

VENDORS SOUGHT TO OPERATE CODY LIBRARY CAFE

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

With the Cody library's cafe losing tens of thousands of dollars a year, Park County officials want to know: Could a private business do it better?

Last week, county commissioners put out a request for proposals, seeking a vendor to run the library cafe now known as the Biblio Bistro. The county will accept proposals for leasing the space through Jan. 12.

Commissioners are calling for proposals that offer "a variety of beverages and food" and continue to give library visitors a place to read, use the internet and conduct personal business.

"Park County will evaluate proposals based upon the effectiveness of the perceived performance of each vendor as it relates to the library's specific requirements," says the request.

Commissioners will consider how much money each vendor is willing to pay to lease the space, but that's just one of four factors — along with the vendor's past experience, their proposed menu and marketing plans and the date they'd start operating.

Interested entrepreneurs must have at least 12 months' experience of owning, managing or operating a similar type of cafe or a restaurant.

Commissioners discussed scrapping that requirement, but "I think part of the reason for putting some time limit in there is to prevent somebody who has a grand idea that, 'I might go into the restaurant business,'" said County Attorney Bryan Skorik.

A draft version of the request for proposals required prospective proprietors to submit some financial

'I'd just hate to throw in a financial requirement for those people when we don't for any of our other tenants.'

Jake Fulkerson
County commissioner

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GOTCHA!



Westside second-graders spy Santa (played by fifth-grader Kenna Jacobsen) sneaking in front of them as they sing 'Gonna Catch That Santa' during the Westside Elementary School Christmas concert at Powell High School Auditorium on Thursday. Students pictured here are, front row (from left): Spencer Hallman, Neveah Garcia, Coy Erickson, Kylie Cartier and Rylie Wambeke; second row: Kenny Holland, Norah Startin and Ashton Anderson; third row: Hugo Torres, Matthew Gauger, Max Gauger, Korbyn Warren and Patricia Christensen. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

Powell Golf Club back in black for first time in years

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

When Powell Golf Club Board President Jerry Herweyer began to lead the struggling course's board in 2011, the club was facing what many considered an insurmountable debt.

Course leaders, after expenses, were often only able to pay the yearly interest on the \$250,000 they owed without ever making a dent on the principal. And the club would regularly run out of money around November or December.

"Members were pre-paying next year's memberships, and we were using that money to survive until spring," recalled Herweyer, the board's president. "Obviously that is never a good situation when you're using next year's money to pay this year's bills."

Fast forward six years and the golf course is now operating in the black for the first time in decades, using a mixture of

WITH HELP FROM CITY AND GOLF CLUB MEMBERS, COURSE PAID OFF QUARTER-MILLION DOLLAR DEBT

fundraising and contributions from the City of Powell to erase the debt.

"The last five years, we've probably run lean enough to not have to tap into the next year's money to get by — and we've actually had situations where we've had a little extra cash left over to purchase some equipment," said Herweyer. "We're just in a lot better shape than we were in 2011."

The course has been city-owned since 1970, but is managed by an independent board. The board consists of seven members, including City Councilman Eric Paul. Paul doesn't vote on the board to avoid a conflict of interest, but he acts as a liaison between the club and the city.

"They [the board] worked extremely hard and extremely effectively at getting rid of that debt. It's also thanks in large part

to the generosity of their membership," Paul said. "For the golf course, it definitely gives them a little breathing room, a little more freedom to do some of the things that have been deferred."

Herweyer said the majority of the debt came in the late 1990s,

the result of a nine-hole addition to the original course. (Those holes now make up the front nine.)

"[The addition] was obviously a big expense. And the rates weren't increased at the golf course to cover that money," Herweyer said. "So there was a continual loss of money, with

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For the first time in years, the Powell Golf Club is debt free. 'We had a quarter-million [in debt] in 2011, and by June of 2017, it was gone,' said Jerry Herweyer, president of the PGC Board. 'The community has been on board since this whole thing started; they've really stepped up.'

Tribune file photo by Toby Bonner



A grizzly sow and yearling cub are pictured in April in Yellowstone National Park. Federal officials are reviewing the recent decision to lift protections for grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Photo courtesy Neal Herbert, National Park Service

U.S. to review ended protections for Yellowstone area grizzly bears

BY MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS (AP) — Federal officials said Wednesday they'll review the recent lifting of protections for Yellowstone-area grizzly bears in light of a court ruling that retained protections for gray wolves in the Great Lakes.

About 700 bears in and around Yellowstone National Park lost their threatened species status on July 31, opening the door to future trophy hunts in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

Just a day later, a three-judge panel on a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C., ruled in the wolf case that wildlife officials needed to give more consideration to how a species' loss of historical habitat affects its recovery.

Like wolves, grizzly bears have seen a strong recovery over the past several decades in isolated regions of the U.S., but remain absent from the vast majority of their historical range.

In its response to the appeals court ruling, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said it's now seeking public comment on the potential implications for Yellowstone bears.

The animals will stay under state jurisdiction and off the threatened species list while the review is pending, said Fish and Wildlife spokesman Steve Segin. The agency plans to release its conclusions by March 31.

Grizzlies remain protected as a threatened species outside of the Yellowstone region and Alaska.

Other species could be af-

ected by the ruling, Segin said, adding that it likely would have to be under similar circumstances where a decision was being made on just a segment of a species' entire population.

Andrea Santarsiere with the Center for Biological Diversity said Wednesday's announcement was an attempt to paper over what she called "fatal flaws" in the decision to lift protections.

"Yellowstone's grizzly bears remain at risk and no amount of bureaucratic jujitsu by the Trump administration will change that fact," Santarsiere said.

The question in the Great Lakes wolf case was whether some members of an animal population can meet the legal definition of recovered even as the species struggles or is nonexistent elsewhere.

A three-judge panel concluded federal officials erroneously considered the status of the Great Lakes population in a vacuum, leaving wolves elsewhere in the country in "legal limbo" after wolves in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota lost protections.

The status of Wyoming's wolves has been unaffected by the ruling. A different panel of judges on the same D.C. appellate court ruled in March that protections could be lifted for Yellowstone area wolves.

Yellowstone's bears make up one of the largest populations of grizzlies in the Lower 48. They've been isolated for decades from other concentrations of bruins, including an estimated 1,000 grizzlies in northwest Montana.

THE HUMAN ELEMENT STATE WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS MUST ADD PR WORK TO THEIR REPERTOIRE

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Wolves are the easiest species to manage, according to the state's top large carnivore biologist. The hardest and most time-consuming species? Humans.

"The human component is where the challenge is," said Dan Thompson, Wyoming Game and Fish Department large carnivore section supervisor. "One of the first things they teach you when you go to school to be a biologist is that you're going to be dealing with humans 90 percent of the time and wildlife 10 percent of the time."

Thompson is responsible for the management of grizzly and black bears, mountain lions and wolves. Every one of the species is controversial.

Mountain lions, for example, were once hunted for a bounty. The \$50 a head paid in the 1930s was the equivalent of more than \$750 today, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics. That led to overhunting of the species.

The secretive cats were hunted to near-extinction in much of the



After decades of management based on science, there's a resurgence of large carnivores like mountain lions, said Dan Thompson, Wyoming Game and Fish Department large carnivore section supervisor.

Photo courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. before the first scientific research on the species was even attempted. Bounties were paid as recently as 1963. That was despite scientific research done 30 years prior by Aldo Leopold suggesting the payments were counterproductive to the ecosystem. Now, after decades of management based on science, we're seeing a

resurgence of large carnivores like mountain lions. Thompson said in a Thursday talk at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West.

He holds a doctorate in wildlife biology and co-authored the book "Managing Cougars in North America."

In one of several confounding human aspects in managing the

big cats, researchers had to try to refrain from calling the species cougars in recent decades, Thompson said, as searches on the internet for "cougars" were turning up inappropriate information.

Mitigating human reaction and conflict to large carnivore management is often more difficult than managing populations of a particular species.

Thompson's speech last week followed eight public meetings about grizzly management across the state; a gathering in Cody drew about 200 people.

The meetings were set up for the Game and Fish to listen to public concerns before the state finalizes its plans for managing grizzlies. Thompson was the only Game and Fish biologist to attend all of the meetings. He's had a lot of recent experience dealing with controversial plans.

When wolves were delisted in Wyoming in 2012, the Game and Fish recommended managing populations in part through hunts. People filed lawsuits and mounted protests demanding halting hunts despite Game and Fish efforts to explain the science. When hunts

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NORTH FORK FOX



A red fox browses for a meal near Wapiti after sunset on Sunday. Red foxes adapt well to human environments such as farms and suburban areas including large cities, according to National Geographic. Red fox have a reputation for intelligence and cunning and are hunted for their fur. They're considered a predator in Wyoming and don't require a license to harvest. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Wildlife: 'People are very passionate about these animals and we can use that ...'

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finally looked to have passed all the challenges earlier this year, the Game and Fish once again held a meeting.

During the question and answer portion of the gathering, many hunters were upset with the state's conservative quota set up for the first season. The quota was based on science, Thompson said, but none, for or against, went easy on state biologists.

Much of Thompson's time is spent on mitigating human conflicts. The resurgence of large carnivores can and do cause problems, he said. But that is, again, a human perspective and there are at least two distinct sides which the state has to con-

sider.

"If you're a livestock producer you might have a different opinion than someone running a wildlife tour," Thompson said. "Large carnivore conflicts are a very real part of our everyday jobs at the Game and Fish. We have one of the most active carnivore conflict programs in North America."

Being a scientist is difficult work and takes years of education to earn advanced degrees just to get a job. Managing wildlife species capable of eating a person adds to the difficulties.



DAN THOMPSON

If the work were solely about a specific species or environmental issue, the job would still be challenging. Throw in working with the public and suddenly biologists also need to be well versed in public relations.

"All of our guys have to be able to go before a crowd and talk to them. But they also have to be able to catch a bear," Thompson said.

Adding politics and controversy to science can be a near impossible task — whether giving a speech in front of a large crowd or walking door-to-door, talking to people about

conflict management. Thompson is a natural public speaker.

Dealing with the human element of his job keeps him constantly on the road. He serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Wyoming, South Dakota State University, Montana State University, University of Montana and Utah State University. He chairs the science committee for the Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society and has authored articles as well as his book.

"People are very passionate about these animals and we can use that to our advantage," he said. "[Managing large carnivores] goes from a novelty, when there's not many of the animals around, to a real situation very quick."

Cafe: County commissioners hoping to pick a cafe vendor in mid-January

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information to demonstrate the viability of their plans, but commissioners ultimately nixed that.

"It's just hard to hold them accountable, and how do we make the decision on the financial statements with parity?" asked Commissioner Jake Fulkerson. "I'd just hate to throw in a financial requirement for these people when we don't for any of our other tenants."

Later in the discussion over what information the county should require, Commissioner Tim French offered that, "I think this is going to take care of itself, because if somebody outbids everybody else and they don't make it, you know, they're out in short order; they can't pay the rent."

The library-run Biblio Bistro has always been seen by county officials as an amenity for patrons rather than a money-making venture. To avoid competing with private businesses, commissioners prohibited the Bistro from advertising. The hope was to eventually break even, but the cafe has only been recouping about half its costs in recent years — losing between \$47,000 and \$55,000 annually.

Things culminated during this

year's budget process, when the library board had to slash its budget for new books in order to cover the Bistro's losses. (The library is still purchasing new books, as usual, but it's drawing from reserve accounts to do so.)

That prompted Park County Commissioner Joe Tilden to ask library leaders, "What's more important to you, buying new books or keeping the Bistro open?"

After his comments and the Bistro's continuing losses were highlighted in the Tribune and other media outlets, library officials asked commissioners about privatizing the cafe.

"The fact is, we can no longer support it and still be able to support other library needs," Park County Library Board Chair Greg Bevenger told county commissioners in late July.

Services at the Bistro were scaled back in August in anticipation of a change and Park County Library System Director Frances Clymer and Skoric hammered out a draft RFP over the last few months.

Commissioners made their final tweaks on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Tilden wanted to make sure the requirements related to restaurant experience rather than ownership, saying he wouldn't

want to discourage an entrepreneur.

"Colonel Sanders, he wasn't in the restaurant business before he started Kentucky Fried Chicken," Tilden said.

"He actually was," Commissioner Loren Grosskopf corrected, but Tilden said that, regardless, "you've got to start somewhere and maybe there's somebody that's been involved and has experience managing a restaurant, or being a waiter in a restaurant, and says, 'Hey, I'd like to try it on my own.'"

In their proposals, vendors must describe their history of employing and managing food service operations to "ensure high-quality, smooth, timely attentive and customer-friendly service." They need to provide three examples of past catering, restaurant experience or other operations to demonstrate their qualifications. Proposals also need to include a list of the key people who'd be involved in the operation.

A successful bidder will be required to keep the space clean, be properly licensed and to carry their own liability insurance. Whoever takes over the cafe will only be able to be open when the library is open, though employees will be able

to enter early and/or leave late through a side door.

