

TREE HARVESTS IN NATIONAL FORESTS ADD FUN TO FAMILY TRADITIONS



Dylan McEvoy helps carry a harvested Christmas tree to the truck after hiking the mountainside for the perfect family tree, near the Five Springs Campground in the Bighorn National Forest. Members of St. John's Episcopal Church gather at the campground every year to harvest Christmas trees and enjoy nature as a group. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

DECORATE YOUR TREE WITH ADVENTURE

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

The fire crackled as it took hold in the ring at the Five Springs Campground. An occasional breeze caused the gathering snow in the large pines above to fall on the flames, but they blazed on.

Around the fire the constant chatter of friends catching up on the year's battles — some won and some lost — filled the air. In the background, the sounds of energetic children warmed the heart — screaming and laughing

on the way down steep hills on colorful plastic sleds. The fresh snow continued to fall, building on the tender needles of ponderosa and lodgepole pines, cedars and Douglas firs in the Bighorn National Forest.

Parishioners at St. John's Episcopal Church have been making an annual trek to the forest to harvest Christmas trees from the steep mountainside. At least that's how they advertise the outing. Communion with nature in the freezing cold — even spelled out in a holiday inspired serif font — doesn't make as sexy of a poster.

There's something special about spending time in the great outdoors, said Meg Nickles, priest of the Powell church.

"To be together outside like this is magical," she said. "It's vital — absolutely necessary."

The group began the tradition to get a tree for the church. Families would also get a tree for their own homes while on the mission. This year, the families had eight permits, but only four would be filled.

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BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

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the proposal would drive down Yellowstone visits by 1.2 percent; based off 2016 numbers, that would mean about 45,800 fewer people visiting the park.

"As with most goods or services in our economy, a price increase leads to a decrease in demand. In the case of a national park, this means a reduction in the number of visits," Jeremy Sage, the lead author of the study, said in a statement.

The study concluded that the drop in visitation would, in turn, lead to a 0.6 percent drop in tourism spending in the Greater Yellowstone area. That would mean a loss of \$3.4 million, the authors say; the National Park Service previously estimated that visitors spent around \$524.3 million in Yellowstone's gateway



Visitors at Yellowstone National Park visit Grand Prismatic Spring, the largest hot spring in the U.S. and the third largest in the world. Through November, Yellowstone had nearly 4.1 million visitors, the second highest in the park's history. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

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Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research

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FUNDING INCLUDES WORK ON THE MALL, SURROUNDING AREA

NWC OFFICIALS CLARIFY SCOPE OF CARILLON PROJECT

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

Northwest College officials are clarifying the details of a maintenance project that had the community buzzing.

At last month's meeting of NWC's board of trustees, trustees Dusty Spomer and Bob Newsome expressed concern about the dollar amount attached to a project to fix up the college's iconic carillon tower. Among the college's major maintenance list of 11 projects submitted for state funding, the State of Wyoming approved \$280,000 to make re-

pairs to the tower — in addition to \$60,000 already approved to evaluate the engineering deficiencies of the 30-year-old tower.

However, college leaders clarified at last week's board meeting that the money would be spent on more than just the tower itself — and said they expect to spend less than the amount that's been approved.

NWC President Stefani Hicswa said the college will get better cost estimates as the process goes through.

"It's important for the board to

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Although Northwest College leaders approved a plan to spend up to \$280,000 to rehabilitate the carillon, the work 'won't cost that much,' says NWC President Stefani Hicswa. The project would also include improvements to the mall around the tower. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Park County livestock numbers up this year

BUT FUNDING FOR PREDATOR BOARD STILL DOWN

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

For the first time since 2009, the number of livestock produced in Park County has increased.

Beyond being a good sign for producers, it will boost Park County's Predator Management District board.

Cattle and sheep are charged a predator fee of \$1 per head during the brand inspection process. The fees help fund the Predator Management Dis-

trict, which works to mitigate predation of livestock by coyotes, wolves, bears and other predators. It's good news for the district, which has been historically underfunded by the state, according to Tod Stutzman, longtime board president.

The number of livestock paying a brand inspection fee increased from 28,809 to 34,560 — an increase of 5,751 animals.

While the number of live-

stock produced in the county

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Study: Yellowstone fee hikes could hurt locals

UM RESEARCHERS SUGGEST RAISING RATES FOR FOREIGNERS

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fluctuates, occasionally seeing spikes, the trend since 2000 has been a decrease. In 2000, a total of 61,548 cattle and sheep were produced here.

The funds from predator fees are a small portion of the money it takes in the attempt to contain a growing population of predators. While most of the work involves controlling coyotes, the expansion of wolves and bears throughout the county is a constant and expensive concern. The Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board (ADMB) currently divides \$2.15 million between 19 county predator management districts each year, said Kent Drake, predator management coordinator for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. That amount decreased from previous funding of \$3.1 million per year.

Of the four counties that don't receive funds from the ADMB, only one — Teton County — doesn't have a predator board. Others fund their boards through mineral extraction fees, Drake said.

"I encourage predator boards to fight for funding," Drake said.

Drake works with all 19 county predator boards, but as a state employee, his job is to assist them in their operations, not lobby for them.

Carillon: 'Hopefully the scope of the project is a little more clear,' Hicswa says

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know that [\$280,000] was what was approved by the state to spend up to. As we've discovered since the last meeting, this project is likely to come under that total amount," Hicswa explained to trustees last week. "And also, in looking at what that total amount included, it did include [work] on the mall area as well, so that [work] to the sidewalks and the landscaping helps explain that total dollar amount."

VP of Administrative Services and Finance Lisa Watson told the Tribune that the engineering report has yet to be completed. In an email, Watson said the point of the initial \$60,000 project was to allow up to \$20,000 for full engineering and design work and up to \$40,000 for structural rehabilitation.

"The scope of the project still

needs to be evaluated in order to determine the condition of the electronics, surrounding irrigation and concrete pavers," Watson explained. "Additionally, potential improvements to the mall (settling bricks, cracked pavement, cracked planters, lighting and irrigation/sprinkler relocation) were considered as it relates to the original \$280,000 estimate. I think this is where some of the confusion lies. An actual engineering/architectural cost estimate for the complete replacement of the carillon has not been procured."

In a later interview, Hicswa said the funding OK'd by the state was meant to cover the "worst-case scenario" and predicted that the work on the carillon "won't cost that much."

"We're looking at ways to reduce costs," she said. "The cost

also included the mall improvements, so I think that is key to help the public understand."

Money left over once the project is completed will be given back to the state or applied to other major maintenance projects, depending on if any of those projects go over budget.

"We would just have to make a request from the state for permission to use any leftover funds, should that be the case," Hicswa said.

As for the criticism the college has received since last month's meeting regarding the project, Hicswa said she understands where it comes from, and hopes the update will add a little perspective to the project.

"The criticism we've heard is if we're going to be wasting money on the tower, we shouldn't be fundraising for these big building projects,"

she said, referring to a possible new student center and renovated performing arts building.

"That's fair; we knew that was coming. Hopefully the scope of the project is a little more clear."

NWC Board of Trustees member Luke Anderson, chair of the college's facilities committee, gave an update on upcoming maintenance projects at last week's board meeting.

Beyond the carillon, the board discussed proposed work on Cody Hall, dirt work and landscaping work at Ashley Hall and other projects that fall under the category of major maintenance.

"We have a pretty good idea going forward, and I think by the next board meeting we should have some recommendations for the board," Anderson told the trustees.

National parks to slash number of free days

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

In 2018, the National Park Service will reduce the number of days it allows visitors to get in for free.

After visitors enjoyed 10 free days in 2017, there will be only four no-cost days at national parks next year. Those days will be Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 15), the first day of National Park Week (April 21), National Public Lands Day (Sept. 22) and Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

For visitors to Yellowstone National Park's East Entrance, Sept. 22 will be the only free day when the park is accessible to ve-

hicles. The East Gate is closed in April and mid-November, while only being accessible by snowmobile in January.

This year's 10 free days included all of Veterans Day weekend; 16 days were free during the Park Service's 100th anniversary in 2016.

"The days that we designate as fee-free for national parks mark opportunities for the public to participate in service projects, enjoy ranger-led programs, or just spend time with family and friends exploring these diverse and special places," National Park Service Deputy Director Michael T. Reynolds said in a

statement last week, announcing the schedule for 2018.

The Park Service didn't explain why it was cutting back on free days. An Interior Department spokeswoman didn't immediately respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

A group opposed to raising fees criticized the change.

"Not everyone can book a helicopter or charter a boat when they want to visit our national parks," said Jesse Prentice-Dunn with the Denver-based Center for Western Priorities in a release. "America's parks must remain affordable for working families."

The Park Service charges weekly entrance fees of \$25 or \$30 per vehicle at 118 of the 417 national parks. The Park Service has proposed raising the cost to \$70 at 17 busy parks, including Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Zion.

The agency estimates the increase would generate an additional \$70 million to help address backlog maintenance and infrastructure projects. Opponents, including attorneys general from 10 states, say the higher costs could turn away visitors and might not raise that much money.

—Associated Press

Fees: Researchers recommend National Park Service reconsider fee hikes

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communities in 2016.

The institute's researchers worked off the assumption that raising entry fees will have the same negative effect on visitation as rising fuel costs, figuring that an entrance fee is a lot like a toll.

The institute predicts that visits by "locals" — that is, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho residents — will drop by nearly 3 percent and that visits from other Americans and Canadians will fall by 1.1 percent. Foreign visits, meanwhile, would dip by just 0.07 percent under the study's projections.

As for why the change would discourage locals more than international visitors, the authors say that "a \$40 increase on a \$30 entrance fee is a large change for local visitors within an hour or two's drive to the park, yet rather small for an international traveler paying more than \$1,000 per airline ticket."

