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## DR. SCHNEIDER FACING FRAUD ALLEGATIONS

**WORKED FOR VA WITH FEDERAL CHARGES PENDING**

BY CJ BAKER  
Tribune Editor

Federal authorities in Montana have charged a former Powell/Cody doctor with five felonies, alleging he concealed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of assets when he declared bankruptcy in late 2014.

Neurosurgeon John Schneider was arrested in the San Diego area on Sept. 17, then released on his own recognizance the following day. Schneider made his first court appearance in Billings' U.S. District Court in Octo-

ber, where he pleaded not guilty to the charges against him.

Up through last week, Schneider was working as a surgeon for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Iowa City, Iowa, while out on bond.

Schneider remains barred from practicing medicine in Wyoming — having been stripped of his medical license in connection with a patient's death — but has an active medical license in Montana, whose medical board did not discipline him.

Iowa City VA spokesman Bryan Clark told the Tribune that Schneider

went through a credentialing process before joining the facility's staff at the end of April. The surgeon was working fulltime for the VA, though he was on a temporary appointment while he sought a medical license from the Iowa Board of Medicine, Clark said.

"In terms of anything that Dr. Schneider has going on in his home state, or where he came from before, you would have to talk to him about that," Clark told the Tribune on Nov. 3.

However, the Tribune

wasn't the only media outlet to inquire about how a doctor with a revoked license came to be hired by the VA.

On Sunday, USA Today published an in-depth investigation of Schneider's hiring titled, "VA knowingly hires doctors with past malpractice claims, discipline for poor care."

USA Today's story focused on more than a dozen malpractice complaints that have been filed against Schneider over the years — including one relating to the death that led to his Wyo-

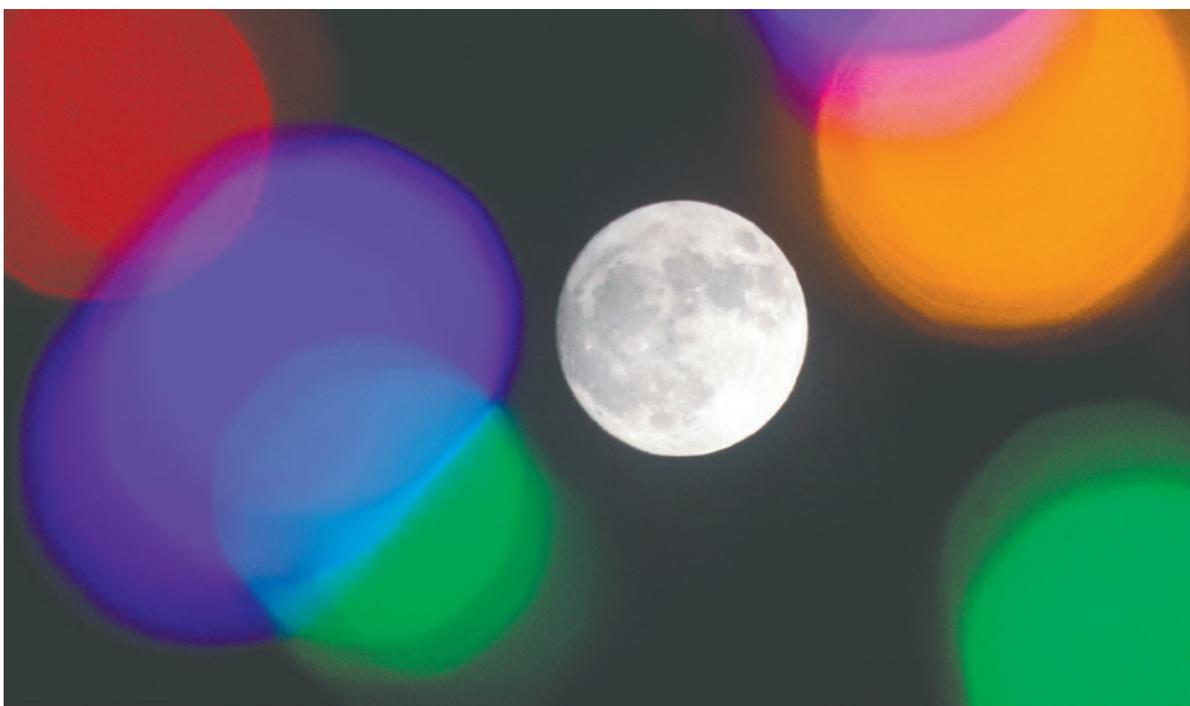
oming license being revoked in 2014. The media outlet also quoted two Iowa City VA patients and their families who alleged that Schneider had provided poor care since starting there earlier this year. Schneider denied the allegations.

In the piece, journalist Donovan Slack wrote that, "As a result of USA TODAY's investigation of Schneider, VA officials determined his hiring — and potentially that of an unknown number of other doctors — was illegal." Although Schneider still holds his Montana license, "federal law bars the agency from hiring physicians whose

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JOHN SCHNEIDER



### MOONLIT HOLIDAY

The moon and a string of holiday lights along Bent Street in Powell (above) help brighten up the night Saturday during the Country Christmas Lighted Parade. Santa (right) waves to the crowds from his special escort aboard a vintage fire truck decorated for the holiday season. For more photos of Country Christmas, see Page 16.

Tribune photos by Mark Davis



## Grizzly meeting draws big crowd

**MANY AREA RESIDENTS TURN OUT TO VOICE OPINIONS; MOST SUPPORT HUNTS**

BY MARK DAVIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department wanted to have a conversation about grizzlies. Park County residents answered the call in a big way: About 200 showed up to talk.

The goal of the Game and Fish was to listen. The near capacity crowd had five topics to consider. The most controversial, management of grizzly populations through hunting, provided the night with the most animated discussions.

After a short introduction describing the format, the meeting broke up into 10 discussion groups. Two employees for the Game and Fish led each one. Wildlife biologists and large carnivore experts circulated between the groups to answer the tough questions.

Among those in attendance, stories of encounters and conflicts with grizzly bears outnumbered a small contingent speaking out against trophy hunting.

"There was more of a focus on hunting," said Dan Thompson, Game and Fish large carnivore section supervisor. "People in the Cody region are very aware of conflicts with grizzlies."

The event was the seventh of eight scheduled public meetings hosted by the Wyo-

oming Game and Fish Department to discuss management plans of the state's most iconic species. And it was by far the largest of the seven — easily doubling attendance at any of the previous six events. The sign-in sheet had 176 signatures, not including two dozen Game and Fish employees and at least a few entered the meeting without signing in.

Dan White, a former biology teacher at Cody High School, recalled finding himself closer to a grizzly than anyone wants to be.

"I was on my back with a grizzly's jaws about a foot from my face," the Cody

resident said. The grizzly had charged through the cloud of bear spray White had put down. In the flash of terror, he gave his spray one last try, spraying directly into the bear's mouth. Luckily, the bear turned and ran, leaving White shaken but untouched.

Others told of large populations of grizzlies moving to their ranch properties, fears of allowing children to play outdoors and grizzlies becoming conditioned to hunting seasons — hearing the sound of gunfire and becoming curious if a meal could be near. White is an avid outdoorsman, but the point of his story was the effectiveness of bear spray.

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**'People in the Cody region are very aware of conflicts with grizzlies.'**

Dan Thompson  
Game and Fish

## New Veterans Affairs clinic opens in Cody

BY ILENE OLSON  
Tribune Staff Writer

As of Friday, the new VA clinic in Cody is open.

The Veterans Affairs Community Based Outreach Clinic is run by Valor Healthcare.

Located at 1432 Rumsey Ave., the new VA clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Veterans can make appointments by calling 307-587-4015. Those not currently enrolled should press 4 to find out how to enroll.

The clinic is staffed by an interim physician, Dr. Alan

Schonfeld; a registered nurse, Blanca Archard; a licensed practical nurse, Sheila Sankey; and a medical support assistant, Kristi Taylor.

Toni Durrance is the clinic operations director. A telehealth clinical technician, Kim Little, will join the team later this month, and Valor Healthcare is still recruiting for a social worker, said Kristina Miller, public information officer for the Veterans Affairs office in Sheridan.

Schonfeld is Valor's West Coast regional medical officer. He is seeing patients in Cody until another physician is on board, Miller said.

"We had a doctor lined up for a permanent position, but that doctor opted not to take the job, so we had to backtrack and restart the process," she said. "Dr. Schonfeld already worked for Valor, so he is able to fill in during the credentialing process for a new doctor."

The outreach clinic had been located within Powell Valley Healthcare's facilities for 18 years. It was moved to Cody after the VA awarded the five-year bid to Texas-based Valor Healthcare in May.

The VA has been moving away from "blended clinics" in favor of clinics that only see vet-

erans, Valor President Dr. Scott Wise told veterans at an October meeting in Cody.

Terry Odom, chief executive officer for Powell Valley Healthcare, said doctors at the clinic saw VA patients through Thursday, as specified in the contract.

Odom said it will take about a month to determine the financial impact of losing the contract.

"Anecdotally, we've heard that several patients have asked for their medical records from the VA, because they're going to use their Medicare to come here," she said.



Powell area game warden Chris Queen directs one of 10 small group discussions during a public meeting about grizzly management at the Holiday Inn in Cody Thursday night.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis

**OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH ADHERENCE TO NEW LIQUOR LAWS**

## City of Powell renews liquor licenses for 2018

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports/News Editor

Representatives from local businesses holding liquor licenses made up the majority of the audience at the Nov. 20 City Council meeting, as their licenses came up for renewal.

Adding a new wrinkle to the proceedings was an update by Powell Police Chief Roy Eckerdt, who outlined local

businesses' adherence to a number of new liquor laws that went into effect earlier this year. All in all, Eckerdt said it was a good year of working with establishments.

The 2017 Wyoming Legislature voted to shift responsibility of liquor regulation from the state to local licensing authorities. Those ordinances went into effect July 1, effectively leaving it up to cities, towns and counties to determine such issues as how late bars can serve

alcohol, as well as when minors are allowed in alcohol-serving establishments.

The City of Powell opted to also require TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) training for alcohol servers. TIPS classes are designed to teach servers how to recognize a fake ID and to tell when someone has been overserved. The program also trains people on how to deal with alcohol-related problems such as domestic disputes and

other violence and how to work with law enforcement when problems occur.

"With TIPS training added as an ordinance, I will say we've had a fantastic response. We've had two classes so far, with the third one scheduled for [November]. We've had good attendance in all classes," Eckerdt said.

As for compliance checks, despite a handful of misses for various establishments, the chief said all of the owners who received negatives are working

diligently to remedy the issue. For example, Eckerdt said one establishment recently "really stepped up" in catching some well-made fake IDs.

"There were some fantastic [false IDs] that I had to take my license out and hold it next to them to try and compare to tell the difference. Those don't reflect in your report, however they are taking steps to improve, and

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OBITUARIES

**Lynda L. Brothers**

(Oct. 10, 1946 - Nov. 25, 2017)

Lynda L. Brothers passed away Nov. 25, 2017.

Lynda was born on Oct. 10, 1946. She graduated from Bucklin High school in Bucklin, Kansas, and Sydney's beauty school in Hayes, Kansas. She married Denis Brothers and they had 3 children.

Lynda was a longtime business owner of Hair Benders in Powell. In her younger years, Lynda enjoyed traveling, horseback riding, camping, and watching her girls play basketball. As she grew older she enjoyed fishing, swimming and trying her luck at the casino. Most recently as her health declined she found solace watching hummingbirds on her back deck. She was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

Lynda was preceded in death by both her parents Orvis Hensley and Maxine Scheib and her brothers Bryce Hensley and Mark Scheib. She is survived by her husband Denis, son Jason, daughters Jen and Jamie and 3 grandchildren Jacob, Skylor and Easton, her stepfather Harry Scheib and sister Anita Carol and brothers Bryan and Brant Hensley. Interment will be held in her honor at Ford cemetery in Ford, Kansas, on May 29, 2018.

—Paid obituary



LYNDA BROTHERS

**Mildred Mae Paris**

(Sept. 5, 1938 - Dec. 2, 2017)

Mildred Mae Paris died peacefully from natural causes on Dec. 2, 2017, at West Park Hospital Long Term Care Center. She was 79. Mildred is lovingly remembered by family and friends as Millie.

She was born Sept. 5, 1938, in Stafford, Kansas.

After earning her teaching credentials from the Bethany Nazarene College in Oklahoma, Millie began her teaching ca-

reer in Casper. Over the years, she taught in Cody, Riverton, on the Wind River Reservation, as well as a Christian School in Nampa, Idaho.

