie

Bluejacket Nursing Home died in Billings on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017.

Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m. at the Greybull/Basin LDS Church. A view-

ing will precede the service from 9-10 a.m. Burial will follow at the Hyattville cemetery at 1 p.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Atwood Family Funeral Directors.

Valley Care Center on Dec. 19, 2017. Cremation services are with Ballard Funeral Home.

Sylvia Baker

Sylvia Baker, 83, of Cody, died at the Powell

Early deadline for Jan. 2 edition

Due to the New Year's holiday, there will be an early deadline for the Tuesday, Jan. 2, edition of the Tribune. Advertising and letters to the editor must be received by the end of the day today (Thursday).

The Tribune office will be closed on New Year's Day (Monday). The Tribune's regular office hours and production schedule will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

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IN OUR OPINION

New Year's resolution: Going hands-free

With the start of 2018 just days away, it's a good time to remind motorists of the first major change of the new year, at least for those driving within Powell city limits: The city's ordinance banning the use of cell phones and other hand-held devices goes into effect Jan. 1.

What began as a simple inquiry last October from a councilman who survived a close call with a distracted motorist quickly gained steam, as local law enforcement and legal offices were tasked with drafting an ordinance that would work for the benefit of the community.

Finding more than enough state-wide precedent to proceed, the city followed all of the necessary requirements, including three readings of the ordinance before the City Council and ample opportunity for the public to be heard.

As one would expect, reaction to the proposed ordinance drew passionate responses from residents on both sides of the issue, especially on social media. Yet aside from a few detractors, most seemed in favor of the idea. On the ordinance's final reading last month, only one resident attended to argue against it.

Agree with it or not, Ordinance No. 21 will become a reality on Monday. The city has received signs for the four main entry points into Powell, and they will be posted this week. Local law enforcement will now begin the implementation process, that will, most likely, consist of warnings and explanations of how the law works.

But for this ordinance to truly work and have its desired effect, it will take compliance by everyone. Powell Police Chief Roy Eckerdt has reiterated since the beginning that enforcement will be on a case to case basis, as officers and motorists alike will need time to acclimate.

"We issue far more warnings than we do citations; the whole goal of traffic enforcement is to gain compliance, not to hand out tickets," Eckerdt said last month. "But ... if there's a pattern of behavior there that proves a warning isn't going to be sufficient to correct this behavior, then obviously it's a citation."

Banning the use of cell phones is not government over-regulation; far from it. Technology exists to make our lives easier, but it also requires a degree of self-regulation to maintain safe and proper use. Someone talking on a cell phone in a restaurant or in a movie theater isn't dangerous; it's just rude.

Talking on a cell phone while driving, however, has proven to be dangerous. And as of Monday, it will now be illegal, at least within city limits. Make the most of your New Year, and resolve to go hands-free. The technology is easy to use and readily available. The folks around you, as well as local law enforcement, will be glad you did.



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Yes, Virginia, there is a Christmas

Snow drifts and floats in airy cakes, a sunny wind picking it up from where it rests on rooftops and flowerpots.

"You know something, Virginia?" my mom asks, as we sit together on the leather couch, Sugar Bear snuggled between us, fingers curled around mugs of morning-after-Christmas coffee.

"Hmmm?" I ask, balancing my cup between crisscrossed legs, trying to keep heavily-creamed coffee from sloshing onto my keyboard. I look up from the column-in-progress blinking at me from the screen on my lap.

"Every single snowflake is absolutely different," my mom says. "Did you know that?"

She lifts her hand toward the sugary wonderland wrapped by wide windows — snow like muffin tops swelling on lantern heads; snow like sugar icing piling, crystallizing over cobblestone cookies; snow like daisies blooming on bare branches.

"Each one of those," she says, "is distinct and not like any other snowflake. Every snowflake has the most intricate design, that is only its own."

We sit very quietly and smile into the magic of that. Merlin purrs, Rosie snuffles, and snow puffs and sparkles outside.

Even as the plaid circular rug that fans out from beneath the blinking Christmas tree sits bare except for a banquet of pine needles — the stacks of presents long since fervently uncovered, delightfully discovered and newly, dearly beloved — I know the two of us just opened the best Christmas gift

of all. The day after Christmas, Christmas comes fully.

Of course I already knew each snowflake is unique, but when was the last time I got to revel fully, deeply, dreamily in that divine insight with someone I love? It's not about novel facts or new things, but a renewed sense of wonder.

Christmas came slowly this year because, for too many days, I expected Christmas to be something that comes to me. I kept thinking of Christmas as some magician who would arrive soon enough, signifying her magic to me in soft molasses cookies and faux silver beards and slowly filling stockings lined up above the blazing wood smoke fire.

But come as all the Christmas cheer may, none of its bright colors or sweet flavors or flashing lights seemed to fill me with the feeling Christmas ought to bring.

It was Virginia who reminded me that Christmas is not something you wait for to come to you, but something you come to — not something bought, nor brought, but something to which your whole heart you must bring.

On Christmas morning, I ripped open a rectangle of red reindeer wrapping to uncover the round, glowing face of a little redheaded girl staring up at me. I thanked my mother for the gift, stroking the book's smooth,

cool cover, and proceeded to read the whole of *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus* before opening any other presents.

It is a true story. In 1897, an 8-year-old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of the New York Sun asking that he tell her the truth: Is there a Santa Claus? The



VIRGINIA SCHMIDT
Wild Heart, Wondering Mind

(initially anonymous) reply of the editor, Francis Church, eventually became the most reprinted newspaper editorial, translated into dozens of languages and enduringly reveled in by readers all over the world wishing to remember what Christmas is really about. (I guess I'm not the only one who, some seasons, needs a reminder!)

Might I suggest a quick Google search of "full editorial response, Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus" — or a jaunt to your local bookstore for the children's book, in which the full letter is printed — so you can enjoy the entirety of this timeless, eloquent and moving Christmas message. But I will include just this excerpt, here:

"Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry,

no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished ... Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see ... Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world."

Sure, Virginia asked and Church wrote about Santa Claus, but we might also replace "Santa Claus" with "Christmas," or Christmas spirit.

The realness of Christmas is not in the presents, prime ribs, or powdered sugar cookies we see. Christmas is in the magic we feel at allowing ourselves to come under the holy spell of the spiritual, leaving behind the insistent pull of the material, for one divine slice of the season. Christmas is about *believing* there is good in ourselves and in the world, and that such goodness is worth spreading, for no purpose beyond goodness itself.

I cannot see (without intense magnification) the exceptional expression of each snowflake. I cannot see the spirit of Christmas no matter how hard and far I search. And yet, when I allow the snowflake — and the spirit — to come to life not before my eyes, but within my heart and soul, I am filled with a feeling of wonder and love and yes, yes, magic! That, I know, can only mean one thing: Christmastime.



Looking ahead to 2018, a glance back at 2017

When you have been writing about Wyoming for almost 48 years, you become very good at predicting the economy. Right? Well, maybe not so hot some times.

Frankly, I have compiled a pretty good record of predicting the future of Wyoming — except for four years ago. My headline for that column was Wyoming's "future is so bright, we have to wear shades."

Boy was I wrong. Here is what I wrote:

"Wyoming's economy heading into 2014 is a prosperous and optimistic job-creating colossus. The state is changing the face of its economy and altering its future forever. The curse of the predictable boom-bust cycle, which rears its ugly head every quarter century or so, will not visit our state in the foreseeable future."

Wow. What a swing and a miss! Air ball. A fumble.

As we all know, energy prices collapsed that year and we have been struggling ever since.

So here we are, four years into this

bust, and some folks can see some small lights at the end of the long economic tunnel ahead.

But rather than think we are currently in a bust, I prefer to call this "normal," and I remind folks that we need to adjust our lives and our economic expectation to the current climate.

My best years in business were 1995 to 1999, when Wyoming was still in economic doldrums. We proved that you could have business success if you work hard enough and smart enough. We all need that attitude today.

When I look back on 2017, it seems that some Wyoming people need to face a true reality check.

Instead of considering our economic conditions booms or busts, we need to identify these kinds of cycles, which are predictable, and consider them the norm. This is what 2017 was like and how 2018 will continue to be.

To business owners and managers, 2018 will be a time when they all need to maintain strict discipline when it comes to expenses. Since a huge part of Wyoming's economy is government-based, agency leaders need to run local, state and federal government entities in a businesslike manner, too.

My theory is that we need to make sure our "earnings do not exceed our earnings." To many people, that is not as important a consideration as in the past. But based on today's economic realities, it should be our most important guideline.

In some places, living within your means is not considered a normal way of operating. We see countries and even businesses adopting what has been called the European model, where everyone gets an income, whether they are productive or not. And even if an individual does not have a job, he or she is able to get

enough income from the government to live a decent life.

To many old-timers, this is a foreign concept. The concept of receiving an income without working does not compute when we look back on our own experience.

During my 55 years in the workforce, I was always told if one was honest and put out a quality product, things would turn out OK. Today, in many places and ways, this playbook has been discarded.

We live in an age of acceleration where jobs described as "medium skill, high paying" just do not exist any more. For decades those kinds of jobs propelled the middle class.

Some of the highlights of the upcoming year will be:

- The Legislature will be trying to find money to cover our state expenses while not raising any taxes. Biggest fight might be over a statewide lodging tax versus a statewide tourism-specific tax. Supporters of both plans are lined up and digging in.
- Education will again be a target

of where expenses can be cut but any efforts to inflict big cuts seem to be losing momentum.

Some fellas named Murray, Gordon, Forslund, Dahlin, Downing and Harshman plus some gals named Throne and Hageman will be busy in 2018 along with some others yet to surface, wanting to occupy the governor's office.

It will be an interesting political year with U.S. Sen. John Barrasso and U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney possibly facing some serious challenges.

Back in 2017, my favorite event was the eclipse, which brought what seemed like a million people to our state. Not sure what is coming this year but our future is sound. Perhaps it is not bright enough to cause us to wear shades full-time, but we should get through this year in fine shape.

(Bill Sniffin of Lander has published six books. His coffee table book series has sold 30,000 copies. You can find them at www.wyomingwonders.com. Check out additional columns at www.billsniffin.com.)



BILL SNIFFIN
Guest columnist

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Building a Brighter Future Today

CLASS HELPS THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY

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For someone in poverty, the most valuable thing to offer may be hope.

"A lot of times, people who have lived in poverty for a great long time have lost hope, so we're trying to build hope again for them," said Dawn Garrison of Cody. "And get them to dream about what they want to do with their life, and how do they get there."

Garrison serves as an instructor for Building a Brighter Future Today, a 16-week program with classes and resources for local residents who are living in poverty.

The local program recently celebrated its fourth graduating class.

"This group has done a marvelous job with us for 16 weeks," Garrison said at the December graduation.

Victoria Sandoval of Powell, one of the graduates, said she learned a lot about history, how to make a resume, presenting yourself in a job interview, creating a budget and how to build a good credit score.

"There's a lot to learn there," she said. "I could go on and on."

Sandoval said she also appreciated learning about the many resources available in the community — through local libraries, the police station, organizations at the Park County Annex and others.