A Wyoming resident currently faces an average travel cost of \$106.48 — meaning the proposed \$40 fee hike would make the trip 37.6 percent

more expensive, the study says.

For an international visitor, however, the extra \$40 in entrance fees — tacked onto a Yellowstone trip that already costs more than \$4,480 on average — represents only a 0.9 percent bump.

The paper from the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research recommends that the National Park Service reconsider the fee hikes and thoroughly investigate the potential impacts of the proposal.

"At \$70, concerns may be legitimately raised that many families are being priced out of visiting the major national parks in the U.S.," the authors wrote. "As such, the rationale behind the increased revenue strategy should be questioned."

The Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research paper suggests charging international visitors a higher fee. In reviewing other national parks across the globe, the authors say that's "common." For example, Kilimanjaro National Park in Tanzania charges its residents roughly \$4.45 a day for admission, while visitors from other countries pay about \$70.

That idea of raising national park rates for foreigners was also suggested to U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., at an event in Cody on Dec. 9.

"I mean, they're coming to use our resources that, in return, we're having to pay a higher fee," said Wapiti resident Denise Shirley.

"I wouldn't have any problem with that," Cheney responded, suggesting buses could face higher rates.

While "I think we want to encourage visitors, obviously," she indicated such a system wouldn't be much different than states offering lower fees to in-state residents.

"I know there has been hesitation, but I'm not exactly sure what the obstacle's been," Cheney said, adding, "I know it's something that they've been looking at."

Earlier, Cheney asked the Cody audience what they thought of the proposed fee hikes in Yellowstone. The murmurs through the crowd indicated general displeasure.

"I wish they could figure out a way — and they may be doing this — where they could have

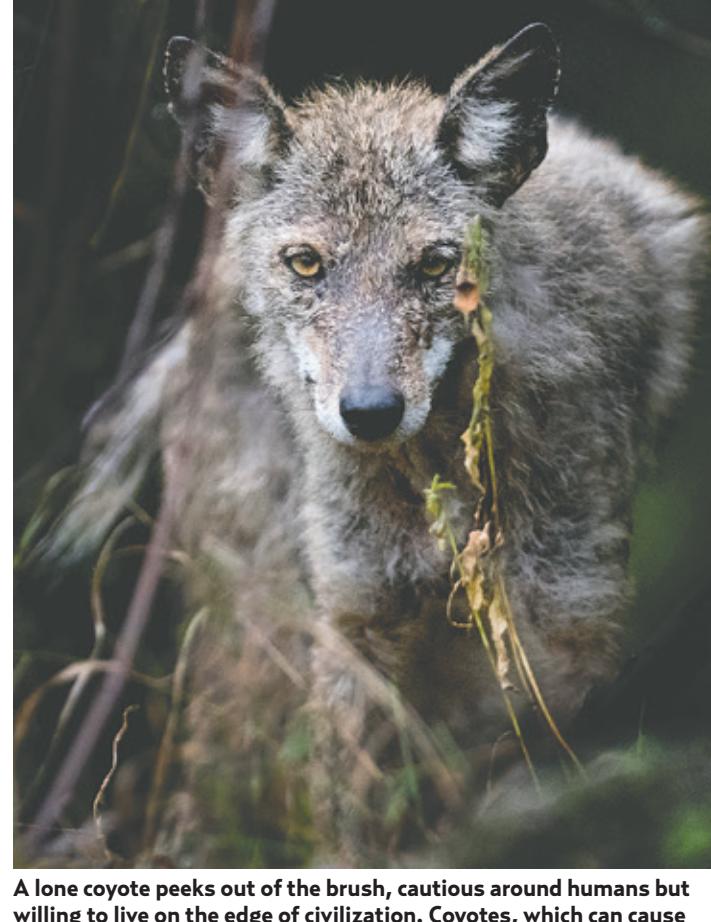
a fee increase on the big buses that come through, for example, without having to have an impact on everybody else, or have a resident discount that applies more broadly," Cheney said. "It's a challenge across the board."

She said that, in all her meetings with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, "the first thing he mentions is the backlog in the national parks, the maintenance backlog, and his need for additional revenues."

The Park Service says it has around \$12 billion worth of maintenance projects that have been awaiting funding. The proposed fees increases would raise an extra \$68.6 million a year, according to Park Service estimates, bringing the total amount of annual entrance fee revenue to \$268.5 million.

Zinke has said hiking the fees and shoring up the national parks' infrastructure would help protect and preserve them for future generations.

Most of a park's entrance fees — 80 percent — go to projects within that park. The other 20 percent is distributed to other national park sites.



A lone coyote peeks out of the brush, cautious around humans but willing to live on the edge of civilization. Coyotes, which can cause financial losses to livestock producers and to other species, are the main species targeted by the Park County Predator Management District. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

biennium by raiding the state fair fund."

Stutzman has been on the board for 28 years and has served as president for the past 14. The Powell resident raises 5,000 sheep a year on his ranch near the Polecat Bench, north of town.

The ADMB recently request-

ed an additional \$500,000 from the state to fund special issues from gray wolf predation, but the governor's office has recommended the Legislature approve \$250,000, Drake said. The money will be divided between all the districts.

"Managing these species is expensive," Drake said.

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OBITUARIES**Jackie Louise Corbett Hecht**

(April 21, 1936 - Dec. 11, 2017)

Jackie Louise Corbett Hecht, age 81, passed away on Dec. 11, 2017, at her son's home in Billings, Montana, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jackie was born on April 21, 1936, in Byron, Wyoming, to Jack and Loy Sessions Corbett. She attended schools in Topeka, Kansas, Sidney, Nebraska, and Byron, Wyoming. She graduated from Byron High School in 1954.

By age 11, Jackie's parents had both passed away under tragic circumstances, leaving Jackie and her siblings, Bertha and Jerry, to be raised by their older sister, Margaret, and her husband, Jim Wirth.

In 1954, Jackie married Robert "Bob" Hecht and they began their lives together in Fort Hood, Texas, where Bob was stationed in the Army. In 1959 they moved to the Heart Mountain area of Powell, Wyoming, where they purchased property and farmed.

**JACKIE HECHT**

While farming, they also operated an auctioneering business until Bob's death in 1991. Having gained a love of antiquing through the auction business, Jackie continued to do appraisals for many years. Jackie also worked at State Farm Insurance for several years.

Following Bob's death, Jackie lived in Powell for many years where she enjoyed spending time with friends, attending concerts, plays and community events. She also liked to make trips to Billings to shop and see family. She was well known in Powell for her Snow Village collection, which she proudly displayed at Christmas. She loved floral arranging, pottery and cooking.

Jackie was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and spent many hours fulfilling various callings in the church. She found great joy in mentoring the youth and college students at Northwest Community College.

In 1999, Jackie became part of the Byron Memorial Park Committee. She was very passionate about this work, especially since her great-grandfather was the

founder of Byron. Her dreams of helping establish a beautiful park came to fruition through the efforts of this committee.

Jackie is survived by her children: Ronald (Taubi), Scott (Janice), and Lynette (Mike) Blakesley, eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her older sister, Bertha Mueller, as well as Wirth family siblings Rod (Dee) Wirth, Steve (Elaine) Wirth and Sandy (Ralph) Watts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings Dorothy Wilkinson, Margaret Wirth and Jerry Corbett.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, at 10 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel located on Avenue E in Powell, Wyoming. A viewing will be Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will follow at the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to RiverStone Hospice, 123 South 27th Street, Billings MT 59101 or Byron Memorial Park, Town of Byron, P.O. Box 5, Byron, WY 82412. Our thanks to the wonderful caregivers, family, and friends for their love and support.

—Paid obituary

He would eventually earn his master electrician license. That would prove to be a lifelong vocation.

While in Powell he married Barbara Peters in 1976, and became Dad to Chris. Life events took him to Wenatchee, Washington. While in



Wenatchee he worked in a gold mine and later took a job with the Chelan County PUD, where he worked until the time of his death. He often said: "Why retire when I love my job and the people I work with?"

Bob married Pam Nelson on May 16, 1987, and became "Pops" to Shelly and Jeff. Bob and Pam were passionate about family, antique collecting and

traveling. Oh, how they loved to travel! Bob and Pam enjoyed spending time with favorite friends Ron and Kitty Ullman. Bob lost the love of his life in April of 2015, when Pam died.

Bob is survived by his mother Wilma; son Chris (Antonine) Brosious, Shelly Shepard, and Jeff (Juanita) Nelson; grandchildren Hayden and Parker Brosious, and Rayce Nelson; brothers: Dean (Marianne), Dusty (Terri) Brosious; and sister Barbra (Steve) Knopp. A large extended family survives and remembers him.

He was preceded in death by his father, and grandson Hudson Brosious.

Services for Bob are pending. Memorial donations in Bob's name can be made to charities that assist children with autism.

**BOB BROSIUS**

(May 8, 1950 - Dec. 13, 2017)

Bob Brosious was born in Powell on May 8, 1950, to Quentin and Wilma Brosious. He died Dec. 13, 2017, in Wenatchee, Washington. He was 67.

Bob was raised in the Powell area, and graduated from Powell High School in 1968. He joined the United States Navy in 1969, serving most of his military career on the island of Guam. He was honorably discharged in 1973. After the military he settled back in Powell, and followed in his father's footsteps, becoming an electrician.

Willard Lester Heimer

(May 18, 1922 - Nov. 1, 2017)

Willard Lester Heimer died Nov. 1, 2017, at his home in Queen Creek, Arizona. He was 95.

He was born in Powell to Alva VETERAN and Leah (Johnson) Heimer on May 18, 1922.

He married Bonnie Brown on Aug. 22, 1942. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and fought in

**WILLARD HEIMER**

France and Belgium.

