

SANTA TOUCHES DOWN IN POWELL



Santa's helper, Jennifer Abraham of Byron, helps Santa out of his temporary sleigh replacement, a helicopter piloted by Curt Abraham, as he lands to kick off the Christmas season in Powell. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

GUNS IN SCHOOLS: Powell district to survey community

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

Would Powell schools be more or less safe if employees were armed?

The Park County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees wants to hear local residents' opinions as trustees discuss the possibility of allowing employees to carry concealed weapons in school buildings.

The school district released an online community-wide survey today (Tuesday). The survey can be accessed at: <https://goo.gl/ruSGJP>.

Since Wyoming lawmakers cleared the way for school districts to allow concealed carry on K-12 campuses this year, some school boards in the state — including Cody and Meeteetse — have discussed the issue.

Powell school board chairman Greg Borchert said in October that the board would address the topic "if and when" an employee asked to carry a gun in school; an employee made such a request and the school board discussed it during an executive session on

Nov. 7, Borchert said. Under the School Safety and Security Act approved by state lawmakers earlier this year, the names of employees authorized to carry a concealed weapon are confidential; that's why the employee's request was discussed in an executive session closed to the public, said Borchert.

Now that a request has been made, the school board will consider whether to keep its current weapons policy — which bans guns in Powell schools — or vote to look at options for a new policy, Borchert said.

Before deciding how to proceed, trustees want to hear from employees in the district, parents of students and the Powell community. A separate survey was sent to staff members in the district on Monday. Borchert said he'd also be interested in hearing Powell High School students' thoughts on the issue.

"One of the things that is really important to this board is that anything that we do is a reflection of our school and

'We don't want this to be an issue that divides our community.'

Jay Curtis
School superintendent

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APPEAL OF GROUP HOME DROPPED

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

A rural Powell couple has dropped their appeal of a Park County Commission decision that will allow a neighbor to build a group home near their property. The couple, Scott and Stefani Hicswa, say the appeal was only meant to act as a kind of placeholder while some language was clarified and that it was not intended to be a challenge to the commission's decision.

Over the objections of the Hicswas and several other neighbors, county commissioners unanimously approved a special use permit in August that will allow Julie Forconi to build and operate a group home for up to four people with disabilities.

Forconi's property is located near the intersection of Road 13 and Lane 11H, about 4 miles

southwest of Powell. The Hicswas are the closest neighbors and they — along with other area residents — expressed concerns about whether the group home would fit in with the neighborhood, bring too much traffic and drive down property values.

Commissioners, however, didn't see how the facility would be much different from any other house; Forconi said it will simply look like a four-bedroom home. Supporters said people with disabilities should be free to live where they want — and Forconi says there's "a great need" for such a facility.

Through the long, contentious approval process with the county government, "You can't believe the people who have called

me; neighbors have called me; the people that have stopped by that I have never met before; the messages on Facebook from families; ... in Powell a group of parents that have special needs children contacted me," Forconi said in a recent interview.

"The people that contacted me that personally have children that they have nowhere for them to go, I was just dumbfounded."

Her group home will serve people who can't care for themselves, potentially ranging from people with minor mental problems to people with Parkinson's disease to people with severe brain injuries.

Commissioners approved the group home plans on Aug. 15. The permit allowed Forconi

to serve up to four "disabled adults" — and that wording worried the Hicswas, said their attorney, Brad Bonner of Cody.

"Our concern was that use of the term 'disabled adults' technically would permit establishment of a residential treatment home for sex offenders or a prison rehab or half-way house — something the applicant made clear during proceedings she did not intend," Bonner said in an email.

County officials agreed to change the permit to refer to "residents having mental and/or physical disabilities" and commissioners approved the revised language on Sept. 19.

"We believe changing the language to specify the applicant may establish a facility for 'residents having mental and/or physical disabilities' is appropriate because this term legally

'The support that I received ... way outnumbered the people that were against it.'

Julie Forconi

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Dream season is just a start for young hunter

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

After connecting with her first deer, 12-year-old Shelby Fagan was kidded by some of her classmates, wondering why she would harvest a doe.