Millie was an accomplished pianist teaching many children the basics of piano everywhere she lived and volunteered playing for her local church. Millie enjoyed and dedicated many hours to The Gideons along with the local Church of God ministries.



MILLIE PARIS

reer in Casper. Over the years, she taught in Cody, Riverton, on the Wind River Reservation, as well as a Christian School in Nampa, Idaho.

Millie met the love of her life, Walter Paris, and they married in 1974. For 34 years, they enjoyed each other's company traveling to many places, playing card and board games with family and friends while sharing their devotion to God with others.

Millie is survived by her brother Clinton (Linda) Rock; sister Gayla (Roy) Meroniuk; and children Jeff (Tammy) Paris, Greg (Anna) Paris, Allen (Renae)

Paris and Donna Paris. Millie was blessed with 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, seven nieces and nephews and numerous friends and church family.

Millie was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Paris, Jr., parents Clinton and Golda Rock and son Rodney Paris.

Memorial services will be held at the Mountain View Church of God in Cody at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Memorials may be sent to the Mildred M. Paris Memorial account at Big Horn Federal Bank at 1701 Stampede Ave., Cody, WY 82414.

**Constance 'Connie' I. Pendley**

(Jan. 3, 1942 - Dec. 1, 2017)

Constance "Connie" Carlisle Pendley, formerly of Powell, Cody and Cheyenne, died peacefully at Cedar Wood Healthcare in Red Lodge, Montana, on Dec. 1, 2017. She was 75.

She was born in Galena, Illi-

nois, on Jan. 3, 1942, as the oldest of three children, to Albert Carlisle and Marie Meusel-Carlisle. Her family moved to Frannie when she was a child and she graduated from Deaver High School as the valedictorian. She went to college in Powell where she met Gary Pendley. They married on March 31, 1961.

Connie lived a life devoted to her home and family. She enjoyed working with her hands,

creating countless crafts for her family and friends. Her bichon frisé pups were a highlight for her. Connie was deliciously witty and had a quick sense of humor.

Connie is survived by son Greg (Ann) Pendley of Cody; daughter Trisha Pendley of Ft. Collins, Colorado; grandson Cory (Madison) Pendley; granddaughter Amber (Jake) Tuten; and great-grandsons Gabriel

and Nathanael Tuten. She is also survived by sister Margaret "Peg" Johnson of Vestavia Hills, Alabama; and Bob (Jane) Carlisle of Galena, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband Gary, an infant daughter, and her parents.

Cremation has taken place with Ballard Funeral Home and a small family interment ceremony will be conducted at a later date.

**Virginia Mae Cooley**

(Jan. 22, 1937 - Dec. 1, 2017)

Virginia Mae Cooley, 80, died Dec. 1 2017, at her home in Powell.

Memorial services will be Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Powell.

Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery. The family has requested that condolences be sent to them at [www.thompsonfuneral.net](http://www.thompsonfuneral.net) or to P.O. Box 807, Powell WY 82435.

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER



Dylan DeBoer (center) performs during the Parkside Elementary School's holiday program on Thursday night on the Powell High School Auditorium stage. Also pictured in the group are Aubrey Kelley, Veronica Kovach, Henry Tillotson and Isi Tobin. Parkside was the first local school to present its Christmas program, performing a variety of holiday songs on the final day of November. Westside students will perform their holiday program on Thursday night, while Southside will follow on Thursday, Dec. 14. Clark students wrap things up with their performance on Dec. 19. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker

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## Schneider: Trial in fraud case set for Feb. 12 in Billings

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license has been revoked by a state board," Slack reported, adding, "VA spokesman Curt Cashour [in Washington, D.C.] said agency officials provided hospital officials in Iowa City with 'incorrect guidance' green-lighting Schneider's hire."

USA Today said the VA took action to fire Schneider on Wednesday, but he resigned instead.



The trustee overseeing Dr. John Schneider's bankruptcy case alleged that, around the time Schneider declared bankruptcy, he used a limited liability company to buy this roughly \$1.8 million home in California. Courtesy photo

### SERIES OF CONTROVERSIES

It was the latest in a series of controversies for Schneider in recent years.

The surgeon had reported a net worth of around \$17 million in 2011 — and he was on the verge of opening a new surgical center in Billings in partnership with other local doctors late that year. But things changed quickly.

In late November 2011, Schneider performed back surgery on 47-year-old Russell Monaco — the husband of one of his employees — at West Park Hospital in Cody. Monaco was discharged a couple days later, but died at home that night from a mixture of numerous painkillers prescribed by Schneider and his physician assistant. That mixture included fentanyl, a powerful opioid that wasn't supposed to be used to treat postoperative pain. Schneider has attributed the death to the actions of his PA, West Park staff and others.

Just days after Monaco's death, Cody orthopedic surgeon Jimmie Biles filed a civil lawsuit alleging Schneider had been behind a flier — that was mailed to thousands of local homes in 2010 — that spread false accusations about Biles.

Schneider claimed he'd had no involvement with the flier, but his own attorneys denounced him after damning emails surfaced; they include messages in which Schneider appeared to discuss destroying evidence and pledged a \$250,000 "payoff" to a witness. The judge presiding over the defamation case suggested that Schneider's actions warranted an investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Wyoming, but nothing came of it. Schneider has said that he was joking about destroying evidence and that his reference to a payoff was about a countersuit he expected to win.

Biles' suit ended in a "multi-million" dollar settlement. Schneider paid out of the same entity that provided his medical malpractice insurance, according to court filings and testimony from the trustee in the bankruptcy case.

Schneider's actions led to at least some of Schneider's partners on The Surgical Center at OMNI in Billings to decide they no longer wanted to partner with him. Despite efforts to continue the project, the OMNI center never opened to the public.

In February 2014, the Wyoming Board of Medicine revoked Schneider's license over the care he provided to Monaco. Schneider has appealed the board's decision, arguing in part that he was denied due process.

Meanwhile, several patients — including Monaco's family — sued Schneider for alleged medical malpractice.

He declared bankruptcy on Dec. 4, 2014 — five days before one of the cases was set to go to trial in Park County's District Court.

It's a series of statements that Schneider made (or failed to make) in the initial months of his bankruptcy case that resulted in criminal charges this past summer.

### INDICTED IN BILLINGS

In late July, a grand jury convened in Billings indicted Schneider on allegations of fraud in the bankruptcy: two counts of making a false statement under oath, one of concealing assets and one of fraudulent transfer of assets. Under standard federal court procedures, the case brought by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Montana remained sealed from public view until Schneider's first court appearance in San Diego on Sept. 18.

Schneider is alleged to have failed to disclose \$309,000 in a U.S. Bank account, transferred hundreds of thousands of dollars to his sister to get around the bankruptcy court's rules and fraudulently concealed a 2001 Harley Davidson motorcycle valued at around \$15,500.

Schneider testified at a January 2015 proceeding that he'd given the Harley to his sister's husband. However, that sister, Kathleen Burrows of California, later testified they never had the vehicle. Burrows said her husband "has not ridden a motorcycle since his motorcycle accident in the late '90s."

Schneider also testified he'd given his sister a property in Molt, Montana, which was then sold for \$325,000.

"The money from that transaction went to Kathleen Burrows, and I believe she has the gift tax returns to demonstrate that," Schneider told the bankruptcy trustee in January 2015, according to a transcript included in court records.

However, Burrows said Schneider actually kept close to half of the proceeds for himself. Burrows said she received \$150,000 while the other \$146,000 of the proceeds were used to open an account at U.S. Bank. Combined with a few other checks, more than \$539,700 was put into the account in the span of about a week.

Although it was Burrows' name on the account, "This is John's [Schneider's] money when I opened it up, and I believed, I mean, it was John's money," Burrows testified in July 2015, saying Schneider had control of the ATM card and used it. She also said Schneider had not wanted his name on the account, according to a transcript filed in the bankruptcy case.

In the years leading up to his bankruptcy, Schneider shuffled his assets around multiple trusts and LLCs. Schneider has said the transfers were part of estate planning efforts he'd begun years earlier.

However, Joe Womack, a Billings lawyer who served as the trustee in the bankruptcy case, alleged Schneider's transactions were part of a "complex scheme" intended to "hide his personal assets from creditors."

Womack charged that, although Burrows was listed as managing some of the LLCs and

trusts, Schneider was actually the one in control. For example, Burrows was technically the owner of an entity called MedPort LLC, which she said she thought was going to be a family business.

However, "I think in general I didn't have any control over what in the world was going on," Burrows testified.

"And whatever was going on — like the using MedPort money to purchase a big home in southern California — I was not in agreement with at all," Burrows said. MedPort finalized the purchase of that roughly \$1.8 million home for the Schneider family a couple months after Schneider declared bankruptcy.

A settlement approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Montana last year resulted in Schneider giving up millions of dollars of assets, including half of the proceeds from the sale of his home in Billings and his Whispering Winds Ranch, located between Powell and Cody. The home in Encinitas remained with MedPort and the Schneider family.

### WORKING AS A CONSULTANT

At the time he filed for bankruptcy, Schneider said he was working as an expert witness in medical malpractice and worker's compensation cases for MedPort, receiving a monthly salary of \$2,500 against more than \$14,000 worth of expenses. Later, Schneider worked as a consultant for a spinal implants company, training foreign surgeons in a California lab with cadavers and on live patients overseas.

Womack said Schneider's lack of significant income was one of the factors that led him to strike a deal in the bankruptcy case.

"I don't think he's got the ability to earn any more money, and I think people, if he doesn't get his discharge, and they go after him, they're not going to have anything to get," Womack, the trustee, testified in March 2016. "They're going to be chasing somebody that's going to be hiding assets for the rest of his life, like [bankrupt billionaire real estate developer] Tim Blixseth and O.J. Simpson, and they're not going to get anything."

"Both of whom are in jail, I want to point out," interjected Andy Patton, a Billings attorney who represented the Monaco family and other former patients of Schneider.

"Yeah. And who knows what will happen with Dr. Schneider; I have no idea in that regard," Womack said. "But that's a criminal matter, and that's not for me to say."

A trial in the case being brought by federal prosecutors in Billings is currently set to start on Feb. 12.

Before resigning at the Iowa City VA last week, Schneider was earning an annual salary of \$385,000.

## Liquor: No business has reached level of suspension

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catching those IDs was a big catch," Eckerdt said of La Vina Package Liquors.

Under Powell's current demerit system, if a licensee acquires 75 points in a 12-month period, their license will be suspended for three days; 125 points or more in that same amount of time will result in a seven-day suspension. Point values range from 15 points for serving alcohol after hours to 30 points for selling or serving alcohol to a minor.

Mayor John Wetzel inquired as to whether any establishments acquired enough demerits to warrant a liquor license suspension.

"To the best of my knowledge none of them reached the level

of a suspension, is that correct?" Wetzel asked.

"That would be correct," Eckerdt replied.

Councilman Scott Mangold asked if the police department had run into any problems with the new laws on the books, or any issues the city may have not foreseen when the ordinances were passed.

"No we have not," Eckerdt said.

Police recorded 11 negative contacts between November 2016 and November 2017, the result of failed compliance checks, where youth supervised by police attempt to buy alcohol with their real identification. That was up from just four negatives the year before.

Meanwhile, the bars and res-

taurants received 35 positive write-ups from police between November 2016 and 2017 — up from 20 the year before.

Figures compiled by the police department and presented to the council show there were 353 calls for service at the city's 20 establishments from November 2016 to November 2017, up just slightly from the 334 calls made the previous year.

"I'm hesitant to put much weight on that number, because we want them [businesses] to call," Eckerdt said Monday. "So you won't see anywhere on our ordinance where if law enforcement is called to your establishment 15 times, it's a demerit situation, because we want them to call when there's an issue so we can come help with it."

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IN OUR OPINION

## Without bipartisanship, policy is short-sighted and likely short-lived

Major votes in Congress are made on razor-thin margins these days.

In the hours leading up to the Senate's vote on a \$1.5 trillion tax bill, Republicans secured their final few votes to pass the bill 51 to 49 in the wee hours of Saturday morning.

We're disappointed in the process and that Senators rushed to pass sweeping legislation that the American people had little time to review, much less understand.

While GOP leaders were quick to claim victory — Wyoming's Sens. Mike Enzi and John Barrasso among them — Democrats were quick to criticize.

Unsurprisingly, no Democrats voted for the GOP tax reform bill; one Republican opposed it.