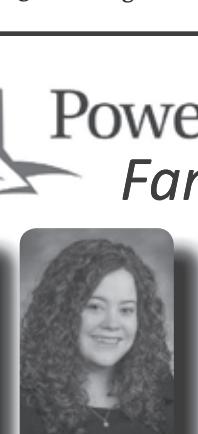
Willard and Bonnie moved from Powell to Mesa, Arizona, where he worked for Farnsworth Construction for many years.

He is survived by his son Jim (Lois); daughter-in-law Linda; sister-in-law Ethel Heimer of Powell; two grandsons, James Jr. and Keith; four great-grandsons, Kyler, Michael, Josh

and Brandon; one great-granddaughter, Kacey; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie; son Mike; and his granddaughter Michele. He was also preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings: sisters Ada, Alma, Winnie, Mae and Eleonora, and brothers Dan and Lloyd.

He was a member of the Eagles and the Good Sam RV Club.



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Big Horn Ankle and Foot**Running**

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

Training errors are the number one reason for injuries in runners. This may include running too hard, too soon or running on the wrong surface. Poor stretching techniques also contribute to training errors. Next, poor or improper shoe gear for the foot type can contribute to injuries caused by unnecessary stresses on the body.

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

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

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IN OUR OPINION

International visitors should pay more at national parks

It should come as a surprise to no one that the National Park Service's proposal to more than double the cost of a week-long pass to Yellowstone National Park has been ill-received by locals. No one welcomes the prospect of having to pay more taxes or fees for something — especially when that something is the opportunity to enjoy public lands.

We continue to believe the Park Service's plan to hike the cost of a seven-day pass to Yellowstone or Grand Teton from \$30 to \$70 is a bad idea, and we're apparently not alone.

U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney recently asked a roomful of local residents what they thought of the entrance fee proposal. They responded with some thumbs down — and a couple residents remarked that they just wouldn't go to Yellowstone anymore.

Assuming some locals did stay away from the park, it would be a shame, if not a crisis; fewer locals traveling to Yellowstone wouldn't necessarily have a big impact on our economy — and Powell, Cody, Clark and Meeteetse residents might be able to schedule a spur-of-the-moment trip in October, when the weekly pass would still be \$30.

But imagine if travelers from other areas decide a trip to Yellowstone is just too expensive. What damage could that cause to our economy?

Researchers from the University of Montana recently estimated that the Park Service's proposed fees could — even by just slightly driving down visitation — result in a loss of \$3.4 million for the Greater Yellowstone area's economy. Even if their numbers are overstated, the fact remains that there are businesses and livelihoods at stake.

The authors of the study from the university's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research suggest that Park Service officials do more research before doubling the fees. We think that sounds wise.

But perhaps the most intriguing idea contained in the institute's paper is the suggestion that the Park Service could get some additional revenue for needed projects by raising the fees charged to foreigners.

The University of Montana researchers looked at pricing data for national parks scattered across 50 other countries and found that "almost three-quarters" charged international visitors higher prices than their own citizens.

"Similar to American National Parks, parks throughout the world are increasingly being tasked with providing more and more of their budgets from visitor fees," the researchers wrote. "Many have seemingly recognized ... entrance fees are a small portion of the international traveler's travel costs and as such they are less responsive to increases in prices."

According to the paper, the National Park Service's proposed fee hikes would cause Yellowstone visits from locals to fall by nearly 3 percent, while international visitors would fall by just seven-hundredths of 1 percent.

It all raises the issue of fairness. The bulk of the funding for our national parks comes not from entrance fees, but from Congress — that is, American taxpayers.

Shouldn't taxpayers be getting some kind of break on their fees in recognition of the fact that these are national parks?

Rep. Cheney told local residents she would have no problem with international visitors paying higher gate fees; she compared the concept to state residents getting lower rates on state services. For example, consider how residents pay lower fees to visit state parks or to purchase hunting and fishing licenses.

The idea is not a panacea: Foreigners make up only a small percentage of the visits to Yellowstone National Park, so it's silly to think that they can be called upon to pay all the bills. But, given the backlog of maintenance projects within our national parks, every dollar helps.

We believe the Park Service should take a hard look at coming up with an entrance fee structure that recognizes the contributions made by American taxpayers by offering them a lower fee versus international visitors.

Certainly, the United States should and must continue to welcome national park visitors from across the globe with open arms. But we can also reach out with a more open hand, too.

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The scene is Wyoming; the storyline is your own

My mother and I crunch in swift, evening walk strides down the gravelly dirt road to which the swollen asphalt of Sunset Rim gives way. We set out later than we meant to. Timing is everything, and our lateness gives us this particular view of a sun setting, just now, just here, just for us.

The sky spins a swirling chiffon of rodeo pink cotton candy as we pass the barn. Carter, Cedar, Rattlesnake and Heart rise: Colossal, purple teeth looming, hankering for a bite of the sky's burgeoning sweetness. Cedar — or, as some of us locals like to call it, Spirit — and Rattlesnake tower close, together, cloaked in cool blue, crowned in smoky pink.

"They don't call it Sunset Rim for nothing," my family likes to say. Neither my mom nor I say it now, because we don't need to. The sky speaks for itself, and we're here to listen.

As we clomp merrily on, up the rise, toward prairie flatness that spreads a sage-strewn preamble to juniper-spotted hills, a fire catches. Above us, flames melt the sky's rosebud confection into a radiating fan of molten orange. We stop to stare, warming ourselves at the atmosphere's hearth. We zip our coats all the way up before we walk on. The sun goes down. The sky goes dark. The air goes cold.

By the time we pass through the gaping cattle gate and turn left onto the two-track to climb Mount Catherine (she is more hill than mount), the sky waxes silken violet and dusk smudges at crisp outlines of rocks and trees.

From here — east and south of Cody on trail winding into BLM land that leads you to hills that if you climb and cross, drop you down into the rig-spotted, alkaline expanse of Oregon Basin — from this road, on this night, right now, the whole world reveals itself just for us. Eden and eternity find us, out on the BLM on a Monday night.

Wyoming sets the stage. My mom and I — and our long-legged, beard-snouted Pudelpointers, Peter and Rosie (OK, Rosie is half German wirehair) — step upon it as the players. Our role is prodigious: what will we do in such a setting? For a setting as stupendous as this, one expects deep sentiments and great acts. It is no ordinary stage.

I admit I'm biased. That's why I'm writing a column and not a news piece. I'll just go ahead and tell you flat-out: I think we live in one of the most epic, unsurpassed, varied, mysterious and wake-me-up-am-I-dreaming beautiful places in the world. There's nothing objective about my love for this place; I am its subject and it is mine, and we've been all tied up in our subjectivity together since I was born here 27 years ago.

But I have visited and explored and inhabited other destinations — teeming cities and sweating coastlines and rolling hill country. When all the rainforested vistas and oceanic mornings and cardamom

coffees of my world-flung experiences combine with my born bias for home, it only builds the fire of my passion for the Big Horn Basin higher and hotter. The more perspective I prescribe into my lens of the world, the more compelled I feel to focus my story in this setting.

Or, at the very least, to be very conscious of and very grateful for the parts of my story that do unfold in such a rugged, wildly uncontrollable, more-often-than-not utterly celestial, setting.

So, wherever we are, our stories are ours to take up the pen to write, to draw in the breath to live. That which we experience most fully,

incorporate most feelingly — the shy smile and bright spark in a child's eyes, the gracious and unexpected ceding of a premier parking spot at the grocery store — comprises the dynamic details of the story we each live to tell. I would also add, from my rather biased and quite fortunate perspective, that we, dear folks of Park County, see and contribute to Life's Story from an exceptionally extraordinary belvedere, both naturally and communally.

We know when we see a sunset spread and settle over our mountains, or when we watch a red-tailed hawk dip and glide through our skies. We know when we spot a bald eagle as it flashes into view, visible for a drive-by moment, tucked into its hidden perch on bare cottonwood branches beside a

stark small-town billboard. We know when we watch someone open the post office door for the stranger coming in with an armful of holiday parcels, or when we see a family out riding their chrome-flecked bikes into the sunny afternoon together. We know deep in our breast these small miracles matter.

Such moments are so suddenly miraculous they move us beyond explanation and deep into experience. These are the moments that beg us to step forward, to count them as blessings in the deepest sense of the word, to witness them and to be part of them, wholly, in this eternal instant.

From the top of Mount Catherine, on a morning that has passed and will come again, my friend Landon and I look down at Oregon Basin to see a tsunami rising up, spraying into the sky. The white tongue of alkaline dust rears and rolls across the dry lakebed below, gaining momentum and trailing thickly off into the horizon of cerulean prairie. The debris from its main swell makes the whole basin hazy and gray. He and I share a momentary look that promises to keep this scene with us always.

The story of a place is always in the telling. The end is never quite worked out. It is always vaguely visible, but never reachable, and always shifting, like the end of a rainbow. The riches are in the rainbow itself, in how it fits into the arc of your story. And yes, in having the opportunity to be a part of the story set in a place like this, I do think we've struck gold.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Enzi used 'magic math' on GOP tax plan

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to Sen. Mike Enzi's letter of Dec. 12 about upcoming tax reform legislation, printed in your paper:

Sen. Enzi, we're all Wyomites here. I'd like to think we've all seen and can recognize what it is you're presenting. I just hope we can avoid stepping in it — it might be difficult cleaning up the mess.

The fact that I'm not a married couple with two kids means my taxes might actually increase, but even the family you reference in Gillette might expect to see an out-of-pocket cost increase in their lives, since interest on student loans for those same kids will no longer be tax deductible, and because health insurance costs are expected to increase after the removal of individual mandates. And let's not forget: While corporations receive these tax cuts in perpetuity, us little folk only get a 10-year reprieve.

History does not bear out any of the claims you make in your letter. For example, the economy and job market

have been strengthening for eight years now, yet my real wages, adjusted for inflation, have not increased in over 30 years.