Through the program, she heard about Heritage Health Center, which she said is great "especially when you can't afford insurance."

"The most important [part] is the resources that you can get out of it," Sandoval said.

Building a Brighter Future Today is funded through The Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming grant.

"None of this would happen without their support," said Wendy Morris, with West Park Hospital Prevention & Wellness.

The program is a partnership through Northwest Wyoming Poverty Alleviation Coalition, West Park Hospital, Christ Episcopal Church, St. John's Epis-



Building a Brighter Future Today students gathered during a graduation celebration on Dec. 5 at Northwest College. Pictured in the front row (from left): Valerie States, Tracey Nusbaum and Victoria Sandoval; in the back row: Marissa Neels, Cherokee Bleak, Tiffany Bergman, Cassie Smith, Tia Owens and Kristi Stevens. Not pictured: Bree Drew and facilitators Shannon Lusk, Michelle Gutierrez and Dawn Garrison. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker

copal Church and Northwest College.

"It's a true collaboration and partnership," said Morris.

About 14.2 percent of residents in Park County are at the poverty level, set by federal guidelines.

"The thing we talk about in this class is that poverty isn't just about a financial number," Garrison said. "It's really about the resources that you have and the gaps that you have, whether it be spiritual or financial or knowing the cultural rules — because the world works on middle-class rules."

Garrison works as a case manager for West Park Hospital Behavioral Health.

Students who enroll in the Building a Brighter Future Today program get paid for attending classes.

Warren Murphy, an Episcopal clergyman who serves on the foundation board, said the program helps organizers learn

about the issues surrounding poverty.

"It's not just giving money for poor people, but actually working with people to understand what poverty is about and figuring out ways to overcome the things that

keep people in poverty," Murphy said. "So this class is designed to do that."

The information gathered is provided to the Northwest Wyoming Poverty Alleviation Coalition, which will create future action plans to change conditions identified in

the class, Garrison said.

"One of the things they tell us is the resources that are available or where there's gaps," she said.

The class is modeled after the Bridges Out of Poverty program, which is more of an urban program.

Building a Brighter Future Today is adapted for rural communities, said Press Stephens, executive director of The Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese

of Wyoming. He said there's a great effort to reduce poverty and serve people, but it can be difficult in a place that doesn't have a living wage.

"We try to move forward anyway," Stephens said.

In addition to practical lessons and valuable resources, the program often results in friendships — for the students and instructors.

"You get invested," Morris said. "And they also form a bond and develop fellowship and friendship that I think is really important."

Sandoval said she loved the classes, and she's been telling others about the program.

"I'm a little bit older than some of the people there, but it doesn't mean I'm too old for anything — you're never too old for stuff," she said.

The next 16-week course begins Jan. 23 in Cody. For more information or to register, contact Garrison at 307-578-2927. As of Jan. 3, her number will change to 307-272-1753.

Sandoval said she's thankful for what she gained through Building a Brighter Future Today.

"I do have more hope after going through the class," she said.

'A lot of times, people who have lived in poverty for a great long time have lost hope, so we're trying to build hope for them again.'

Dawn Garrison
Facilitator

Community stepping up to support Youth Clubs

Earlier this year, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Park County decided to part ways with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and became the Youth Clubs of Park County.

That change meant more freedom for the local nonprofit organization — allowing them to raise membership fees and to stop paying dues to the national Boys and Girls Club organization. But it also meant that the Youth Clubs of Park County would need to wholly rely on the support of locals.

Tina Bernard, executive director of the clubs in Powell and Cody, says the community has responded.

"We have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the many, many donations that have come in this last year, since breaking away from Boys and Girls Clubs of America and letting folks know that we were 100 percent dependent on the community to help keep our doors open to continue the great services we provide to families," Bernard said recently. "These donations, no matter how small, make a difference."

Earlier this month, the Youth Clubs of Park County received a \$60,000 donation from the Ruth E. Anderson Trust.

The funding has been set aside to fence the Cody Club's property and to update its bathrooms.

"Ruth [Anderson] grew up in near-



From left, Linton's Big R employee Kyra Cousins, Big R manager Curt Scott, Youth Clubs of Park County Executive Director Tina Bernard, YCPC Powell Unit Director Tiffany Wutzke and Big R employee Mike Kropatch pose for a photo before helping load up a donation of more than 120 fidget spinners — one for each of the youths at the Powell and Cody clubs — as a Christmas gift. Tribune photo by Toby Bonner

poverty and has a great affinity for the less fortunate," wrote Naomi Stroh and Ken Stockwell, the trustees of Anderson's trust.

"We hope the use of funds will help to assist

those in need."

Linton's Big R recently donated a fidget spinner for each youth at the Powell and Cody clubs.

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A different kind of 'black and white' patrol slowed traffic along U.S. Highway 14 in Shell Canyon on Tuesday morning.

Tribune photo by Tanya Bonner



New mapping tool tracks elk migration to reduce brucellosis risk

Wildlife managers and ranchers in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem soon will have a new mapping tool for reducing the risk of brucellosis outbreaks in cattle. That's thanks to research led by scientists at the University of Wyoming and the U.S. Geological Survey.

The team of biologists built a computer model of elk behavior during spring migration to identify habitats with the highest risk of brucellosis spilling over from elk to cattle.

"Wildlife and livestock managers can utilize this model to focus prevention efforts in high-risk areas and minimize disease transmission," said Brandon Scurlock, leader of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department brucellosis program.

Brucellosis is a bacterial disease carried by elk and bison that can cause pregnant females to abort their fetuses.

Cattle can be infected by commingling with elk between February and June. Transmission peaks from March to May — the same months when most elk migrate to calving grounds and mountain summer ranges.

"Keeping elk and cattle separate during that crucial migration period ensures cattle don't come into contact with brucellosis," said Jerod Merkle, a postdoctoral researcher with the Wyoming Migration Initiative at UW.

Using GPS collar data from nearly 300 elk captured on supplemental feedgrounds in Wyoming, the researchers built models of elk movement that decipher how elk respond to snow

depth, plant green-up and other landscape features such as slope and aspect.

The scientists' migration model tracks spring snowmelt and green-up of forage to predict where elk will be when they abort.

The researchers then simulated elk distribution at daily intervals across five weather scenarios, varying the amount of winter snow and the timing of spring green-up.

Given an average population of about 15,000 adult and yearling female elk in the southern Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem during the study period, the team's model predicts that, on average, about 700 abortions occur per year.

The modeled distribution of where these abortions occur varies drastically depending on when snowmelt and

green-up happen.

In an average snow year, about 33 percent of the abortions occur within 1.5 miles of feedgrounds; 43 percent occur in national forests; 12 percent occur on private land; 7 percent occur in national parks or national wildlife refuges; and the rest occur across Bureau of Land Management, state and local government lands.

During heavy snow years, the model showed the highest brucellosis transmission risk at lower elevations on or near feedgrounds, because elk are likely to abort before they migrate into the mountains.

In years of winter drought with little snowfall, the modeled rate of abortions on feedgrounds declined 64 percent compared to heavy snow years. That's

because elk migrated earlier in the calving season and were more likely to abort on higher-elevation transitional and summer ranges on other public lands (mainly national forests).

The research team predicted little difference in the number of abortions that occur on private lands across the weather scenarios.

Recent brucellosis mitigation work by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has focused on changing practices at state-operated elk feedgrounds. By spreading out hay over larger areas of feedgrounds, and shortening the period of feeding, wildlife managers can reduce the chances of an elk aborting its fetus in a crowded situation where other elk would be exposed.

INSURANCE *Buying a Used Car?*

Get the Facts Before You Act

Beware of flood-damaged vehicles pouring into market

If you're looking for a used car, you may want to take extra caution before you make an investment. Following recent hurricanes, thousands of submerged vehicles have been abandoned and may be shipped to other parts of the country through car wholesalers. There are numerous reports of flood-damaged vehicles originating from the Gulf Coast states being distributed across the country into markets of unsuspecting consumers. The Wyoming Department of Insurance offers these tips when buying a used vehicle.

Beware when shopping for a used vehicle

Most states require vehicle titles to indicate if there is flood damage. However, some wholesalers may intentionally transfer titles to avoid having the damage noted, which diminishes the value of the car. Flooded vehicles are often cleaned up and transported far away from their original location after a major storm. Long-term effects from flood damage can affect the vehicle for years.

Flooded-out vehicles are often declared a total loss by the insurer, at which point the vehicle should be issued a salvage title. A salvage title indicates the vehicle was deemed a total loss by an insurance company. These vehicles are usually sold at a salvage auction for parts. However, these vehicles can be legally resold if the flood damage is declared on the title.

How to avoid purchasing a previously flooded vehicle

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is designed to prevent the concealment of flood damage and other vehicle



histories. NMVTIS is overseen by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and offers information to help protect you from title fraud and unsafe vehicles. This is a nationwide database and the only one to which all junk and salvage yards, insurance carriers, salvage auctions and other businesses are required to report total loss and junk/salvage vehicles.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) also maintains a database, VINCheck program, where consumers can enter a vehicle identification number to check for a salvage (or stolen) vehicle. It should be noted that these reports only monitor vehicles that were insured and were insured by participating companies.

While a car may look perfectly fine on the surface, there could be hidden defects. Flood damage can compromise a car's computer and safety mechanisms, which pose significant safety hazards. Also, your insurance company may not insure or fully insure a vehicle previously determined a total loss.

Do your own inspection

Take the time to scrutinize the car:

- Check the engine for a high water mark on the block or radiator, which is a clear indication that the car has been flooded.
- Look for rust or corrosion on wires and other components under the hood.
- Be suspicious if the carpet smells damp or of mildew. Be leery of new carpet in older vehicles.
- If the seller says they've lost the title, do not purchase the vehicle.

Flooded vehicles often end up at car auctions. Shop at a reputable dealership or get a full inspection prior to purchasing a vehicle.

Ask questions

Before buying a car, ask the dealer for a report with a detailed history of the car. If you're not purchasing the vehicle from a dealer, you can get a vehicle history report.

Comprehensive vehicle history reports are produced with the vehicle identification number (VIN) and are available for a fee from a variety of sources, including:

- Carfax
- Auto Check
- VinAudit

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For more information about auto insurance, contact the Wyoming Department of Insurance.



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No serious injuries in Christmas crash

A 16-year-old girl escaped serious injury after rolling her Ford pickup on Christmas night, south of Powell on Lane 11.

The girl told a responding Park County Sheriff's deputy she'd been driving west at about 45 miles an hour when she hit a slick spot and began sliding.

"She applied the brakes but after that she said she was unsure exactly what happened

until the vehicle came to rest on its top," said Lance Mathess, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

From the tire tracks, it appeared the vehicle turned 180 degrees sideways, hit a ditch and flipped, coming to rest about 15 yards north of the road, Mathess said. The teen driver suffered a small cut on her finger and received treatment at the scene

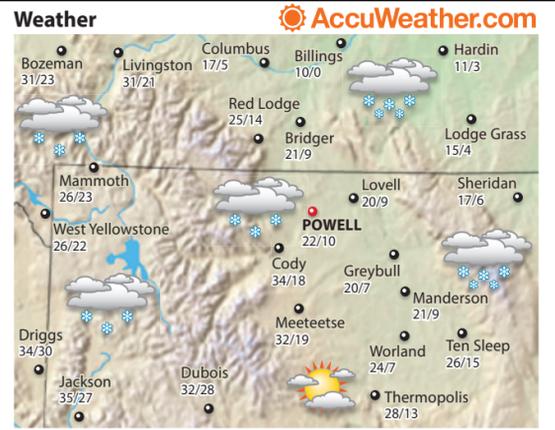
from a Powell Valley Hospital ambulance crew.