Party-line votes on significant legislation rushed through Congress follow a narrative Americans know all too well.

Eight years ago this month, Democrats in the U.S. Senate passed the Affordable Care Act on Christmas Eve without a single GOP vote. Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine had supported an earlier version of the health care bill, but ultimately voted no in December 2009 because she believed Democrats were moving too quickly to get the bill off the floor, according to The Hill. Sound familiar?

Republicans vowed then to fight Obamacare, and it's a battle they continue to wage nearly a decade later: Their tax bill repeals Obamacare's individual mandate.

Just as Republicans have fought the Affordable Care Act at every turn, we anticipate Democrats will now battle against the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act whenever they can.

Since President Donald Trump was elected, Democrats have adopted a tactic of obstruction. It's likely that the next time there is Democratic control in D.C., they will dismantle everything from the Trump era — just as the president and Congress have sought to do with Obama-era legislation and policies.

Herein lies the problem: Without bipartisanship support, how long will any law actually last?

In a column for National Review, Kevin D. Williamson said Republicans committed the same sins Democrats did in ramming through Obamacare, including "the 'we have to pass the bill in order to find out what's in it' approach to lining up votes behind legislation nobody had read, which was still being amended well into the evening ... sometimes with notes scribbled in the margins."

And then there's the problem of the partisanship. Williamson said bipartisan compromises "are desirable not because bipartisanship and compromise are virtuous but because achieving broad political buy-in is the only way to produce stable and long-lasting policy settlements."

Rather than crafting momentous legislation together, our lawmakers in D.C. spend more time trying to tear apart the opposing side.

In 1986, the last time Congress passed a tax reform bill, 41 Republicans and 33 Democrats in the Senate voted for it, after the bill was debated over the course of months. Given today's political climate, those tallies seem extraordinary.

We continue to hope that Congress will get its House (and Senate) in order, because repeated voting on party lines only deepens the chasms of our divided nation.

*Tessa Baker*

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# The trouble with tweeting

I am, admittedly, a congenitally loquacious person. To put it more simply, when I came into the world back in 1944, I came equipped with a big mouth. Moreover, I inherited little control over my mouth, and six years later, I inaugurated the first day of the 1950-51 school year by talking when I shouldn't — earning a scolding from the teacher before she let me join the crowd at recess.

These days, though, I'm afraid my verbose tendencies mean that I'm approaching dinosaurhood. Today's with-it people are text messaging or using an online thing called "Twitter" to send "tweets." Both of which actually demand short messages. Texting requires them because you have to type the message out on a tiny keyboard using your thumbs, which seems like a chore to me. Twitter, on the other hand, originally dictated messages containing no more than 140 characters, although now it allows 280 characters.

I'm not exactly sure whether spaces count as characters, but a "t" and a space each require a tap on the big key at the bottom of the keyboard, so I suspect spaces do count. Even if they don't, 140 characters is pretty short and 280 isn't a whole lot better.

To meet the demand for short messages, Messengers

resort to toying with the language. They misspell words to shorten them, for example — even reducing them to a single letter. The shorter words are then planted in shorter sentences, such as "I luv U."

I can't deal with the limits, and this essay makes that obvious. With a 140-character limit, I couldn't finish the first three sentences, and the fourth sentence uses up 230 characters all by itself. That would leave me with only 50 characters — maybe six or seven average words — to write the rest of the column. Besides, I'm an antique English teacher and opposed on principle to misspelling words, unless I'm trying to reproduce Gomer Pyle's accent or trying to be funny.

I might be in trouble, though. From what I read in the papers, this Twitter stuff is now an important, if not the major, way of spreading information around the country. Even the president has adopted tweeting as his way of communicating with we the people, and most people think that's just fine and dandy.

I don't think it is, though. A short tweet is a good way to call attention to a terrorist

attack, a natural disaster, an act of Congress or the condition of the nation's highways, but that's all it can do. The tweeter can't convey information sufficient for recipients of his tweet to fully understand what has happened and how to respond. It can't explain



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the how and why of what has happened, or say much about what it might do to us.

That's all right if people respond by looking for more information so they can fully understand the event and decide how to respond to it. As citizens in a democratic nation, we need more information than can be contained in a short message so we can evaluate our government's response to it and develop our own.

The past few weeks are a case in point. I do not follow Twitter, although I've looked at tweets that have been reported in other sources. In the past two weeks, though, my email has been inundated with emails from politicians, pressure groups and news organizations concerning the so-called "tax reform" now working its way through Congress.

Most of the sources have

aimed their messages at convincing me one way or the other and because of that, the information is biased. The bias is magnified by the lack of information in the brief messages. It has all been very confusing.

I have been trying, with limited success, to find some more objective information about the tax bill. The bill has not reached its final form yet, and few details have been made public. Most of what I have found leads me to believe that once the bill is passed, our tax system will still be a mess. It will still be complicated and there will be some unfair provisions. That's about all I can determine from all the shouting going on by proponents and opponents of the bill.

That shouting is the problem, and communication devices like Twitter are a major source of the noise. What we need is fewer tweets — whether they come from the White House, Congress, pressure groups or news organizations — and more objective information from non-partisan sources.

Of course, Americans would have to obtain that information and evaluate it themselves and I'm not sure most of us would do that.

We're all too busy reading our email and tweeting on Twitter.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### College's carillon not worth saving

Dear Editor:  
I am writing about the carillon at Northwest College. It has always amazed me that normal people lose their mind when they get elected to any office. Why would anybody think it is OK to spend more than 13 times the amount it cost to build the carillon in the first place to repair it? Would anyone even consider a deal like that if they had to pay for it? If your mechanic told you it would cost \$340,000 to fix your \$25,000 car would you really think about it for very long?

The carillon, we are told, is very important to NWC. Does a stack of bricks and a bell really set us apart from other colleges?

One of the trustees is quoted as saying, "It is what we stand for." Really? A college should stand for good education and career training. "It really enhances the college." Wow. "It's in our logo."

I went to NWC, even got a degree, and never once gave any thought to the carillon; I hardly noticed it even though I walked past it a few times.

The carillon was paid for with \$25,000 raised through private funds. Does anyone really think it would have been built if the price were \$340,000? Would NWC still be here if the carillon had not been built?

The editor commented that it is an important landmark for Powell. Seriously? I am a Powell native and I am going to have to throw the B.S. flag on that. I don't think anybody really believes that. As a landmark it is not visible anywhere but from parts of the college campus. Most people in Powell rarely see it and have never thought about it as a landmark for town.

NWC facilities director David Plute says, "The way Wyoming funding is setup, they only OK major maintenance. If we don't repair it we will lose it." Why not have a fundraising drive to replace the carillon? That's how it was

built the first time. Whoever decided that the state should pay for it should be replaced with someone with some common sense.

The Powell Tribune has been full of stories about how little money that Wyoming has in its education budget. Do we really need to spend education money just because it is free money? There is no such thing as free money. NWC gets \$340,000 to fix a \$25,000 thing that contributes absolutely nothing to education and some other school has to close a classroom building because there is no money to repair it.

NWC has a pretty good engineering department; let them design a new carillon. There is also a skilled art department that can design a new logo for NWC. Those would be excellent opportunities for the students to learn and use their skills, and it would make the structure their own, and an actual source of pride. I think NWC will be OK without an "identifier" for a little while. Maybe

NWC could focus on education for awhile. I am also pretty sure Powell will still be here without its unknown landmark.

NWC should take the high road and let somebody that actually needs the money for education use it. If the carillon is as important as we are led to believe, then people will step up and donate to have it rebuilt.

If it isn't that important then nobody will miss it or remember it in a year.

Sincerely yours,  
Mike Lindsay  
Powell

### Guns would bring real security for schools

Dear Editor:  
"We don't want this to be an issue that divides our community." As I read through the Powell Tribune article of Nov. 28, I found myself looking for the phrase, "Keeping

our students safe is a high priority in the Powell School District." Unfortunately, any comment about safety didn't appear until the third paragraph from the end, and it was in a challenge stating, "There would have to be a convincing argument that a new policy will make kids in local schools safer."

I went online and took the survey. I am a grandparent of both a Southside school student as well as a middle school student. I was disappointed that in the survey there was no place for a comment. Thus, this letter to the editor.

Based on all the shootings at schools, churches, entertainment venues etc. with all being "gun free zones," it is clear the perpetrators saw these "zones" as an opportunity to murder as many people as possible before law enforcement arrived. Superintendent Curtis, who can address a shooter in the school faster? Trained staff who run to the danger, or police who need five minutes

or more to respond? How many children can lose their lives in the difference of time?

It is the job of the school district to keep our children safe. Can you guarantee that by continuing to have a "gun free zone" you are keeping our children safe? Who or what are you and your staff afraid of? I would think it should be "the unknown or the what if," rather than fellow trained staff members who run to meet the danger. I suspect, sir, the community is already divided on this issue. Let's really talk.

Ever since the Sutherland, Texas, church massacre a few weeks ago, churches in Park County are not taking the danger lightly — they are putting security in place in the form of designated people in the congregation as armed security. It's time those running our schools stop being politically correct and put in place real security for our children.

Sincerely,  
Jo Walker Bryant  
Clark

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## MEAD RECOMMENDS LAWMAKERS REVERSE CUTS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BY ARNO ROSENFELD  
Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER — Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead has called for increasing spending on various social services in the state, saying that cuts made to weather the economic downturn caused by the energy bust have gone too far.

Mead made the recommendations as part of his budget presentation Thursday morning.

The governor has recommended that state lawmakers increase the Department of Health's budget by \$48 million and argued against allowing \$17 million in cuts proposed by the department as part of a cost-saving effort. He also called for the Legislature to boost spending for the Department of Family Services.

While Mead accepted the Legislature's decision last year to cover the education funding shortfall — up to \$282 million — with reserve dollars, he said that even with a boost in spending for certain agencies his budget proposal entirely covers state government operations with money to spare.

"We were able to put together a budget in its entirety without using any rainy day funds," Mead said at a press conference. The budget totals about \$2.9 billion, with \$24 million left over.

Many of the cuts to both social services, as well as other departments including agriculture and corrections, had been implemented for long enough to determine that they were hurting those agencies' ability to deliver services, he said.

The governor noted that he had declined to accept proposed cuts to the health and some other departments that had been proposed by the agencies themselves. However, he said the proposed cuts came at the request of the Legislature, which sought to reduce state spending by \$13 million last year.

Mead said that he had found about \$9 million in cuts but rejected additional spending reductions that would have reduced services too severely. Some suggestions went too far, he said, such as allowing the Department of Health to privatize a state-run assisted living facility and nursing home.

"I think before any of us go down that road to privatize those two places we would need a solid plan with assurances for long-term care," he said.

Mead also rejected a request to eliminate spending on immunizations, among other items.

Other notable parts of the budget proposal include:

- Allocating \$500,000 to the state's Homeland Security emergency fund, which currently has just \$695;
- reinstating and increasing funding for the Wyoming State Fair to \$1 million over the next two years;
- allocating an additional \$500,000 for brand inspection by the state livestock board following cuts last year;
- allowing the Department of Health to collect \$1.7 million in federal funding for community mental health and substance abuse programs;
- allocating \$8.3 million for the Department of Family Services to renew contracts

with the two tribes on the Wind River Reservation;

- boosting the State Public Defender budget by \$1.9 million;
- increasing the Department of Corrections budget by \$1.4 million to allow raises for employees;
- spending \$37.5 million in rainy day funds on ENDOW, Mead's economic diversity initiative.

Mead noted that his proposed budget represented \$400 million less in spending than 10 years ago, when his predecessor Dave Freudenthal, a Democrat, was in office.

### JUST A RECOMMENDATION

It is unclear whether lawmakers will go along with the exception requests in Mead's proposed budget, though the core of the budget provides a useful starting point for the Legislature to fund state government. The body convenes in February for a short, four-week session to set the budget for 2019-2020.

House Speaker Steve Harshman, R-Casper, said he's largely supportive of reversing cuts to the health department and believed other lawmakers were as well.

"Budgets are people and 40 percent of our budget is the Department of Health and it goes directly to people and those cuts are being fully felt across the state," Harshman said. "So I think folks are going to be really open to those proposals."

Senate President Eli Bebout, R-Riverton, has been more critical of state spending. Bebout was traveling and did not respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Harshman said that where Mead's budget proposal relies on several sources of one-time funding, including unspent funds rolled over from last year, he expects the Legislature to seek more stable funding models.