The idea that CEOs will reinvest because of corporate tax relief is disputed by the 2004 American Jobs Creation Act, which resulted in stock buybacks and dividend payouts to investors — not reinvestment (or, ironically, job creation). The Kansas Tax Cut Experiment, which closely models this federal plan you're hawking, was described by Forbes magazine as having "crashed and burned," leaving that state bankrupt and resulting in a Republican legislature so united in restoring previously eliminated taxes that they were able to override Gov. Sam Brownback's veto of tax increase legislation.

On the subject of reinvestment by corporations, I have to assume you cherry-picked the corporations in the survey you referenced. In a Wall Street Journal CEO council meeting, the president's chief economic adviser Gary Cohn asked the same question, with results exactly the opposite of those in your survey: almost no CEOs intend to reinvest. A Merrill Lynch survey in the summer of 2017 also showed that CEOs intend to pay down debt or conduct

stock buybacks using their windfall, rather than reinvestment.

And that group of 130 economists you mentioned? An open letter written by 137 economists carries no more weight with me than an open letter by 137 members of the Flat Earth Society. There are a number of surveys of economists, including Nobel Laureates, showing consensus that this bill would be damaging. Remember, both the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation have determined that this tax reform proposal will result in at least a trillion dollar increase in federal debt and 13 million people losing health insurance, should the "magic math" you seem so fond of failing to add up. These are not "special interest groups," they are non-partisan agencies charged with analyzing the effects of legislation.

Sen. Enzi, this bill is not an example of changing the way Washington works — it is an example of exactly how Washington works. Big donors get a big payday on this one.

Phil Anthony
Powell

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County to help with 2020 Census

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

After some initial misgivings, Park County commissioners have agreed to help the federal government prepare for the 2020 Census.

County officials will provide the U.S. Census Bureau with a GIS database of Park County addresses. That's to aid the bureau's effort to locate every residence and count every resident for the upcoming, once-a-decade Census.

No names or personally identifying information will be provided to the bureau as a result of the county's participation in the Local Update of Census Address Operation (known as LUCA).

"Basically, it's an update of locations," said County Planning Director Linda

Gillett. Given that there have been new construction and other changes since the bureau conducted the 2010 Census, "it's just to catch them up with things they may have missed," Gillett said.

At first, commissioners balked at exchanging the data with the federal government, mostly out of concern that it would be too much of a hassle.

But Commissioner Jake Fulkerson suggested the county reconsider. He recalled the Wyoming Association of Counties warning that, because so much federal funding hinges on population, every resident that goes uncounted results in that

county losing thousands of dollars.

"The Census is ... a pretty important piece in my mind," Fulkerson said at a Nov. 21 meeting.

Last week, commissioners received reassurances that participating would only take about eight hours of Gillett's time. She called it "just a simple data exchange."

The county will also have an opportunity to review the bureau's updated address list for accuracy.

Commissioners voted unanimously to participate in LUCA — though Commissioner Tim French said he was doing so "reluctantly."

Linda Gillett
County planning director

VETERANS CLINIC OPEN IN CODY



This is one of the exam rooms in the new Veterans Affairs' community based outreach clinic in Cody, run by Valor Healthcare, based in Texas. It is accessed by patients from the front hallway, and by doctors from a hallway behind the room. Valor employees are not allowed to have their photos taken without official permission, so no one was allowed to be in the room while it was photographed. Some veterans have said they plan to use their Medicare benefits to continue seeing their doctors at Powell Valley Healthcare, according to Terry Odom, PVHC chief executive director. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

Phyllis Miller leaving county museum board

Phyllis Miller of Powell told the Park County Museum Board last week that she is going to step down from the appointed position due to health reasons.

"I love doing it," Miller said, but she added that she's concerned about her ability to attend all museum board meetings.

She has been on the county museum board for 4 1/2 years.

Miller's letter of resignation to the Park County commissioners will trigger the start of a process to find a replacement on the five-member board.

Terry Hinkle of Cody, museum board treasurer, said Miller has been "very astute and very knowledgeable" about local history and an asset to the board.

County audit finds no problems

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

For the second straight year, Park County passed through its audit with flying colors.

Independent auditors with the firm Carver, Florek and James reviewed the county's financial statements for the past fiscal year — July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 — and found no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the county's practices.

"In connection with the procedures that we perform, we didn't identify any — and we don't believe any exist, as far as we can see," Jason Lund, a certified public account for Carver, Florek and James, said at last week's commission meeting.

That essentially means that the firm found nothing that indicates the county's books are susceptible to fraud or errors.

The county had been consistently receiving write-ups for relatively minor problems in recent years, but those have been eliminated in the last two years.

Commissioner Loren Grosskopf thanked the county's staffers for going from a "long list" of deficiencies to "none at all."

"They've made dramatic improvements to make those deficiencies go away," said Grosskopf, a retired accountant.

The only potential issue discovered by the auditors was that a former member of the county's Parks and Recreation Board was still listed as a signer on the board's bank account; they recommended fixing that immediately.

Lund also informally suggested, as a best practice, that the commission review its policies about budget amendments. If the county knows it's going to go over budget within a department, he recommended amending the budget as soon as possible, rather than waiting until the end of the fiscal year.

"From the perspective of the taxpayer, you have these budget amendments so there can be input ... before the money's spent," Lund said.

In a later interview, First Deputy County Clerk Hans Odde said the clerk's office will be making changes so amendments are made in a more timely fashion — though he noted that, in some cases, it's only late

in the fiscal year that it becomes clear a department's budget will be overspent.

During the discussion of the audit, longtime Commissioner Tim French said that the county's employees "really and truly have done a darn good job of watching out for the public's money; I can say that confidently."

An appreciative Commissioner Jake Fulkerson, who previously served on the Cody school board, said it's "very rare to have no comments, or no discrepancies anywhere."

County officials said they've enjoyed working with Carver, Florek and James.

The firm — which was paid \$42,500 for its work this year — is based in Layton, Utah, and has an office in Rock Springs.

Carver, Florek and James will also conduct next year's audit, which will be the final year of a three-year contract signed in 2016.

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NEW FACES

■ Christina and Levi Davis of Powell wish to announce the birth of a baby girl, Elizabeth Louise Davis, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017. Elizabeth was born at 10:06 p.m. with a weight of 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and joins brothers Garrett, 6, and Case, 4. Grandparents are Bob and Lynda Percival, Lauren Andrist, and JR and Shirley Davis.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

DECEMBER 11

■ Peter Lee Freire, 29, of Cody and Dale Antoinette Dawson, 28, of Cody.

DECEMBER 13

■ Michael Haden Demoney, 59, of Powell and Debra Lynn (Wellington) McGinley, 61, of Cody.

DECEMBER 15

■ Jothan Duncan Wilson, 24, of Lyman and Raymie Mae Wisenbaker, 18, of Lyman.

CIRCUIT COURT

NOV. 24 TO DEC. 8

All offenses are misdemeanors. People are from Powell and any probation is unsupervised unless otherwise noted.

VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

■ Brian K. Mackey paid \$460, driving with a suspended license and no seat belt.

■ Miranda Lee Braley paid \$430, driving with a suspended license.

■ Carson G. Kleinfeldt paid \$225, careless driving.

■ Brittny M. Morton paid \$207, speeding and no proper child restraint system in place.

■ Gilberto A. Hernandez Mendez of Ralston paid \$135, stop sign violation.

■ Jackson W. Booth paid \$130, no valid registration.

■ Craig A. Lane of Bismarck, North Dakota, paid \$125, vehicle over permitted weight.

■ Joseph E. Ramby of Frannie paid \$125, stop sign violation.

■ Jordan T. Mann must pay \$85, failure to yield when entering a public road.

■ Donald J. De Castro of Cody paid \$75, failure to drive within a single lane.

■ Kevin M. Koerber of Billings paid \$75, no medical certificate in pos-

session while driving a commercial vehicle.

■ Kenneth F. Gerard Jr. must pay \$75, no valid registration.

■ Gunther A. Ghant of Fredonia, New York, paid \$75, driving too fast for conditions.

■ Jose A. Sanchez Munos paid \$75, no left side mirror.

■ Maxmillion Charles Wilk paid \$75, operating a vehicle with improper equipment.

■ Scott W. Wozny of Deer Lodge, Montana, paid \$70, vehicle over permitted weight.

■ Tia B. Mancuso paid \$65, failure to notify the transportation department of a change in address.

■ Charles Henry Graves paid \$60, failure to notify the transportation department of a change in address.

■ Michael M. Sapp of Worland paid \$30, no seat belt.

■ Dalton R. Donahoo of Cody must pay \$25, no seat belt.

■ Randell Allen Utter paid \$10, no seat belt while a passenger.

SPEEDING

■ Jessica M. Huffman of Blytheville, Arkansas paid \$250.

■ Seth D. Schuster of Cody paid \$167.

■ Diane W. Martin paid \$119.

■ Mary C. Decker of Worland paid \$115.

■ Jaysun L. Albert of Hardin, Montana, paid \$111.

■ Kyle J. Stewart of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, paid \$105.

■ Brandi M. Dearcorn paid \$99.

■ Scout M. Yochum of Clarkston, Washington, paid \$97.

■ Chancey R. Stebner paid \$91.

■ Scott W. Davis of Idaho Falls, Idaho, paid \$80.

■ Anthony L. Paugels of Meeteetse paid \$80.

■ Cary James Burgener paid \$75.

■ Erica J. Ahlschwede of Cody paid \$20.

■ Mark D. Smith paid \$15.

OTHER VIOLATIONS

■ William K. Parmer of Lovell served one day in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$955, two counts of possessing a controlled substance.

■ Yelena S. Olson must pay \$555, domestic assault.

■ McKenzie G. Ray must pay \$405 and serve six months probation, unlawful contact.

■ Jacob Ron Stroh must pay \$405 and serve six months probation, theft.

■ Ethan Tirrell of Lovell must pay \$405 and serve six months probation, unlawful contact.