"Although there was a barbed wire fence that was damaged from the crash, the owners advised they were not worried about the fence and did not request reimbursement," Mathess said.

The driver was released to her parents and no citations were issued.



Members of the Powell Volunteer Fire Department, Powell Valley Hospital Emergency Medical Services and the Park County Sheriff's Office respond to a rollover around 7 p.m. on Christmas Day, in the 900 block of Lane 11. Tribune photo by CJ Baker



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22° 10°

Friday
Cloudy and colder with a bit of snow
16° -5°

Saturday
Turning sharply colder with clouds and sun
9° -15°

Sunday
Frigid with periods of clouds and sunshine
1° -11°

Monday
Snow or flurries possible in the afternoon
12° 5°

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 39°/-20°
Normal high/low 32°/7°
Average temperature 8.2°
Normal average temperature 19.5°

PRECIPITATION
Total for the week 0.24"
Month to date 0.39"
Normal month to date 0.11"
Year to date 8.15"
Snowfall for the week 2.4"
Snowfall month to date 3.9"
Snowfall season to date 5.8"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset 7:52am/4:41pm
Moonrise/Moonset 1:38pm/2:21am

Full Last New First
Jan 1 Jan 8 Jan 16 Jan 24

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
12.20	42	15.6	.00
12.21	21.5	9.5	.00
12.22	22.6	8.9	.00
12.23	11.8	-4.4	.01
12.24	7.8	-9.9	.00
12.25	11.3	-1.8	.00
12.26	9.1	-3.9	.00

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

MARRIAGE LICENSES

DECEMBER 19
Richard Ernest Courchene, 57, of Wapiti, and Tamra Dolores (Green) Jafri, 51, of Cody.

DECEMBER 20
Cort Taylor Jones, 25, of Powell and Katherine Michelle Drew, 21, of Powell.

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DEC. 11 TO DEC. 22
All offenses are misdemeanors. Defendants are from Powell and any probation is unsupervised unless otherwise noted.

VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

- Jacob Paul Satterwhite served 31 days in jail, must pay \$605, no proof of auto insurance.
 - Jacob T. Greenway of Conrad, Montana, paid \$467, speeding (heavy vehicle).
 - Kathrine M. Drew paid \$167, speeding.
 - Elizabeth A. Thomas paid \$130, red light violation.
 - Christopher D. Gauger paid \$125, no valid registration.
 - Lawrence R. McCoy of Cody paid \$125, no valid registration.
 - Kenneth L. Eden paid \$123, speeding.
 - Shelbi A. McNeil paid \$120, speeding.
 - Kelly C. Cheatham paid \$110, stop sign violation.
 - Brianna J. Graff paid \$80, failure to drive within a single lane.
 - Troy D. Owens paid \$80, following too closely.
 - Joshua L. Campbell of Gillette paid \$75, window tint violation.
 - Kasey K. Henke paid \$60, failure to notify the transportation department of a change in address.
 - Rusty L. Karst must pay \$55, no valid registration.
 - Trever J. Allen of Greybull paid \$25, no seat belt.
- OTHER VIOLATIONS**
- Melinda Diane Hunder of Lovell served one day in jail, must serve six months probation and pay

\$955, driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Kimberly Ann Schweitzer of Lovell served one day in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$905, driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Holden R. Vandivort of Billings must pay \$805 and serve six months probation, unlawful contact and underage alcohol possession.

Bonita L. Williams must serve 17 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$1,210, falsely reporting a crime, breach of peace and possession of a controlled substance, with a finding of guilt deferred on the possession charge.

Maxamillion Charles Wilk served 16 days in jail, must serve one year of probation and pay \$605, possessing a controlled substance.

Gerald Eugene Fisher must serve seven days in jail, two years of supervised probation and pay \$555, driving while under the influence of alcohol for a second time in 10 years.

McKenzie G. Ray must serve 30 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$480, using a controlled substance.

Robert C. Atkinson served two days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$455, possessing a controlled substance.

Alexia N. Guerrero served one day in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$455, possessing a controlled substance.

Charles S. Scott served four days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$455, using a controlled substance.

Clayton R. Scheeler of Rancheater paid \$440, taking over limit of big/trophy game.

Reynaldo Adame served 20 days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$425, breach of peace.

Mark D. Schiermeiser must pay \$305 and serve six months probation, criminal trespassing.

Timothy J. Losinski of Red Wing, Minnesota, paid \$240, taking the wrong sex of animal.

Cody R. Jordan of Casper paid \$235, shooting from, across or along a road.

Susan M. McClinton must pay \$205 and serve six months probation, shoplifting.

Jaxson D. Carter must pay \$135, hunting big/trophy came in wrong area.

Stephen R. Preator must pay \$135, hunting big/trophy came in wrong area.

William D. Preator must pay \$135, hunting big/trophy game in wrong area.

Autumn Lynn Duffy must pay \$80, failure to have child attend school.

Tamera M. Miller paid \$80, failure to have child attend school.

Mae Frances Braun must pay \$55 to the court and \$400 in restitution, animal running at large.

Robert E. Demoney must serve 90 days in jail and one year of probation, two counts of possessing a controlled substance.

POLICE REPORT

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

DECEMBER 5

7:35 a.m. A small dog was reported to be jumping on students at the school on East Third Street. The owner was notified and responded to get the dog.

7:45 a.m. An officer responded to a report of a possible drunk driver at East Seventh/North Gilbert streets. The officer located the vehicle and found the driver was not intoxicated.

9:07 a.m. A woman's purse was found on South Clark Street and given to an officer. The owner was notified and claimed the item.

11:49 a.m. A vehicle was reported to have been parked at a business on East Second Street for several weeks. An officer told the caller they could have it towed.

3:30 p.m. Dispatch received a complaint of a dog barking for about 15 minutes. A responding officer didn't hear or see any dogs barking.

9:27 p.m. An auto burglary was reported on Avenue D and the case was placed under investigation.

9:31 p.m. Martin Chambers, 41, of

Cody, was arrested on West Third Street on an active Park County warrant.

DECEMBER 6

8:15 a.m. A black Verizon LG phone was found on North Absaroka Street and brought to the law enforcement center. The phone had been previously reported lost and the owner was contacted.

8:43 a.m. A resident reported that two dogs were out all the time in a yard on South Jones Street where the feces has accumulated considerably. A responding officer contacted the owner and warned them for a manure/compost violation. The owner advised they would get it cleaned up.

8:44 a.m. Police began investigating a report of a school bus red light violation that occurred on South Douglas Street at approximately 8 a.m.

11:39 p.m. A resident reported a dog barking for an extended length of time on South Ingalls Street, with another one then starting to bark. The officer contacted the dog's owner, who was out of town for a short while, but advised he would take care of the problem when he got back.

DECEMBER 7

8:22 a.m. A men's red and black bike was found abandoned in a backyard on North Douglas Street.

10:29 a.m. An officer responded to a domestic disturbance on Avenue H and placed the incident under investigation.

11:34 a.m. Four to five keys on a black fob were reported lost in the Powell area during the past two weeks.

1:17 p.m. A light fixture was found in the street at East Coulter Avenue/North Jones Street. It was placed in lost and found.

4:01 p.m. A Wyoming driver's license was reported lost sometime in the last couple months.

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Enrollment: Statewide enrollment fell by nearly 300 students

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so Powell hasn't faced as significant budget cuts as Cody or other districts. Superintendent Curtis pointed to last year as a prime example.

"Cody, with a declining enrollment, had to cut a million dollars from their budget," he said. "And Powell, with an increasing enrollment and really quite similar in size, ... only had to find around \$275,000, which is a whole lot better than a million."

Over the past decade, Cody schools hit their highest point in 2011, when 2,208 students attended Park County School District No. 6. Since then, enrollment has dropped to 2,058 in Cody schools — a nearly 7 percent decrease.

Across Wyoming, enrollment in K-12 schools declined for the second straight year.

Statewide enrollment fell 0.3 percent — or by nearly 300 students — this fall compared to the previous year, with 92,976 students attending K-12 schools in Wyoming. Compared to 2015, there are 1,026 fewer students.

This year marked the first time in at least 10 years that Powell had more students than Rawlins (Carbon County School District No. 1), which lost 69 students over the last year.

Though Rawlins has roughly 2,600 more people than Powell, its school district now has 75 fewer students than Park County School District No. 1.

Powell school leaders haven't been able to pinpoint exactly why enrollment has risen here in recent years.

Curtis said Powell is "a very desirable place to live."

"I think that when you have a school system that is kind of making a name for itself in the state, there are people that move to Powell specifically to put their kids in the schools," Curtis said.

Parents who have children with special needs have been drawn to Wyoming because of the quality special education services in schools, he added.

"Interestingly enough, we've had quite a few parents who



Powell Middle School Cubs gather on a special activities day to play virtual reality games at Valley Virtual in downtown Powell. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

have students in special ed that specifically come to Powell because of the services," Curtis said, adding that the Powell school district has a "well-earned" reputation for serving kids with disabilities really well.

Curtis and his family moved to Powell this summer, and he said from an outsider's perspective, "Powell is really kind of a special place."

"One of the things we noticed just right off the bat in moving to

Powell is how friendly and family-oriented the town is," Curtis said. "And that's not something you can manufacture, it's not something you can make up."

He said he didn't want to speak ill of other communities, but Powell has a different feeling when you walk downtown.

"People are just overtly friendly," Curtis said. "I just don't think you find that everywhere."

Statewide, Wyoming saw the highest number of K-12 stu-

dents in 2015, when enrollment topped 94,000 students. While enrollment has dropped, this year's count is still higher than some previous years. The lowest enrollment in the past 10 years was recorded in 2008, when Wyoming had 86,519 students statewide.

School districts submit their enrollment to the Wyoming Department of Education each October, and the state uses that data in its calculations for funding and other reports.

Wyoming's population drops for second straight year

CASPER (AP) — Wyoming's population has dropped for the second year in a row.

U.S. Census data released last week show the state has lost more than 6,600 residents since the energy bust began in 2015.

About 6,000 of those residents were lost between July

2016 and July 2017.

Wenlin Liu, chief economist at the Economic Analysis Division, says healthy economies in neighboring states like Idaho and Colorado are impacting whether Wyoming residents stay or leave.

Idaho had the largest population increase in the nation last

year at 2.2 percent. Colorado had the eighth-largest population increase.

Wyoming's population decrease was 1 percent. That's the largest decline in Wyoming since 1989.

The Cowboy State is home to about 585,000 people and is the least populated state in the U.S.