The restaurant should have a fair amount of foot traffic to draw from: People passed through the library's front entrance more than 145,500 times in the last fiscal year, according to county data.

It will be up to the vendor to maintain the county-owned equipment provided with the space — including to replace any equipment that fails. Park County, meanwhile, will cover the utilities; county officials have said they have no way of separating the cafe's electrical and heat usage from the rest of the building.

Commissioners said they'll entertain an initial lease of as short as one year or as long as three years.

Vendors interested in leasing the Biblio Bistro space are encouraged to attend a walk-through on Friday, Dec. 22. Commissioners expect to consider the proposals at their Jan. 16 meeting. Fulkerson joked that, if there are two competing proposals, commissioners may want to bring the vendors in "and have a cook-off or something — or have them both bring in brownies or something."

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OBITUARIES

Donald Lipps

(July 5, 1929 - Dec. 7, 2017)

Donald Lipps, 88, of Cody, died peacefully in his sleep Dec. 7, 2017, with family by his side.

Don was born to John Lipps and Anna Marie Kammerzell Lipps on July 5, 1929, in Wheatland, the seventh of 11 children.

Don joined the Marines in 1952 and served until 1953 when he was called back home to help with the farm. He was very proud to serve his country and held the armed services in the highest esteem.

The family moved to Worland in 1954. Don went to work for Pepsi as a mechanic in 1978, where he stayed until his retirement in 1994. Don loved it there and often spoke about how everyone at Pepsi was like a second family.

He married the love of his life, Mary Snodgrass, on Feb. 4, 1962. Don adopted and raised Mary's daughters, Carolyn and Joanne,

as his own and in 1965 their son, Richard, was born.

Family was very important to Don. He and his siblings spent countless evenings playing pinocle or rummy. He often took his kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews hunting and fishing. He always had time for the kids.

After retiring in 1995, he was constantly finding old tractors to fix up. Don loved anything to do with farming, hunting, fishing and generally being outdoors. He worked part-time at George Farms.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife Mary; daughter Joanne; brothers Johnny and Raymond Lipps; sisters Frieda Glanz, Lydia Dixon, Irene Kiser, Ruby Roberts, Dorothy Lofing and Wilma

Weber; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Survivors include daughter Carolyn (Jimmy) Mitchell of Calvin, Oklahoma; son Richard (Sheila) Lipps of Cody; stepson Fred (Denise) Peterson of Cody; brother Ray (Delores) Lipps of Casper; granddaughters Linda Hernandez, Colleen Wallace and Becky Lipps; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a viewing Friday, Dec. 15 at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody from 9:30-11 a.m. A graveside service will follow at the Riverview Memorial Garden Cemetery in Worland Cemetery at 1 p.m.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. at Ballard Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made in Don's name to Spirit Mountain Hospice in Cody.



DONALD LIPPS



VETERAN

Betty Lou Davis

(Nov. 8, 1938 - Dec. 5, 2017)

Betty Lou Davis, longtime Cody resident, 79, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, with the support of her family and friends.

Betty was born on Nov. 8, 1938, in Barnesville, Minnesota, to George and Dorothy Iken.

She married Bradley Davis on June 8, 1956, in Fargo, North Dakota. Together they had two children, Bradley Davis Jr. and Lisa Kurtz.

For over 27 years she enjoyed her work at the local hardware store Gambles, where she was a well-loved, knowledgeable employee. She was well known in the community for her business

Betty's Daycare on Stampede Ave. For over 14 years Betty enjoyed working with the children, loving each child as one of her own and always had a way of connecting with each family.

Some of Betty's passions were camping with her grandchildren, family vacations to her mother's lake cottage, maintaining her flower and vegetable garden, going to lunch and playing cards with her friends and family.

Betty was a wonderful and caring woman who never failed to put others before herself. She will be forever missed and remembered by all who knew

her.

Betty is survived by the love of her husband of 62 years, Bradley Davis Sr.; son Bradley Jr.; five grandchildren Joshua, Stephenie, Brittney, Ericha and Kelsee, six great-grandchildren Adrianna, Nathan, Alec, Alexa, Aubrielle and Eliza; as well as her brother George and two sisters Donna and Corine.

A celebration of life potluck will be Thursday, Dec. 14 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at 2007 Stampede Ave. in Cody. Call 307-527-5675 for more information.

An online memorial is available at www.BallardFH.com



BETTY DAVIS

Lillian I. Hoffmann

(Feb. 25, 1922 - Dec. 8, 2017)

Lillian I. Hoffmann, 95, of Cody, died peacefully on Dec. 8, 2017.

Born Feb. 25, 1922, in Aberdeen, Washington, Lillian was the daughter of Rose and Elmer Smith.

She married Howard T. Hoffmann on April 5, 1946, in Olympia, Washington. The couple lived in Spokane, Washington, for a short time and then moved to Billings.

In December 1951 they moved to Cody and started

Hoffmann Typewriter Co. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing canasta, camping and rock hunting. She was well known for her commitment to family and community, nursing home, hospital, VFW Auxiliary, and Does (Elk's club). She will be deeply missed by those whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband; brother Richard Smith, and sister Vavrek. Lillian is survived by brother

Albert (Genevieve) Smith; Howard (Susan) Hoffmann, George (Marge) Hoffmann, and Gerald (Jil) Hoffmann; grandsons Douglas and Ty Hoffmann and granddaughters Keli and Sabrina Hoffmann; and great-grandsons Grant and Easton Hoffmann.

A memorial service will be held in the springtime; an announcement will be posted at that time.

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



LILLIAN HOFFMANN

Homer Paul Pape Jr.

(March 27, 1964 - Dec. 8, 2017)

Homer Paul Pape Jr. of Cody died Dec. 8,

2017, in Billings. He was 53. Memorial services in Cody are pending with Cremation and Funeral Gallery in Billings.

A full obituary will be published in Thursday's edition.

James Thomas Jr.

James Thomas Jr. died at West Park Hospital's Long Term Care Center in Cody on Satur-

day, Dec. 9, 2017. He was 73. Cremation services are pending with Ballard Funeral Home.

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IN OUR OPINION

Do a bit of research before giving a pet for Christmas

With Christmas just around the corner, folks are scrambling to find the perfect gift for friends and family, and often the idea of a brand-new puppy or kitten under the tree is an attractive option, especially for kids.

But officials at animal shelters, veterinarians and pet-related websites agree: The giving of a pet is not something to do on impulse.

"Kittens and puppies are really cute for the first half hour," said Barb Muecke of the City of Powell/Moyer Animal Shelter. "Especially with little kids, with all their toys, they can forget the puppy or the kitten. We suggest they come early and get one, or wait until after Christmas, after all the confusion and chaos of the day. It's neat to get that surprise, but in a way, it's not the best thing for the animal."

The debate on whether pets can make a viable gift is one that has raged for years, with organizations such as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) strongly cautioning the practice without having thought the matter through.

A pet is a lifelong commitment, with a monetary value attached. According to the ASPCA, first-year pet care cost estimates — not including the cost of purchasing the animal — range anywhere from \$1,314 for a small dog to \$1,843 for a large dog, and \$1,035 for a cat. That's just for the first year, not taking into account future trips to the vet as the animal ages or becomes injured or sick.

Often, gift animals end up at shelters, many of which are full of unwanted animals to begin with. But that's not to say giving a pet as a gift can't be a rewarding experience for all involved in the process.

An ASPCA survey showed that 96 percent of those surveyed who had been gifted a pet "thought it either increased or had no impact on their love or attachment to that pet. The vast majority of these pets are still in the home (86 percent). The survey also revealed no difference in attachment based on the gift being a surprise or known in advance."

However, the ASPCA also cautions giving a pet only to someone who has expressed an interest in getting one and has also shown a willingness and ability to care for it responsibly. ASPCA recommends pets be obtained from "animal shelters, rescue organizations, friends, family or responsible breeders — not from places where the source of the animal is unknown or untrusted."

Time is also a factor, as the recipient's schedule should also be free enough to help assure an easy transition into the home. This is especially important during the holidays.

A few suggestions when considering a pet as a gift, according to the experts, are these: 1. Never give friends or family a pet as a gift without discussing it with them beforehand; 2. Adopt, and pay the pet's adoption fees. If they ultimately decide against the pet, you'll have made a much-needed donation to the shelter; 3. Forego Christmas Day surprises. 4. Be prepared. A pet is a commitment, so make sure the person you're giving one to is prepared to accept the responsibility, environmentally and emotionally.

Muecke said adoption certificates are available at the Powell shelter for those who want to give a pet as a surprise, but prefer to pick it up at a later date.

"Make it a special after-Christmas trip," she said.

There are five dogs of various shapes and sizes and about two dozen cats — including eight kittens — currently available for adoption at the Powell shelter.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the Thanksgiving Day meal

Dear Editor:

I would like to say a big "Thank you!" on behalf of the Powell Ministerial Association. This "Thank you!" goes out to everyone in our community who volunteered, served and donated to our annual community Thanksgiving Day dinner. What a wonderful community we live in when people from many backgrounds come together and assist in preparing and serving a traditional Thanksgiving meal that fed nearly 500 people this year. It was held at the fairgrounds where many people came together to give thanks to God for his gracious kindness to all of us and share together of his goodness.

This time afforded many people who would otherwise be alone this holiday an opportunity to come together with others and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, as well as "take-out" meals that were given to those not able to get out. For those who were there, or helped in the preparation, it was a great time to enjoy

servicing others and enjoy wonderful fellowship. Many left donations out of the kindness of their heart which amounted to \$794. One hundred percent of this money will go to a local charity, "Homebound Senior Essentials."

As Christians, we respond to Christ by being his "hands" and "feet" to others in our community. We fulfill Christ's words, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35) As well, those who put their faith and trust in Christ are reminded of who Christ is to us in John 6:35, Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

We give thanks to the Lord for everyone in our community who responded to the need and offered help with this meal. May God bless each one of you. We should all give thanks and realize our blessing for living in such a wonderful community.

Sincerely,
Pastor Tim Morrow
Powell Ministerial Association

How Senate tax reform bill could change your life

If you were to wish for a tax reform bill, would you want lower taxes across the board and more money in people's pockets? Would you want reforms that simplify taxes?

Reforms that help grow the economy and create more jobs? Help small businesses in our communities thrive? Encourage companies to create jobs in America instead of going overseas? And for companies that do business around the world, get them to invest their money back in the United States?

The Senate's tax reform proposal does all this and more. That is not what you might be hearing from critics who are afraid passage of the pro-growth bill could hurt them politically, and unfortunately some opinion leaders across the country and in our state seem to have bought into this negative narrative. I encourage you to take a closer look for yourself. This legislation would finally modernize our outdated tax code. And all of these important changes are really part of one singular purpose — to help improve the lives of millions of hardworking American families.

If you are a couple in Gillette, married with two kids, you might say, "That sounds great and all, but what does that really mean to me?" Well, according to the last analysis of the bill by the Tax Foundation, it could mean tax savings of 20 percent, or \$2,254 each year. That means more money to spend on what your family needs.

The Senate bill does this by

reducing taxes on average in every tax bracket, almost doubling the standard deduction (which creates a larger "zero" tax bracket for low-income individuals and increases many people's tax refunds), doubling the child tax credit to \$2,000 to help struggling families and many more helpful changes.

That does not even include the benefits a family might see from a stronger economy, which would boost wages. Along with individual tax relief, this bill would provide tax relief to American businesses to help them thrive. Businesses are the economy's job-creating engines and a recent survey of roughly 200 CEOs found that 82 percent of them said tax reform would lead to increased hiring and capital spending. Moreover, the Senate bill would deliver tax relief to tens of thousands of small businesses in Wyoming, who provide most of the jobs in our communities.

Some may ask, "Why did this happen so quickly?" Well actually, the Senate has been working on updating our tax code for a long time. The Senate Finance Committee has held more than 70 hearings on improving the tax code over the last six years, and in the previous Congress, the Finance Committee organized working groups of Republicans and Democrats to propose chang-

es to the tax code. We began planting this crop a long time ago, but many lawmakers, even some who helped us in the field, are now complaining that the harvest appeared overnight and isn't to their liking.

Whenever you cut taxes, which is essentially the source of the government's revenue, you would expect that the government would take in less money, which raises fears of an increased federal deficit or debt. Our debt is already more than \$20 trillion — a fact we can't ignore. But we don't live in a vacuum. When you give taxes back to people, they spend that money,

and that helps grow the economy, which can help increase government revenue. Recently, a group of more than 130 economists said: "The enactment of a comprehensive overhaul — complete with a lower corporate tax rate — will ignite our economy with levels of growth not seen in generations."

But ultimately, we know that increased revenues are not going to solve all our problems because Washington's real problem isn't revenue — Washington has a spending problem. Tax reform can help create a stronger economy, but without fiscal restraint we are never going to control our debt. Washington is the only place where if an increase in spending over the last year isn't as big as requested, it is consid-

ered a cut, even though they get more money.