■ Anna R. Rinehart paid \$355 and must serve six months probation, attempting to purchase alcohol while underage.

■ Allen Franklin Cogswell must pay \$305, domestic assault.

■ Jade Marie Fredricks of Big Timber, Montana, must pay \$255 and serve six months probation, attempting to buy alcohol while underage.

■ Jon Lee Moore must pay \$255 and serve six months of supervised probation, underage drinking.

■ Samuel C. Young must pay \$255 and serve six months probation, possession of a controlled substance, with a finding of guilt deferred.

■ Marc W. Stroud Sr. of Cody paid \$235, hunting big or trophy game in the wrong area.

■ Valorie Rae Lamb Harlan served 128 days in jail, using a controlled substance.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

NOVEMBER 26

■ 9:12 a.m. Trespassing was reported on Wyo. Highway 114/Road 5N in the Powell area.

■ 11:21 a.m. A man reported that his swather broke down and was partially blocking the road on Lane 8 in the Powell area. He was going to get a skid steer to move it, but figured it would take 30 to 60 minutes to get it moved.

■ 12:46 p.m. A trailer was reported to have dumped firewood all over Road 6WX near the South Fork Hill. The Sheriff's Office was asked to help control traffic while they got things cleaned up.

■ 4:26 p.m. A caller on Hastings Horseshoe in Powell reported that a man was leaving her messages at her work.

■ 5:11 p.m. A possible burglary was reported on Lane 8 in the Powell area. Big Horn County dispatchers said a female, who sounded intoxicated, was trying to report missing items to Lovell police. The report was determined to be unfounded.

■ 5:45 p.m. A man was reported to be "gunning" his jacked-up truck by a residence on Lane 11H in the Powell area almost daily. The caller was concerned because his elderly father walks on that road for exercise.

■ 6:01 p.m. A caller reported that someone was walking around a vacant property with flashlights on Road 12H in the Powell area. The caller didn't believe anyone was supposed to be there.

NOVEMBER 27

■ 7:39 a.m. A caller reported that their parents were fighting on Shadow Street in Cody, saying it was a physical altercation. A person not named in sheriff's logs was arrested.

■ 9:44 a.m. The Sheriff's Office was unable to assist the Wyoming Highway Patrol with a reported crash near the Park County Annex in Powell.

■ 2:34 p.m. A woman on Broken Arrow Trail in Clark reported that Adderall had been stolen from her

counter while she was at work.

■ 4:30 p.m. Kay L. Flores, 53, was served a warrant for probation revocation on a felony charge.

■ 8:50 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted with a request to check on a woman on Road 7 in the Powell area. According to the caller, the woman said her husband was trying to leave with the kids.

NOVEMBER 28

■ 7:43 a.m. A wallet was found on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area and returned to its owner.

■ 8:28 a.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted another agency in conducting a forensic interview at a facility on Safe Haven Road in Clark.

■ 11 a.m. The Sheriff's Office was referred a child welfare investigation from another agency on Lane 4 in the Powell area.

■ 1:44 p.m. A woman on Appaloosa Lane in the Cody area reported that her soon-to-be-ex was drunk and they'd gotten into an argument and physical altercation. She said the man was then trying to burn her stuff. Brian C. Riley, 47, was arrested on suspicion of domestic assault and unlawful contact.

■ 2:42 p.m. A lock was reportedly damaged at a rental property on Main Street in Ralston.

■ 3:27 p.m. Adam S. Aviles Jr., 20, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

■ 3:53 p.m. A caller reported that someone tried breaking into their storage unit on Hastings Horseshoe in Powell.

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Wyoming secretary of state denies sexual attack allegation

BY MEAD GRUVER
Associated Press

CHEYENNE (AP) — Wyoming's secretary of state — a potential 2018 candidate for governor — is denying a woman's claim that he sexually attacked her over 35 years ago as "unequivocally false."

Tatiana Maxwell of Boulder, Colorado, wrote in a Facebook post last week that Ed Murray wrestled her to the ground, lifted up her shirt and performed a sexual act on her stomach after they had met up after hours at the law office where they worked.

"I cleaned up and got out as quickly as I could, Eddie apologizing for getting so excited but couching it in terms suggesting I 'was just too attractive to resist,'" Maxwell wrote.

Murray said Thursday in a statement that her accusation was false and "is deeply hurtful to me and to my family, as well as to everyone I serve." He did not respond to a request made through his spokesman, Will Dinneen, to discuss Maxwell's claims first reported by Cheyenne radio station KGAB.

"I struggle to understand what would motivate someone to make this kind of accusation," Murray added. "But considering that this statement was made in the context of the

#metoo movement, I want to take this moment to acknowledge the overall importance of this conversation, as well as to reaffirm my commitment to being an ally for women."

Maxwell is a significant donor to the Democratic Party but she insisted her accusation against Murray was "really, strictly personal" and in no way political.

Murray, 59, a Republican, has been secretary of state since 2015 and has been considering running next year to succeed Republican Gov. Matt Mead, who is term-limited. Murray previously was a property developer, with holdings that included a downtown Cheyenne building painted with a huge cherub and "The Murray Building" at top.

Murray was a recent law school graduate in the early 1980s. Maxwell wrote she thought it strange that Murray, who she didn't know well and was five years older than she, wanted to meet her after hours at the Dray, Madison and Thomson law firm where she worked as an assistant the summer after graduating from high school.

However, Maxwell's husband of 29 years, Paul Maxwell, said Thursday his wife mentioned to him more than once that Murray sexually attacked her.

"She told me about this, oh, let's say the

mid-'80s," Paul Maxwell said. "I believe it to be true. She told me a couple, three times about it, over time. I have no reason to doubt it."

Paul and Tatiana Maxwell both said they are separated and divorcing.

Tatiana Maxwell gave more than \$37,000 to Democratic candidates and causes since the late 1990s, according to Federal Election Commission records.

Maxwell's Facebook photos include one of her posing with Hillary Clinton. She said she did not know that Murray was thinking about running for governor until reporters contacted her on Thursday, she told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"I've been carrying it around for 35 years and there's no question that the national conversation has been helpful and, you know, empowering," Maxwell said, referring to the several other women recently accusing prominent men of sexual misconduct.

"I didn't know then and I hadn't known for years exactly what to do with it. But what I do know is I don't want my children, I don't want my daughters, to ever have to go through the same thing. If it's my job to stand up and take the heat, then so be it."

Maxwell owns a company that has developed a handful of residential properties in Wyoming. She is one of 23 board members of Refugees International, a nonprofit that advocates for refugees.



ED MURRAY

Cheyenne attorney to join Wyoming Supreme Court

Cheyenne attorney Lynne Boomgaarden has been named as the newest member of the Wyoming Supreme Court.

Boomgaarden will replace Justice William Hill, who is set to retire on Feb. 17 after more than 19 years on the bench.

Gov. Matt Mead announced Boomgaarden's appointment to the bench on Friday.

Boomgaarden is currently a partner with the firm Crowley Fleck, where she's worked for the past four years. She has been in private practice in Cheyenne since 2010.

Before that, she served as director of the Wyoming Office

of State Lands and Investments under Gov. Dave Freudenthal from 2003 to 2010.

Mead's office says Boomgaarden has "extensive legal experience gained over a long, distinguished career," including service as career clerk for 10th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Wade Brorby, as an assistant professor at the University of Wyoming College of Law. She was editor-in-chief of the Law Review and ranked at the top of her UW law school class.

"The appointment of a Supreme Court justice has a lasting impact on Wyoming. It is a big decision — one that I take

most seriously and one that is very hard to make," Mead said in a statement.

The governor said he chose among three "exceptional" candidates.

Lynne Boomgaarden has worked with the best, including Judge Brorby and Governor Freudenthal. She has extensive experience chairing the Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission and in natural resource law, in private practice and state administration, and with legal writing and teaching — all impressive," Mead said. "She will serve Wyoming and its citizens well on the Supreme Court."

Boomgaarden said she was honored to become the Wyoming Supreme Court's next justice.

"I will work extremely hard in service to the court and Wyoming citizens," she said in a statement.

'I will work extremely hard in service to the court and Wyoming citizens!'

Lynne Boomgaarden

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BATTLE IN THE BIG HORNS

PANTHER WRESTLERS TAKE THIRD



Powell High School sophomore Bo Dearcorn (top) wrestles Ian Arnold of Glenrock for the Best of the Best championship during the Battle in the Big Horns tournament in Worland on Saturday. Dearcorn won 3-0. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

DEARCORN WINS BEST OF THE BEST TITLE

'I thought it was a good weekend, thought the kids wrestled well.'

Nate Urbach
Head coach

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School wrestling team competed in the Battle in the Big Horns Dual Tournament in Worland on Friday and Saturday, placing third with an overall 5-1 record.

The Panthers also had six individual wrestlers advance to the final four Best of the Best matches. Bo Dearcorn was the sole wrestler to win the championship at 170 pounds.

"I thought it was a good weekend, thought the kids wrestled well," said

head coach Nate Urbach.
DUAL TOURNAMENT

The first team Powell faced Friday was Lovell, with the Panthers posting a 58-22 win.

PHS then went on to defeat Riverton, 51-27, and Glenrock, 48-27.

On Saturday, Powell competed in the Gold Bracket with their 3-0 record on Friday.

Sixteen schools competed in the tournament with Friday's results determining whether teams competed in the Gold or Silver Brackets on Saturday.

Powell's first opponent on Saturday was Sheridan, where the Pan-

thers won 36-32 to advance to the semi-finals.

In the semi-final dual, Powell lost to Worland 45-32. Powell had to forfeit three weight classes.

"That's hard to be down 18-0 at the beginning, that's just tough," Urbach said of the loss.

A forfeited weight class results in six points for the opposing team.

The loss then pitted Powell once again up against Glenrock for third place.