The pretty mule deer was taken with one shot near her family's ranch near Heart Mountain. But the kidding didn't bother her. She was just getting a start to her first season of hunting. The next goal was to harvest a buck. Shelby and her father, Frank, first headed out on horseback in the Sunlight area. But they couldn't find the right buck.

They decided they needed more stealth and hiked through the same area. But no luck. Finally, they once again headed to Bureau of Land Management property near their home where she took her first successful shot.

"A few of the guys at school asked her why she would shoot a doe. Then she came back a week and a half later with pictures of her buck and they said, 'Your dad must have shot that for you. There's no way you did that,'" Frank said.

The thick-bodied buck was taken with a single shot on a snowy day. Shelby said she felt a little buck fever after seeing the rack, but it was shot

selection that ultimately made up her mind.

"He just like stood there broadside so I could shoot him," Shelby said.

"I tried to talk her into a different one, but she said, 'Nope, I want that one,'" Frank said.

The buck wasn't the end

of hunting season for Shelby. The following weekend she harvested her first elk — a fat, 350-pound cow with her mom's 25.06 rifle. The hunt wasn't as adventurous as their attempts at finding a buck, but again Shelby dropped the elk with one shot. Both Shelby and

Danika, 10, have been training with their parents for months by shooting milk jug targets from varying ranges.

Their outdoor experience didn't end with the hunt. Frank and Bre continued the

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Frank and Bre Fagan, of Powell, help their daughters, Danika and Shelby, make elk brats from a cow elk that 12-year-old Shelby recently harvested. The family of hunters processes all of their own meat, including from deer and elk Shelby harvested in her first year of hunting. Danika, age 10, hopes to go on her first mentored hunt next season. Tribune photo by Mark Davis



A mature bald eagle, one of the first to arrive for the winter in the Powell area, has been seen keeping an eye on sheep herds northeast of town. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Eagle count volunteers needed

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Roughly 100 volunteers will drive about 2,500 miles of backcountry roads early next year to help conduct the 2018 Big Horn Basin Mid-Winter Eagle Survey.

Bureau of Land Management wildlife biologists will coordinate the Saturday, Jan. 13 count of golden and bald eagles throughout the region.

Volunteers are being sought for the effort.

In its 32nd year, the count is important to help monitor the species, said Destin Harrell, wildlife biologist for the Bureau of Land Management's Cody Field Office.

"Most of the eagles that winter here have spent the summer in Alaska and Canada eating salmon," Harrell said.

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UW president encourages students to stay in state

The University of Wyoming "is upping its game" in recruiting Wyoming students, President Laurie Nichols told a UW alumni luncheon group in Lovell last week.

The efforts paid off for the university this fall at Laramie, with a freshman class up by 10 percent and transfer students up by 12 percent.

Nichols said UW is investing in interactions with Wyoming high schools "to get more kids educated in Wyoming. We want to keep them here."

She said UW has enhanced its relationships with Wyoming community colleges in recruitment.

Nichols said this is the message UW delivers to students: "If you want to start at a com-

munity college, good — stay there. But you should not stop at a community college degree."

Nichols said the Hathaway Scholarship is a tool to encourage transfer from the community colleges to UW to complete a degree program. The university has worked hard with the community colleges to establish articulation agreements — known as 2 plus 2 agreements — for smooth transfer of credits to UW.

"We have about 300 of those agreements done now; all of our high enrollment programs have been done," she said. "We want them to finish in two years, assuming they're staying in the same program."

— By Dave Bonner

OBITUARIES

Earl Morris Rivard
(May 23, 1927 - Nov. 12, 2017)

Earl Morris Rivard passed quietly in his sleep on Nov. 12, 2017, at Powell Valley Care Center. He was 90 years old. Earl was born May 23, 1927, in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, to Leon and Sarah Rivard. He was the youngest child of two sisters and six brothers and grew up on the family farm in Rice Lake. Early on, Earl developed a deep love for flying. He began flying airplanes at age 16 and earned his pilot's license the same day he graduated from high school. He joined the Air Force out of high school, and after his military service, worked as a commercial pilot in Wyoming. Earl married Barbara Vanasudahl in September of 1948 in Cheyenne. He worked as a private pilot for Ray O'delle, where he was greatly appreciated for his work ethic and intelligence. In addition to flying, Earl worked for O'delle in his housing construction company, and O'delle later helped Earl set up his first