NWC's dual, concurrent enrollment dip slightly

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

Northwest College dual and concurrent enrollment numbers are down slightly from last year, but program interest remains strong.

"We've been working real hard on our completions. We've got student success initiatives that we're putting in place to keep increasing those numbers," said NWC President Stefani Hicswa. "The numbers are down a bit from last year, but we believe that to be a symptom of high school numbers throughout the [Big Horn] Basin being lower as well. Enrollment is a little lower demographically, so that's my guess."

Institutional researcher Lisa Smith presented the annual report to the NWC Board of Trustees earlier this month. Dual and concurrent enrollment courses are offered through all of Wyoming's seven community colleges; they count for both high school and college

credit. "Concurrent" denotes courses taught by college-approved high school teachers at the high school; "dual" are college courses taught by college instructors on campus, at an outreach center or through distance learning technology.

"We do tend to be the smallest school in the state to offer concurrent enrollment," Smith said. "We're right about the middle for dual enrollment."

For the 2016-17 academic year, NWC enrolled 309 students in 1,610 credit hours of concurrent coursework and 212 students in 1,453 credit hours of dual coursework. That was a decline from 2015-16, in which Northwest College enrolled 358 students in 1,967 credit hours of concurrent coursework and 191 students in 1,208.5 credit hours of

dual coursework. The 1,610 credit hours in concurrent courses over the most recent school year represented the smallest number among the seven community colleges in the state; the 1,453 credit hours in dual enrollment ranked fourth among the seven schools. This last figure is one to pay attention to, according to Hicswa.

'We do tend to be the smallest school in the state to offer concurrent enrollment.'

Lisa Smith
Institutional researcher

"Size-wise, we have Casper and LCCC, which are really big, and Western Wyoming, which is pretty big compared to NWC, and we're next," Hicswa said. "I think we're doing a good job."

Completion percentages for both dual and concurrent rank well above the average for the seven schools. NWC students completed 97 percent of concurrent enrolled credits with a grade of a C- or higher, com-

pared to 94 percent for all community colleges; NWC students completed 90 percent of dual credits with a grade of C- or higher, compared to 88 percent for all community colleges.

Those were both improvements from 2015-16, when high school students completed 95 percent of concurrent enrolled credits at NWC with a grade of C- or higher, compared to 94 percent for all community colleges in Wyoming. For dual coursework that year, NWC students completed 88 percent of dual enrolled credits with a grade of C- or higher, compared to 86 percent for all community colleges.

"I really like the partnership that we have with those high schools, and the opportunity that high school students have to get college credit," Hicswa said. "It gives them a good exposure to the rigor of college, as well as the confidence they need that they can do college-level course work and be successful. It just gives them a really good head start."

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Our Annual Bridal Edition is moving to January!

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NWC head volleyball coach Shaun Pohlman discusses strategy with outside hitter Luana Rezende during a game against Eastern Wyoming College earlier this season. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

POHLMAN LEAVES BEHIND LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE COURT

End of an era for NWC volleyball program

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Northwest College head volleyball coach Shaun Pohlman announced last week that he's accepted the head coaching position at Lewis-Clark State College, a four-year school in Lewiston, Idaho. The school competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)'s Frontier Conference, which is a step up from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) that includes NWC.

"I wasn't hired to be average," Pohlman said of the new job.

Average is something that Pohlman was not during his seven-year career at Northwest College, either, leading the

Lady Trappers to 168 wins and averaging 24 wins per season. He leaves the Region IX North with a 74-15 record, earning four region titles en route to four straight top 10 finishes at the national tournament. That went along with many other honors (see related story).

DISCOVERING A LOVE FOR THE GAME

Despite all of his achievements on the court, Pohlman's start in volleyball was not a traditional one.

Pohlman first remembers being around the sport at about 10 years of age, while watching his parents play in a rec department league in his hometown of Twin Falls, Idaho.

A SUCCESSFUL RUN

Shaun Pohlman is leaving Northwest College's volleyball program with a long list of accomplishments.

During his seven-year tenure with the Lady Trappers, the team made several runs at the NJCAA title — including an eighth-place showing in 2013, followed by back to back Final Four appearances (fourth place) in 2014 and 2015 and a sixth-place finish in 2016.

Pohlman also won 11 Coach of the Year Awards, including two that were presented by AVCA's West Region, nominating him for National Coach of the Year.

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NORTHWEST COLLEGE TRAPPER BASKETBALL

AREA BALLERS LOOK TO MAKE AN IMPACT

BANKS, MCARTHUR BRING WYOMING GRIT TO DIVERSE ROSTER, NWC COURT

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

On a roster full of talent from all parts of the globe, it can be difficult for a player from small-town Wyoming to find his niche.

But two players on the Northwest Trappers men's basketball team who grew up on the rural courts of the Cowboy State are doing their best to leave a mark on the program.

JORDAN BANKS
For Big Piney native Jordan Banks, basketball has been a way of life since he started playing in third grade. Through the 2017-18 season, the red-shirt freshman is averaging 6.3 points and 17 minutes per game; he credits his father as having the biggest influence on his basketball career.

"My dad helped me get started and taught me all the fundamentals to the game," Banks said. "I really enjoyed playing because it gave me something to work at."

Banks, who was named 2A Southwest Player of the Year at Big Piney High School, knew matriculating from a small town

(pop. 552) would be a difficult sell for college coaches. If he was going to play at the next level, he would have to work.

"I played varsity all four years in high school and it challenged me at an early age to be determined and perseverant," Banks said. "Playing college basketball was always a dream of mine, so I'm thankful for every day I get to participate."

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Jordan Banks
NWC basketball

NWC head coach Brian Erickson said Banks is beginning to establish himself as a leader on the team this season, and one he can

count on to make plays. "I think this early, he's been our most consistent guy on both ends of the floor," Erickson said. "Offensively, his strongest point is his shot, but he's also pretty crafty with the basketball. He can do some different things, he's a solid guy all around and always plays really hard."

Banks had a family connection to NWC, making the decision to attend a little easier. His cousin was former Trapper Tyler Chandler, a member of the 2014 Region IX championship team, and members of his

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NWC Trapper Jordan Banks squares up for a shot against Game Gear earlier this season. Banks, a redshirt freshman from Big Piney, is emerging as a vital part of NWC's gameplan this season. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Panther wrestlers' Christmas — a way to give back



Powell High School sophomore Michael Maddox (left), senior Stephen Preator (middle) and sophomore Bo Dearcorn (right) check their merchandise total and list of items needed for their child for Wrestlers' Christmas. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

PHS GRAPPLERS PLAY SANTA FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, the Powell High School wrestling team split into groups of two to four, but instead of putting on their headgear and practice clothes to push each other to get better on the mat, they went shopping to help seven local families in need of some assistance this holiday season.

"I just think it's a good experience for the kids to give back to the community," said head coach Nate Urbach. "It's a good bonding experience."

PHS sophomore Bo Dearcorn called it "a fun time of year for the wrestlers."

"We all get together, go buy presents for these kids and help make their year so much better than it was," he explained.

Urbach started Wrestlers' Christmas roughly a decade ago.

The team raises funds from 50/50 raffle tickets sold during the Powell Athletic Roundtable Invitational and then uses that money to go shop for kids whose families could use some assistance.

"I just always think it's important for them to get in the habit of helping others. I just think that's a huge part of being a good citizen," Urbach said.

This year, the Panthers helped eight kids among seven families.

An unnamed source helps coach Urbach determine which families could use some help and Urbach said he is grateful for their assistance all these years.

"It's easy to get down on your luck and it's always nice to have people helping you up," Urbach said.

Each group is given a sheet of paper, which includes items that the child needs. Most of the items listed are warm clothes, such as coats, long johns, pants, etc., with

items such as socks and T-shirts listed as well. The sheet also says what kind of toys the child likes to play with, such as dolls or Legos.

Urbach said that, before he sends the wrestling team out shopping, the guideline is to spend 70 percent of the money on clothes and the remaining 30 percent on toys; the first priority is to purchase the clothes.

"Speaking of today, the storm's rolling — it's getting cold," Urbach said on Dec. 20. "Getting warm clothing is a big thing, and for some people, it's a lot of money, so it's nice to be able to do that."

Junior Cole Davis said that "it's really fun and I think it's a good thing we do for the community. It's fun to go buy all the gifts and give them to the kids."

After the presents are purchased, the team hand-delivers

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extended family live in Powell.

"[Chandler] had good things to say about the school, the basketball program and coach Erickson," Banks said. "Also, I liked my tour and it felt like the right fit."

So far, Banks said his time at NWC has been positive, on and off the court.

"I've enjoyed the experience so far, more so than basketball I've met some great people and made some lifelong friends," he said. "I like playing for coach Erickson because he pushes us to get better and he is never satisfied with what we do. ... He's always pushing us to accomplish more because he knows we can. I think that is one of the good traits he has."

Coach Erickson said Banks brings a blue-collar work ethic to the court every day.

"Jordan is a culture guy; he fits what we need," Erickson said. "He's just a positive guy. He's unselfish, he has his role and he knows what it is. He just does his job every day."

The last two seasons have been filled with memories for the elementary education major, but one stands out for him in particular: Bragging rights over a teammate last season.

"The most memorable part of my experience so far was probably beating [former Trapper Marshall McArthur, and current University of Wisconsin-Green Bay standout] Sukh Bains one-on-one," Banks said. "Now I'm able to tell people I beat a D1 player in one-on-one."

MYSEN MCARTHUR

Mysen McArthur's road to Northwest College had a few more twists and turns, including a stint in Houston, Texas, as part of a church mission. Growing up as a gym rat in Lovell, NWC was always on his radar.

"I started playing when I was in the third grade for our town's rec league," McArthur said. "Ever since I was small, I had a natural love for the sport. I have in my journal an entry about when I was about 3 years old I would get a basketball, throw it, then watch it bounce and while it bounced I'd juke my head back and forth as if I was dribbling."

By middle school, McArthur made the decision to focus on basketball, forgoing other sports in an effort to hone his game.

"I really got into it by the seventh grade, and that is when I started to focus on just basketball," he explained. "In high school, I ran cross country to avoid injury from football and to get into shape for basketball. During the summers, I would get up in the morning and go



Trappers freshman Mysen McArthur participates in drills during a practice at the beginning of the season. McArthur, a Lovell native, is redshirting this season after a two-year mission in Houston, Texas. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

shooting in the gym while people swam. I carried a ball with me wherever I went in hopes that I could somehow connect myself with it so that I could master it and have it become a part of my own body."

Like Banks, McArthur also had a family connection to NWC. His cousin is former Trapper Marshall McArthur, who just finished a solid career at NWC last season. The school's location and academic programs made it a good fit for the freshman, who is redshirting this year.

"NWC was close to home and being just fresh off a mission in Houston, I wanted to take it easy and spend time with my family," McArthur said. "Also, it was a good transition to college academically with my high school. I decided to continue basketball because I loved the sport and wanted to improve myself in it as well."

As a redshirt, McArthur has been unable to get into a game, but Erickson likes what he sees in practice. The coach said this season is an excellent opportunity for McArthur to get back into play-

ing shape.