The governor's budget finds funding in a handful of somewhat unique ways. For example, it calls for using \$80 million in leftover severance tax dollars from the current two-year budget cycle, using \$10 million of previously allocated school construction funding and eliminating a cap on state royalty deposits into the construction account, a boost of \$80 million that has also been discussed by the Legislature's revenue committee.

Mead said that revised revenue projections for the next two years eased the process of making a budget.

"We do have some challenges, but because revenue has improved the challenges have not been as bad as we thought they were going to be," he said.

### CREG EASED WOES

In October, the Consensus Revenue Estimate Group estimated the state will have \$200 million more than anticipated to spend over the coming budget cycle. That increase fully covers the cost of state government operations, the Legislative Service Office said at the time.

However, it does not fully close the fund-

ing gap for K-12 education in the state or take into account other expenses like discretionary payments to local governments.

The education account has a \$340 million deficit over the next two years. Earlier this year, state lawmakers passed legislation that would cover any shortage through the rainy day account. Mead said that while he does not support spending reserves as a long-term strategy for education funding, he did not propose an alternative in his budget.

"It's an OK option for this biennium," Mead said. "We're not just going to short [schools]."

Mead also said it was hard to decide what to spend on schools, or where those dollars should come from, before the report on education funding recalibration is complete. A draft of the report was presented to lawmakers this week but the final copy is not due until January.

The governor has requested that the Legislature distribute \$105 million to local governments, a payment that was initially discretionary but that cities and counties have begun to rely upon. However, after the drop in revenue last year, the Legislature was forced to pay the \$105 million out of its rainy day fund. Harshman said that Mead's request that the money come from the general fund rather than the Legislative Savings Reserve Account was not a true solution to the question of how to fund local governments.

"We'll fix the local government issue," Harshman said. "But rolling it into the general fund and not spending it out of the LSRA doesn't fix it."

Bebout and Harshman have directed the Legislature's Revenue Committee to propose plans to raise revenue by \$100 million to \$300 million ahead of the budget session in February with an eye toward closing the education funding gap.

But Mead said he believes it is now unlikely that any of the more dramatic revenue proposals that have been considered, such as statewide increases to sales tax or property tax, will pass. The increased revenue projections mean lawmakers may accept smaller increases to specific taxes, such as tobacco or lodging, but may be unwilling to do more.

Mead said he hopes the discussion on tax reform continues. The state currently receives roughly 70 percent of its public revenue from various taxes levied on energy companies, a tax structure that makes the state highly susceptible to booms and busts in the commodity market and poses a challenge for economic diversification.

"We're a very conservative state. Nobody wants to raise taxes," Mead said. "At the same time, I think the Legislature ... should continue to work on it along with all of us."

Harshman said that he was largely supportive of the substance of Mead's budget, even if he differed on some of the funding sources suggested. He also acknowledged that some of the disagreement on funding was likely due to the fact that the governor is less able to make policy recommendations on reallocating funds or changing investment strategies in the same way that the Legislature can choose to do.

"We'll probably get to a similar point just maybe through different roadways," Harshman said.



MATT MEAD

**'We were able to put together a budget in its entirety without using any rainy day funds.'**

Matt Mead  
Governor

## Temporary closure of Wind River Canyon road

A two-hour closure of U.S. Highway 20/Wyoming Highway 789 in Wind River Canyon on Wednesday is scheduled to help a contractor successfully and safely bring a large rock off the canyon wall to the edge of the highway.

Wyoming Department of Transportation geologists have determined that the large rock needs to be removed from the rock wall prior to winter near the Fremont-Hot Springs county line.

The two-hour highway closure is scheduled between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, weather permitting, said WYDOT resident

engineer Kaia Tharp of Thermopolis.

"Leaving the rock in place would be a safety issue heading into next spring, according to WYDOT geologists, with the normal freeze/thaw cycle and expected normal rockfall due to melting snow and spring moisture," Tharp said in a news release.

The work zone where the rock will be removed is located above the highway at milepost 117.2 inside Wind River Canyon, roughly 16 miles south of Thermopolis, or about a mile north of the Wind River Canyon tunnels.

All work is dependent upon favorable weather.

Work was scheduled to begin Monday, with drilling and preparation of the site for blasting with explosives.

"Drivers should expect 15-minute stop times Monday through Thursday morning," Tharp said.

Traffic will be slowed in the work zone with the use of flaggers. After blasting on Wednesday, 15-minute stop delays are expected until all rocks are cleared from the roadway, Tharp said.

The road may be closed again if all the rock does not come

down during the first blast, Tharp added.

Citizens are being informed of the closure in a number of ways, including through use of digital message signs near Shoshoni and Thermopolis.

Wilson Brothers Construction of Cowley is the prime contractor on the \$600,000-plus effort to clean up rockfall from falling rock and mud slides this past spring inside Wind River Canyon between Shoshoni and Thermopolis. Contract completion is Dec. 15.

"We appreciate everyone's patience," Tharp said.

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# DIGEST

## Patrol honored for seizing nearly \$16 million worth of drugs

The Wyoming Highway Patrol recently received recognition for its excellence in finding and confiscating illegal drugs. In 2016, Wyoming Highway Patrol Troopers seized an estimated \$15.9 million worth of narcotics being transported across Wyoming's highways. Troopers also seized more than \$600,000 in cash, along with six firearms used in the commission of controlled substance violations, the patrol says. Contraband seized in 2016 included:

- 382 pounds of methamphetamine;
- 1,848 pounds of marijuana;
- 64 pounds of hashish;
- 174 grams of cocaine;
- 47 grams of heroin;
- 1,195 pharmaceutical pills; and
- 239 pills of ecstasy.

That record helped the Wyoming Highway Patrol earn an award from the Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Association. "This recognition is an indicator that

our troopers are doing a remarkable job and addressing criminal activity and violations appropriately, when it is occurring. Criminal interdictions are most often felony violations and directly impact public safety on our roadways," said Col. Kebin Haller. "The [highway patrol] has a responsibility to address these issues and it is an honor to receive national recognition for doing so." Haller praised the state's troopers as the "Guardians of the Cowboy State."

## BURNING IN DECEMBER



A controlled burn on Road 10, north of Powell, branched out on its own for a short time Saturday afternoon, after a change in the wind blew embers into nearby trees. The fire prompted a visit from the Powell Volunteer Fire Department, though the property owner had the fire under control by the time fire crews arrived. There was no structural damage or injuries reported, and crews sprayed down the area to make sure the fire was out. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

### CORRECTION

A story in the Nov. 30 edition said the Habitat Store on Bent is soon moving from the 225 N. Bent St. location it leased from Marcia Martin. The building is leased from Rick and Marcia Martin. The Tribune regrets the error.

### NEW FACES

- Noah William Reuter was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, to Melissa and Dustin Reuter of Lovell. He was born at 2:23 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and is welcomed by brother Dagan Reuter, 5.
- Sunshyne R. and Valian C. Hines of Powell wish to announce the birth of a baby boy, Axel Royce Hines, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017. Axel was born at 5:52 a.m. with a weight of 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

**NOVEMBER 30**  
 ■ Cleto Wayne Saldana, 24, of Powell and Mariah Denise Lange, 22, of Powell.

### POLICE REPORT

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

- NOVEMBER 17**
- 1:41 p.m. A wallet and keys were reported lost on North Cheyenne Street.
  - 2:01 p.m. Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated female on East Second Street, but the woman was gone. The woman was later located and advised she was having medical issues.
  - 4 p.m. Police were asked to check on the welfare of an elderly man on North Absaroka Street who was upset. A responding officer found the man was OK.
  - 4:46 p.m. An elderly female on Avenue H was reported to be very confused and having issues with her vehicle. A responding officer found the woman had medical issues earlier in downtown Powell. The woman's husband was contacted to retrieve the woman.

- No time listed: Dispatch received a report that a female was in the area of a resident on Rancho Trail who she was ordered to not have contact with. The female did not make contact with the resident and officers encouraged the resident to obtain a protection order.
  - 9:18 p.m. A woman was reportedly at a residence on Avenue G where the resident had asked her to leave. The woman came to the law enforcement center and reported she'd left her dog at the residence and the resident would not return it. The woman left and said she would come back, but she did not. A trespass notice is pending.
  - 11:46 p.m. Someone was reported to be knocking on a window on Avenue B. Responding officers were advised that a woman told her boyfriend not to come over but he did anyway. The officers advised the boyfriend he needed to leave.
- NOVEMBER 18**
- 11:26 a.m. A juvenile male received a citation for shoplifting at a business on South Absaroka Street.
- NOVEMBER 19**
- 12:17 a.m. A gold-colored Samsung Galaxy 07 was reported lost at Powell High School on East Seventh Street.
  - 1:22 a.m. An officer contacted a male in the parking lot at NWC Cody Hall on North Division Street; an 18-year-old Powell resident received a citation for minor in possession of alcohol.
  - 8:29 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a small girl, 8-10 years old, crying and beating on the door at a residence on North Evarts Street. The caller said she appeared to be locked out. The officers contacted the residents, who advised the door knob was not functioning properly, and all was fine.
  - 8:12 p.m. A resident called to report a house had its porch light on and the door was cracked open. The resident was not sure if anyone was there. A responding officer found the door wouldn't shut all the way and no one answered the door.
- NOVEMBER 20**
- 3:04 a.m. A traffic stop at North Clark/East First streets resulted in the arrest of Dorothy John-

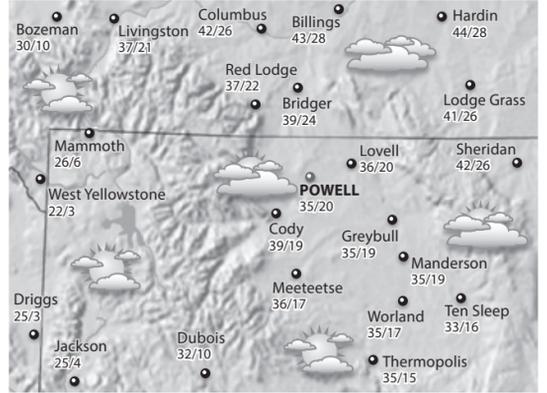
stone, 31, of Byron, on suspicion of driving while under influence.

- 9:20 a.m. A theft was reported on South Fair Street and the incident placed under investigation.
  - 4:12 p.m. A caller on North Day Street reported a male wearing an orange T-shirt was on the caller's property; when confronted, the male said he was looking for a bone that he lost. The caller told the male to leave. When the caller went to drive away, the male stood by their garage and put his hands on the tailgate of the caller's truck. The caller then pulled back into the driveway and the male picked up a rope from the bed of the truck. The caller again told the male to leave. The male, reported to be wearing green plaid pajama pants, reportedly went south down the alley looking in dumpsters. Officers checked an extensive area, but did not locate the male.
  - 9:08 p.m. Two driver's licenses were reported to have been left at a business on North Bent Street two weeks earlier.
  - 11:32 p.m. An officer assisted with a civil standby on South Jones Street.
- NOVEMBER 21**
- 10:57 a.m. A black bike was reported abandoned on South Douglas Street, and an officer placed it in the bike cage.
  - 1:15 p.m. A report of vandalism to a building on East Coulter Avenue was placed under investigation.
  - 5:55 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a possible drunk driver on South Absaroka Street. An officer contacted the driver and found they were not intoxicated.
  - 10:33 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Avenue B. They determined the disturbance was verbal and one of the subjects left for the night.
- NOVEMBER 22**
- 12:28 a.m. Dispatch received a report of three young men who rang the caller's door bell on Cedarwood Drive, then went across the street and stood. The caller stated the men had left, but they had video footage of the subjects. Officers did not locate the subjects.
  - 12:47 p.m. A caller complained of juveniles running in the area of the old bean mill on South

Bent Street. A responding officer spoke to three kids who were flipping tires — trying to get a dollar bill they saw in the tire. The kids advised they would stop flipping the tires.