Whenever you are working to change the way Washington works, especially when it comes to money, you are going to have those in opposition supporting their own agenda and special interests. But no matter how loudly people yell or how many times other people repeat their talking points, it doesn't make them right.

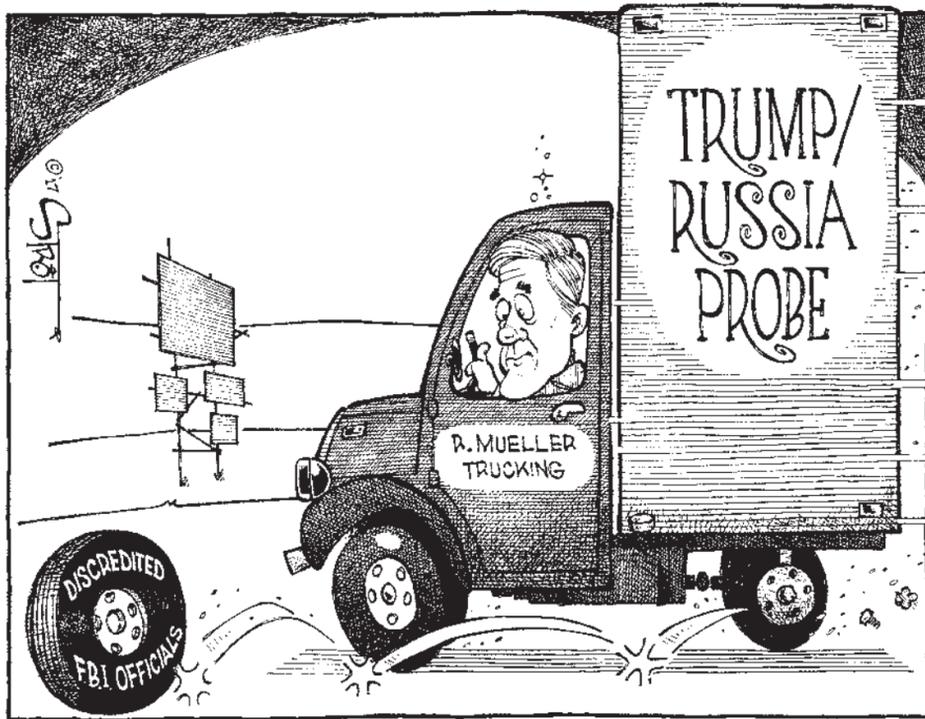
So to be clear, the Senate bill does not cut Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security or education funding. It does not just help the rich. It does not throw 13 million Americans off their health insurance. Furthermore, Senate Democrats were not cut out of the process. And under the Senate bill, teachers' deduction for classroom expenses is not cut — it's actually doubled — and taxes would not be raised on graduate students' tuitions.

Currently, the Senate and the House are working together to iron out the differences between their tax reform proposals. But I am confident that under the final bill, people can expect to see more money in their pockets and a stronger economy. The legislation is truly about making a better future for our country. It is rooted in the ideal that Americans, not the federal government, know best how to spend their hard-earned money.

(Republican Mike Enzi, of Gillette, is Wyoming's senior U.S. Senator and chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.)



SEN. MIKE ENZI
Guest columnist



The perfect Christmas gift for Wyomingites

This is the time of year when I always try to locate Wyoming-themed items or products made here in the state, which I can give to friends and relatives.

I reached out to my network of friends and here are some ideas they sent:

Beth Miller from the State Historical Museum in Cheyenne sells a huge amount of Wyoming-oriented products each Christmas and all during the year. Here is her report:

"My top sellers so far this year: 2018 Wyoming Historical Society calendars — 365 days of Wyoming history. New holiday ornaments featuring dinosaurs, hand-knitted bison and moose and custom Wyoming State Capitol ornaments are selling well.

"License plate birdhouses and barn stars made at the Wyoming Honor Farm that I purchase from the Department of Corrections also do well — I sold at least three of the small birdhouses every single day this summer. My newest books are 'J.C. Penney, the Man, the Store,' and 'American Agriculture.'

"'Cheyenne: A Sesquicentennial History' by Rick Ewig and the Snow Chi Minh Trail book — can't keep that one in stock.

"Other good sellers include Chugwater Chili and dip mixes, Wyoming jams, jellies and syrups by Elizabeth Townsend at

Berried Delights in Newcastle and honey candy from Queen Bee Gardens in Lovell."

Retiring UW Professor Phil Roberts offered the following with a focus on his hometown of Lusk:

"There is a book of local interest for residents of Niobrara County titled: 'And No One Died: Stories of the Niobrara County Wyoming Flood of June 2015,' by Phyllis Willson Hahn. It contains a series of 'oral history' accounts of numerous people who experienced the unusual incident.

"Those not having a specific interest in the Lusk area might find the method of some value as a template for writing about other catastrophic events striking small towns (although we hope it never will happen, of course). Assembling such materials as a 'history' a generation or so from now would not have been possible so it is a remarkable way that a newspaper columnist turned her skills toward an in-depth series of interviews to record the event. (Some of the 'chapters' began as columns in her weekly submissions to the Lusk Herald.)"

Former longtime rancher and lawyer from Wheatland, Ray Hunkins, who now lives in

Cheyenne, offered: "I recently watched Pete Simpson narrate 'Over Wyoming' last Sunday and was very impressed with the production by Wyoming PBS. I'm thinking of purchasing some for my out-of-state friends. Also just finishing C.J. Box's 'Back of Beyond,' a thriller which I have enjoyed."

I also had the following submission: "Wyoming award-winning author Steven W. Horn's latest novel, 'When They Were Young: A Sam Dawson Mystery,' was released Oct. 26. In the latest novel, photographer Sam Dawson stumbles across a child's body while fishing in Wyoming's Laramie range and must unravel the truth as those closest to him get drawn into a dangerous web of revenge."

Tom Cox of Lander is anxiously awaiting the DVD of the new movie "Wind River" and thinks a DVD collection of the Longmire TV show would be a big hit for Christmas.

Worland's John Davis loves some of the fine restaurants in Jackson and thinks gift certificates to the Snake River Grille or Jenny Lake Lodge would be appreciated. He also modestly suggested people consider a couple of his recent books, which were about the Johnson

County War and the famous killer Tom Horn.

Sam Lightener Jr. has a new book called "Heavy Green" about the Vietnam War that is getting good reviews. Romance novels by Mary Billiter are fun reads, too. And we cannot leave out the great Craig Johnson with his Longmire series.

Cheyenne's Larry Wolfe suggested a coffee table book by a certain Wyoming columnist. Thanks, Larry.

Museums around the state have amazing offerings of items for sale this time of year, all of which pertain to Wyoming.

Please support programs for the needy this time of year; you will not regret it. Local food banks and those relentless bell-ringers for the Salvation Army all deserve your support.

Mainly, I think people need to support their downtowns. Local merchants were hit hard over the past two years and this is the season when they can get their economic situations back to normal. Plus when you go shopping downtown you will see a lot of old friends and make a bunch of new ones. Happy shopping!

(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.)

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Does Meeteetse want a planning committee?

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

The fate of the Meeteetse Local Planning Area Advisory Committee will hinge on whether anyone steps up to serve on the panel in the coming weeks.

The group, which advises the Park County Commission on planning and zoning issues, hasn't met in more than two years. It's a five-member panel, but currently has just two members — and they've both been planning to leave the committee.

Commissioners have discussed ending the advisory panel, but last week, committee member Kathy Gilbreath asked the com-

mission for some time to find new people to serve.

"There is a group of us that's trying to get this going and get five people," Gilbreath said. Gilbreath and fellow committee member Greg Bevenger said the waning interest has stemmed from the fact that there simply haven't been many proposed developments in the Meeteetse area for the committee to review.

"It's been the best committee to be on, because nothing's happening right now," Gilbreath joked.

However, she also added that, "there is a reason for us." Gilbreath believes the panel gives Meeteetse area residents a bigger voice on Bureau of Land Management and

Shoshone National Forest projects.

"I think it gives us standing with them so they will listen to our comments, too," Gilbreath said.

She added that the committee can help take the pressure off commissioners by giving a preliminary review of controversial projects around Meeteetse — noting a proposed airport and monastery that drew concerns from the public.

"The elephant in the room is there hasn't been interest down there," Commissioner Tim French said, but he and the rest of the commission were fine with giving Gilbreath and Bevenger until Jan. 16 to find new members.

"We don't want to dissolve it if it can get active again," French said.

"I hope you can find some interest down there, I really do," added Commissioner Joe Tilden.

'The elephant in the room is there hasn't been interest down there.'

Tim French
Commissioner

HONORING THE FALLEN



Ted Smith stood silently at the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Park in Cody on Dec. 7 — National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day — to honor the fallen. 'He stood there all day,' said Larry Oliveria of Cody, who took this photo. '... I was touched. He does this at all special military days.'

Photo courtesy Larry Oliveria

TOBACCO TAX HIKE MOVING FORWARD

CHEYENNE — Monday, Dec. 4, was a bad day overall for new taxes in Wyoming, as the Wyoming Legislature's Joint Revenue Committee killed several tax proposals and punted others to January. But during its meeting in Cheyenne, the committee passed two bills that, if approved by the Legislature, would increase taxes on tobacco and alcohol.

A bill that would increase the tax rate on tobacco products from 60 cents to \$1.60 on, for example, a pack of cigarettes passed by an 8-6 vote. Those advocating for retailers who see a substantial portion of their income from tobacco products lined up to argue it placed an unreasonable burden on small business owners. Many argued against what they saw as an attempt at social engineering.

Those in favor of the tax argued the potential behavior modify-

ing effects were a positive, citing Wyoming's increased rates of smoking, especially among young people. Rep. Dan Furphy, R-Laramie, made his case that it was prudent to tax tobacco products to make up for the costs Wyoming residents pay for the consequences of the products' use.

"I think this bill is just to help recoup some of our costs," he said. "(A 2016 University of Wyoming study) indicates that we, as nonsmokers, are incurring direct costs of \$240 million per year. ... This bill, if it generates \$24 million, is a drop in the bucket compared to our costs for subsidizing tobacco use in our state."

Another bill that would increase the maximum state profit on sales of liquor and wine from 17.6 percent to 20.6 percent also passed.

Cheyenne woman arrested for throwing baby in ditch

CHEYENNE — A Cheyenne woman was arrested after allegedly throwing her 2-month-old baby into a ditch early Saturday.

Lillian Jeffrey, 31, was taken into custody by Cheyenne Police Department officers who determined Jeffrey had thrown her daughter into a ditch, "causing serious injuries," according to a news release.

The child was flown from Cheyenne Regional Medical Center to a hospital in Denver. Kevin Malatesta, a spokesman for the police department, said he couldn't elaborate much further about the trauma.

"The injuries are pretty severe," he said.

Officers responded to a call around 1:15 a.m. Saturday to

investigate suspicious circumstances at Love's Travel Stop. Officers contacted a woman, later identified as Jeffrey, in the driver's seat of a car. She was acting erratically and making nonsensical statements, Malatesta said.

"The windows were down and the door was open, it was the middle of a cold, windy night," he said, adding, "All those things put together are pretty out of the ordinary."

Officers noted there were two child car seats in the vehicle, but only one child, a 4-year-old boy, was inside. Officers then located the baby in a ditch a short distance from Jeffrey's vehicle. It was not immediately clear how long the baby had been exposed to cold weather outside the vehicle.

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The families of Biff and Craig Beck wish to thank the many friends who made our Mom's 100th Birthday a happy one. It was as though a ray of sunshine had entered the room when you hugged her and wished her well.

Thanks to those who set up the table and chairs and helped with the clean up. To the ladies who covered the tables with purple tablecloths and beautiful centerpieces.

Thank you Linda Cross for serving refreshments; Sara Deboer for the beautiful cake; Tami Lineback, Jean Hubbard and Cindy Beemer for their beautiful music; and Judy Schaefer, Tami Lineback and Marynell Oechsner for their kind words.