Powell won the dual 48-26 to take the bronze. That put the Panthers

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PANTHER WRESTLING

Individual records

| | | |
|---------|------------------|-----|
| 106 | Colt Nicholson | 1-0 |
| 106/113 | Emma Karhu | 6-1 |
| 113 | Jay Swaney | 0-5 |
| 120 | Michael Maddox | 5-1 |
| 120 | Trevor Feller | 1-0 |
| 126 | Brian Brazelton | 4-2 |
| 132 | Stephen Preator | 2-4 |
| 138 | Reese Karst | 6-1 |
| 145 | Matt Jones | 1-5 |
| 152 | Seth Horton | 6-1 |
| 160 | Brody Karhu | 5-0 |
| 170 | Bo Dearcorn | 7-1 |
| 182 | Cameron Schmidt | 2-4 |
| 285 | Brandon Thompson | 5-2 |

*Wins-Losses

PANTHER SWIMMING

PHS swimmers take second at Riverton Invite

EVENT FEATURED NINE TEAMS

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School boys' swim team was welcomed by a surprise at the Riverton Invitational Saturday, when a total of nine teams came to compete, instead of the four to five originally expected. Overall, the Panthers swam to a second-place finish.

"It was a surprise to us, but it was a welcome surprise," said head coach Stephanie Warren of the nine-team field, adding that it was nice to see the statewide competition this early in the season.

Lander won the event with 294 points, Powell followed with 235 points and Rawlins rounded out the top three with 204 points. Kemmerer was fourth with 160 points, Sublette County fifth with a score of 156, Worland placed sixth with 109 and Riverton finished in seventh place with 95 points.

Cody finished in eighth place with 44 points and Douglas placed ninth with 34.

Because of weather conditions, more teams opted to compete at the Riverton Invitational; that resulted in

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POWELL PANTHER BASKETBALL



Powell High School junior Carson Heinen goes up for two points against the Lovell Bulldogs last week. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky



Powell High School senior Aubrie Stenerson puts up a jump shot against the Lovell Lady Bulldogs last week. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

Panthers outlast Lovell 54-52 in home opener

FOUR PLAYERS FINISH IN DOUBLE DIGITS

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Overcoming an early deficit, the Powell High School boys' basketball team fought back to outlast Lovell in the final minutes of its home opener, winning 54-52 on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Head coach Chase Kistler said that during the first quarter — when Lovell jumped out to a 15-8 lead — the Panthers were "playing kind of nervous and playing too fast."

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Lady Panthers down Lovell in home opener

BONANDER, STENERSON IN DOUBLE DIGITS

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

In the first home game of the season, the Powell High School Lady Panthers basketball team beat Lovell 46-37 on Thursday.

"I thought it was a good win," said head coach Scott McKenzie. "Lovell is a nice team."

With 5:40 remaining in the first quarter, Lovell took a 6-5 lead, but the Lady Panthers shut down the Lady Bulldogs. PHS went on a 14-0 run to

lead 19-6 going into the second quarter.

At halftime the score was 26-19, Powell.

In the third quarter, Lovell battled back to tie the game up at 28-28 with 3:07 remaining. However, PHS responded to grab a 33-28 lead going into the fourth quarter.

"I thought the girls really buckled in and got back to work at that point to get the lead back," coach McKenzie said.

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Lady Panthers JV 2-2 at the break

WINS OVER LOVELL, CODY HIGHLIGHTS

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

After splitting their first four games, the Powell High School junior varsity girls' basketball team will head into the winter break with a 2-2 record. The PHS JV beat Lovell and Cody in the season's early goings, while losing to Lander and Douglas.

"As always at the JV level, it takes some time to blend together the sophomore and junior classes and figure out our best combinations," said JV coach Troy Hildebrand. "This group has done a great job in the four games so far of playing

hard and identifying areas that we can improve as a team moving forward which is a great sign for us."

EAST/WEST CLASSIC

Playing at the East/West Classic in Cody on Dec. 8 and 9, the Lady Panthers went 1-2 — losing to Lander and Douglas and beating Cody.

The Lady Panthers opened the tournament with a 45-42 loss against Lander.

"This was our first game out for the season and it definitely had that feel for both teams early on," Hildebrand said.

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overall record at 5-1 in the dual matches.

BEST OF THE BEST

Based on the individual records in the duals, the top four wrestlers in each weight class were selected to compete in the Best of the Best.

Powell had six wrestlers advance to the Best of the Best: Emma Karhu at 106 pounds, Michael Maddox at 120 pounds, Reese Karst at 138 pounds, Seth Horton at 152 pounds, Bo Dearcorn at 170 pounds and Brandon Thompson at 285 pounds.

Dearcorn was the only PHS wrestler to win the first match of the Best of the Best, moving on to the 170-pound championship. There he beat Ian Arnold of Glenrock with a 3-0 decision.

"He had a great weekend, I was really proud of him," Urbach said.

Dearcorn ended with a record of 7-1.

Overall for the tournament, Urbach said "the whole thing is a process, we want our best team in February, not necessarily



Brandon Thompson pins Elias Brozco of Glenrock in 49 seconds during the 285-pound match of the third place dual within the gold bracket in Worland on Saturday. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

ily in December. It's just one of those things where we keep getting better and keep working.

But I'm real pleased with where we're at at this point."

The wrestlers are off for the

winter break and will resume action in Bozeman, Montana, on Jan. 5 and 6.

PHS BB: Correctable error shifts momentum, but not outcome

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In the second quarter, the Panthers outscored the Bulldogs 18-11 to tie the game up at 26 going into halftime.

In the third quarter, Powell outscored Lovell again 18-9 to take a 44-35 lead going into the final quarter of play.

The Panthers led the Bulldogs 52-44 with 1:25 remaining. But Lovell hit a 3-pointer to make it 52-47, then made another one with 24 seconds remaining to make it 54-50. After a timeout, the Bulldogs stole Powell's attempt to inbound the ball and scored another basket. That made it 54-52 with 15 seconds remaining.

After another Lovell timeout, the Bulldogs again stole Powell's inbound pass. This time, however, Powell fouled and sent a Bulldog to the free throw line.

The Bulldog was supposed to be shooting a one-and-one because of the number of Panther team fouls, however, the refs didn't call it that way. So, after the first missed free throw — which should have been a live ball situation — it was called a dead ball.

Noticing the error, the scorer's table sounded the buzzer to let the officials know of the mistake.

Because it was a correctable error, the ball was then put into a jump ball situation — with the possession arrow and the ball going to Lovell with 11.3 seconds.

"It was an error, but it was the right call after the error was caught," Kistler said.

Lovell inbounded the ball under its own basket, but missed its final shot, securing the 54-52 win for the Panthers.

"It definitely could have been a big error and cost us a lot more,

but we ended up playing through it and doing what we needed to," said Kistler of the last few seconds of the game, adding, "In all I was pretty happy with the outcome. It's nice to be in those close games and be on the positive side of things."

Regarding the turnovers at the end, Kistler said that "some of this is new waters for our players in a way." By that, the coach meant the Panthers have been used to trailoring and having to fight to come back, "always fighting back — so they're just learning how to win."

He added that the "best way to play defense at the end is a good offense and taking care of the ball. They just have to kind of calm down and make the smart play instead of the big play."

Powell had four players score in double digits: Carson Heinen with 13, Kaelan Groves with 11 and Jace Smith and Zach Meredith

with 10 each.

"Equal scoring opportunities for everyone," said Kistler of the number of double-digit scorers. "I thought sharing the ball was good."

Groves had four assists and Smith had three.

Kistler went on to say the team "took really good shots."

For shot percentages, the Panthers shot 46 percent on field goals, 38 percent at the free throw line and 25 percent at the 3-point line.

Smith also had a double-double, adding 10 rebounds — seven defensive and three offensive — to go with his 10 points.

The Panthers are off for the winter break and will resume action at the Big Horn Basin Classic on Jan. 5 and 6.

An informal alumni basketball game will take place on Dec. 28 at 5 p.m.

PHS swim: Relays did well

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team from Rawlins.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Trenton Wilson, Fuller, Dillinger Wilkerson and Joe Rogers placed fourth in 3:56.99.

The Panthers are off for winter break and will return to action at home on Jan. 5 with a dual against Lander at 5 p.m. Then on Saturday, Jan. 6, the Panthers will host the Gene Dozah Invitational, beginning at 10 a.m.

RESULTS FROM RIVERTON INVITATIONAL

200 Yard Medley Relay

2. Jared Fuller, Kacey Creed, Richard Spann and Hudson Wilkerson 1:52.29, 7. Matthew Hobbs, Jay Cox, Joe Rogers and Bryce Hogen 2:06.64

200 Yard Freestyle

12. Trenton Wilson 2:18.71, 14. Gavin Asay 2:21.11

200 Yard IM

4. Jared Fuller 2:25.96, 8. Jay Cox 2:34.68, 9. 2:37.22

50 Yard Freestyle

3. Richard Spann 25.17, 6. Dillinger Wilkerson 25.47, 14. Trenton Wilson 26.93

Diving

1. Hudson Wilkerson 249.60, 4. Bryce Hogen 155.45

100 Yard Butterfly

8. Ben Cannizzaro 1:13.74

100 Yard Freestyle

2. Richard Spann 55.36, 5. Dillinger Wilkerson 57.28, 13. Hudson Wilkerson 1:01.93, 20. Tarren Blackmore 1:11.22

500 Yard Freestyle

2. Kacey Creed 5:29.90, 7. Gavin Asay 6:16.04, 15. Ben Cannizzaro 6:59.79

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

3. Dillinger Wilkerson, Kacey Creed, Hudson Wilkerson and Richard Spann 1:40.36, 9. Trenton Wilson, Jay Cox, Bryce Hogen and Gavin Asay 1:51.13

100 Yard Backstroke

2. Jared Fuller 1:04.51, 8. Matthew Hobbs 1:12.37, 11. Joe Rogers 1:14.80

100 Yard Breaststroke

2. Kacey Creed 1:10.14, 7. Jay Cox 1:16.41, 8. Bryce Hogen 1:17.32, 21. Tarren Blackmore 1:52.69

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

4. Trenton Wilson, Jared Fuller, Dillinger Wilkerson and Joe Rogers 3:56.99, 9. Tarren Blackmore, Matthew Hobbs, Gavin Asay and Ben Cannizzaro 4:32.59

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Powell trailed 10-9 after the first quarter but Lander used an 18-8 spurt in the second quarter to build an 11-point halftime lead.