- 1:35 p.m. Officers assisted with a civil standby on East South Street.
  - 5:06 p.m. An officer checked on the welfare of a resident on North Absaroka Street and found the person was fine.
  - 9:07 p.m. An officer responded to a report of a vehicle passing cars and then slowing down on West Coulter Avenue near Road 10. The officer did not locate the described vehicle.
  - 9:51 p.m. A resident complained that a dog in the area of West Seventh Street had been barking for several hours. A responding officer located the barking dog and spoke to the owner, who advised the dog would be placed back inside.
  - 11:19 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on South Ferris Street and found the disturbance was only verbal. The individuals agreed to separate for the night.
- NOVEMBER 23**
- 4:11 p.m. A caller reported a male wasn't walking well and kept stumbling on East Coulter Avenue. Officers escorted the man home and issued him a warning for public intoxication.
  - 5:08 p.m. Two males were reported to be walking around a building on North Beckman Street for hours. A responding officer did not locate the described males.
  - 11:21 p.m. Officers responded to an assault reported on North Bernard Street, where Nicholas Greise, 23, of Powell, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated burglary, aggravated assault and unlawful possession of drugs.
- NOVEMBER 24**
- 3:18 p.m. A resident called and stated that the area on North Bent Street smelled like marijuana. Officers contacted two subjects, who were searched, but no marijuana was found.
  - 5:17 p.m. An officer observed a parked vehicle on Queens Boulevard with an open door. The owner was contacted and advised the vehicle was fine and nothing was missing.

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35° 20°	36° 24°	42° 29°	47° 25°	43° 25°

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

### Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High/Low	50°/23°
Normal high/low	36°/12°
Average temperature	35.9°
Normal average temperature	24.4°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week	0.14"
Month to date	0.14"
Normal month to date	0.01"
Year to date	7.90"
Snowfall for the week	2.5"
Snowfall month to date	2.5"
Snowfall season to date	4.4"

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset .....7:37am/4:34pm  
 Moonrise/Moonset .....7:11pm/9:33am

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 26	Jan 1

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The State		Today		Today		Today	
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Buffalo	39/26/c	Green River	32/13/s	Laramie	32/16/s		
Casper	31/16/pc	Greybull	35/19/pc	Rawlins	29/12/s		
Cheyenne	40/20/s	Jeffrey City	30/12/s	Rock Springs	29/13/s		
Gillette	37/24/c	Kirby	35/16/pc	Shoshoni	34/15/pc		

The Nation		Today		Today		Today	
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/43/c	Houston	72/43/r	Louisville	53/30/r		
Boston	51/49/sh	Indianapolis	44/25/pc	Miami	83/72/s		
Chicago	38/25/pc	Kansas City	47/30/pc	Phoenix	72/51/pc		
Dallas	57/42/pc	Las Vegas	58/38/s	St. Louis	48/31/pc		
Denver	48/22/s	Los Angeles	71/50/s	Washington, DC	63/44/r		

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**Saturday, December 9**  
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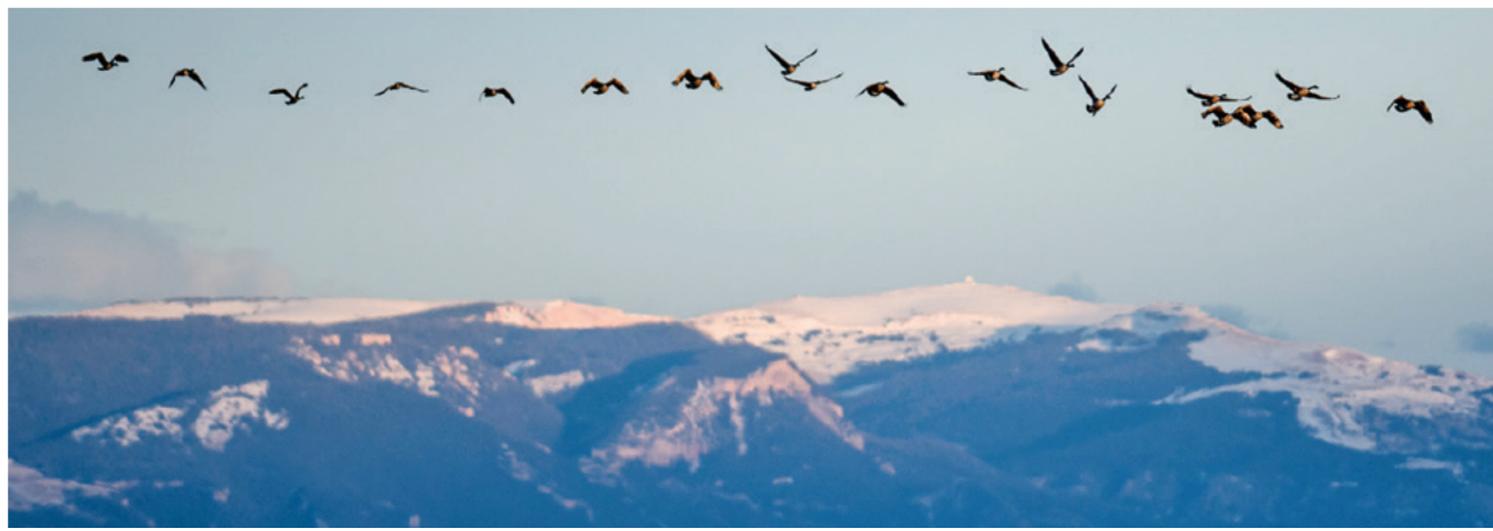
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## TAKE A GANDER



Canada geese head to browse for dinner at sunset east of Powell. Migrating waterfowl are staging at ponds across the area in the shadows of the Bighorn Mountains. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## Proposed bill would update speeding laws, change fines

BY GREGORY R.C. HASMAN  
*Rocket-Miner*

ROCK SPRINGS — Legislators in the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee have pushed forward a draft bill that could simplify speeding statutes when it comes to categories and fines.

The proposed legislation would reduce categories from nine to three: school, urban and construction and then all other zones, including highways.

“As far as the Highway Patrol is concerned regarding the proposed bill, I think reducing the

number of categories for speeding violations would simplify the schedule so there is better understanding and uniformity,” Wyoming Highway Patrol Capt. James Thomas said.

The committee voted unanimously to move the bill forward during its recent meeting in Wheatland, said Sen. Liisa Anselmi-Dalton, D-Rock Springs, a member of the Judiciary Committee.

“If this bill passes, it will simplify the jobs of both patrolmen and court personnel,” she said.

Streamlining was part of the interim committee’s list of top-

ics to examine between the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions.

One of the goals of the study is to try to make the law simpler, so that a person opening up to the rules and procedure page would be able to follow it easily, State Legislative Counsel Torey Racines told the Rocket-Miner.

The draft bill could also change speeding fines.

Under the proposed measure, if drivers in a 75 mph zone go 6 to 10 mph over the limit, they could see fines increase from \$25 to \$28, not including other court fees. If they break the limit by the same margin in an

80 mph zone, the fine would drop from \$70 to \$28.

Penalties for vehicles weighing over 39,000 pounds would also drop, from \$300 to \$240, not counting other fees.

Highway Patrol Lt. Col. Shannon Ratliff said the reductions could encourage some drivers to take more chances on highways.

“I think it’s entirely possible that more people may be willing to take that chance with a lower fine,” he said.

Thomas added that any modifications “would not change how we enforce speeding statutes

within the Highway Patrol.”

He noted neither the Highway Patrol nor Wyoming Department of Transportation receives funds from fines for speeding.

Penalties pay for court costs, court automation fees, legal service fees “and the remainder of the fine is allocated to the public schools,” Thomas said.

“This would not change under the proposed bill,” he said.

Ratliff said he is taking a “wait-and-see approach.”

“It’s really super early with this draft bill, and it still has to make it through the draft session,” he said.

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## Local veterans assistance available, community outreach in the Big Horn Basin

A veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will conduct community outreach in the Big Horn Basin this month. Josh Schmidt, a former U.S. Marine, is available to meet with veter-

erans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans’ benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims, or VA healthcare. Schmidt can also help veterans and their families apply for benefits,

file claims or request healthcare.

His office is staffed in Cody, at 1026 Blackburn Ave., Suite 1. He’ll also be available in Powell on Dec. 11 at the Powell Valley Health Clinic, 777 Ave. H, from

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in Lovell on Dec. 19 at the Lovell Senior Center, 757 Great Western Ave. Call Schmidt at 307-250-3890 for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

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Wildlife biologist Eric Maichak and game warden Travis Crane lead a small group discussion during the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's public meeting about grizzly management. About 200 people attended. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## Grizzlies: '700 is a conservative estimate. It's the working estimate.'

Continued from Page 1

Others turn to guns. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department says there have been more human-bear conflicts this year than average. Eight grizzlies have been shot in 13 incidents where bears were charging or attacking; that includes a Powell area game warden who shot a charging bear in the Sunlight area in October after reportedly not having enough time to reach for bear spray. Four of the incidents resulted in human injuries.

Some attribute the increase in conflicts to a growing population, too large for the carrying capacity of the demographic monitoring area (DMA), the prime habitat for grizzlies. Others believe grizzlies are redistributing while looking for easier food sources. There are between 700 and 1,100 grizzlies in the DMA, but the census is hard to take.

"700 is a conservative estimate," Cody Regional Wildlife Supervisor Dan Smith said. "It's the working estimate."

Only the grizzlies inside the DMA are included in the census. When bears outside the DMA are killed or removed, they don't count against the population estimates, Smith said. Many grizzlies venture outside the DMA and the population is believed to be much higher than the working estimate.

"I found a big grizzly in a sugar beet field by Willwood Dam last year. He's way outside [the DMA]. He should count, I think," White said.

Many of those in attendance would like to see a web-based public reporting portal, one of many suggestions coming out



A grizzly bear roams in Yellowstone National Park as the snow starts to thaw. Grizzlies in the area around Yellowstone will be managed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and dozens of Park County residents attended a meeting hosted by the department in Cody last week. Photo courtesy Kimberly Shields, National Park Service

of the group sessions.

A sampling of the conversations revealed groups eager to tackle all five topics with equal enthusiasm. The topics included population monitoring, research opportunities, conflict management, outreach and education and harvest management. While conflicts and harvest were the hot topics, group leaders came away with many suggestions on each topic.

Thompson expects to pull together a list of suggestions from the meetings, but cautioned not all suggestions are realistic. One suggestion was to collar and track all grizzlies.

"This format is a great tool for us to hear what the public think, but we have to work within our budget," Thompson said.

About 70 grizzlies, or 10 percent of the conservative population estimate, are collared in Wyoming.

Game and Fish biologists can relocate grizzlies caught in conflict at their discretion, no longer needing to coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since the species was delisted in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem earlier this year. Yet they can't return bears to Yellowstone National Park, according to Luke Ellsbury, large carnivore biologist for the Game and Fish in Cody.

"We ask if we can bring bears [to the park] every year and every year they say no," Ellsbury said. "We're just dumping bears on top of bears. We're trying to figure out new areas to move bears, but to be honest, it's tough."

Game and Fish officials will take stock of the suggestions from the public and start defining their plans — including a possible hunting season — in the next few weeks. If they decide to propose a season, the

plan will be finalized in April when the commission sets season dates.

"We are not going in with any foregone conclusions to this," Smith said in advance of Thursday's meeting. "It's up to the public whether we even take a hunting recommendation to our commission. I can't see that not happening, but if that's what our constituents said, that's where we would go."

If there is a season, the expectation is that quotas will start out with conservative numbers. Thompson said if there would have been a 2017 season in Wyoming, the quota would've been for six boars and four sows. The number is based on a calculation of all bears in the ecosystem, which includes Idaho and Montana. In those two states, another five males and three females could have theoretically been hunted under the 2016 numbers.

## Thursday is 'Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day'

Thursday, Dec. 7, marks the 75th anniversary of the attacks on U.S. forces in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Gov. Matt Mead has proclaimed it Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to commemorate the more than 4,200 Americans who were killed, wounded

or went missing in action following the attack by Japan.

Mead said we owe a debt of gratitude to the Navy and Army Air Force members who lost their lives that day and those who survived and went on to carry out their duties.

The governor asked Wyo-

ningites to honor "the great generation of Americans whose unparalleled exploits, persistence devotion and bravery in the name of freedom have allowed our country, and many others, to prosper."

Mel Heckman, chairman of the Wyoming chapter of the

Pearl Harbor Survivors group, echoed the call "to honor the many heroes that fell that day ... and the many that were wounded."

He also requested that school teachers bring the events of Pearl Harbor to their pupils' attention.

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- **PARK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
3 Upcoming Appointments; No Area Requirements – 5-Year Terms

Applications may be requested electronically from [ngerharter@parkcounty.us](mailto:ngerharter@parkcounty.us), at the County Commissioners' office in the ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE, 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, or at the **PARK COUNTY ANNEX**, 109 W. 14th Street, Powell. **DEADLINE** to submit applications is 3:00 P.M. on Friday, December 8. Please submit a letter of interest or resumé with the application. Interviews will be held Tuesday, December 19. Applicant must appear in person for interview.