Thank you for all the presents, flowers, cards and donations made in her name, and the City of Powell for the use of The Commons.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christian Fellowship,
The Beck Family

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CANAL CRASH



Members of the Powell Volunteer Fire Department and Powell Valley Hospital EMTs tend to Nicholas Blank of Powell on Saturday evening after he crashed on Road 11, south of U.S. Highway 14-A and west of Powell. Blank, 30, told a responding Park County sheriff's deputy that he'd been looking down at his phone and missed the right-hand turn as Road 11 turns into Lane 10. His northbound Buick Century went over an embankment near the railroad tracks, "went airborne over the tracks," then came to rest on the south side of the Garland Canal, said Lance Mathess, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office. Blank has pending citations for driving with a suspended license and careless driving, Mathess said. The crash was reported around 7:30 p.m. Blank was taken to Powell Valley Hospital and then transported to St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings by ambulance, a hospital spokesman said. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

NEW FACES

■ Cassandra Neels and Tenn-Ray Barr of Powell wish to announce the birth of a baby boy, James Eugene Barr, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Monday, Dec. 4, 2017. James was born at 7:36 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandparents are Cherokee Bleak and Kevin Neels.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

DECEMBER 8
■ Ignacio Gustavo Salinas, 44, of Powell and Jeri Jo (Vetsch) Rackley, 43, of Powell.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

NOVEMBER 12

■ 8:57 a.m. A person with a dog was reported to be bird hunting on college property on Lane 7 in the Powell area. The call was referred to another agency.
■ 10:38 a.m. A citizen reported that, although her father had left his estate to his children, his live-in girlfriend was removing high value items from the property. The caller asked to speak to a deputy at the Cody Law Enforcement Center about the situation and available options.
■ 11:38 a.m. A two-car crash with one known injury and one car rolled over was reported on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.
■ 5:39 p.m. A lot of items were reported to be missing from a home on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.

NOVEMBER 13

■ 8:13 a.m. A male was reported to be making threats on Patriot Drive in the Cody area.
■ 11:36 a.m. Numerous items were reportedly stolen from a store on Main Street in Ralston.
■ 12:13 p.m. A caller on Lane 10 in the Powell area reported that people shot an elk on his land without permission. He wanted a deputy to speak with the people, as he'd been in the field while they were shooting. The concern was determined to be unfounded.
■ 1:03 p.m. A hunter reported losing a pistol in the area of the Ishawooa Trailhead on Road 7WX in the Cody area.
■ 1:43 p.m. Trespassing was reported at the Road and Bridge shop on Lane 9 in the Powell area.
■ 2:18 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted the Wyoming Highway Patrol with an investigation involving a Cody police vehicle on 8th Street in Cody.
NOVEMBER 14
■ 8:53 a.m. A silver women's ring

was found at a business on Yellowstone Avenue in Cody and was returned to its owner.

■ 9:42 a.m. A man was reported to have told a citizen that he woke up with swollen legs and covered in blood on Appaloosa Lane in the Cody area. He reportedly told the person he didn't want an ambulance.
■ 9:45 a.m. A child was reported to have been left alone in a vehicle on Lane 17/Road 20 in the Cody area while their mom and dad were working.
■ 5:38 p.m. A caller reported seeing flashing lights and then a signal flare go up at the Powell airport. The Sheriff's Office was unable to locate the source.

NOVEMBER 15

■ 5:11 a.m. A vehicle reportedly hit a deer on Road 6UU in the Cody area.
■ 8:07 a.m. A light blue bag with animal tracks on it, holding medications and jewelry, was reported lost on Cooper Lane in the Cody area.
■ 5:38 p.m. An 8-year-old boy, a 6-year-old girl and their 10-year-old friend were reported to have run off after their dog about an hour before. The caller didn't know where the kids were and the dog had been found five minutes earlier. The call was later canceled.
■ 5:58 p.m. A deer reportedly ran into a truck and injured itself on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area. The truck and driver were reportedly fine.
■ 9:11 p.m. A strange text was reported on Road 8UC in Clark.

NOVEMBER 16

■ 12:39 a.m. A caller reported hearing something outside her home on Arrowhead Drive and she wasn't sure what it was. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the source of the noise.
■ 1:09 a.m. A domestic dispute was reported on Lane 5 in the Powell area. The caller, who said alcohol was involved, reported that they were hiding in a closet in an upstairs bedroom. James D. Lestina, 57, was arrested on suspicion of domestic battery and interference with an emergency call.
■ 1:50 p.m. A caller on Road 6WX in the Cody area reported that someone might be using his information fraudulently, as a hospital was trying to charge his insurance for a claim he was unaware of. The call was later canceled.
■ 2:46 p.m. A Powell area resident asked to speak to the Sheriff's Office about the Blue Angel

program. The Sheriff's Office assisted.

■ 5:44 p.m. Jeremy W. Degenstein, 34, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
■ 5:49 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted with a woman's request to check on the welfare of her son at the Meeteetse High School.

NOVEMBER 17

■ 9:13 a.m. A semi-truck was reported to be stuck on the hill on Beacon Hill Road in the Cody area. It was gone when a deputy arrived.
■ 9:58 a.m. A deputy assisted another agency by observing a urinalysis at the Park County Annex in Powell.
■ 7:26 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted another agency who'd lost contact with a suicidal person on Absaroka Street/Coulter Avenue in Powell who'd called 911. The person reportedly had a disconnected cellphone.
■ 9:12 p.m. A truck was reported to have gone missing from a parking lot on Yellowstone Avenue in Cody. It had been parked about 30 to 45 minutes earlier, according to the report.

NOVEMBER 18

■ 12:36 a.m. A dark-colored truck was reported to have possibly slid off Lane 5/Road 8 in the Powell area, with the back of the vehicle in the lane of travel. The caller said they'd stopped and asked if the younger male driver and a female passenger needed assistance and they said no.
■ 10:51 a.m. Four large dogs, including a German shepherd and a Newfoundland, were reported to be chasing horses and deer on Aztec Road/Arapahoe Trail in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate them.
■ 1:16 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted a man on North Bent Street in Powell who said he had old ammunition he wanted to get rid of.
■ 3:18 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted with a request to stand by while a woman retrieved her belongings on Oak Drive in the Cody area.
■ 6:10 p.m. Cows were returned to their owner after getting out on Wyo. Highway 120 south of Cody.
■ 9:43 p.m. Three horses were reported to be in the road on Peaks Lane in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office assisted.
■ 10:53 p.m. A citizen on Road 8 in the Powell area reported a lot of cars were passing his house and heading north. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate them.

NOVEMBER 19

■ 12:16 a.m. A citizen reported that, according to their daughter, there appeared to be a fire burning in a barrel or a bonfire on Road 6WX/

Wyo. Highway 291 near a residence and not far from Bartlett Lane.

■ 12:40 p.m. Someone reportedly broke into a garage overnight and stole items on Road 5 in the Powell area.
■ 4:20 p.m. A vehicle reportedly hit a deer on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody, with no people injured.
■ 5:04 p.m. A man reported that the passenger side of his daughter's window had been broken out on Wall Street in the Cody area, apparently overnight.
■ 6:07 p.m. A deputy assisted with a tree in the road on Wyo. Highway 120 south of Cody.
■ 7:14 p.m. The Sheriff's Office was asked to check on the welfare of a person in the Cody area, after a citizen reported receiving some concerning text and Facebook messages from the person.

■ 8:18 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Cody police with attempting to locate a suicidal person whose phone had pinged to a location on Logan Mountain in the Cody area.

NOVEMBER 20

■ 10:27 a.m. A caller asked to have a female served with a no trespassing order on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody.
■ 11:15 a.m. MacKinzie T. Chlarson, 21, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
■ 2:21 p.m. A male in a hooded jacket was reported to have been standing in the middle of the road on Oak Drive for a few hours. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate him.
■ 3:56 p.m. A man's body was found near a gravel pit on Stagecoach Trail in the Cody area.
■ 4:25 p.m. A man reported that, sometime earlier, his father hit the mailboxes at an intersection on Road 6UU in the Cody area.
■ 5:25 p.m. A two-vehicle crash with two injuries was reported on U.S. Highway 14-A/Road 10 in the Powell area.
■ 5:57 p.m. A woman reported that a person "stole" some clothing from her sister on Panorama Lane in the Cody area.
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■ 11:20 a.m. A probation violation was reported at the Park County Annex in Powell.
■ 12:38 p.m. Embezzlement was reported on Nevada Street in Meeteetse.
■ 4:35 p.m. Five horses were reported lost on Clark Avenue/Carbon Street in Ralston. They were returned to their owner.
■ 6:23 p.m. A small red car was reported to be all over Wyo. Highway 310 near Road 1XG in the Frannie area. The Sheriff's Office issued a warning.

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Friday
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Saturday
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Weekly Almanac
Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES
High/low48°/17°
Normal high/low34°/10°
Average temperature29.7°
Normal average temperature21.9°

PRECIPITATION
Total for the weekTrace
Month to dateTrace
Normal month to date0.04"
Year to date7.76"
Snowfall for the weekTrace"
Snowfall month to dateTrace"
Snowfall season to date1.9"

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Casper	46/25/s	Greybull	45/18/s	Rawlins	45/22/s
Cheyenne	59/34/s	Jeffrey City	40/19/s	Rock Springs	46/21/s
Gillette	58/35/s	Kirby	45/19/s	Shoshoni	39/20/s
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Atlanta	47/28/pc	Houston	62/34/s	Louisville	35/22/sf
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Chicago	24/15/pc	Kansas City	44/28/pc	Phoenix	79/50/s
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Denver	65/34/s	Los Angeles	82/53/s	Washington, DC	49/24/c

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Both examples above are typical presentations of complaints regarding ingrown toenails. This can be one of the most painful and aggravating problems involving the feet. There are many causes of ingrown toenails, but the end result is the same. The side of the toenail curls into the surrounding skin and acts just like a splinter causing pain, redness, swelling and sometimes infection.

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Cheyenne attorney may run for governor

BY ARNO ROSENFELD
Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER — A Cheyenne water rights attorney is considering entering the Wyoming governor's race, staking out ground on the libertarian right.

Harriet Hageman has been active in Wyoming and national politics, though has never stood for public office. She created an exploratory committee last month.

Hageman said that her consideration of a run has come out of frustration with federal overreach, especially regulations on water and energy development.

"I've just reached the conclusion that somebody needs to address this," Hageman said. "We need a leader who is willing to stand up and try to right this wrong."

She believes that governors in general could take a more assertive role in pushing back against the federal government when it seeks to impose policies on states.

Hageman served as a state delegate to the Republican National Convention last year, when she told E&E news that she is skeptical of climate change data and models. She also worked as an adviser on Liz Cheney's short-lived run against Wyoming U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi in 2014 and Cheney's successful House run last year.

During Cheney's run against Enzi, Hageman said, "If we're going to change the trajectory of the country, we have to change our leaders as well."

Hageman gained attention in the early 2000s while serving as outside counsel for the State of Wyoming in a lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service's "roadless rule," which barred road construction or reconstruction on millions of acres of Forest Service land.

She worked on behalf of the

state from 2001 to 2003, clashing with environmental groups working on behalf of the federal government. But Hageman was removed as outside counsel several months after Democrat Dave Freudenthal was elected governor, a move she said was politically motivated.

Her fights with environmentalists landed her the moniker "Wicked Witch of the West," a title that High Country News said Hageman was proud of. Hageman was a little more circumspect in an interview with the Star-Tribune, noting that some family members were offended at the name but saying she understood where it came from.

"I've been known to be an aggressive attorney," Hageman said. "I'm pretty effective at what I do."



HARRIET HAGEMAN

HEARING FROM VOTERS

A fourth-generation Wyomingite who grew up on a ranch near Fort Laramie, Hageman has worked for irrigation districts across the state as well as other government entities — including Park County commissioners and other entities who made up the Wyoming Wolf Coalition. She said this work has given her insight into day-to-day government operations.

Traveling around Wyoming this fall, Hageman said she has repeatedly heard residents emphasize the importance of good government and transparency.

"What that comes down to is where our money is being spent," Hageman said. "How is it being spent? Why is it being spent? Who are the decision makers?"

In addition to running her Cheyenne law firm, Hageman has traveled around the country talking to groups about regulatory overreach and the growth of the administrative state, in which professional agency staff, rather than elected officials, create sweeping federal policy,

she said.

Hageman carries a large, three-year binder with her research on the topic.

The attorney said she sees the governor's role as one of defending Wyoming residents from outside forces including "federal overreach." But she said that part of that meant effectively overseeing state government operations, because the more power that can be moved from federal to state hands, the stronger Wyoming's own agencies will need to be.

"If we are able or successful in pulling some of that power out of Washington, D.C., how do we ensure our agencies are able to provide services?" she said. "If I'm successful in getting power away from the EPA, our DEQ is going to be primarily responsible."

Hageman said she expects to make a decision on whether to run in January and that other entrants into the race will not affect her decision.

Her father, Jim Hageman, served as a representative in the Wyoming Legislature, where he was known as an advocate for agriculture, from 1983 until his death in 2006.