"Being two years away from the game, you lose a little bit of the physicality of the game," Erickson said. "On a mission, you're out doing your job every day and you don't have time for basketball. This is a great year for Mysen to get back into the gym and the weight room."

Erickson added that McArthur brings a strong work ethic to the court, and is a team-first caliber of player.

"He's been great," Erickson said. "He puts in extra time, he's a team and culture guy. He brings emotion."

During practice, "he's always into it, he's clapping, keeping everybody up. He's about the team," Erickson said of McArthur. "And that's exactly what we need him to do: take this year to get better, but also be there to support his teammates."

As for McArthur, the experience has been everything he could have hoped for. "It has been challenging but worth it," he said. "Being a redshirt isn't easy, but the benefits are immeasurable. I like that I have grown physically strong and

have gained further knowledge about the game of basketball."

McArthur has also enjoyed working with Erickson, and credits him with helping him regain his competitive edge.

"I love how he values his integrity and how he tries his best to help the team understand the process," McArthur said. "I also like his respect for individuals — how he won't allow the team to stay mediocre."

In the end, basketball is a team sport, and McArthur said getting to know his teammates has been an added benefit.

"Definitely all the team building for me has been the most memorable," McArthur said. "I am able to learn about how others have gotten to where they are and since I know them better, I am able to relate and care for them more. I enjoy that because that is what builds my brotherhood."

The Trappers hold a 9-7 record at the break. When play resumes at home on Jan. 10 against Western Wyoming, it will be the first game of a busy January, with five of the next eight games played at Cabre Gym.

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the presents to the families.

"It's definitely been an event to remember," said senior Stephen Preator. "I find it very humbling and I think it's great seeing the little kids' faces when we pull up. Definitely something I'll never forget; it's been an amazing experience."

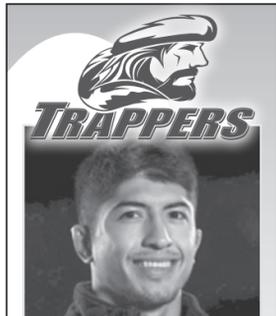
Preator added that it's something he looks forward to each year.

"I definitely enjoy this," he said.

Corey Linebaugh, a PHS sophomore, said that "it's a blast."

"[We] have no clue who the kid is and find out a little bit about them [through the piece of paper] and then get to go meet them and see how happy their faces are when you hand them the presents and see how thankful they are," Linebaugh added.

With clothes representing the bulk of needed items, "it definitely helps out the parents," Preator said. "And I think that's really cool that we can help out not only the kids, but also the parents."



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TOP TRAPPER

NWC wrestler Nodir Safarov, currently ranked No. 2 in the nation at 125 pounds, was the lone winner in the Trappers' dual against powerhouse Northeastern Oklahoma earlier this month. Safarov beat sixth-ranked Boo Dryden by a 17-6 major decision.



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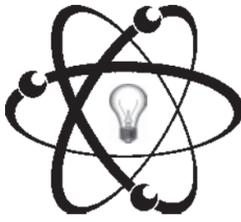
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Pohlman: Taking over the reins at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho

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Pohlman didn't actually play volleyball until competing in a Powder Puff game during his senior year of high school. There just weren't many opportunities for men to play the sport.

"I never put two and two together that, 'Hey, maybe volleyball could be a thing I could do,'" Pohlman said.

After graduating high school, he joined his dad's rec league and played in some rec tournaments.

"We were just living in the moment of volleyball," said Pohlman of the time. "[Volleyball] really got in on a recreational side and not a business or a serious side. It was something more, and maybe that's where the passion for this game comes from — this was never a job for me."

Over time, Pohlman got picked up playing in tournaments within the rec department and worked up from playing in D-level tournaments to the A-level. Every Sunday, the rec center in his hometown would open the gym for volleyball and he'd play from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with his team.

"That's where things really started skyrocketing," Pohlman said. He would videotape himself setting because "I wanted those hands," indicating the setting motion.

"The game teaches the game, and I was learning by playing it," Pohlman said.

He started playing in another town's rec department from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, so every Sunday, Pohlman was playing 10 hours of volleyball.

"That's where it just kind of came full force," he recalled. While he'd played baseball, football and basketball in high school, "this is now my sport," Pohlman said.

Pohlman attended college in Twin Falls at an outreach program through Idaho State. But right before his last semester, ISU closed down their outreach program, forcing Pohlman to move.

"I never intended on leaving Twin Falls," said Pohlman, describing himself as a homebody who'd never been more than three hours from his hometown.

Pohlman's choices were to attend school in either Boise or Pocatello.

When he started looking into Idaho State in Pocatello and saw they had men's club volleyball, "all of a sudden I see this vision of me being able to play men's volleyball," Pohlman said.

Pohlman went to Pocatello and joined the team.

"I really participated as much as I could," said Pohlman, who ended up being the team's setter.

Pohlman said he'd also play at an LDS Church on Thursday nights from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"It was again just a love of the game type of a thing," Pohlman said of the hours he spent playing.



NWC head volleyball coach Shaun Pohlman enjoys a moment of levity earlier this season during a game against Eastern Wyoming College. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Throughout his stint on the club volleyball team, Pohlman helped recruit and tried finding ways to keep the team motivated. He also did fundraising to help with a "scholarship" of sorts for the club sport and scheduled practices.

"I was doing everything I could to keep this thing afloat," Pohlman said.

In college club sports, members of the team have to pay a fee to participate but are not offered academic scholarships.

During his senior year, Pohlman had to finish in Boise because his major — sign language interpreting — was no longer offered in Pocatello. However, he kept playing for his club team in Pocatello, and drove to games on the weekends.

"Just having a dream and having a plan and saying 'I will not be deterred, I don't care what comes I will make this work,'" Pohlman said of his dedication.

"It was not an easy journey, but it was the most worthwhile; I grew up a lot," Pohlman said of his college playing career. "I would say I was born and raised in Twin Falls, but I grew up in Pocatello, because it was that age. I learned how to be away from home for the first time."

A CAREER IN COACHING BEGINS

After college, Pohlman was asked to be the assistant coach at Filer High School in Filer, Idaho.

That spring, he worked with the eighth grade team and the following year, he built his own traveling volleyball club.

"Now I'm getting into full management having players and staff," said Pohlman of his change of roles.

After opening up his own club team, he found out that the student he expected to interpret for was no longer going to attend that high school; Pohlman was going to be losing his job.

Northwest will be missed. Wish we could keep him."

Added NWC President Stefani Hicswa, "Our loss is Lewis and Clark's gain. Shaun has a great future ahead of him."

Pohlman said he didn't have much direction when he came out of high school, describing himself as impressionable and someone who never looked towards the future and didn't have his own identity.

"That's why I love being in this job here: I get the opportunity to help 18-19 [year-olds] gain what their future is going to look like," Pohlman said. "Your success is determined by your influences."

When Pohlman had doors close on him, he found another door to open through a work ethic and drive.

"It's just having that something inside of you that no one else can give you, almost; it's wanting something and being willing to go through whatever it takes to get it — and I don't know where I got that from," he said.

The coach wishes more kids would decide what they want, "then be realistic in those goals"; for example, he says you need to be in the gym if you want to be the highest jumper on the team.

"[You] need to quit finding excuses as to why something won't happen," Pohlman said, "and just make it happen."

Success: Epic

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His teams also gained the accolades of 23 All-Region IX players, 22 Wyoming Community College Athletic Conference (WCCAC) members, 21 Region IX North All-Tournament players, seven NJCAA Division I All-Americans, six American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), six NJCAA National Players of the Week, five All-Region IX/WCCAC Players of the Year, four NJCAA National All-Tournament members, two Region IX North/WCCAC Freshmen of the Year, and a Setter and Libero of the Year in Region IX North/WCCAC.

Pohlman stressed success in the classroom and throughout his stint at NWC, his teams finished on the NJCAA National Academic Team list (3.0 GPA minimum) every season. That award is accompanied by 23 NJCAA Academic All-Americans while earning three AVCA Academic Team awards (3.3 GPA minimum). Additionally, in 2011 and 2015, the Lady Trappers team won the Sheila R. Worley Sportsmanship Award, given to the team at the Region IX North tournament for their display of sportsmanship.

About this same time, someone from Dodge City Community College told him of a coaching position opening up.

Pohlman's wife Megan told him that, with the amount of hours he was already spending on volleyball each week, it would be no different than the time he was already spending.

"I would not be in this sport probably if it was not for my wife supporting me in that dream," Pohlman said. "I just really appreciate my wife."

Pohlman took the coaching position at Dodge City Community College and spent four years as the head coach before transferring to Northwest College seven years ago.

ON TO THE NEXT ADVENTURE

Now, Pohlman is continuing his journey by coaching at Lewis-Clark State College. He described himself as "really grateful for my journey," adding that he and his wife have enjoyed their time here in Powell and will miss the community and friends they've made here.

"There are serendipitous moments throughout life where a lot of people say, 'Hey, I'm pretty lucky;' but I really do feel lucky and fortunate," Pohlman said.

His passion for coaching volleyball has been recognized by several of his colleagues.

"Shaun has been one of the most successful volleyball coaches on and off the court in the history of Northwest," said NWC head men's basketball coach Brian Erickson. "He has accomplished a NJCAA National All-Academic Team every year at Northwest. He has a 91 percent graduation rate and has the most successful run of championships in school history on the court. One of the most successful volleyball coaches we have had on and off at

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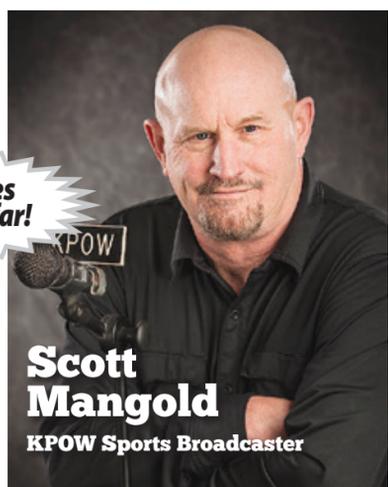
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Local 'elf' finds a home with volunteer family

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Like most, Neva Slaght spent the holiday season with her family. But her family isn't like most.

She has a mother who didn't give birth to her and brothers and sisters who aren't related. They form a team of dedicated volunteers in the Big Horn Basin that has come together as a family, loving and slightly dysfunctional, just like the real thing.

"This is my family, just not by blood," Slaght said while working to assemble food baskets that, thanks to the Powell Council of Community Services, were headed to families in need of support.

Slaght, 60, spent Christmas morning in the kitchen, preparing her adopted family a special meal. While cooking, she and one of her "brothers," Shawn Russell, bounced verbal jabs off each other. It's all in fun.

Sally Montoya, the matriarch of the family group and the face of charity work in the area for nearly 70 years, made a fruit salad for the meal. Slaght said Montoya felt she had to make something sugary to

help Russell be sweet. Russell said it was obvious for whom the nuts in the salad were intended, pointing at Slaght. Both laughed between faux threatening stares, the upturned corners of their eyes betraying the ruse. It's how they stay sane through endless days of hard labor.