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WINS OVER DAWSON, ROCKY MOUNTAIN JV, HAVE NWC BACK ON TRACK

## TRAPPERS REGROUP, TAKE TWO AT WEEKEND SHOOTOUT

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports/News Editor

A tough stretch that saw the Northwest College men's basketball team drop four of five games ended over the weekend at the Big Horn Federal Shootout, with the Trappers notching wins over Dawson Community College and Rocky Mountain JV.

The Trappers are now on a three-game win streak, with two games left on the schedule before the winter break.

### TRAPPERS 81, DCC 67

Dawson Community College came into Friday's game against NWC sporting a gaudy 10-1 record and riding a seven-game winning streak. With quality wins against Miles Community College and Colorado Northwestern and a close loss to nationally ranked Gillette College on their resume, Trappers head coach Brian Erickson knew his team was in for a battle.

"Dawson's tough," Erickson said. "I think they're a talented bunch, and they play really, really hard. They have some really good shooters."

After spotting the Buccaneers the first four points of the contest, the Trappers went on a 19-4 run, sparked by back-to-back 3-pointers by Lagio Grantsaan and Jace Johnson. NWC never trailed again, coming away with a 81-67 win.

"I think a big difference was energy and effort — things we've been kind of talking about, preaching to them all year," Erickson said. "We're a team of ups and downs, and when we get it, I think we have a chance. And I think they kind of showed it tonight."

NWC took a 47-28 lead into the half. Dawson made it a contest in the second half, cutting the lead to 66-60, but NWC regrouped and outscored the Bucs 15-7 to close out the game.

"It was a really good win for us," Erickson said. "They cut it close. A lot of it was just early shots, too many 3-pointers."

The Trappers tried eight 3s in the first half and shot well; they tried 13 more in the second half "and couldn't make one," the coach said.

Erickson said his squad made better rotations on defense, better passes and moved the ball around more. The Bucs were



Trappers forward Umar Jalloh scores two of his team-leading 18 points Friday against Dawson Community College. NWC won the game 81-67, and went undefeated in the Big Horn Federal Shootout with a win against Rocky Mountain JV Saturday. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

a physical team, and Erickson thought his team matched that intensity.

"The big key for us was to outwork them," the coach explained. "We had that written in our scouting report. The reason is they just play so hard, they have a talented, athletic group."

The Trappers finished with four players scoring in double-digits, led by Umar Jalloh with 18. Reme Torbert followed with 15 points, and Calvin Fugett and Blake Hinze added 12 points apiece. Fugett also had a game-

high eight assists, while Hinze led the team in rebounds with eight. Erickson said he was also impressed with the play of big man Axel Okongo, who added six points and continues to increase his minutes with each game.

"Umar played great, and Calvin played great; Reme and Blake played great. But I think Axel was the difference-maker," the coach said.

When Dawson cut the Trappers' lead to six points, Erickson said his assistant coaches

told him to put Okongo back in the game. The move was just the momentum-changer NWC needed.

"We put him back in, and the next thing you know, we win by 16," Erickson said. "We got the ball down to him, and he finished. If they drove, he had a hand up and forced them to shoot over him. I think honestly he was the player of the game for us. He stepped up big time and I was proud of him."

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## PHS WINTER SPORTS SEASON KICKOFF



PHS sophomore Ben Cannizzaro practices the breast stroke at Thursday night's practice. The swim season begins at home on Friday in a triangular with Cody and Worland. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

## Panther swim team dives into season

### WORLAND, CODY WILL COMPETE IN TRIANGULAR AT HOME FRIDAY

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School boys' swim team will dive into the 2017-18 season at home on Friday in a triangular against Worland and Cody at 5 p.m.

"After this first week of practice, I think we are going to be looking at a pretty exciting season," said PHS head coach Stephanie Warren. "The boys are working really hard."

Warren also said the team is "excited to match up against Lander and some teams again to see where we stand compared to last year."

Last year, the Panthers had 17

state qualifiers, five swimmers earned All-Conference honors, seven earned All-State honors and four athletes broke six school records.

Warren said she thinks with the combination of returning swimmers and incoming swimmers who have experience with the USA Swim Program, the team should be competitive this season.

The swim team has a new assistant coach, Rob Gorycki, brought in to replace Jerry Rodriguez, who retired last season.

Warren said Gorycki brings a lot of good swimming knowledge

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## Lady Panthers basketball starts season on the road

### PHS HAS BUSY EARLY SCHEDULE, WITH FOUR GAMES IN FIVE DAYS

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School Lady Panther basketball team will begin their season on the road at the East/West Classic in Buffalo.

On Friday, they'll tip off against Rawlins at 1:30 p.m. and Buffalo at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, they'll face Douglas at 2 p.m. Then on Tuesday, Dec. 12, the Lady Panthers will make their home debut, taking on Lovell at 5:30 p.m.

The classic will be "a great measuring stick for us this weekend as we are going to play three of the best teams on that side right out of the chutes,"

said PHS head coach Scott McKenzie.

As for what to expect from the Lady Panthers on offense this season, "we're really going to try to push the ball this year," coach McKenzie said.

On defense, "We're going to run multiple defenses and presses this year," the coach said. "We are not the tallest team this year by far, and so we're going to have to use our speed and smarts to stay with some of the teams."

The team lists 19 girls between the varsity and junior varsity.

The lone returning senior is Maddy Hanks, but there are 10 juniors on the rosters: Karlie McKenzie, Katie McKenzie, Ashtyn Heny, Jasmyne Lensegraw, Aubrie Stenerson, Rachel Bonander, Brea Terry, Devon Curtis, AnaMia Davila and

See PHS GBB, Page 10

## Panthers kick off season with home wrestling invitational this weekend

### 20 SCHOOLS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

About 20 schools will descend on Powell this Friday and Saturday for the Powell High School Wrestling Invitational, which will officially begin the season for the Panther wrestlers.

This season there is a total of about 25 wrestlers for Powell High School, but only six are returning upperclassmen (two seniors and four juniors).

"Might be the youngest team I've ever had," said head coach Nate Urbach.

But despite its youth, Urbach said the team has some "pretty good" talent and leaders.

"I like what we've seen so far; kids are working hard," Urbach said, adding that the athletes also put in work during the offseason work.

Since last season, some members of the team traveled to Chadron State College, joining roughly 500 wrestlers at a camp and competing in 10-15 matches. The Panthers hosted their own camp in which college wrestlers came to assist, and also competed in Billings



Powell High School senior Brian Brazelton wrestles at last season's Powell Invitational. The PHS wrestlers start their season at home with the Powell Invite on Friday and Saturday. Tribune file photo by Breanne Thiel

at the Mountain Open and in Denver at the Rocky Mountain Nationals.

Urbach said that at the Rocky Mountain Nationals, about 15 wrestlers competed which is "by far the most kids" he has ever had.

As for this opening weekend, "you never really know until you have competition against other teams," Urbach said.

Some of the teams expected at the Powell Invite are Buffalo, Campbell County, Cody, Douglas, Dubois, Greybull, Lander, Lovell, Natrona County High School, Riverside, Riverton, Rocky Mountain, Sheridan, Shoshoni, Thermopolis, Wind River, Worland and Wyoming Indian.

"It's always a question mark going into that first weekend,"

Urbach said. "It's a big question mark, but I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be fun."

As far as the season as a whole, Urbach said "I think our kids are good, tough kids and they are working hard. It's a long season and our goal is to keep improving every day, every week and it's all

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## PHS hoops team to open season at Cody tourney

### EAST/WEST CLASSIC MARKS START OF 2017-18 CAMPAIGN

BY BREANNE THIEL  
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School boys basketball team tips off its season with a pair of Friday games at the East/West Classic in Cody.

The Panthers will face Buffalo at noon and Douglas at 6 p.m. on Friday and then take on Rawlins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

With only a week of practice under the team's belt, head coach Chase Kistler said "it's hard to say," how the tournament will go.

"Going into this week we're just looking at getting better, getting ourselves better rather than scouting opponents right now," Kistler said.

He said this weekend is about

getting a lot of questions answered.

"See what we need to work on, and what we're capable of doing. Are we capable of zoning and trapping or are we capable of playing man?" Kistler said. "It'll be a lot of questions answered this weekend."

Between the varsity and junior varsity teams there are 18 players, most of whom are returning since the team only lost two seniors last season.

Five players on the roster are seniors: Jace Smith, Aaron Jacobsen, Trent Desjarlais, Zach Meredith and Luke Washington.

The team also has five juniors: Kaelan Groves, Dalton Woodward, William Preator, Carson Heinen and Carter Olson.

While Kistler said the team has a "long ways to go," he stressed that "we're farther along today at this time than we were last year just because of

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The Powell High School girls' basketball team practices drills on Friday night under the instruction of head coach Scott McKenzie (far left in black). The Lady Panthers will start their season on the road at the East/West Classic in Buffalo on Friday and Saturday. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

## PHS GBB: 'We're really excited for this year' coach says about team dynamics

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Dacean Thomas. "We've got some varsity experience back from last year," said coach McKenzie. "It'll just be a matter of settling and playing hard and playing smart this weekend." The remaining eight players are sophomores — Michele Wagner, Gabi Metzler, Gabby Harshman, Kortny Feller, Sabrina Shoopman,

Sidney O'Brien, Tenna Desjarlais and Rachel Gutierrez.

"We're really excited for this year," said coach McKenzie, adding that the team has some comfort in that a majority of the teammates have been playing together since the fourth grade.

McKenzie said he also feels the team will be well-rounded, having a couple of tall players for the inside post position, some perimeter

shooters and some girls who can handle the ball.

"So hopefully we will be competitive," McKenzie said. "They've been working really hard."

The JV team will also be playing at the East/West Classic in Buffalo with game times at 4:30 p.m. on Friday against Lander and on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. against Cody and at 12:30 p.m. against Douglas.

Coach McKenzie also acknowledged Chelsea Peek, the new freshman basketball coach, who has 13 athletes out this year.

"She's very knowledgeable about the game and we look forward to her joining our squad," McKenzie said.

Peek teaches physical education at Powell Middle School and has played Division I basketball for Illinois and Indiana State.

## THE 10TH FRAME

from Classic Lanes

After a week off for Thanksgiving, Class Lanes' "Thursday Night Live" bowling league got back into things last week.

The team with the high series was SEB Oilfield Services. They felled 1,737 pins as a team.

Scott Armstrong of SEB Oilfield Services had the high series for men, with a pin total of 515. Armstrong had games of 163, 171 and 181. His 181 also was the high game for men.

Cindy Cordova had high series for the women with a pin total of 395. Cindy had games of 127, 124 and 144.

Sandee Whiteman had the high game for women, at 151.

Three bowlers rolled all three games over their average: Armstrong, Cas Seago and Gilbert Cordova.

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 experience."

The remaining eight players are sophomores Aiden Jacobsen, Colin Queen, Braxton Miller, Jesse Brown, Dylan Preator, Ethan Asher, Noah Faxon and Cameron Wentz.

Of the underclassmen, Kistler said that "we got some younger guys that could be plugging in some holes."

The JV team will also play in the East/West Classic, with games taking place at the Livingston Elementary School. Games times for the JV are at 4 p.m. Friday against Douglas and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday against Rawlins.

With one of week practice now completed, Kistler said the team has "competed really well."

**PHS junior Dalton Woodward drives for a layup during Friday night's practice. The Panthers tip off their season in Cody Friday.**

Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel



## 2017-18 SPORTS SCHEDULES

### PHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### DECEMBER

8 .....East/West Classic in Buffalo vs.Rawlins1:30 p.m.  
8 .....East/West Classic in Buffalo vs. Buffalo7:30 p.m.  
9 .....East/West Classic in Buffalo vs. Douglas ..2 p.m.  
12.....Home Game vs. Lovell..... 5:30 p.m.

#### JANUARY

5, 6.....Big Horn Basin Classic at Rocky Mountain ...TBD  
13.....Home Game vs. Douglas.....4:30 p.m.  
19 .....Home Game vs. Riverton ..... 6 p.m.  
20.....Home Game vs. Lander ..... 3 p.m.  
26.....At Cody ..... 5:30 p.m.  
27 .....Home Game vs. Worland ..... 3:30 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

2.....At Pinedale ..... 5:30 p.m.  
3.....At Star Valley ..... 1:30 p.m.  
9.....Home Game vs. Mountain View..... 5:30 p.m.  
10 .....Home Game vs. Lyman.....12:30 p.m.  
16 .....At Lander ..... 5:30 p.m.  
17 .....At Riverton..... 2 p.m.  
22.....At Worland ..... 5:30 p.m.  
23 .....Home Game vs. Cody ..... 5:30 p.m.