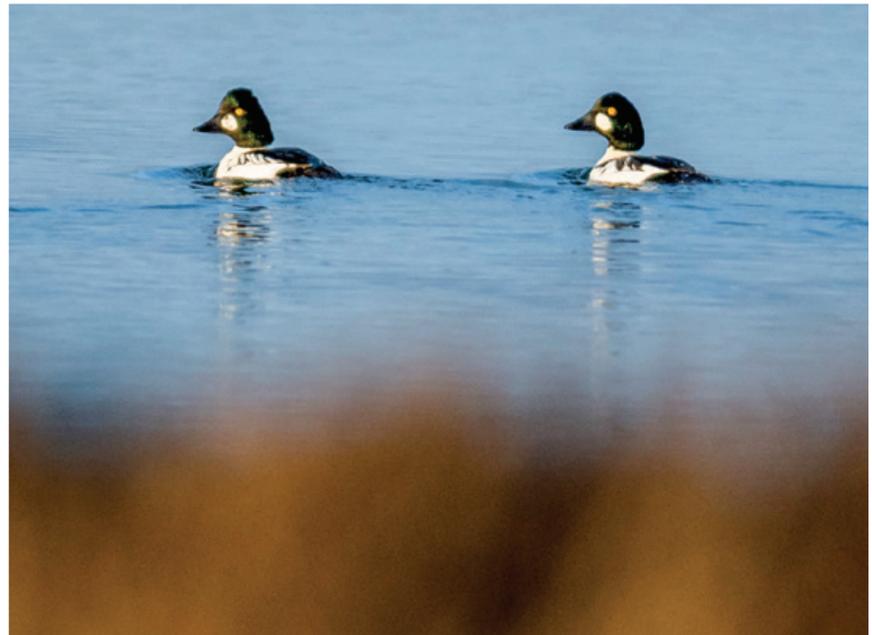
RACE REMAINS OPEN

The Democratic field has consolidated around former state lawmaker Mary Throne, also a Cheyenne attorney, but the GOP's pick for governor remains anyone's guess.

State Treasurer Mark Gordon initially said he would announce a decision on whether to run by the end of the legislative session in March, but now says he may do so sooner. Secretary of State Ed Murray said he hopes to make an announcement by January.

Gov. Matt Mead, a Republican, is termed out.

Sheridan businessman and political novice Bill Dahlin is the only Republican candidate to have officially entered the race so far.



Common male goldeneyes are one of several species of waterfowl passing through northwest Wyoming on their migration south. The annual Kane Christmas bird count will take place in the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

KANE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SLATED FOR SATURDAY

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area will once again host the Meadowlark Audubon Society's Kane Christmas Bird Count this weekend. All birders or those interested in birding are welcome to join.

The Kane Christmas Bird Count is set for Saturday. Participants should plan to meet at 7 a.m. at the Bighorn Canyon Visitor Center in Lovell to check in, select a route and enjoy a hot beverage.

Organizers ask that you drive a 4-wheel drive vehicle if possible. If you don't have a 4-wheel drive vehicle, staff will try to pair you with a team that has one.

For safety reasons, participants will be asked for their vehicle license numbers and descriptions and cellphone numbers at check-in.

Participants should bring binoculars, bird books, a spotting scope, camera, lunch, a side dish for dinner, warm clothing and footwear, a hat and gloves and plenty of water and/or warm drinks. A clipboard is handy to record findings.

The Kane Count Circle, centered around the

old town of Kane, extends from roughly Moncur Springs on the west side to Sand Draw near Lovell and includes a good portion of the Yellow-tail Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Since the pheasant season is still open, wearing hunter orange is a good idea for safety.

Christmas Bird Counts, held throughout North and South America and the Pacific Islands, are sponsored by the National Audubon Society.

As citizen scientists during the Christmas Bird Count, participants' observations will identify species at risk, focus public policy, initiate conservation strategies, influence public commitment, and locate birds on the move due to climate change, organizers say.

Everyone is welcome. No expertise is required. Visit the Meadowlark Audubon website at www.meadowlarkwyo.org for more information about Christmas Bird Counts in the area. Contact Neil and Jennifer Miller at 307-568-9346 or email njmiller3247@gmail.com for more information about the Kane count.

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NOVEMBER 2017

Recognition for Academic Excellence



James Sheets



Senior James Sheets is the Powell High School Student of the Month for November.

He is the son of Brian and Julie Sheets, and has achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA.

In addition to his success in academics and extracurricular activities, James has volunteered in a variety of community service projects.

James volunteers with the Backpack Blessings program, helping deliver food to elementary school students in need. He also collects recyclables at Parkside Elementary School and delivers items to the recycling center.

As part of Big Brothers Big Sisters, James is a steady mentoring figure in a third-grader's life, and has lunch with him at school each week.

He also helps lead early release Wednesday activities for elementary school students.

As a member of the National Honor Society, James has helped with the

Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes food drive and Homesteader Days. He also assisted with chores at the Battershells' golf course and helped with concessions at sporting events.

For three years, James played on the varsity Panther tennis team, and was given the Most Inspirational award by fellow teammates and coaches. James was named all-conference in 2017-18.

James is active in the PHS concert band, jazz band and pep band, and helps conduct and lead the pep band. He was named the Outstanding Junior of the Year in 2016-17.

He was part of the Wyoming All State Marching Band and Wyoming Ambassadors of Music.

James's school activities also include Ignition, the Robotics Club, Math Club and he's a Letter Club officer.

His work experience includes serving as a tennis instructor for the Rec Department.



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CANDLELIT CAROLING



Northwest College students (from left) Hailey Heitz, Mary Lynn, Deja Bilbro, Kiara Myron, Emilie Asay and Myles McArthur perform during the annual Vespers concert at First United Methodist Church on Wednesday evening. Under the direction of Brennan Baglio, NWC director of choirs, and John Miller, Powell High School choir director, students performed holiday favorites and other sacred and secular works.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Small Business Development Center office moves to chamber

The local office of the Wyoming Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network recently moved to the Powell Chamber of Commerce building. The SBDC office had been housed in the Blacksmith Plaza on South Bent Street for many years, sharing space with the Wyoming Business Council and Manufacturing-Works. However, the Business Council and Manufacturing-Works moved out of that office earlier this year and "it made sense for the SBDC to consider another location," said SBDC regional director Bruce Morse.

"Since the mission of the organization is to help businesses succeed, being co-located with the local chamber of commerce and Powell Economic Partnership is an easy way for small businesses to find information and assistance," Morse said in a news release.

The SBDC's new officemates are similarly enthused. "We now have a community

and business one-stop shop here at the chamber building with community and business services being offered by the SBDC Network, PEP, the chamber and our visitor center," said Christine Bekes, executive director of PEP/Powell Chamber. "The streamlining of services was one of the main takeaways as a 'want' from the community outreach done last year and it is exciting to see it happen so soon."

'We now have a community and business one-stop shop here at the chamber building ...'

Christine Bekes
PEP director

To make an appointment with Morse, call 754-2139 or email him at bmorse1@uwyo.edu. The SBDC's northwest regional office continues to serve all of the Big Horn Basin with no-cost advising services, as well as serving the entire state with specialty assistance.

The Wyoming SBDC Network, funded with federal and state dollars, is a business consulting group with a mission of helping Wyoming entrepreneurs succeed. For more information, visit <http://www.WyomingSBDC.org>.

Club: 'The community has been on board since this whole thing started; they've really stepped up.'

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trying to pay off the debt and not raising the rates."

Equipment upkeep and upgrades and yearly wear and tear on the course were also factors, as Wyoming winters are notoriously hard on golf courses throughout the state.

"There was a year where the greens on the back nine had severe winter kill and had to be replaced," Herweyer explained. "That added substantially to the debt as well."

But all that began to change in 2012. The Powell City Council agreed to provide \$50,000 that year, but on the condition

that the funds be matched dollar-for-dollar by donations — whether it be community support, fundraising campaigns and/or sponsorships.

"That first year and every year since then, whatever they've given us, we've been able to match," Herweyer said.

It proved to be a beneficial plan, as the city's money went directly to the debt, while the golf club's matching funds went to operations, Herweyer said.

In 2015, the city doubled down on the matching funds formula, requiring the full amount be put toward the debt. "In hindsight, that was a

good deal," Herweyer said. "That helped us pay off that debt faster."

That year also saw the establishment of a crowdfunding initiative, "Keeping it Green in 2015." Set up by Toby Bonner, the Tribune's general manager and then a club board member, "that raised about \$70,000," Herweyer said. "We were going to use that to repair our irrigation tanks, that

sort of thing. And with that, we had money leftover to pay more of the debt off."

By last June, all of the debt was gone.

For the City of Powell, it's a "nice luxury" to get rid of the debt, said councilman Paul.

"At the end of the day, we [the city] didn't have any obligation to pay down the debt in any form," he said. "But we felt it was appropriate

'In just a little under four years, they've exhausted that debt. That's a pretty remarkable feat in any sense of the word.'

Eric Paul
City councilman

to find a path to help the golf course get to this stage. It gives the city a little more freedom in how we can build the golf course in the future as well."

The city is providing \$10,000 to the club in this fiscal year.

Herweyer said that, despite a slight drop in memberships, 2017 was a good year for the club.

The Powell Golf Club had 168 members this year, down from 175 in 2011, he said, but within the 160-190 range that the club historically fluctuates between, he said.

"The community has been on board since this whole thing started; they've really stepped

up," Herweyer added. "Even now, with the debt paid off, we still get donations."

Paul said no one expected the debt to be paid off this quickly, attributing the accomplishment to the hard work and diligence of everyone involved.

When Paul first joined the council in 2013, the golf course was still deeply in debt.

"In just a little under four years, they've exhausted that debt," he said. "That's a pretty remarkable feat in any sense of the word. It truly is to the credit of the current golf board and to the membership of the course. They're really the ones that made it happen."



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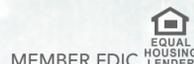


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KARST NAMED OUTSTANDING VARSITY WRESTLER AT HOME INVITE

PANTHERS TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Powell High School's wrestlers opened their season with a victory at home, beating 19 other teams at the Powell Athletic Roundtable Invitational on Friday and Saturday. Twelve PHS wrestlers placed in the top six. "I thought we did well," said PHS head coach Nate Urbach. "I was happy."

As young as the team is, coach Urbach said he was surprised Powell won the tournament; the PHS wrestling team is comprised of only two seniors, four juniors and 19 freshmen and sophomores.

"Thought the kids wrestled really hard, it was a good tournament," Urbach said.

Powell placed first with 261.5 points followed by Lander with 200.5, Natrona County in third with 190.5 points, Buffalo at 152.5 points and Cody in fifth at 148.5.

The other 15 schools in attendance were Riverton, Wright, Lovell, Thermopolis, Sheridan, Thunder Basin, Wind River, Rocky Mountain, Worland, Shoshoni, Dubois, Campbell County, Greybull, Wyoming Indian and Livingston, Montana.

Freshman Emma Karhu placed third in the 106-pound weight class.

Urbach said that he was "cautiously optimistic," about the incoming freshman after her success in middle school, USA wrestling and in practice the last two weeks.

In the semi-finals, Emma Karhu met up with Brady Carey of Lander — the No. 1-ranked wrestler in the weight class in WyoPreps.



Powell High School junior Reese Karst wrestles against Hunter Elmer during the 138-pound weight class championship match at the Powell Athletic Roundtable Invitational on Saturday. Karst was voted as the Outstanding Varsity Wrestler of the tournament. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

com's preseason poll — where she lost by a 4-0 decision.

Urbach said Emma Karhu wrestled tough in that semi-finals match.

"She had a great tournament; I was really really happy with her," Urbach said.

Also wrestling at 106 pounds

was sophomore Colt Nicholson, who Urbach said has improved from last season. At last year's Powell Invite, he didn't win a match, but this year he went 2-2 with both wins by pin. Nicholson weighs 93 pounds, but the lowest weight class at the high school

level is 106 pounds. At 113 pounds, Aaron Swaney took fourth. "I was really happy with Swaney just because he's really new at the sport," Urbach said. "But I saw huge improvement in just a day."

Swaney beat a wrestler on

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Swaney beat a wrestler on

Saturday who had beaten him on Friday.

"It's just awesome to see a kid get better — that much better in that little bit of time," Urbach said.

Michael Maddox, a

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Lady Panthers go 2-1 at East/West Classic

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Opening the season at the East/West Classic in Buffalo, the Powell High School girls basketball team picked up two wins and one loss. The Lady Panthers beat Rawlins 49-47, and host Buffalo, 42-32, before losing to Douglas, 45-29.

POWELL 49, RAWLINS 47

The first game of the season for the Lady Panthers was against Rawlins Friday afternoon.

"I thought it was a great win for our first game; Rawlins was favored to do well this year," said PHS head coach Scott McKenzie. "I still think they'll do well this year."

WyoPreps.com's preseason rankings, voted on by coaches and media, had Rawlins listed at No. 5.

In the first quarter, the Lady Panthers jumped out to a 13-8 lead and maintained the advantage going into halftime at 24-18.

Rawlins decreased the lead to four, 35-31 going into the final quarter of play.

The Lady Panthers were up by six points before Rawlins made what coach McKenzie described as a "crazy couple 3-pointers."

"I wasn't sure if that was going to shake our composure or not," he said. "I was really proud of our girls keeping things together."

The Lady Panthers held on to win the game 49-47.

The Lady Panthers sank 10 of 15 free throw attempts in the final period, "which was gigantic," said coach McKenzie; in contrast, Rawlins went 3 for 8 from the charity stripe.