"Sally is always telling me to quit picking on him. She checks him for bruises when we come back from a job," Slaght jokes.

She moved to Powell with her five children 27 years ago. She was on the run, escaping a physically and emotionally abusive marriage. Slaght and her five children had nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Upon arrival in Wyoming, she was told to look up Sally Montoya, who has dedicated her life to helping others through several charities. That includes Sally's Boutique — a local effort which has helped thousands of families that have hit rock bottom.

Montoya helped Slaght get set up in Powell. Through donations, Montoya helped furnish her home. Most of the clothes Slaght's family wore were thanks to the generosity of area families, collected and

'We couldn't do without her, she's here every day. We use her for everything. She's the tops.'

Sally Montoya



Neva Slaght, a volunteer for 27 years, looks out the window at the temporary home of Sally's Boutique in Powell. Slaght sought help from area charitable groups when arriving in Powell in 1990 and has been working to repay the favor ever since.

Tribune photos by Mark Davis

distributed by Montoya. Eternally grateful, Slaght dedicated her life to help others finding themselves in the same situation. Slaght also volunteered for the Disabled American

Veterans (DAV) organization and a local women's shelter for many years.

"I try to always be here for Sally. If it wasn't for her, my kids would've had nothing," Slaght said. "I was just a mom trying to take care of my family by myself."

Small in stature, Slaght was given the nickname "Keebler" by the volunteer family.

"She's a little elf," Montoya said.

Yet, despite her near-to-ground-level point of view on the world, Slaght isn't one to hide in the shadows or back down from a challenge. The former lumberjack worked as a choker setter — connecting cable to logs by moving a bell-shaped catch into a loop for transport on logging trails — and is willing to tackle any task. That ranges from endless days on her feet hauling donated supplies to negotiating space for Montoya's charity boutique.

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Unable to hold down a full-time job due to injuries sustained in part to an ugly marriage, Slaght said the work as a volunteer helped her feel like a valued member of the community.

"It made me feel whole," she said.

But the volunteer work nearly came to an end three years



Sally Montoya and Neva Slaght, two longtime volunteers in Powell, relax while waiting for more than 100 families to pick up their Christmas baskets at the Wyoming Army National Guard Armory.

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A very unusual baby dedication

Several years ago, I sat and watched a skit of an encounter of a couple of aliens with two teenage earthlings.

We laughed at some strange ideas of the culture of these outer-space beings. It was obvious that their technology far exceeded ours. Finally, the guests asked the question, "What is the greatest thing ever to happen on earth?"

After the earthling teens spouted a few things like creation of the iPhone, Panama Canal and some tremendous medical advances, each one was easily "one-upped" by the visitors.

Finally, sort of in desperation, one child of earth said, "Well, God's Son, Jesus, came here and lived for about

33 years."

The aliens went into orbit (pun intended). With great gestures of their hands and faces they were totally rocked by this information. They could not have been more shocked, wondering why this wasn't our teens' first-mentioned event. With great candor and jealousy, they said this had never happened on their planet.

The final question these space creatures asked was: "What did you do?" With a pause for dramatic effect and a silence in which we could have heard a pin drop, one teenager



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Perspectives

said, "We killed him."

The curtain closed, and we each were left to ponder for a few moments. Actually, the Bible predicted this in Isaiah 53 and in other Old Testament passages. But, surprisingly, even at his presentation at the temple when Jesus was 8 days old, we see the death prediction. Simeon, the priest on duty for that religious ritual, alludes to this when he speaks to Mary, as recorded in Luke 2:34-35.

Now, we normally have a ceremony in our Christian churches at the birth of a new child into the home of members. But, I think we would empha-

size the prospects for a bright future, etc. Certainly, we do not speak of his or her death at this joyous time!

What's the difference?

Well, while all of us come to expect to die as we grow older and sin takes its toll, Jesus was born specifically for the purpose of dying for us. He is the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world by crucifixion of the cross.

How could Mary, a young mother for the first time, bear to hear this news? I'm sure I don't know the whole story of her thoughts, or even her words to God, Joseph or her mother. But she had received the herald of his virgin birth from an angel, and she was a person given to meditation (Luke 2:19 and 51).

God knows what we can take based on our experiences with him, and he trusted Mary.

Now the fuller story tells each one of us that, "I am in default before God's bar of judgment."

That condemnation is death, not a slap on the wrist. However, the good news is that Jesus bore my penalty by his death on the cross for me.

This is the extent of God's love for each of us. Do you deeply sense the desire to ask the Lord to make it real for you? Just go to him in sincerity and ask. None will be refused!

In this Christian season, may you have the great joy of knowing you have already received the very best gift ever, eternal life from God, based on the merit of Christ's death for you. Read Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23 and 10:9-13 for full assurance.

(Don Rushing is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church.)

'I'm Not Good at Math'

Many of us have said, "I'm not good at math." But, coming from a professional engineer, it is surprising.

At the next AAUW meeting, Astrid Northrup, chairwoman of the Physical Science Division at Northwest College, will talk about how she conquered that obstacle while becoming an engineer — a career not many women pursue.

The meeting takes place at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the NWC Intercultural House, 565 College Drive.

Northrup was born and raised in Butte, Montana, and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in petroleum engineering from the Montana School of Mines in 1984 and 1986. She added a certificate in land surveying from the University of

Wyoming in 2005. She is a registered professional engineer in both Wyoming and Colorado.

Northrup worked in the petroleum industry as a reservoir engineer and as a private consultant before moving into a teaching career at NWC in 1996. She became division chairwoman in 2012.

She has been married to David Northrup for 35 years. They have three sons and two grandsons. They live on the Willwood farm his family homesteaded.

In her spare time she likes to read, play accordion and piano. Recently, she and David started making beer.

Anyone interested in this program or in becoming a member of AAUW — American Association of University Women — is welcome to attend.



Assembly of God

Lovell, 310 Idaho; Rev. Daniel R. Jarvis; 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am & 6:30 pm Sun., Wed., 10 am & 7 pm Bible Study.

Baha'i Faith

For information write to: National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, 536 Sheridan Rd, Wilmette, IL 60091.

Bennett Creek Baptist Church

11 Road 8WC, Clark, Wyo.; 645-3137; 9:45 am Bible study; 11 am Worship.

Charity Baptist Church

Pastor Kevin Schmidt, 754-8095, <http://kcschmidt.wix.com/charitybaptistchurch> meeting at 176 N. Day St. Sunday: 9 am Sunday school, 10 am morning service, 6 pm evening service. Wed.: Prayer meeting Bible study 7 pm. Access live streaming Sunday services through the web page.

Church of Christ

7110th mile east on Hwy. 14A, 754-7250; Sunday: 9:30 am Bible study; 10:30 am Communion; Small Group Sunday Evening; Wed.: 6 pm Bible classes; If we can help, call 254-2215.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Powell 1st Ward: 1026 Ave E Syd Thompson, Bishop. Home phone 754-2724, Study 754-2055; Sacrament 11 am; Primary & Sunday School 12:20 pm; PH RS YW PRI 1:10 pm.

Powell 2nd Ward: 525 W. 7th Street

Bishop J.J. Jeide 754-3929 (h) 754-3547 Study; Sacrament 9 am Sunday School 10:20 am, PH RS YW PRI 11:10 am.

Powell 3rd Ward: 1026 Ave E

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Powell 4th Ward: 525 W. 7th Street

Bishop Greg Spomer 754-2412 (h) 272-1038 (w) Sacrament 1 p.m.; Primary and Sunday School 2:20 pm; PH RS YW PRI 3:10 p.m.

Heart Mountain Young Single Adults Ward

(ages 18-30) 525 W. 7th Street Kent Kienlen, Bishop; 754-3201 (h); Study 754-5631; Sacrament 11 am; Sunday School 12:20 pm; PH RS 1:10 pm.

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 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; 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 Kattenhorn Drive, 754-3639, 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

Harvest Community Church

of the Nazarene Pastor: Matt Tygart, 364 W. Park St. (behind Blair's); 754-4842. www.harvestcommunitychurch.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.

Hope Lutheran (ELCA)

754-4040, corner of Cary St. & Ave. H, 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

New Life Church

185 S. Tower Blvd.; Tim Morrau, 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, 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. unionpresbyterian.org; unionpc@ctwest.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

* Before a listing denotes there is a fee for the event

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ONGOING

- "MOVING WALLS: Heart Mountain Barracks in the Bighorn Basin" exhibit on display at the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center through Dec. 31.
- FRANNIE/DEAVER HOMESTEADING Centennial Exhibit on display at Homesteader Museum in Powell through Dec. 31.
- FREE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL at the Powell, Clark and Cody landfills. Remove all decorations; flocked trees are acceptable. For more information, call 754-9418.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

- SALLY'S BOUTIQUE, a free clothing, furniture and appliances shop, will be set up in the former One Stop Shop/Burger King building at 555 S. Fair St., during the holiday season. The boutique will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make donations, call Sally Montoya at 307-202-1663.
- BABY & TODDLER TIME at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- SLEEPING GIANT SKI AREA opens for the season. The ski area is open daily through Jan. 2. For more information, visit www.SkiSG.com or call 307-587-3125.
- WINTER BREAK CONTINUES for students in Park County School District No. 1. Classes resume Wednesday, Jan. 3.
- PARK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Cody library. The meeting is open to the public.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Book Sale from 1-3 p.m. in the basement of the Powell Branch Library.
- 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

- NO TRASH PICKUPS in the City of Powell; regular roll-out routes will begin on Jan. 2 with alley cans being done as time allows.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

- THE POWELL CITY COUNCIL will meet at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.
- "NWC STUDIO SINGERS" will present a "Send-Off Concert" at 7 p.m. at the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium. For further information about the concert, contact Brennan Baglio at brennan.baglio@nwc.edu or 754-6475.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

- CLASSES RESUME FOR STUDENTS in Park County School District No. 1.
- 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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- AAUW MEETING at 5 p.m. at the NWC Intercultural House, 565 College Drive. Astrid Northrup, chairwoman of the Physical Science Division at Northwest College, will talk. Anyone interested in this program or in becoming a member of AAUW — American Association of University Women — is welcome to attend.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- CLUB DAUNTLESS hosts an open house from 1-6 p.m. The fitness facility is located at 1174 Road 7 (Cannery Road) in Lovell.
- STAND-UP COMEDY with Aaron Woodall and Shayne Smith at 7 p.m. at Rocky Mountain Liquor and Lounge, 1820 17th St. in Cody, across from Albertson's. Free beer tasting from 4-6 p.m. before the show, hosted by Tanager Beverages.

HOSTING A PUBLIC, LOCAL EVENT?

Please, tell us about it!

The community calendar appears every Thursday. Send your event information (date, event, location, time and contact information) by Tuesday at noon to tessa@powelltribune.com, call 307-754-2221, mail it to P.O. Box 70, Powell, WY 82435 or bring it to the Powell Tribune at 128 S. Bent St. in downtown Powell.

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Elf: 'It's an all-year long job'

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ago. Slaght was involved in a bad auto accident while driving a van on a volunteer assignment. She required surgery to fuse her neck and needed many months of physical therapy.