#### MARCH

1 - 3 .....3A West Regional Tournament in Pinedale...TBD  
8 - 10 ..3A State Championship in Casper .....TBD

### PHS BOYS BASKETBALL

#### DECEMBER

8 .....East/West Classic in Cody vs. Buffalo.....noon  
8 .....East/West Classic in Cody vs. Douglas 6:30 p.m.  
9 .....East/West Classic in Cody vs. Rawlins12:30 p.m.  
12.....Home Game versus Lovell..... 7 p.m.

#### JANUARY

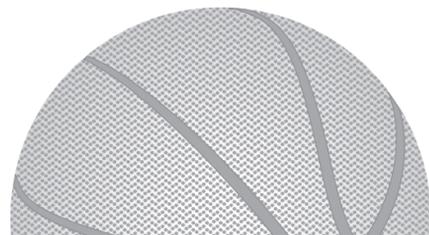
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19 .....Home Game vs. Riverton ..... 7:30 p.m.  
20.....Home Game vs. Lander ..... 4:30 p.m.  
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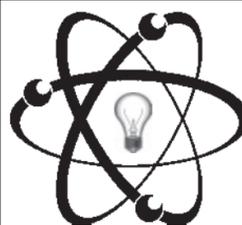
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# NWC MBB: 'Effort was there in both games, need to work on execution'

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The Trappers finished with seven 3-pointers, and out-rebounded Dawson 42-30. NWC's woes at the charity stripe continued, as the Trappers finished a dismal 43 percent on free throws, compared to 72 percent for the Bucs. NWC shot 33 percent on 3-point attempts and 49 percent from the field, compared to Dawson's 38 percent on 3-point shots and 56 percent from the field.

## TRAPPERS 70, ROCKY MOUNTAIN JV 49

Saturday's opponent for the Trappers was a familiar one, as NWC squared off with Rocky Mountain JV for the second time in three games. The result of this contest mirrored the first, with the Trappers cruising to a 70-49 win.

The game was not without a little drama, however, as Erickson was called for his first technical on the season.

"I'm riding the referees a little more this season, getting after them a little more," he said. "The biggest thing is just trying to get our guys' energy up. Showing emotion as a coach can be a good thing."

The game gave Erickson the opportunity to give all his players court time, and the bench responded, accounting for 27 points on the win. Rocky Mountain came to play, however, and the Trappers led by just nine points at the half, 36-27. The Trappers wore the smaller team down in the second half.

"Our defense was pretty good," Erickson said, adding, "We still can clean up plenty of things. We rebounded the ball really, really well on both days, so I think that set us apart."

Despite the win, Erickson said the team took a small step back offensively against Rocky, especially in terms of execution.



Trappers freshman Kyle Owens stiff-arms Rocky Mountain JV's Gary Medicine Cloud on his way to the hoop. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

"I think we played a little bit too selfish," he explained. "I told them at halftime that I was surprised there was air left in the ball, just too many dribbles. If you're going to drive it, great, but we gotta be moving the ball better. We're making steps, we did a little better in the second half. But we gotta keep moving the ball, more ball movement, more player movement."

Coming off a 1-4 stretch heading into the weekend, Erickson said he was pleased to see the team's energy level in both games.

"The effort was there in both games, we just have to work on

execution," Erickson said. "I think our defense saved us, more than anything."

The opportunity to give his bench players significant minutes on the court was also important, especially with conference play beginning right after the holiday break.

"We have a few guys who don't get a ton of time," Erickson said. "Every one of those guys played good minutes. A few guys were in their 20s [as far as minutes], but most of the guys were in that 11-12 minute range. As you get into region, you're not going to have opportunities to do that, so giving some other guys

experience was good."

The Trappers were led on the scoresheet by Fugett with 14 points, followed by Torbert with 11. The rest of the scoring was distributed pretty evenly, with Jordan Banks finishing with nine points, Lagio Grantsaan with eight points and seven boards and Laukan Taufu with seven points.

Luc Lombardy, Chandler Ramos and Umar Jalloh scored four points apiece.

"I thought Calvin did some good things with the ball, he's just got to get rid of it a little bit more," Erickson said. "I thought Jordan played pretty well on both ends — really physical. I thought Reme was really after it on defense, and so was Jace [Johnson]."

Erickson started the second half with Fugett, Torbert, Johnson, Hinze and Banks.

"They can do some different things offensively. I think they really sparked us compared to the first half," the coach said. "We had some luck with some smaller lineups tonight."

The Trappers are on the road this week, with games against Williston State on Thursday and Dawson Community College on Friday. They will round out the weekend with a game Saturday against Nueta Hidatsa Sahnich College in Glendive, Montana, the final game before the winter break.

Erickson said the Trappers will work on improving their game — flashes of which were evident last weekend.

"We need to control the chaos," he said. "Sometimes the effort is there, but it's a little chaotic. We need to focus on what we do well. I love that we put pressure on teams on the full court, but as we get into the half court, we gotta be able to stick to our defense and communicate. Communication is big."

# 2017-18 SPORTS SCHEDULES

## PHS WRESTLING

### DECEMBER

8.....Powell Invite .....1:30 p.m.  
9.....Powell Invite ..... 9 a.m.  
15.....Gillette Invite ..... 10 a.m.  
16.....Gillette Invite ..... 9 a.m.

### JANUARY

5.....Bozeman Invite ..... 11 a.m.  
6.....Bozeman Invite ..... 10 a.m.  
12, 13.....Missoula Invite ..... TBD  
19.....Lander Invite..... 1 p.m.  
20.....Lander Invite ..... 9 a.m.  
23.....Lovell Dual..... 6 p.m.  
26, 27..Riverton Invite ..... 9 a.m.  
30.....Greybull Dual ..... 6 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

2.....Home Dual vs. Lander ..... 6 p.m.  
6.....Home Dual vs. Cody ..... 6 p.m.  
10.....Worland Dual ..... 5 p.m.  
16, 17..3A West Regionals in Lyman ..... TBD  
23, 24..State Wrestling in Casper..... 9 a.m.

## PHS BOYS SWIMMING

### DECEMBER

8.....Home Triangular w/ Cody, Worland, .....5 p.m.  
16.....Riverton Invite ..... TBD

### JANUARY

5.....Home Dual vs. Lander .....5 p.m.  
6.....Gene Dozah Invite..... 10 a.m.  
13.....Worland Invite ..... 10 a.m.  
16.....Triangular in Worland w/ Cody ..... 5 p.m.  
19.....Triangular in Cody w/ Worland ..... TBD  
20.....Lander Invite..... 10 a.m.  
23.....Home Dual vs. Cody..... 5 p.m.  
26.....Buffalo Meet..... TBD  
27.....Campbell County Invite ..... TBD

### FEBRUARY

2, 3.....3A West Conference in Kemmerer ..... TBD  
15, 16.....3A State Swim and Dive in Laramie..... TBD

# PHS swim: Working hard

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and information to the team.

Sometimes a new coach can bring a challenge to a team, but Warren said the team is "really embracing the change and they're just working hard at just trying to improve already."

Throughout the season, the Panthers will have two home duals. The first dual will be on Jan. 5 against Lander and the other is against Cody on Jan. 23.

Powell's Gene Dozah Invite will be held on Jan. 6. The 3A West Conference Meet will be held in Mountain View on Feb. 2-3, and this year's 3A State Swim and Dive Championship will be held in Laramie on Feb. 15-16.

# PHS WR: Annual wrestlers Christmas to assist families in need

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practice till state anyway."

The state championship is set for Feb. 23 and 24 in Casper and regionals will be in Lyman on Feb. 16 and 17.

The PHS wrestling team has

only two home duals scheduled this season, the first on Feb. 2 against Lander and the second on Feb. 6 against Cody.

## WRESTLER'S CHRISTMAS

At the Powell Invite, the PHS wrestling team will sell 50/50 raffle

tickets for Wrestler's Christmas.

Wrestler's Christmas is an annual tradition in which coach Urbach receives a list of families who could use some assistance during the holiday season. The funds raised from the 50/50 raffle are used to purchase items for the families.

The Powell team then wraps the items and delivers the presents to the unsuspecting families.

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 Tribune Sports Writer

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## It's a Wonderful LIFE PERFORMANCES THIS WEEK AT NWC

The holiday classic that tells the saga of small-town man George Bailey — whose dreams of adventure have been suppressed by family obligations — comes to Powell Thursday through Saturday.

Area residents are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of feel-good fun at the community theater production of "It's a Wonderful Life," which takes place in the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium each night at 7 p.m.

The stage play for "It's a Wonderful Life," written by James W. Rodgers, is based on the film by Frank Capra and the story by Philip Van Doren Stern. This production is co-directed by Fred Ebert, assistant professor and Communication Division chair, and Jon Andren, longtime participant in local community theater.

Cost to attend is \$5, or \$4 with a nonperishable food item, which will be donated to the Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes food bank. All proceeds from the production go toward the spring children's theater.

This family-friendly community production features actors and actresses of all ages — ranging from elementary, middle school, high school, college and older adults — throughout the Big Horn Basin.

For more information about the production, contact Ebert at fred.ebert@nwc.edu or 754-6047.



Group hug! Mary and George Bailey (played by Hailey Heitz and Dominic Daminno) are surrounded by their children, Pete (Curtis Muecke), Charlee (Charlee Muecke) and Janie (Allie Gilliat) as they rejoice over the richness of their lives. Tribune photos by Ilene Olson



Charlee (played by Charlee Muecke) hangs ornaments on the Bailey family Christmas Tree.



George Bailey (played by Dominic Daminno) listens as he struggles to understand the consequences of never being born, as explained by his guardian angel, Clarence Obody (Duane Fish).

Kaycee Kelly of Greybull is serving as the stage manager. Wong Hui Xi of China is assisting with lighting duties. Sary Faye Svaty of Powell and Debbie Brewer of Manderson are assisting with stage crew and costume duties.

### CAST LIST

- GEORGE BAILEY:**  
Dominic Daminno.....(Worland)
- HARRY BAILEY:**  
Gaelan Williams.....(Cody)
- ZUZU BAILEY:**  
JJ Gardner.....(Powell)
- JANIE BAILEY:**  
Allie Gilliat.....(Powell)
- YOUNG GEORGE & PETE BAILEY:**  
Curtis Karl Muecke.....(Powell)
- TOMMY BAILEY:**  
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- CHARLEE BAILEY:**  
Charlee Muecke.....(Powell)
- MOTHER BAILEY:**  
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- CLARENCE ODBODY:**  
Duane Fish.....(Powell)
- MARY HATCH:**  
Hailey Heitz.....(Billings)
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Caleb Glen Robertson.....(Greybull)
- ERNIE:**  
Dylan Przygocki.....(Laramie)
- MR. MARTINI:**  
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# 'Christmas in Meeteetse' Saturday

MEETEETSE MUSEUMS TO HOST ASHLEE LUNDVALL, CODY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

During Saturday's annual "Christmas in Meeteetse" celebration, the Meeteetse Museums will host a pair of events.

Cody resident and outdoor accessibility advocate Ashlee Lundvall will conduct an uplifting presentation at 1 p.m., full of humor and personal stories. The presentation will be followed by a signing of her book, "A Redefined Life: Lessons from a Pitchfork."

Since a paralyzing ranching accident in 1999, Lundvall has been redefining her life and she is passionate about accessible outdoor recreation.

"A natural outdoorswoman and adventurer with a powerful message of adaptability and perseverance, she energizes audiences around the country with her humor and authentic personal stories," her website says.

Lundvall lives in Cody with her husband and daughter. As a champion for change, she is involved with many organizations and was named Ms. Wheelchair USA in 2013.

After Lundvall's presentation, the Cody Chamber Ensemble will perform in the main exhibit area of the Meeteetse Museums at 2:30 p.m. The ensemble is comprised of musicians from the Cody and Meeteetse areas, and folks are invited to enjoy the soothing sounds of cellos, violins, violas, flutes and clarinets in a beautiful Christmas setting. Both events are free.

In addition, the Meeteetse Museums will be decorated with a dozen lighted Christmas trees. Christmas snacks and hot cider will also be available.