For the game, the Lady Panthers shot 59.4 percent; their goal for the season is shooting 70 percent from the line.

The Lady Panthers also shot 16.7 percent from the 3-point line and 35.3 percent inside the arc.

The other stat the team will be working on is turnovers. PHS had 17 turnovers against Rawlins, while the team goal is to have no more than 15.

Rachel Bonander posted a double-double with 16 points and 16 rebounds — 10 on defense and six on offense.

"She just really cleaned up the boards for us in this game," coach McKenzie said.

Also scoring in double digits were Maddy Hanks with 12 and Aubrie Stenerson with 11.

McKenzie said having three athletes in double digits helped in the victory.

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TRAPPER HOOPS

NWC women strong; men see mixed results

The Northwest College basketball teams were on the road last weekend for their final games before the winter break.

The men's team finished 1-2 on the weekend, starting with a loss Thursday against Williston State, 89-75. The Trappers followed that with a loss Friday against Dawson Community College, 91-73. NWC rebounded for a win against Stonechild College, 102-69.

For the women, the Lady Trappers pushed their record to 11-4 on the season with a 82-38 win over Williston State Thursday, followed by a 70-58 win over Dawson Community College Friday.

Look for full game stories in Thursday's edition of the Powell Tribune.

—Don Cogger



PHS senior Kacey Creed powers to a victory in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:01.66. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

PHS swimmers start season strong

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School boys swim team started the season out strong at home in a triangular with Worland and Cody. Eight of the Panthers' 16 swimmers posted state qualifying times — and they won nine of the 12 events on Friday.

"I think it was a great start to a first meet," said head coach Stephanie Warren. "It was kind of hard as far as the competition goes 'cause they were really competing against their own teammates."

Cody only had four swimmers who could compete while Worland had just five.

Powell won the event with 432 points, followed by Worland with 178 and Cody with 102.

"I think we are pretty pleased with our very first meet starting out. It's good to see them come out and get some of these qualifications right away," Warren said. She said that now, the team can focus on and figure out which strokes will be each swimmers' strong point for the season.

STATE QUALIFIERS

Powell competes at the Class 3A level, but many of the Pan-

thers' times were fast enough to theoretically make the 4A meet.

"Qualifying for the 3A times is what they [the swimmers] want but then their next goal after that is getting as close to a 4A time as possible," Warren said. "Hopefully we'll see more of those."

Senior Kacey Creed placed first and qualified for state in both the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly with times of 2:16.68 and 1:01.66, respectively. Those times would get him to state in 4A as well.

Hudson Wilkerson, a senior,

See PHS swim, Page 12



PHS senior Aaron Jacobsen gets called for a charge against Buffalo in Friday afternoon's opening game of the East/West Classic in Cody. Powell fell to the Bison 84-54 to open the season. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

Panther basketball goes 1-2 in Cody

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

A win over Douglas highlighted the Powell High School boys basketball team's opening weekend in Cody.

Playing in the East/West Classic on Friday and Saturday, the Panthers went 1-2, beating Douglas 57-54 and losing to Buffalo 84-54 and

Rawlins 60-40.

Heading into the event, PHS head coach Chase Kistler said the weekend was going to highlight the team's strengths and weaknesses.

"It highlighted a lot of our weaknesses that I know teams are going to exploit if we don't fix them," Kistler said.

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Wrestling: 'Steel sharpens steel, and that's what they do' coach says of Brody Karhu, Seth Horton

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sophomore, placed fifth at 120 pounds.

"He's getting better and better all the time," Urbach said, adding that they still need to work on some things.

In the preseason rankings, Maddox came in seventh at 120 pounds. Senior Brian Brazzelton took fourth at 126 pounds.

Urbach said Brazzelton was a wrestler who improved throughout the tournament as he was pinned by a wrestler from Shoshoni on Friday, then beat that same wrestler by a major decision on Saturday.

"He got refocused and did the things he should do to put himself in good position, so he had a good tournament," Urbach said of Brazzelton.

Corey Linebaugh, a sophomore, placed fifth at 132 pounds in what the coach called "a great tournament."

"He [Linebaugh] is a tough kid — a real tough-minded kid," Urbach said. "He's gotten a lot better."

Junior Reese Karst took first in the 138 pound weight class and was voted as the outstanding varsity wrestler of the tournament.

"He wrestled really well," Urbach said.

Heading into the tournament, Karst was ranked first in the preseason rankings at 138 pounds.

The championship match was a repeat from last year's state championship bout, between Karst and Hunter Elmer of Buffalo. Karst pinned Elmer at 5:20.

Also in the 138-pound weight class were Stephen Preator, who took third, and Cole Davis, who placed fifth.

Preator was ranked fourth in the preseason rankings for the 132-pound weight class. Urbach said he's "improved a ton."

In the third place match, Preator beat a Rocky Mountain opponent he'd lost to on Friday.

"It's always good to see kids responding to losses and reversing them the next days," Urbach said.

Junior Matt Jones took fourth in the 145-pound weight



Powell High School freshman Emma Karhu wrestles Dylan Fauber of Buffalo for third place during the Powell Athletic Roundtable Invitational on Saturday. Karhu won 14-1. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

class. Urbach said Jones is another wrestler who showed improvement throughout the tournament and has improved drastically from where he was at this time last year.

"He was pretty darn solid," Urbach said of Jones. "I was impressed with him."

The championship match at 152 pounds was a showdown between PHS teammates Brody Karhu and Seth Horton.

"Both those guys had a great tournament," Urbach said.

Brody Karhu's only loss was to a tough kid from Thermopolis, explained Urbach. Meanwhile, Horton beat the No. 2 wrestler in the state, Cullen Becher of Thermopolis, on Friday.

Horton and Brody Karhu

are good friends and partners in the practice room, "so that does nothing but make them better, 'cause they're competitive," Urbach said, adding, "Steel sharpens steel and that's what they do."

The championship match went to sudden victory after the Panthers were tied at 4 after three periods. Brody Karhu won 6-4.

The preseason rankings had Horton ranked sixth at 152 pounds and Brady Karhu sixth in the 160-pound weight class. Horton was the only freshman from Powell to be ranked in the preseason rankings.

"For a freshman, he looked very, very good," Urbach said of Horton. "I thought he had an

outstanding tournament for a freshman."

Bo Dearcorn — who ranked second in the preseason rankings — placed second at 170 pounds.

"He had a really good tournament as well," Urbach said.

Dearcorn pinned Josh Jones of Cody in the semi-finals in 2:41 — a wrestler Dearcorn went back and forth with last year.

For the championship, Dearcorn met up with William Atnip of Lander, a senior who was picked second at 160 pounds in the preseason rankings. Atnip won by an 11-0 decision.

"He's a young sophomore and he loves the sport; he puts a lot of time into it and it shows," Urbach said of Dearcorn.

Another wrestler who Urbach thought wrestled really well at the varsity level was Cameron Schmidt.

"I thought he got better throughout the tournament,"

Urbach said. "He's another guy that works real hard in the room."

Overall as a team, Urbach said that "to be able to compete and be that young bodes well for the future, so I'm excited for this year and the coming years."

Urbach thanked his assistant coach Nick Fulton, saying the improvement was an indication of his coaching.

The coach also thanked the Powell Athletic Roundtable, all the volunteers, the referees and RJ Kost, Vicki Walsh and Tim Wormald — who worked behind the scenes to make sure the tournament ran smoothly.

"It's something we look forward to — something I think the community looks forward to — and we can't do it without people volunteering," Urbach said with appreciation.

Next up for the wrestlers is the Worland Dual Invite on Friday and Saturday with start times at 12:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.



Middle School MINUTE

WRESTLING

On Nov. 30, the Powell Middle School wrestling team competed in two duals in Worland, beating Worland 96-36 and Thermopolis 50-49.

On Dec. 2, the Cubs competed in Riverton at the Spartan Invitational and placed eighth out of 14 teams. First place finishers were Toran Graham at 160 pounds, Sheldon Shoopman at 180 pounds and Karson Lamb in the 190- to 200-pound weight class.

At the Conference Tournament in Thermopolis on Dec. 9, Powell took third out of nine teams. Conference champions were Toran Graham in the "A" Division at 165 pounds, Sheldon Shoopman in the "A" Division at 175 pounds and Garrett Tharp in the "B" Division at 110 pounds.

Karst named wrestler of the week

Powell High School alumnus Chance Karst has been named the Chadron State College Wrestler of the Week.

The honor was announced Tuesday.

Karst, a redshirt freshman who graduated from PHS in 2016, currently has an overall record of 10-3. He picked up two wins over the weekend, by a score of 13-3 in his first match, followed by a 18-2 tech fall victory.

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BUFFALO 84, POWELL 54

The Panther basketball team began its season against Buffalo Friday afternoon.

"Players were just kind of real tentative and kind of hesitant right at the start of the game," Kistler said. "First game jitters."

Kistler said it wasn't until the middle of the first quarter that the Panthers got on the board.

"Buffalo, they're just a good shooting team that presses you full court and they just got after us right at the start and we had way too many turnovers," Kistler said.

Powell had a total of 28 turnovers in the game.

"They made us pay for all the times we gave them the ball," Kistler said.

As a team, the Panthers shot 63 percent from the free throw line, 21 percent on 3-point shots and 32 percent from the floor.

Carson Heinen led with 19 points, eight rebounds — five offensive and three defensive — and three steals.

Also scoring in double digits was William Preator with 10.

Dalton Woodward had five rebounds and Jace Smith had three assists.

POWELL 57, DOUGLAS 54

Facing Douglas on Friday evening, Kistler described it as a good bounce back.

"It was night and day just in our demeanor from the first game [against Buffalo] to the next game," he said.

Kistler said the Panthers weren't hesitant, attacked the basket and played defense relatively well — though he did say there are things that needs to be cleaned up defensively.

The team cut down on their turnovers from the previous game to 19.

"We played Douglas very well," Kistler said. "It was a very physical [game], a lot of effort on both sides."

He said the team won the game by way of free throws.

The team shot 61 percent from the charity stripe. From the arc, the Panthers shot 31 percent and 45 percent on field goals overall.

The Panthers also had four players score in double digits, led by Heinen



Panther sophomore Kaelan Groves goes up for a shot over Rawlins' Kadin Forney Saturday at the East/West Classic in Cody. The Outlaws downed the Panthers 60-40. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

with 15, followed by Smith and Preator with 12 apiece and Kaelan Groves with 10.

On the boards, Heinen was one rebound away from a double-double by collecting nine — seven defensive and two offensive.

Zach Meredith had seven boards, four on defense and three on offense.

Both Smith and Heinen had four assists each.

RAWLINS 60, POWELL 40

Saturday afternoon, the Panthers played their third and final game of the East/West Classic against Rawlins.

"They're a good team; that's a complete team," Kistler said.

The preseason rankings from WyoPreps.com had Rawlins in the No. 2 spot.

Kistler said Rawlins has height,

speed, guards who can handle the ball and guys who can shoot the ball from inside and outside.

Turnovers once again hurt the Panthers.

"They took advantage each time we turned the ball over," Kistler said.

Powell had 23 turnovers in the game.

As a team, PHS shot 56 percent from the charity stripe, 11 percent at the 3-point line and 30 percent from the field overall.

Luke Washington was high scorer with nine points, followed by Groves with eight and Heinen with seven.

Washington also led on the boards with four rebounds — all defensive.

Next up for the Panthers is a home game against Lovell tonight (Tuesday) at 7 p.m.

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Hanks also had six boards and Katie McKenzie had five. Stenerson led the team in assists with seven.

POWELL 42, BUFFALO 32

On Friday night, the Lady Panthers faced the hosting Lady Bison.

"So they had the band, student section, it was really a fun atmosphere and a great atmosphere for our girls to learn to play in," said coach McKenzie of the night game. "I thought they handled the band and the crowd really well."

At the end of the first quarter the score was 12-10, Powell.

"This was another game where we got off to a pretty good start," coach McKenzie said. "It was pretty even after the first quarter and both teams kind of struggled to score in the second quarter."

In the second quarter, the Lady Panthers scored only five points, but the Lady Bison scored just two to make it 17-12 at halftime.

The Lady Panthers built a 31-22 lead in the third quarter and went on to win 42-32.

"I thought we played pretty good defense against these guys; Buffalo was another team pegged to do well this year," coach McKenzie said.

Bonander had another double-double with 11 points and 16 rebounds — 10 defensive and six offensive.

Hanks and Stenerson each had six boards.

Katie McKenzie and Ashtyn Heny each sank two 3-pointers, while Karlie McKenzie added one.

"We hope to see those three shoot a lot of 3s for us this year," coach McKenzie said.

For assists, Hanks had four and Karlie McKenzie had three.

As a team, the Lady Panthers had 21 turnovers but also had 12 steals.

"That's a pretty high number for us," coach McKenzie said of the steals. "And I think that helped counter the turnovers a little bit."