Hildebrand said the Lady Panthers "battled back in the third period to cut [the lead] to 39-32 going into the fourth and made one final push that got us to 45-42 in the final seconds."

"A real positive of this game was that we were able to call a timeout and draw up a play for our final shot," Hildebrand said. "The girls executed it very well and we had a good look that just missed to tie the game."

Michele Wagner led the team with 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Sabrina Shoopman added six and led the team in rebounding as well. Gabi Metzler scored five points, Brea Terry and Tenna Desjarlais had four points apiece and Gabby Harshman, Sidney O'Brien, Devon Curtis and Dacean Thomas each added two.

The JV's second game of the tournament came against the cross-county rival and host, Cody. Powell won 31-27.

"Like most of our games with Cody, this one was very close throughout," Hildebrand said, adding that the game started with very low scoring in the first half.

After two quarters, Cody led 8-7. Hildebrand said the second half of the game had much better flow and that "both teams played pretty solid defense throughout."

"Sidney O'Brien really stepped up and did an excellent job on Cody's post players," Hildebrand said. "She held them to four points and cleaned up a number of rebounds."

Wagner again led in scoring with 11 points.

"Devon Curtis gave us a big lift late in the game with six fourth quarter points to help keep us in front," Hildebrand said.

Shoopman added five points, O'Brien had four, Harshman had three and Metzler added two.

Powell's third and final game of the East/West Classic came against Douglas, falling 43-10.

"Douglas was very aggressive and very experienced," Hildebrand said. "They had great size and quickness and made the most of it throughout this game. I was pleased with how hard we played, but the pressure Douglas applied hurt us repeatedly."

The score at halftime was 31-6, Douglas.

"When we did get good shots, we rushed them too much and shot a very poor percentage," Hildebrand said.

Terry had five points, Wagner

scored three and Rachel Gutierrez and Kortny Feller had one point each.

"We play Douglas again in January and it will be important to see if we are able to grow and improve between now and then against a quality opponent," said Hildebrand said.

LOVELL

On the night of Tuesday, Dec. 12, the Lady Panthers had their first home game of the season against Lovell.

Powell won 37-25.

"The girls did a great job of coming out ready to play in their first home game and jumped on Lovell for a 17-0 lead," Hildebrand said. "Then Lovell settled in and started hitting some shots and we lost a little of our intensity on defense as they came back. However, the girls did a nice job down the stretch of hitting some free throws and layups to seal the victory."

Wagner led with 13 points, Terry had seven, Thomas and Gutierrez had four points apiece, Harshman scored three and Shoopman, Metzler and Feller added two each.

"In this game, I was really pleased with Kortny Feller in our press break," Hildebrand said. "She did a good job of keeping her head up and created easy baskets for [Gutierrez] and [Harshman] with great



Powell High School sophomore Gabi Metzler goes up for a layup during the junior varsity's home game against Lovell last week.

Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

passes."

Hildebrand added that Gutierrez "was also a bright spot with her work in the low post defensively" and that "AnaMia Davila came out and played aggressive defensively and created a number of turnovers for us."

After the winter break, the Lady Panthers JV will return to action on Jan. 5-6 at the Big Horn Basin Classic.

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For the second week in a row, PVC Roofing bowled the high series to top the teams competing in the "Thursday Night Live" league at Classic Lanes.

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Ty Whiteman had high game of the night for men, rolling a 171.

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PHS GBB: Team shooting close to free throw percentage goal

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Powell went on to win the game, 46-37.

"That'll help us down the road, being able to do that early in the year," coach McKenzie said of the Lady Panthers battling back to win the game after the tie.

Overall, coach McKenzie said, "I thought that we played really smart."

Powell only had 13 turnovers for the game.

Rachel Bonander had a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds — eight on defense and three on offense. It marked the third game out of the four played in which Bonander had

a double-double. Bonander also led the team in steals with three.

Aubrie Stenerson also scored in double digits with 14 points and had three blocked shots, six rebounds (split evenly between offense and defense) and completed a 3-point shot.

Three other Lady Panthers also scored 3-pointers: Maddy Hanks, Katie McKenzie and Ashtyn Henry.

"Four different girls hitting from the perimeter is another plus for us," coach McKenzie said.

plus for us," coach McKenzie said. Having that many players who can shoot a 3-pointer will open up some options as the season progresses, he said.

Hanks had four assists for the game and Karlie McKenzie had three.

"When both of them can contribute with those assists, it's just as good as scoring in our opinion," coach McKenzie said. "I thought they both did a nice job of delivering the ball in there where it needed to be."

The team had a total of 13 assists.

The Lady Panthers also shot 67 percent from the free throw line.

"We're getting closer," said coach McKenzie, as the team's goal is to shoot 70 percent from the charity stripe.

Powell also shot 29 percent from the arc and 44 percent from inside the arc.

"Happy to be 3-1 going into Christmas for sure," coach McKenzie said.

The Lady Panthers are off for the winter break and will return to action at the Big Horn Basin Classic on Jan. 5 and 6. There will not be an alumni basketball game over this winter break.

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SOUTHSIDE SINGS

Above, Southside third-graders (top row, from left) Alex Turner, Kazdyn Lee, Renzy Matthews, Breckyn Kobbe, (middle row) Hoyt Wells, Austin Sears, Anika Anderson, (bottom row) Serena Broadaway, Alexis Johnston and Connor Villarreal sing during the school's Christmas concert on Thursday. At right, Avery Short, Aubrey May and JJ Gardener, members of Southside Elementary School's Kids Chorus, sing about snow while performing choreographed movements with their gloved hands under black lights. They performed during the Southside Christmas concert on Thursday.

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Two students from Powell advance in medical program

Two medical students from Powell and 17 others from across Wyoming are moving on to the clinical phase of their education within the University of Washington School of Medicine at the University of Wyoming.

Second-year medical students Brittany Christensen and Olivia Rogers of Powell are part of WWAMI, a partnership between the UW School of Medicine and the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho, to offer residents state-supported medical education with a goal to increase the physician workforce in those states.

During a Dec. 11 ceremony at Seattle, the students were presented with white coats, marking their transition from classroom and training to entering clerkships, where they will see patients under the supervision of practicing physicians.

The two Powell students have been in the WWAMI program since 2016. Their first year was in a classroom setting at UW in Laramie, and they have been on the Seattle campus of the University of Washington for the 2017 fall semester. The WWAMI education is a four-year experience.

Rogers, daughter of Steve and Cindy Rogers, earned her undergraduate degree in physiology at the University of Wyoming before entering WWAMI. Christensen, daughter of Dr. Kelly and Mindy Christensen, earned her undergraduate degree in history at the University of Oklahoma. At the same time, she completed the pre-med science coursework required for WWAMI students.

Rogers will undertake a clerkship track that will include field experiences in all five WWAMI states.

For Christensen, she will begin her clerkship rotation with a six-month assignment at Billings, to be followed by clinical experience at other sites in the WWAMI region.

Successful completion of WWAMI clerkships leads to graduation in 2020 after which medical students enter into residency training.

"We are very fortunate to have such a high-quality medical school experience in Wyoming," said Timothy Robinson, Ph.D., an assistant dean at the University of Wyoming. "The transition ceremony represents the successful completion of a very rigorous curriculum, and these students and our state should be very proud of their accomplishment. Through this state-supported program, a Wyoming medical student is given the opportunity to realize their dream of becoming a physician."

During the first 18 months of medical school, students learn about the molecular and cellular basis of disease, circulatory systems, anatomy, blood and cancer and other basic science topics. They also spend time in a primary care clinic with a mentor from the very beginning of medical school.

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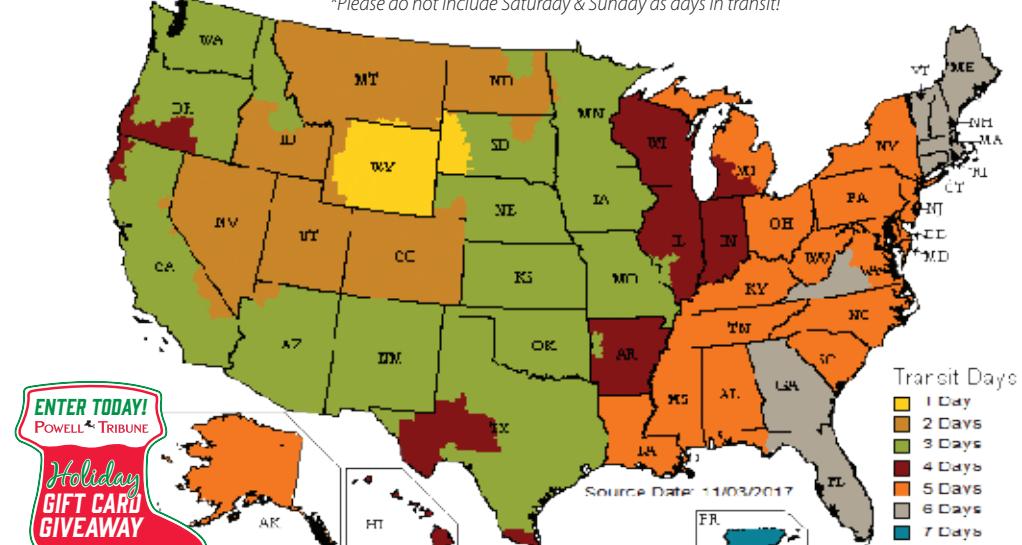


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The perfect indoor winter plant

The amaryllis is such an interesting and beautiful plant for the winter months. It is very elegant and a wonderful accent for holiday decorating. They seem to be more popular than ever and come in many new colors like green and yellow. The bulbs can produce double blossoms and some have miniature flowers. Many of the blooms I have had in previous years have reached 24" in height and have had several stalks with up to four blooms per stalk. If you stagger the planting times it is possible to have amaryllis blooming until springtime.