For more information, call 307-868-2423, email [info@meeteetsemuseums.org](mailto:info@meeteetsemuseums.org) or go to [www.meeteetsemuseums.org](http://www.meeteetsemuseums.org). The Meeteetse Museums are located at 1947 State Street in Meeteetse.



Ashlee Lundvall, author of 'A Redefined Life: Lessons from a Pitchfork,' will speak at the Meeteetse Museums on Saturday. Courtesy photo

## Energy Share program celebrates 30th year

Celebrating 30 years of serving Wyoming families, Energy Share of Wyoming kicked off its 2017-18 season on Nov. 24. Program leaders hope to raise more than \$100,000 and assist more than 350 families statewide.

Numerous Wyoming businesses, organizations and communities sponsor the program, which assists individuals with energy-related emergencies in unusual circumstances. Funding comes from voluntary contributions for the program through the spring.

Last year, Energy Share raised nearly \$62,000 in private

and corporate donations to assist 176 Wyoming households.

Recipients of funding resided in 20 of Wyoming's counties, getting help with an average bill of \$303.

"We are very fortunate in Wyoming to have so many generous people who want to help their neighbors through the rough times," said Leslie Blythe, Energy Share past president from Rocky Mountain Power. "For 30 years, our program has been very successful and been able to assist thousands of families in need. We look forward to the next 30 years!"

## REPORT SHOWS DECLINE IN TOBACCO ACCESS FOR YOUTH

The Wyoming Department of Health welcomes public comment on a report measuring how easy it is for youth to buy tobacco in the state.

"Wyoming is required to conduct random, unannounced inspections of tobacco outlets youth can legally visit, such as convenience stores," explained Rachel Nuss, prevention block grant coordinator for the department. "These inspections help us check whether tobacco retailers are following state law, which says tobacco products may not be sold to minors."

Nuss said the national goal is for a violation rate of 20 percent or lower.

Wyoming's rate fell to what Nuss described as "a low normal" of 4.6 percent this past year, down from an abnormally high violation rate of 12 percent last year.

The inspections and annual report are required by the federal Synar Amendment, which aims to decrease youth access to tobacco. All states must enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18.

A draft of the 2018 Annual Synar Report for Wyoming is available for review and comment online at <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/prevention/substanceabuseandsubstanceabuseandreports/synar/>.

Written comments must be filed no later than 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Comments may be emailed to [rachel.nuss1@wyo.gov](mailto:rachel.nuss1@wyo.gov) or mailed to the Wyoming Department Health, Public Health Division, Attention: Rachel Nuss, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 510, Cheyenne, WY, 82002.

## Powell pianist a division finalist in senior piano competition

Powell native Tarje Grover will travel to Portland, Oregon, in January to compete as a division finalist in the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Senior Piano Competition.

Grover, the son of Morgan and Cindy Grover, earned the opportunity by winning the Senior Division of the Wyoming MTNA Solo Piano Competition. A homeschooled sophomore, Grover has been studying piano for 11 years and is a student of Theresa Bogard.

Besides studying piano, Grover also competes in cycling races. He is currently the top-ranked junior cyclist in Wyoming. Grover also raises purebred registered Hampshire sheep.

The Northwest Division MTNA Senior Piano Competition will take place over the weekend of Jan. 13-

15, during the MTNA Northwest Conference. The winner of the competition will advance to the National Finals during the MTNA National Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, in March.

Music Teachers National Association is a nonprofit organization

comprised of 20,000 independent and collegiate music teachers committed to advancing the value of music study and music making to society, and to supporting the professionalism of music teachers. For more information, visit [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org).

Written comments must be filed no later than 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Comments may be emailed to [rachel.nuss1@wyo.gov](mailto:rachel.nuss1@wyo.gov) or mailed to the Wyoming Department Health, Public Health Division, Attention: Rachel Nuss, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 510, Cheyenne, WY, 82002.



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The Board of Directors of the Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA) will hold a special conference call Board meeting beginning at 2 pm, Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the offices of WCDA, 155 N. Beech, Casper, WY. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Resolution 2017-09. Please call 307-265-0603 or email communications@wyomingcda.com for information on how to join the call.  
Publ., Tues., Dec. 5, 2017

### Final payment

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(09TFCT)  
**AMERICAN LEGION MEETING**, 7 p.m., first Tuesday of every month at Post 26.

(07TFCT)  
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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** Meets at 146 S. Bent, Powell (Big Horn Enterprise building) Tues., Thurs., Sun., at 7 p.m., Sat. at 10 a.m. Call 307-213-9434 for more info.

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**UNITED WE STAND** group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in the upstairs of Skyline Cafe, 141 E. Coulter, in Powell, Wed. and Sat. at 7 p.m. Call 307-202-0001 for info.

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**A.A. MEETS - NOON**, Mon. & Fri., white house in alley east of St. Barbara's church. 254-3267 or 272-4529.

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**CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES** is your source of help with family violence and sexual assault. All services are free and confidential. Call toll free, 24 hours a day, 877-864-9688.

## For Sale

**COWBOY TIMBER**  
307-548-9633  
www.cowboytimber.com  
POSTS, POLES, AND ROUGH CUT LUMBER

**TWIN BED - ELECTRIC** (like a hospital bed), sheets, bedding included. Make offer. 307-254-1035.

(97-98PT)

## Lost & Found

**FOUND: COYOTE LURE**. 754-2212.

(97-98FT)

## To Give Away

**TEKO, A NEUTERED MALE**, 5-year-old Terrier type dog is available from the shelter. 754-1019.

(97-98FT)

## Services Offered

**NEED A PLUMBER?** Call or text Jesse with The Real Deal Plumbing, 307-272-9123.

(88TFCT)  
**AMERICAN CLOCK REPAIR** - We repair all types so of clocks - Grandfather, antiques, cuckoo and wall clocks. We also make house calls! Call 307-682-1570.

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**CDL DRIVER NEEDED** - Hauling livestock, hay, farm equipment. WY/MT/ID. No hazmat. Call 307-272-8704.

(78TFCT)  
**Recycle this newspaper!**

**NEED GUTTERS? CALL SIMMONS** Ironworks, 754-8259 or 899-8259. 5 or 6" seamless gutters.

(03TFCT)  
**AFFORDABLE PORTRAITS!** Call C.Wensky Photography. Affordable prices, experienced results. 202-0858.

(29TFCT)

## Help Wanted

**HIRING A LIVE-IN NANNY** in Cody. Room and board plus salary. Beginning January 2nd. Responsibilities include cooking, cleaning and driving. Kids OK, working or taking classes during the day OK. Nursing students preferred. If interested call 307-690-4616.

(94-100PT)

**Regional Truck Driver**  
Dick Jones Trucking is hiring for regional OTR flatbed driver. Home every weekend. Good Pay. Paid Benefits. Call 307-754-4132 or Email: djtruck-ingwy@gmail.com  
BHB(88TFCT)

**RANCH CHORES** - 3-4 hours a week. Exchange for horse board or \$12 per hour, leave message. 754-7076.

(91-100PT)

## Help Wanted

**AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN**, 777 E. 2nd St., Powell, WY 82435, (307) 754-5117 - Apply at front desk - Must be willing to submit to a pre-employment drug screening - Maintenance/Groundskeeper position (full time).

(80TFCT)

**WATER DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR I** - The City of Cody is seeking applicants for a Water Distribution Operator I. Primary duties include installing and repairing water meters, sewer and water lines, meter vaults, valves and fire hydrants. Maintains collection and distribution lines, locates city utilities and interacts and communicates with the public. High School Diploma or GED + 1 or more year's related experience and/or training required. Valid Class B CDL is required and can be obtained within six months of employment. Level I Water certification by the State of WY will be required within twelve months of employment. Application and job description available at City Hall or by emailing dscheumaker@cityofcody.com. Submit applications by December 8th 2017 by 4pm. Starting at \$17.21 with Full benefit package. The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

(53TFT)

## Help Wanted

**NOW HIRING - AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN** - Powell, housekeeping position. Apply at the front desk, 307-754-5117.

(20CT)

**ARE YOU A CARING** person? You are NEEDED! Families of domestic violence and sexual assault want and need someone to care. Please call Crisis Intervention Services at 754-7959 or 587-3545 and volunteer today!

## Garvin Motors

in Powell, Wyoming is seeking an experienced

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This is an excellent opportunity to join our service team with possible future advancement for the right candidate. We offer a competitive wage and benefit package, in-house training, and a great teamwork environment.

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## PROJECT MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

The Park County Public Works Department is currently accepting applications for the position of **Project Manager** to work in our Cody offices. The position requires performance of various administrative and technical functions related to program and project management for a variety of civil engineering activities on behalf of the Public Works Department. These functions will include but are not limited to project planning, administration, site investigations, field surveys, field testing, technical analysis, regulatory compliance monitoring, cost estimation, and construction quality assurance as directed by the County Engineer. Most project work will involve public infrastructure including the ongoing improvement and maintenance of the Park County Road & Bridge system.

**Work Assignment:** Public Works Department offices located at 1131 11th Street in Cody

**Compensation:** \$20.98 to \$28.35 per hour (depending on experience) + Benefits  
Benefits include health insurance, a retirement plan, paid holidays, paid vacation, and sick leave.

**Application Deadline:** December 15, 2017

Please submit application to **Park County Public Works Office, 1131 Eleventh Street, Cody Wyoming 82414 or email to bedwards@parkcounty.us.**

The County job application, job description and salary range are available under Current Job Openings viewed on the Park County website at www.parkcounty.us.

accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract after the 41st day (January 2, 2018) following the first publication of this Notice. This Notice does not relieve the Contractor and the sureties on their bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.  
Park County, Wyoming  
/s/ Owner  
First Publ., Tues., Nov. 21, 2017  
Final Publ., Tues., Dec. 5, 2017

## Manufacturer permit

Notice of Application for Satellite Manufacturer's Permit  
Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 2017 an application was received in the office of the Park County Clerk to obtain a Satellite Manufacturer's Permit from Range & River Distilling, Inc. DBA Single Track Spirits, for the following described place and premises: a log barn at 63 Sage Creek Road, Cody, Wyoming. Protests, if any, against the application for said license shall be heard at 11:00 a.m. on December 19, 2017, in the Park County Commissioners' Room located at 1002 Sheridan Avenue in Cody, Wyoming.  
Colleen F. Renner  
Park County Clerk  
First Publ., Tues., Nov. 28, 2017  
Final Publ., Tues., Dec. 5, 2017

## Amend regulations

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARK COUNTY WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

The Park County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing December 19th, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room #105 (Original Courthouse) to amend county regulations governing wastewater systems.

The proposed amendments are necessary to conform to Chapter 25 of the Rules and Regulations of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality that provide design and construction standards for wastewater systems to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare. The proposed amendments meet the minimum state statutory standards.

The proposed 2017 Park County Wastewater Systems Regulations are available in the Planning & Zoning Office, or on the Planning & Zoning website. Comments may be submitted to the Park County Planning & Zoning Department, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Suite 109, Cody WY. 82414.  
First Publ., Thurs., Nov. 2, 2017  
Second Publ., Tues., Dec. 5, 2017

## Bridge bids

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
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



# Celebrating Country Christmas

Above, Rod Morrison and Lynn Horton welcomed guests to their home in the Heart Mountain area on Sunday afternoon as part of the annual Country Christmas Tour of Homes. Tour-goers enjoyed an afternoon performance by Mark McLemore, piano instructor at Northwest College, as they went through the home. The annual holiday tour featured nine houses in the Powell area. Proceeds went toward Mountain Spirit Habitat for Humanity projects in Powell and Cody. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker

Tyler and Lilly Evans, of Powell, watch the Powell Fire Department engines roll through downtown during the Country Christmas Lighted Parade Saturday evening. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

At right, cloggers with Stomp N Company perform for an audience at Plaza Diane on Saturday morning during Country Christmas. Pictured are (from bottom to top) Shandi Salas, instructor Sami Cole, Hannah Sears and Katelynn Miller. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson



At far right, decorations and merchandise from different booths combine to make a beautiful Christmas scene during the Country Christmas Gift Show on Saturday. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson



# Powell Tribune's Holiday GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY



**There's more than \$1300 to date in Gift Cards stuffed in each stocking!**

*Two Lucky winners will receive an early Christmas Gift on 12/21 when entries are drawn.*

Your no purchase necessary entry form to win one will be affixed to Page 1 of the 12/14 Tribune. See participating stores to earn additional entry opportunities!

**Entry deadline - 12/20/17**



Contact Toby, Chris or Jessica today for package details!

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