The team shot 50 percent from the charity stripe, 35.7 percent from the arc and 38 percent from inside the arc.

DOUGLAS 45, POWELL 29

Douglas' Lady Bearcats were ranked as the state's No. 1 team in WyoPreps.com's preseason rankings.

"They are a nice team; they blew everyone out of the water all weekend," coach McKenzie said. At the East/West Classic,

Douglas beat Lander 67-49, Cody 64-41 and Pinedale 71-20. They also defeated the Lady Panthers, 45-29.

"Even though we lost, I was proud of their effort," coach McKenzie said. "We just ran out of gas in the fourth quarter."

The Lady Panthers were right with the Lady Bearcats for the first three quarters of play.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 16-14, Douglas, 24-21 at halftime and 32-29 going into the final period.

However, the Lady Panthers were held scoreless in the fourth quarter, missing 11 shots.

"They were just shots that didn't go in that had been all weekend long," coach McKenzie said, reiterating that the Powell team "just ran out of gas."

Coach McKenzie said the team is looking forward to playing Douglas again, which will be Jan. 13 at home.

The Lady Bearcats put on either a full- or half-court press the entire game, which was a contributing factor to the Lady Panther's 24 turnovers.

"[They] just kept the pressure on us and we just gave the ball up too many times there," coach McKenzie said. "If you're going to beat the No. 1 team, you can't have 24 turnovers."

At the free throw line, Powell shot 63.4 percent while shooting 16.7 percent from 3-point range and 32 percent from inside the arc.

Stenerson led the team in steals, with six of the team's 16.

"She really did a nice job of getting her hands on the ball," coach McKenzie said.

Stenerson also led the team with 10 points and four assists.

Hanks led with seven rebounds — six on defense and one on offense — and added seven points.

Bonander scored six points. Michele Wagner picked up a rebound and steal in the fourth quarter.

Newcomers Brea Terry and Devon Curtis "played great minutes for us this weekend and I think they learned a lot and learned more of our expectations," coach McKenzie added. "And as we continue on this journey they are going to step in and do great things for us this year."

The coach is also looking forward to Jasmyn Lensegrav "healing up and getting back in the lineup."

Tonight (Tuesday), the Lady Panthers will have their first home game of the season, hosting Lovell at 5:30 p.m. The coach said the team's looking forward to it "and hopefully folks will come out and watch the boys and girls play."

The Student Council will be collecting donations (toys and monetary) for Toys for Tots during tonight's (Tuesday's) basketball games.

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Powell Swim Club picks up wins at Reindeer Dash

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Eight swimmers from the Powell Swim Club battled at the Reindeer Dash in Riverton on Dec. 1.

Josh Wright placed first in all 10 of his events in the 15-16 age category — including the 1,650 yard or 1 mile freestyle. Also placing first in all four of his events was Aaron Harder, who competed in the 17 and over age group. Other first place finishers included Kobus Diver in the 500 freestyle in the 11-12 age group and Grace Harder in the 13-14 age category in the 500 freestyle.

Head coach Stephanie Diver noted that her swimmers had no disqualifications at the meet.

RESULTS FROM THE REINDEER DASH

Haylee Akin (9-10 age group)
14. 100 backstroke 1:09.99 (0.52 improvement), 10. 100 breaststroke 2:05.97 (0.14), 19. 100 freestyle 2:12.18, 18. 50 backstroke 1:02.25 (1.15), 13. 50 breaststroke 1:00.26, 26. 50 freestyle 57.49

Kaitlin Diver (9-10)
11. 100 backstroke 2:00.26 (3.25), 11. 100 breaststroke 2:13.35 (3.24), 12. 100 freestyle 1:42.35, 10. 100 IM 2:04.32, 11. 200 freestyle 3:50.38, 17. 50 backstroke 59.84, 14. 50 breaststroke 1:00.85 (0.85), 13. 50 freestyle 44.16 and had a time of 48.15 in the open 50 freestyle

Kobus Diver (11-12)
5. 100 backstroke 1:37.82 (4.28), 5. 100 breaststroke 1:51.27, 8. 100 freestyle 1:26.46 (2.08), 5. 100 IM 1:39.37 (1.53), 6. 200 freestyle 3:10.43 (4.45), 6. 50 breaststroke 47.72 (2.44), 4. 50 butterfly 56.87, 7. 50 freestyle 36.37, 1. 500 freestyle 8:44.76

Aaron Harder (17 and over)
1. 100 butterfly 1:03.13 (0.63), 1. 100 freestyle 55.60 (0.72), 1. 200 freestyle 2:06.47 (2.73), 1. 200 IM 2:23.69 (1.91)

Grace Harder (13-14)
4. 100 breaststroke 1:35.49, 3. 100 butterfly 1:50.41, 6. 100 freestyle 1:18.27, 4. 200 backstroke 3:32.21, 3. 200 breaststroke 3:23.97, 2. 200 butterfly 3:41.39 (1.04), 5. 200 freestyle 2:53.16 (11.58), 5. 50 freestyle 35.13, 1. 500 freestyle 8:04.38

Lucia Harder (11-12)
6. 100 backstroke 1:32.87, 5. 100 butterfly 1:34.70, 7. 100 freestyle 1:16.22 (0.67), 4. 200 IM 3:14.82 (15.69), 5. 50 Backstroke 39.72, 7. 50 breaststroke 46.54, 4. 50 butterfly 36.72 (0.36), 6. 50 freestyle 32.74, 3. 500 freestyle 7:37.07 (11.38)

Gabriella Paterson (11-12)
5. 100 backstroke 1:26.64 (0.04), 5. 100 breaststroke 1:35.64 (0.22), 6. 100 freestyle 1:11.17, 5. 200 freestyle 2:43.17, 2. 200 IM 3:01.05, 5. 50 freestyle 32.27, 4. 500 freestyle 7:41.39

Joshua Wright (15-16)
1. 100 backstroke 1:13.74, 1. 100 breaststroke 1:31.94, 1. 100 butterfly 1:28.24 (11.39), 1. 100 freestyle 1:04.66, 1. 1650 freestyle 22:40.72 (2:27.13), 1. 200 backstroke 2:40.35, 1. 200 breaststroke 3:16.01, 1. 200 IM 2:55.09, 1. 50 freestyle 28.62 (0.21) and took first in the open 50 freestyle with a time of 33.83 (1.86)

*Place - Event - Time - (improvement)



Powell High School freshman Tarren Blackmore gets a start in lane eight of the second heat of the 50 freestyle. Blackmore finished in fifth place with a time of 31.10. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

PHS swim: Post several state qualifying times at home opener

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won the diving event with a state-qualifying score of 231.95 (which met the 4A bar) and posted a 3A state qualifying time of 26.01 with his second place finish in the 50 freestyle.

Sophomore Richard Spann posted state-qualifying times in the 100 butterfly, taking third in 1:05.53, and first in the 100 backstroke, with his 4A-caliber time of 1:00.52.

Meanwhile, senior Dillinger Wilkerson placed first in the 200 freestyle with a qualifying time of 2:11.67 and took second in the 100 breaststroke with a qualifying time of 1:07.69.

Joe Rogers, a junior, qualified for state while taking second in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:15.28.

Senior Gavin Asay placed second in the 200 IM with a qualifying time of 2:29.75 and took fourth in the 100 butterfly with a state-qualifying time of 1:07.45.

Sophomore Bryce Hogen took second and qualified for state in diving with a score of 145.35.

Also punching a ticket to the 3A meet was senior Jared Fuller, who qualified for state in both the 100 freestyle — taking third in 58.36 — and the 100 backstroke, where he swam to third in 1:07.69.

MORE FIRST PLACE FINISHES

Trenton Wilson, a senior, won the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:31.24.

Powell's 200 medley relay team and the 400 freestyle relay team each had first place finishes.

The 200 medley relay team, comprised of Fuller, Wilson, Creed and Spann, posted a time of 1:54.85 and the 400 freestyle relay of Dillinger Wilkerson, Wilson, Spann and Fuller had a time of 4:15.01.

On Saturday, the Panthers will compete at the Riverton Invitational, with a start time at 9 a.m.

RESULTS FROM TRIANGULAR WITH WORLAND AND CODY

200 Yard Medley Relay

1. Jared Fuller, Kacey Creed, Trenton Wilson and Richard Spann 1:54.85, 3. Jay Cox, Kason Cannon, Gavin Asay and Ben Cannizzaro 2:13.98

200 Yard Freestyle

1. Dillinger Wilkerson 2:11.67, 2. Joe Rogers 2:15.28, 3. Matthew Hobbs 2:19.64

200 Yard IM

1. Kacey Creed 2:16.68, 2. Gavin Asay 2:29.75, 4. Trenton Wilson 2:36.59

50 Yard Freestyle

2. Hudson Wilkerson 26.01, 4. Matthew Hobbs 29.24, 6. Tarren Blackmore 31.10, 9. Kason Cannon 38.66, 10. Michal Tomasik 39.79

Diving

1. Hudson Wilkerson 231.95, 2. Bryce Hogen 145.35

100 Yard Butterfly

1. Kacey Creed 1:01.66, 3. Richard Spann 1:05.53, 4. Gavin Asay 1:07.45

100 Yard Freestyle

3. Jared Fuller 58.36, 4. Jay Cox 1:01.72, 6. Tarren Blackmore 1:12.63, 7. Dallin Allred 1:16.41

500 Yard Freestyle

1. Trenton Wilson 6:31.24, 2. Ben Cannizzaro 6:58.61, 3. Joe Rogers 7:07.25

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

2. Kacey Creed, Dillinger Wilkerson,

Joe Rogers and Hudson Wilkerson 1:44.48, 3. Matthew Hobbs, Dallin Allred, Jay Cox and Bryce Hogen 1:58.31

100 Yard Backstroke

1. Richard Spann 1:00.52, 2. Jared Fuller 1:07.69, 4. Ben Cannizzaro 1:27.20

100 Yard Breaststroke

2. Dillinger Wilkerson 1:12.79, 3. Bryce Hogen 1:21.48, 4. Jay Cox 1:22.11

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1. Dillinger Wilkerson, Trenton Wilson, Richard Spann and Jared Fuller 4:15.01, 2. Ben Cannizzaro, Matthew Hobbs, Gavin Asay and Joe Rogers 4:27.25

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Thursday brought another night of bowling at Classic Lanes' "Thursday Night Live" league.

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Brian Lang of PVC Roofing had the high series for men with a pin total of 569. Lang had games of 118, 148 and 203 — which was the high game for men.

Sandee Whiteman had high series for the women with a

pin total of 406. She had games of 111, 173 (the high game for women) and 122.

Lang's and Sandee Whiteman's performances included bowling 50 pins over their averages.

Three bowlers — Scott Armstrong, Ty Whiteman and Gilbert Cordova — beat their average in all three games on Thursday. In the prior week, on Nov. 30, Bobby Carter and Nic Timmons bowled all three games over their average.

The next quarter of the league's season will start after the first of the year. Contact Classic Lanes if you would like to bowl or if you have your own team.

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The Student Council also will be collecting donations during the Panther and Lady Panther basketball home games against Lovell today (Tuesday).

Rotary hosts two high school exchange students

Powell Rotary Club is hosting two high school youth exchange students this year in Rotary's signature Long Term Exchange Program, recognized by the U.S. Department of State as the flagship student exchange program in the world.

The two students who are enrolled at Powell High School as seniors include a girl from Japan and a boy from Slovakia. Under stricter state department security rules, the public identification of exchange students is protected, said Terry Collins, who oversees the student exchange program for Powell Rotary Club.

The Powell inbound students are living with host families (up to three families in an academic year). No Powell students are currently participating in a foreign exchange to another country.

Rotary's long-term exchange program is open to students in good academic standing, 15 to 19 years old. The exchange year typically begins in late August and carries into June or July. Powell Rotary would en-

ertain interest and inquiry from students who may wish to apply for a year abroad in academic year 2018-19, Collins said.

She says the student exchange experience can change lives.

"You can't imagine how you are prepared for life, as you gain confidence, learn another language and learn about another culture," Collins said.

Rotary also has a Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) that provides exchange opportunities for three or four weeks in a foreign country during the summer. The summer program is also for students 15 to 19 and is a family-to-family exchange. Students from this country are matched with a student of about the same age in a family in the requested country, and arrangements for travel and length of stay are made by the respective families.

"We can take applications for the summer program through January," Collins said. "This program is very manageable in terms of time and cost. You get to know what it's

like to live in a foreign country, and you're not going to miss any sports or activities because it's not during a school year."

Collins said Rotary has another foreign exchange program "that is really taking off." Called a New Generations Exchange (NGE), it is a program designed for students or adults between 20 and 30 years of age and is a self-directed, short term program.

"It is generally six weeks to two months long, but it can even be just a month," she said.

NGE participants are responsible for their own round trip transportation and visa requirements. They will live with one host family during the exchange.