Amaryllis are available at big box stores, grocery stores and nurseries. If possible

before you buy, look at the size and condition of the bulb. Remember big is always better with bulbs and it is possible to buy a bulb that will produce several stems with flowers. You can buy them ready to plant in their own pot with potting medium or buy just the bulb and plant in your own container.

When planting the bulb, allow for the top one-third of the bulb to be above the soil. Water the bulb after planting and continue to water as you would any other houseplant. If you put it in a sunny cool window, it will get less top heavy. Soon the flower spike and buds will form and then it will bloom. Remember an amaryllis may take six to eight weeks after planting before blooming.

After blooming, cut just the



SUZANNE LARSEN
How Does Your Garden Grow?

flower stem back to the top of the bulb. Continue watering and fertilizing the plant. The leaves will grow an obnoxious length but don't cut them. This is when I relegate this plant to a bedroom window and prop it up.

Continue to care for this bulb as you would any other houseplant. After danger of frost is over in the spring, the bulb can be planted outside or it can continue to grow in a container. When the leaves begin to yellow, it is time to give this bulb a rest. Cut off the leaves, dig up the bulb, dust off the dirt and store it in a cool, dry place for about six weeks. You can also keep it in its container, let the soil dry out, and store in a cool, dry location.

After about six weeks, repot the bulb and begin to water. Soon the process begins again.

After visiting with Kay Soulek of Northern Gardens, she informed me they are carrying a new amaryllis that has a plastic coating on the bulb that enables it to grow without potting medium in a holder made for just the bulb. I think I may have to check this out. She also stated that they have paperwhite narcissus bulbs, Christmas cactus and, as always, gorgeous poinsettias.

I urge you to give an amaryllis a try for the holidays or winter months — there is really no easier plant to grow that gives you such a feeling of accomplishment, with a bonus of elegant flowers.

(Suzanne Larsen of Cody is a master gardener.)

NORTHWEST COLLEGE FORENSICS



Members of the Northwest College forensics team (back row from left) Colby Day, Dominic Damiano, Jared Lange, Trysa Flood, Dalen Brazelton and (front row from left) Emily Whitworth, Isabella Munoz, Jacinta Schneider and Taylor Rempp recently finished their fall semester season. The team will resume competition in January. Courtesy photo

Team wraps up successful fall season

The Northwest College forensics team closed the books on its 2017 fall semester season after a successful weekend of competition in Rock Springs.

Nine team members traveled to Western Wyoming Community College to compete in the Winter is Coming Swing on Dec. 1-3.

As a team, NWC placed second among community colleges and third overall during the first half of the swing. In the second half, the team placed first in community colleges and second overall.

In the first half of the tournament, the team saw positive debate results: CJ Day of Star Valley and Taylor Rempp of Harrison, Nebraska, took fourth place in open parliamentary debate while Dominic Damiano of Worland and Trysa Flood of Lovell claimed fifth. In addition, Day took 10th place speaker in the competition.

In individual events, Dalen Brazelton of Worland claimed second place in prose, while Damiano took third in duet with Flood, fifth in drama and fourth in prose. Day placed fourth in communication analysis and informative speaking. In addition, Flood claimed third in duet with Damiano and fifth in extemporaneous speaking,

while Jared Lange of Rock Springs took fifth in impromptu and after dinner speaking, as well as sixth place in extemporaneous speaking. Isabella Munoz of Worland placed second in duet with Rempp, third in prose and first in program oral interpretation. Rempp claimed second in duet with Munoz and third in communication analysis. Emily Whitworth of Brattleboro, Vermont, took fourth in persuasion.

The second half of the tournament also yielded favorable results. In individual events, Brazelton claimed first in prose

and sixth in program oral interpretation. Damiano took third in duet with Flood, first in drama, second place prose and fifth in program oral interpretation, while Day claimed third in duet and persuasion. Flood placed third in duet with Damiano and third in poetry.

Additionally, Lange took sixth in after dinner speaking, while Munoz claimed second place duet with Rempp, third in prose and fourth in program oral interpretation. Rempp placed second in duet with Munoz and fourth in communication analysis, while Whitworth took fourth in persuasion.

The NWC forensics team resumes travel after hosting the Trapper Rendezvous tournament for high schools, Jan. 5-6.

For the full schedule, visit <https://nwc.edu/sites/forensics> and click the "Schedule & Results" link.

Judges needed Jan. 5-6 for high school forensics tournament at Northwest College

More than 300 students from nearly 15 schools will be debating, persuading and entertaining audiences at next month's 47th Annual Trapper Rendezvous Forensics Tournament for Wyoming high school students. The tournament is set for Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5 and 6, at Northwest College.

Because so many students

compete in the tournament, 50 judges are needed every round to score all the events, which include poetry, dramatic, duet and humorous interpretation; extemporaneous, oratory, and informative speaking; as well as program oral interpretation and three forms of debate.

The fundamental component of judging individual events

involves ranking performances from best to worst.

To help people feel more comfortable with judging, NWC Forensics coaches will offer a workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the Yellowstone Building, Room 208. For an individual appointment, contact Bob Becker, assistant professor of speech communication and Forensics

coach, at robert.becker@nwc.edu or 754-6118.

People are often hesitant to help judge because they don't think they're qualified, but find it quite simple and enjoyable when they participate, Becker said.

The NWC team resumes travel and competition after hosting the Trapper Rendezvous tournament for high schools.

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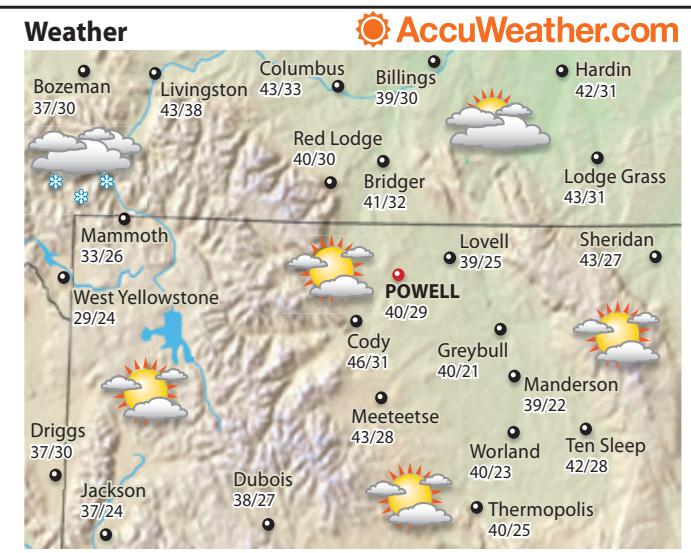
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Members of the Powell High School EROCNE group (from left) Cierra Bridges, Gabe Katz, Michaela Kousoulos, Charlie Hall, Aidan Hunt and Samantha Becker share a laugh before performing another song during the PHS and Powell Middle School Jazz concert at the PHS Commons last week. John Miller (at left) directs PHS choir students. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker



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Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset 7:49am/4:36pm

Moonrise/Moonset 8:42am/6:10pm

First Full Last New

Dec 26 Jan 1 Jan 8 Jan 16

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5-day Forecast for Powell

Today
Breezy with times of clouds and sun
40° 29°

Wednesday
Breezy with periods of snow
36° 9°

Thursday
Mostly sunny
20° 10°

Friday
Colder with intermittent snow
14° -3°

Saturday
Clouds and sun with a couple of flurries; cold
7° -5°

Christmas is about caring for each other. My friend Lacey exiting girl and very nice! What I ant for christmas is art supplies and grown-up coloring books.

Your friend, Aciyah

DEAR SANTA,
You're the best. I really want to live with you but you live at the North pole. I love how you give us gifts at Christmas. I would like a boy warthog with tusks. I love warthogs with tusks. I will leave you some lights for your house.

Merry Christmas,
Zach Allen

DEAR SANTA,
Read more letters to Santa in Thursday's Powell Tribune!

DEAR SANTA,

How do you make all the toys? I want a dirt bike for Christmas. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies.

Merry Christmas,
Gavin Marchant

DEAR SANTA,

How are you? I'm good. If I've been a good girl, here's what I want for Christmas. I would like a my Life doll, a Season 8 Shopkie doll, a poofy princess gown, an elegant pink bejeweled crown, and a toy kitchen set. I hope you are happy with that.

Love, Dani 8 years old

DEAR SANTA,

I was wondering how old are you? I am 7 years old. How old is Rudolph? Also how old is Vixzon? Do you remembr what I want for Christmas because I want a super-mareo Parte game. I have been good this year.

Merry Chrimas.
Sincerely, Michael Richardson

DEAR SANTA,

I am wondering how old you are? I am 7 years old. How old is the reindeer? Do you remember what I asked you for? I want the ocean monument and the mountain cave. I hope you have a nice trip.

Sincerely, Finn Startin

DEAR SANTA,

Why do you need a flashlight in front of you if you have Rudolph? Could you get me Pok mon? I will leave you cookies and milk.

Merry Christmas,
Aeson Haney

DEAR SANTA,

How are you and the reindeer doing? This year I had a sleep over at my friend Laceys house! I think



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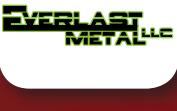
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