Her eyes filled with tears as she recounted the incident — not because of the torment of her personal pain, but rather because it took her away from her volunteer family.

"I wasn't here as much as I should have been; it took me a year after surgery to come out of it," she said as she fought back the tears.

There's a lot of work to do and the family of volunteers is small and aging. Slaght felt she had let them down. She is still in constant pain, yet refuses to take a position in the planning end of the charity. She's stubborn, much like Montoya, who

at 87 still works on her feet every day to prepare donations for those in need.

"Sally has the strength of six men and has always been able to get up and go," she said.

As Sally slows after 68 years of volunteer work, Slaght worries her shoes are too big to fill.

"It's an all-year-long job. We just keep going," Slaght said. "If I have it in me, I'd like to continue to be here for Sally. I promised I'd try to do that."

As the conversation turned serious for a moment, Slaght instinctively found something else to do. There's always something else to do. And staying busy is a good way to keep from thinking about the future of charity work in northwest Wyoming. Next on the agenda; calling agencies in California and Texas in an effort to help those affected by natural disasters in those states.



Neva Slaght, Sgt. Chris Johnson, Alice Russell and Sally Montoya work to organize donated pies for the Christmas Basket program in the Wyoming Army National Guard Armory in Powell on Friday prior to opening the doors to families in need. The program served 118 area families.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis

PUBLIC NOTICES

"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

Shea probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PARK COUNTY, WYOMING IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE PROBATE NO. 9740 JUDGE _____ OF _____) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION MARY THERESE SHEA a/k/a OF REAL PROPERTY) Marese T. Shea, Deceased.)

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED, TAKE NOTICE:

That Mary Therese Shea a/k/a Marese T. Shea died intestate on February 23, 2017, and that at the date of her death the decedent was a resident of Denver County, Colorado, leaving as her heirs at law pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado the following individuals: Thomas E. Shea, brother; and Martin W. Shea, brother. That on the 16th day of November, 2017, Thomas E. Shea and Martin W. Shea, the Applicants, filed an Application for Summary Distribution of Real Estate pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §2-1-205 through §2-1-207, as amended, praying the Probate Court distribute the decedent's real property legally described as follows:

- Township 50N, Range 100W, Park County, Wyoming
- Township 51N, Range 100W, Park County, Wyoming
- Township 52N, Range 100W, Park County, Wyoming

unto Thomas E. Shea and Martin W. Shea. Objections to the granting of the relief stated herein must be filed with the Court on or before January 24, 2018, or be forever barred. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION AND IF IT APPEARS THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE APPLICATION ARE NOT IN DISPUTE, the Court will enter its Decree of Distribution setting over all of the real property as requested in the Application filed therein unto Thomas E. Shea and Martin W. Shea.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2017. Thomas E. Shea and Martin W. Shea, Applicants PREPARED BY: Kerry L. Kester, #7-4607 Woods & Aitken LLP 8055 East Tufts Avenue, Suite 525 Denver, CO 80237 First Publ., Tues., Dec. 19, 2017 Final Publ., Thurs., Dec. 28, 2017

Short probate

STATE OF WYOMING COUNTY OF PARK /ss/ IN THE DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Probate No. 9744 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELDON FRANCIS SHORT Deceased. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is given that on December 8, 2017, Karen Boyles, beneficiary, pursuant to Wyoming Laws of Testate Succession, respectively, filed with the Clerk of the above Court her Applications for Summary Distribution of Real Estate and Personal Property pursuant to W.S. 2-1-205, the prayer of which is that the District Court enter a Decree of Distribution for the decedent's personal property and the following described real property:

JOHNSON SUBDIVISION NO.2, LTO 56-N, T.55N., R.99W., of the 6th P.M., PARK COUNTY, WY Any person or persons disputing the application are required to file their dispute in the office of the Clerk of said Court within thirty days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, and if such claims are not so filed, they will be forever barred. Dated this 8th day of December, 2017. PATRA LINDENTHAL District Court Clerk First Publ. Tues., Dec. 19, 2017 Second Publ. Thurs., Dec. 28, 2017

PVHC notice

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING In re: Case No.: 16-20326 POWELL VALLEY HEALTH CARE, INC., Chapter 11 Debtor-in-Possession. NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Powell Valley Healthcare, Inc., a Chapter 11 debtor (the "Debtor") in bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Wyoming (the "Bankruptcy Court") has reached a global settlement agreement (the "Agreement") with UMIA Insurance, Inc. ("UMIA"), the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors,

Powell Hospital District (the "District"), HealthTech Management Services, Inc. ("HealthTech"), William D. Patten ("Patten"), Jeffrey Hansen, M.D. ("Hansen"), William Jarvis, M.D. ("Jarvis"), and the Tort Claimants (as such term is defined in the Agreement) regarding agreements with and/or releases to be given to, among others, UMIA, the Debtor, the District, HealthTech, Patten, Hansen, and Jarvis.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a motion (the "Settlement Motion") has been filed in the Bankruptcy Court requesting approval of the Agreement and the specific releases contained therein. To request a copy of the Agreement and Settlement Motion, please contact counsel for the Debtor, Mr. Bradley T. Hunsicker, Markus Williams Young & Zimmerman LLC, 106 East Lincolnway, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, (307) 778-8178, (307) 778-8953 facsimile, bhunsicker@markuswilliams.com. Alternatively, copies of the Agreement and Settlement Motion may be obtained directly from the Bankruptcy Court at the address listed below.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the deadline for any person to object, on any basis, to the approval of the Agreement and the relief contained therein is January 9, 2018 (the "Deadline"). Objections must be in writing and filed with the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, 2120 Capitol Avenue, 6th Floor, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, on or before the Deadline. If you fail to file an objection on or before the Deadline the relief requested may be granted by the Bankruptcy Court.

The Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Agreement and Settlement Motion may affect your legal rights. To protect your legal rights, consult an attorney.

First Publ., Thurs., Dec. 21, 2017 Final Publ., Thurs., Jan. 4, 2018

County minutes

Park County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2017 Chairman Livingston called to order a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Present were Chairman Lee Livingston, Vice Chairman Loren Grosskopf, Commissioners Joe Tilden, Tim French, Jake Fulkerson, and Clerk Colleen Renner.

CJ Baker, Powell Tribune, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Linda Gillett, Planning Director – RE: Consider participation in Census 2020 Ms. Gillett reported the benefits and drawbacks of participating in Census 2020. After further discussion Commissioner Fulkerson made a motion to participate in the Census, Commissioner Tilden seconded, and motion carried.

Jason K. Lund, CPA, Carver Florek & James, CPA's – RE: Auditor's report Mr. Lund presented to the Commissioners the end of audit letter and report. He covered the logistics of the audit, clean opinions, internal control measures, and reported on the major programs which included State Lands & Investments Board (SLIB) monies. He analyzed the financials, which includes assets and liability, cash and cash equivalents, net increase and fund balances. He covered the landfill and the internal service funds and thanked Ms. Sandie Morris for her assistance. Commissioner Fulkerson noted he appreciates the efforts of the staff and thanked the Clerk, Treasurer, Landfill staff involved in working with the auditors. Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to accept the audit report, Commissioner Tilden seconded and motion carried.

Adjourn. Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner French seconded and the motion carried. Lee Livingston, Chairman Loren Grosskopf, Vice Chairman Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner Tim A. French, Commissioner Jake Fulkerson, Commissioner Attest: Colleen Renner, County Clerk Publ., Thurs., Dec. 28, 2017

County minutes

Park County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2017 Vice Chairman Grosskopf called to order a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Present were Vice Chairman Loren Grosskopf, Commissioners Joe Tilden, Tim French, Jake Fulkerson, and Clerk Colleen Renner. Chairman Lee Livingston was absent.

Patra Lindenthal, Clerk of the District Court, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Action Items and Other Business: Approve-Minutes The minutes from November 3 and 21, 2017 were presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Tilden moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Fulkerson and motion carried. Approve-Payroll Payroll was presented in the amount of \$393,274.82 for one bi-weekly and the monthly payroll in the amount of \$81,921.30 plus insurance to the Board for approval. Commissioner French moved to approve payroll, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and motion carried. Approve-Vouchers The following vouchers were presented to the

Board for approval. Commissioner Fulkerson moved to approve the vouchers as presented seconded by Commissioner French and motion carried:	
Payee	Amount
360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$511.72
A & I DISTRIBUTORS	992.70
ABSAROKA DOOR	293.57
ADAMSON POLICE PRODUCTS	50.39
ALBERTSONS - SAFEWAY	524.51
AT&T MOBILITY	2,073.49
AUTOSHOP, INC.	3,307.35
BEAR CO., INC.	15.00
BIG HORN ROOFING, INC.	394.00
BIG HORN WHOLESALE, INC.	2,270.70
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	975.15
BOB BARKER COMPANY	88.91
BOBCAT OF THE BIG HORN BASIN, INC.	278.14
BONNER LAW OFFICE	5,999.57
BOONE'S MACHINE SHOP	2,725.89
BRADFORD SUPPLY CO.	800.54
BRANDON-WINTERMOTE, KIMBERLY	88.91
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	5,582.05
BUSH, DEBORA	101.75
C & C WELDING, LLC	199.45
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS - #064250	1,584.48
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS - #274890	18.97
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	1,425.99
CENTURYLINK	2,497.86
CENTURYLINK BUSINES SERVICES	1.75
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	758.58
CODY ACE HARDWARE	113.29
CODY ENTERPRISE	135.75
CODY, CITY OF	21,242.61
COULTER CAR CARE CENTER	72.50
CRUM ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	360.02
DIVERSIFIED INSPECTIONS/ITL, INC.	1,389.00
ELWWOOD, RON	15.99
EMERALD SERVICES, INC.	80.00
EMERGENCY SERVICE MARKETING CORP., INC.	305.00
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	14,559.04
FASTENAL	229.98
GALLS, LLC	58.39
GILLETTE COLLEGE	2,006.43
GOODYEAR PRINTING	68.00
GRAINGER	1,208.90
HANSON CHEMICAL INC.	790.35
HOLDER, BOBBIE JO	396.31
HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO.	58.05
HOWARD, FRED L	92.12
I-BSON SANITATION	50.00
K-B COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS	1,351.10
KENCO SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY	341.75
LAIR, CLAUDIA	111.28
LEON UNIFORM COMPANY, INC.	636.18
LINTONS BIG R, INC.	50.85
LYLE SIGNS, INC.	1,668.00
MAJESTIC LUBE, INC.	57.95
MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	475.82
MCBROOM, MATTHEW A.	18.64
MORRISON, MARION	91.05
MOTOR PARTS, INC.	22.97
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	16,034.86
MOUNTAIN STATES LITHOGRAPHING	113.36
MOUNTAIN WEST COMPUTER	40.60
MYRICK, KELLY R.	100.00
NATIONAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	2,437.17
NORTHWEST RURAL WATER DISTRICT	84.40
OFFICE SHOP, THE	1,635.10
OLSEN, RACHEL	17.74
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS - CODY	339.61
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS - POWELL	70.24
PEAK ENVIRONMENTAL MGT., INC.	4,099.52
PFIZER INC.	2,192.73
PHILLIPS, CLINT	890.00
PITNEY BOWES, INC. - A/R	113.04
POWELL ACE HARDWARE, LLC	135.83
POWELL TRIBUNE, INC.	535.50
POWELL, CITY OF	7,392.82
PRO-BUILD - CODY	22.05
PRODUCTION MACHINE CORP.	1,051.57
PUTNEY, LINDA	99.61
QUILL CORPORATION	418.57
RENNER, COLLEEN	343.24
RIMROCK TIRE CO - CODY	73.57
RI-TEC INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	147.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	198.20
SANOFI PASTEUR, INC	983.99
SCHRADER METAL & DESIGN, INC.	489.60
SELBYS, INC.	691.40
SHOSHONE OFFICE SUPPLY, INC.	432.68
SKORIC, BRYAN	1,372.20
SPOMER CONSTRUCTION	738.00
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	1,832.46
THOMPSON REUTERS - WEST	678.37
THOS. Y. PICKETT & CO., INC.	1,650.00
TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	361.06
TRI STATE TRUCK & EQUIP, INC	56.36
TRIPLE L SALES	192.33
TYLER BUSINESS FORMS	92.72
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	3,020.25
UNIVERSITY OF WY - ADMIN BUSINESS OFFICE	7,486.00
UPS STORE, THE	48.68
VARDIMAN, JEREMIAH	150.87
VERIZON WIRELESS	314.86
VISIONARY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	78.30
WAL MART COMMUNITY/GEMB	884.45
WHITLOCK MOTORS	85.24
WILLIAMS & SONS, LLC	650.00
WOODWARD TRACTOR & RENTAL, INC	2,725.00
WPCI CONSULTANTS, INC.	192.00
WY ASSOC OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS	150.00
WYOMING BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE	6,165.00
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	144.00
WYOMING ENGINEERING SOCIETY	60.00
WYOMING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIV	51.96
WYOMING STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER	400.00
WYOMING WINDOW CLEANING	2,002.99

ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC -----5,850.00 TOTAL ----- 160,295.84 Approve and allow Chairman to sign Cooperative Agreement for Responsibilities and Receipt and Distribution of Payments between the Wyoming Department of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement and Park County Clerk of the District Court District Court Clerk Lindenthal stated Bryan Skoric, County Attorney, approved this annual agreement. Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve and allow the chair to sign the agreement, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded, and motion carried. Tim Waddell, Solid Waste Manager & Sandie Morris, Solid Waste Office Manager – RE: Open bids for roll-off containers Mr. Waddell opened bids from two contractors. Keele Sanitation LLC bid \$90 per container for Cody, Powell, Clark and Crandall with trip fees being \$60, \$175, \$190 and \$310 respectively for the communities listed. On call service fee was \$110. Two Tough Guys Services LLC bid \$120 per container with trip fees of \$390 for Powell and Clark, \$540 for Crandall, and \$100 for Cody with the on call service fee of \$180. Mr. Waddell will look these over and report back later this morning. Liaison reports Commissioner Tilden gave a brief update on Forest Service's Travel Management Proposed Action after attending meetings in Thermopolis and Cody. Document NZ-51 has brought up many questions regarding the plan for roads within the National Forest. He also attended the local grizzly bear meeting, hosted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Their annual report showed conflicts were serious, but the mortality rate lower. Bryan Skoric, Park County Attorney & Frances Clymer, Director, Park County Library System – RE: Biblio Bistro Request for Proposal (RFP) Mr. Skoric presented the draft RFP and asked for clarification on certain items. After discussion of changes that need to be made, the Board asked Ms. Gerharter to return a modified draft to all involved. The walk through for businesses interested in submitting an RFP for the Café at the Library will be December 22 at 10 a.m. Final deadline to submit RFPs will be January 12 by 3 p.m. to the Commissioner's office in the Courthouse. Commissioner Tilden moved to approve the RFP as changed in this session, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried. Colleen Renner, Park County Clerk – RE: Public Hearing: Amend Fiscal Year 2017-18 Park County Budget Clerk Renner reported that auditors request amendments be addressed as they come up through the year. This amendment is regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Recovery & Federal Lands Access Program for revenues and expenditures. Clarification on expenditures was requested before taking action on this amendment. Commissioner French made a motion to continue the public hearing to December 19 at 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Tilden seconded and motion carried. Commissioners RE: Discuss Meeteetse Local Planning Area Advisory Committee Ms. Kathy Gilbreath and Mr. Greg Bevenger reported they would hate to see this committee disbanded. Ms. Gilbreath requested an extension to contact individuals in the Meeteetse area to see if they are willing to serve. The Board extended her deadline to January 16 and she will report back. Tim Waddell, Solid Waste Manager & Sandie Morris, Solid Waste Office Manager – RE: Award bid for roll-off containers Mr. Waddell made the recommendation to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Keele Sanitation LLC. Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve his recommendation, Commissioner French seconded and motion carried. Commissioners – RE: Discuss comments on United States Forest Service Travel Management Proposed Action Ms. Gerharter took all the comments from last year and compared to the new comments and charted the results for the proposed changes to motorized travel and seasonal date restrictions. Commissioner French stated he has received comments regarding the Line Creek area and the change in wildlife, for the record. The Board went through the document, creating new comments and reiterating their previous comments. The Board directed Ms. Gerharter to draft a letter with their additional comments and emphasize the comments already submitted. The draft will be sent to all for comment and then will be cc'd to the governor, acting supervisor and incoming supervisor. 11:45 a.m. Bucky Hall, Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Chairman – RE: Update on Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Mr. Hall updated the board on recent public meetings. In January, the committee will meet to go through the public comments received on the High Lakes proposal. Public comments were received from Hap Ridgeway, Rick Harrison, Jenny DeSarro and Doug Smith. Commissioner Grosskopf commented that it is the committee's role to come up with a proposal for the Board to review. Adjourn. Commissioner Fulkerson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Tilden seconded and the motion carried. Lee Livingston, Chairman Loren Grosskopf, Vice Chairman Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner Tim A. French, Commissioner Jake Fulkerson, Commissioner Attest: Colleen Renner, County Clerk Publ., Thurs., Dec. 28, 2017

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(98TFCT)
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(96-01CT)
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(70TFCT)
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(98TFCT)
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(41TFCT)

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(31TFCT)

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(8/10fnB)
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(44-44W)

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(3/10fnL)
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Cars & Trucks

(102-02PT)

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(11/23fnL)
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(3/10fnL)
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(3/10fnL)

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(6/18-17-6/7/18cB)
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(2/11fnB)
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(6/12fnB)
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(11/14fnB)
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Cars & Trucks

(53tfT)

Announcements

MEETING NOTICE:
 Park County Republican Party Central Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 11th - 6pm
 Governors Room at the Irma Hotel in Cody.

No-host dinner. Welcome to eat during the meeting or stay afterwards to enjoy dinner.

Paid for by the Park County Republican Party-Chairman, Martin Kimmel

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Friday at 8 p.m. at 256 East Fifth St., Lovell Search and Rescue Building. Call 831-240-8984.

(7/27fn/nL)
YOGA - TUESDAYS 6 a.m., Wednesdays 6 p.m., Thursdays 6 a.m. at 380 US HWY. 20 South. www.yogabuffs.net. 307-431-0386.

(2/5tfB)
NA MEETS WEDNESDAYS from 7 to 9 p.m., Grace Fellowship Church, Greybull.

(tfB)
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(tfB)
POWELL AL ANON provides support for friends and relatives of alcoholics. Meetings: Tuesdays at noon and Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at 146 South Bent (Big Horn Enterprises/north entrance off parking lot). For information, call 754-4543 or 754-5988.

(103TFThursFT)
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets at 146 S. Bent, Powell (Big Horn Enterprise building) Tues., Thurs., Sun., at 7 pm., Sat. at 10 a.m. Call 307-213-9434 for more info.

(21TFFT)
CODY NA MEETINGS- Mondays & Fridays at 7 p.m., Episcopal Church, 825 Simpson Ave., door by alley. Call 307-213-9434 for more info.

(24TFFT)
NA MEETS IN LOVELL, Mondays at 7 p.m. at 1141 Shoshone Ave., Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Call 307-213-9434 for more info.

(16TFFT)
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(80TFCT)
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Paul, Borchner honored for school board leadership

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

Two longtime Powell school board members were recognized for their leadership during the Wyoming School Boards Association conference last month.

Trace Paul was one of five Wyoming school board members to be named to the honorary "Wyoming School Board of the Year."

Paul serves as the vice chairman on the Park County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees. Superintendent Jay Curtis said that when he called Paul to let him know about the award, Paul said, "I'm sure there were a lot of people who are more deserving than I was."

"I think that's one of the things that makes him a really great board member," Curtis said. "He just brings a lot of humility to the position. He brings a level of seriousness about just education in general."

Curtis said Paul demonstrates a commitment to lifelong learning through example. "I think Powell has been blessed with a lot of great board members, and Trace Paul is certainly one of them," Curtis said.

On behalf of the district, he thanked Paul for his service during a Powell school board meeting last month.

Paul said he appreciated the honor.

When he first joined the school board seven years ago, Paul said he was privileged to serve with a good board, and that remains true for the board

today. He said the condition of a board makes a big difference in whether a trustee seeks to serve a second term or beyond.

"Thankfully, this board has been in good shape for the years that I've been involved, and it's inspired me to continue the service and be a volunteer here in the community to do this work," Paul said. "It is a lifelong learning process."

Paul praised school staff for the "phenomenal work" in each of the local schools.

He also thanked his family for their support, as he's away from home for school board meetings, conferences and different school district activities.

Chairman Greg Borchner said the honor was well-deserved, and said Paul consistently attends conferences at the state and national level.

"Trace has been Mr. Dependable in his seven years on the board," Borchner said.

BORCHNER ELECTED TO STATE LEADERSHIP POSITION

Chairman Greg Borchner also was recognized during the Wyoming School Boards Association's (WSBA) conference for his dedication and leadership.

Borchner received the Leadership in Learning Level III recognition from the association. The award is given for earning 600 board certification points.

Points are given for attending national and state conferences and events as well as service on the WSBA board.

Borchner has served on the WSBA Board of Directors since 2013.

Only a couple school board members in the state reach 600 board certification points each year.

"It's a testament to Mr. Borchner's leadership here, and certainly a testament to this board and a testament to this community," Curtis said of the honor.

The superintendent said Borchner leads by example.

"All we have to do is look to this board to know what's expected of us, that we can continue to be lifelong learners," Curtis said.

In addition, Borchner was elected to the vice president's role on the WSBA Board of Directors. He will become president elect for 2019, and president of the state board in 2020 and past president the following year.

"It is a four-year commitment, and you do have to be a member of your local school board to be able to be a WSBA director," Borchner told the Tribune. "That means I did commit to running again for Powell school board next fall and it would be up to the voters to decide if I get re-elected to one more term."

Earlier this month, the Park County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees re-elected Borchner as its chairman. The board also re-elected Paul to the vice chairman position, Kimberly Condie as clerk and Tracy Morris as treasurer.



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