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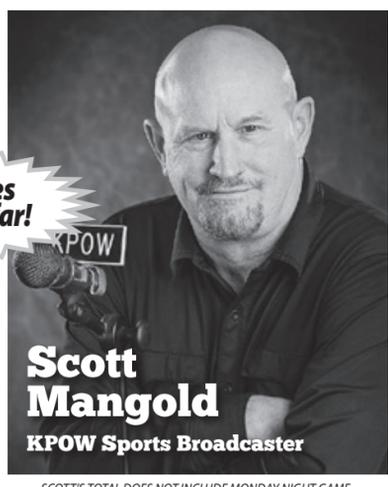
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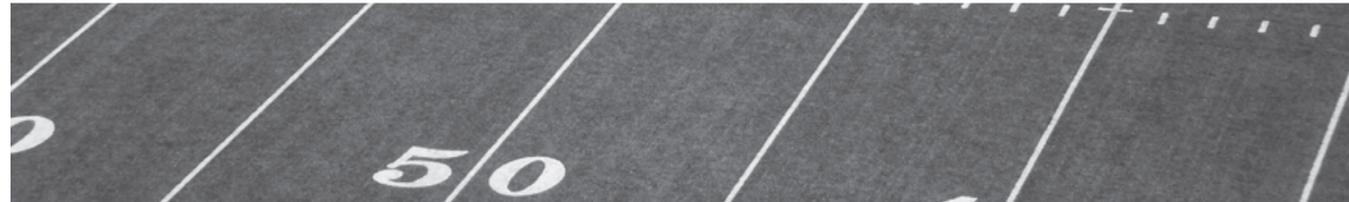
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POLICE OFFICER POSITION

with the Cody Police Department. H.S. Diploma or GED is required. WY P.O.S.T. certification desired. Valid driver's license is required. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Application and job description are available at City Hall, by emailing dscheumaker@cityof-cody.com or from our website www.cityofcody-wy.gov. Position will remain open till filled. First review of applications will be on Dec 15th. Pay is dependent upon certification, \$20.08 to \$31.14 plus full City benefit package. The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (91, 93, 96, 98, 99CT)

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- JO# 10328972,** 4 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), S L Ranch Corp., Sheridan MT - \$11.66/hr, 66 hrs/wk, 2/1/2018 to 11/15/2018
Dillon, MT SWA, 406-683-4259
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- JO# 10328840,** 2 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), Brown & Brown of MT, Inc., Chinook MT - \$11.66/hr, 48 hrs/wk, 2/1/2018 to 11/30/2018 *3 mo exp. on req'd tasks - Havre, MT SWA, 406-265-5847
- JO# 10322610,** 3 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), Coleman Angus, Charlo MT - \$11.75/hr, 48 hrs/wk, 1/1/2018 to 10/31/2018 - Polson, MT SWA, 406-883-7880
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- JO# 10322618,** 1 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), Huntsman Ranch Co., Dell MT \$11.75/hr, 54 hrs/wk, 1/1/2018 to 9/15/2018
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- JO# 10326957,** 2 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), HW Burns Family, LLC DBA Burns Ranch, Big Timber MT - \$11.75/hr, 48 hrs/wk, 1/23/2018 to 11/1/2018 if applicable, family housing may be available
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- JO# 10322779,** 1 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), Keith or Louise Peters, Dillon MT \$11.66/hr, 72 hrs/wk, 1/1/2018 to 11/1/2018
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- JO# 10329496,** 4 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), McCoy Cattle, LLC, Dillon MT - \$11.66/hr, 48 hrs/wk, 2/1/2018 to 11/30/2018
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- JO# 10323626,** 2 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), Rafter Ranch, Inc., Wise River MT \$11.66/hr, 48 hrs/wk, 1/1/2018 to 11/1/2018
Butte, MT SWA, 406-494-0300
- JO# 10328809,** 2 Farm/Irrigation/Livestock Worker(s), Santana Ranch (Robert Dixon), Lima MT - \$11.66/hr, 48 hrs/wk, 2/1/2018 to 11/30/2018
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Civil Air Patrol Yellowstone Composite Squadron cadets Rebekah Pelfrey (at right) Talon Heatley (second from right) and Bryan Hetler (center) participate in the Dec. 2 'Candlelight Christmas' event at Ft. Caspar Museum. Also pictured are reenactors Ian Howe (at left) and Daniel Mattern (wearing the sash).

Photo courtesy Karl Falken

LOCAL CADETS TRAVEL THROUGH TIME TO CELEBRATE

FRONTIER CHRISTMAS

It was Christmas Eve at Fort Caspar Collins, 1865.

The soldiers and civilians of Ft. Caspar were going about their routines. Guards posted at the gate watched vigilantly for signs of Indian attackers, given some bloody hostilities from the previous summer.

Suddenly, unexpected visitors arrived at the fort gate: Nearly 900 visitors from the 21st century arrived for a chance to experience life as it was on the Wyoming frontier in the middle of the 19th century.

The scene was the recent annual Candlelight Christmas at Ft. Caspar, held on Dec. 2 in Casper.

Five members of the Civil Air Patrol's local Yellowstone Composite Squadron were among 20 people who volunteered to bring the reconstructed fort to life with a variety of historical impressions.

Under the overall watchful eye of Fort Commander Major Martin Anderson of the 11th Kansas Cavalry (played by Ft. Caspar Museum Association President Con Trumbull), soldiers, blacksmiths, sutlers and other civilians played their roles.

Three Yellowstone Composite Squadron cadets from Cody — C/A1C Bryan Hetler, C/TSgt Rebekah Pelfrey and C/SMSgt Talon Heatley — portrayed sol-

diers of the 11th Kansas. Capt. Jerry Cowles of Cody and Capt. Karl Falken of Riverton, meanwhile, portrayed troopers of the 11th Ohio Cavalry. Falken has been reenacting since 2011, but it was the first time for the rest.

Cowles, the Yellowstone squadron commander, brought the cadets to experience living history and earn some community service time — something encouraged in the Civil Air Patrol.

"For those of us who were born too late to experience life on the frontier, this is a good way to immerse oneself in history and get a feel for life as lived by our pioneer forbears," Cowles said in a news release.

One participant portrayed a camp cook, serving up slow-cooked beans and fresh bread to visitors. Cadet Pelfrey found the bread to be the best part of the event, eating four pieces with blackberry jam.

"I came out to the event because I thought it would be an interesting experience. This is the first time I have been to a reenactment and it was fun," Pelfrey said, adding, "I hope to come back next year."

While Pelfrey showed visitors how to write with ink and quill, cadet Heatley portrayed barracks life for the record crowd.

"This was my first opportunity to participate in a reenactment and it seemed like a cool idea to me," he said. "I was expecting just to be watching from the background, but instead I was fully involved in the program. This meant a lot to me. It'd be awesome to do this again!"

His enthusiasm was shared by Hetler.

"The cadets who couldn't come missed a really special experience. I want to come back next year and hope they can, too," Hetler said.

The museum — which struggled to fully staff the event for years — was glad to have each volunteer.

"For not having reenacted before, the Civil Air Patrol members jumped right in and did well," Trumbull said. "They were quick learners — even with minimal orientation to our fort's history and the event's agenda. We'd be glad to have them back next year."

Grizzled mountain men gathered around a brazier on the parade ground, sharing gruff frontier stories with eager visitors. The event closed with a blast from a mountain howitzer. Loaded with gunpowder and fireworks, it broke the cold stillness with groundshaking thunder and illuminated the darkness with blazing colors.

For more information on Ft. Caspar, visit <http://www.fortcasparwyoming.com/>

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Rebekah Pelfrey

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Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
8:00am 5:00pm	Closed Merry Christmas!	7:30am 6:00pm	7:30am 6:00pm	7:30am 6:00pm	7:30am 6:00pm	7:30am 6:00pm
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Notice is hereby given that Park County will receive sealed bids until 5:00 PM, local time, December 29, 2017 at the Park County Engineer's Office at 113 11th Street, Cody, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SHOSHONE RIVER – COUNTY ROAD 6QS. Bridge project includes: removal of existing concrete bridge, construction of three span concrete prestressed bridge, offset roadway alignment tie-in, and bank protection. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost ranges from \$800,000 to \$1,100,000. All bids publicly opened and read aloud, the following week, during the regular session of the Park County Commissioner's meeting on January 2, 2018 (approximately 10:15 AM) held at the Park County Courthouse. The Park County Engineer's Office will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail or private carrier. NOTE - all bids must be received by the December 29th, 2017 5:00 PM time as noted in the opening sentence even though the bid opening is on January 2, 2018. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at HYPERLINK "http://www.questcdn.com" www.questcdn.com and at www.eaengineers.com under PROJECTS OUT TO BID. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$50 by inputting Quest project # 5450072 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or HYPERLINK "mailto:info@questcdn.com" info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Wyoming resident bidders will be given preference over bidders who are not residents of Wyoming, provided the bid of the resident bidder is not more than 5% higher than that of the lowest non-resident bidder. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Pre-bid meeting held at 9:30 A.M. local time, on December 15th, 2017 at the Park County Engineer's Office at 1131 11th Street, Cody, Wyoming.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2017.
Edwards, PE
Park County Engineer
First Publ., Tues., Dec. 5, 2017
Final Publ., Tues., Dec. 12, 2017

Zoning hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Western Collision SUP-156

Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. the Park County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to consider the application of Kim and Brian Frame, dba Western Collision, Inc., for a Special Use Permit with Site Plan Review to allow a Major Commercial Business in a Commercial zoning district, Lot 5B Nelson's Subdivision, 950 Road 10, Powell, WY.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room #105 in the Original Courthouse, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter is encouraged to attend, or submit comments to the Planning & Zoning Department, Suite #109, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY 82414. For more information call 527-8540 or 754-8540.

First Publ., Thurs., Nov. 30, 2017
Second Publ., Tues., Dec. 12, 2017

Minutes available

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
AND AVAILABILITY OF MINUTES

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of Park County School District Number One, State of Wyoming, unless otherwise advertised, are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 7:00 P.M.; with the exception of the July board meeting which will be held on the third Wednesday of the month and the second meeting of December will not be held, all meetings will be held in the Board Room of the School Administration Building at 160 North Evarts in Powell, Wyoming, and such meetings are open to the public.

Notice is also given that official minutes of each regular or special meeting of such Board, including a record of all official acts and of all warrants issued, are available for inspection by any citizen during regular office hours at the office of said district, that being the School Administration Building, 160 North Evarts, Powell, Wyoming.

First Publ., Tues., Dec. 12, 2017
Final Publ., Tues., Dec. 19, 2017

P&Z meeting

PARK COUNTY PLANNING
& ZONING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 19, 2017 in the Alternate Emergency Operating Center (EOC Room), basement of the Courthouse Addition 1002 Sheridan Ave. Cody, WY. 82414

Meetings of the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission are open to the public. For more information please contact the Park County Planning & Zoning Department at 527-8540 or 754-8540.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approve minutes from November 21, 2017 meeting.

AGENDA
• Wright Simple Subdivision-250 Sketch Plan Review: Kenny D. and Mary Ann Wright request approval of a 2 lot simple subdivision. Parcel is located in Lot 36 of Sec 7, and Lot 27 of Sec 18, RS T54N R100W 6th PM in GR-P zoning district. This 28.27 parcel is south of Road 15 and a quarter mile northwest of Hwy 14-A, approximately 9 miles north of Cody.

• PUBLIC HEARING – Hooper SUP-158: Randel and Courtney Hooper request a public hearing for a special use permit application on Lot 101 of Evans SS-215 (amended). Proposed use of the 15.45 acre lot would be to accommodate a restaurant, bar, and short-term lodging (Highway Commercial Business) in GR-5 zoning district. Parcel is located at 53 Stagecoach Trail.

• CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – Cabins by the River SUP-157: Jim and Sarah Nicholson, dba Cabins by the River, request a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review to allow a Highway Commercial Business. Parcel is located in Sec 24, T52N, R105W, Park County, Wyoming, in a GR-5 (General Rural 5-Acre) zoning district. This 4.1 acre parcel is west of Wapiti Lodge and east of Wapiti School, approximately 17 miles west of Cody along the Northfork Hwy.

OTHER BUSINESS
• Chairman's Report
• Planning Directors Report
ADJOURN
Publ., Tues., Dec. 12, 2017

LEPC notice

Park County LEPC Notice 2017
Martin K. Knapp, Chairman of the Park County Local Emergency Planning Committee, has announced Park County Hazardous Materials Operational Procedure, with accompanying inventory forms and Material Safety Data Sheets, are available for public review at the Park County Office of Homeland Security, 1131 Eleventh Street, Cody, WY. Regular office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

This public availability notice is issued annually, as required under Section 304(b) of the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986, regarding hazardous materials.

Anyone who wishes to review the data or requires further information, but cannot do so in accordance with the announced schedule, may call the Park County Office of Homeland Security at 307-527-1860 to make other arrangements.
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