business in Casper. During his career as a housing contractor, Earl built subdivisions in Casper, Gillette and Powell, and many other places in Wyoming and Montana. He owned several planes during his life, and continued noncommercial flying most of his life — still his first love. He retired from construction in Forsyth, Montana, in the late '90s and moved back to Powell in 2007, where he lived until his death. Earl was an avid hunter and fisherman, as well as having a love for camping and for all life tame and wild. He and his family rescued everything from bum lamb to birds and Earl had wonderful stories about his pet badger, ground squirrel, squirrels, and many dogs he had in his life. Lots of Earl's stories were about experiences in the wild. He had a great love for people, and made friends with almost everyone he met. While in For-



EARL RIVARD

syth, his great story telling and amiable nature earned him the nickname "The Governor" among his friends.

Earl is survived by his sons, Rick (Bev) Rivard of Wrangell, Alaska, and Ron (Liz) of Snoqualmie, Washington; eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church, 115 E. Third St. in Powell. Anyone who knew and loved Earl is invited to his funeral, as he considered so many people family. His family also extends that invitation to all who knew him.

Earl will be interred beside his wife, Barbara, and his youngest child, Rayleen, in Crown Hill Cemetery. He will be greatly missed, but we know he is now flying in pristine skies.

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

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Jean Elizabeth Bird
(Feb. 27, 1925 - Nov. 19, 2017)

Jean Elizabeth Bird, age 92, graduated into her Savior's presence on Nov. 19, 2017, in Powell, WY. Jean was born in Spokane, WA on Feb. 27, 1925, to Bert and Eunice (Burch) Runner, the sixth of twelve children. While still a child, the family move from Spokane took them on a cross-country trip to Virginia before they finally settled on the farm in Delhi, CA. Jean lived in Delhi through her Junior College years. She then worked as a chemist for Shell Oil in Oakland. It was in Oakland that she met her future husband, Norman Bird, at the United Presbyterian Church in 1942. Norman entered the Navy in 1943. Jean returned to Spokane where she completed her education, graduating from Whitworth College in 1949 with a degree in Christian Education. Jean played tennis as a member of the Whitworth College team while attending school there. Norman and Jean were married on Aug. 4, 1951. They moved to Arcata, CA where Norman attended college. Jean taught elementary school in Samoa and Loleta, CA before their children were born. After their children were of school age, Jean returned to teaching. Jean was

a well-loved teacher at South Fortuna Elementary School (first & second grades) until her retirement in 1987. Jean and Norman continued to use their teaching skills after retirement, traveling to High Rock Prison every Saturday for many years, teaching inmates almost any subject they needed help with, including reading, math, music, English, and finances/accounting.

Jean and Norman attended Camp-ton Heights Baptist Church in Fortuna for over 50 years, where they enjoyed fellowship with the church family, served their Lord as Sunday School teachers, and were very involved in children's ministry (including 22 years in AWANA), often transporting car loads of kids from neighboring communities to and from church. Jean also spent many summers cooking at church camp. Jean and Norm enjoyed camping, family reunions and annual trips to Wyoming and Washington to visit their kids and grandkids.

In 2014, the Birds moved to their daughter's house in Powell, WY. Norman passed away in February of 2015. Norman and Jean were married 63 years. Jean then moved to the Rocky Mountain Manor in downtown Powell where she made many new friends. She became a



JEAN BIRD

member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Powell, where she enjoyed the Bible teaching, the fellowship, and continued to help with VBS and Children's Church as she was able.

Jean is survived by her children, Don (Carol) Bird of Spokane, WA and Barbara (Cas) Seago of Powell, WY, grandchildren Rebecca Seago of Billings, MT and Christopher Seago of Laramie, WY, sisters Lila Lohman of Turlock, CA and Thelma Reinhart of Tucson, AZ.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Norman, by her parents, by her sisters Letha, Ellen, Muriel, Ramona, and Wilma, and by brothers Bruce, Gordon, David and Brian.

A celebration of Jean's life will be held at First Southern Baptist Church of Powell on Saturday December 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Memorial donations in Jean's honor may be made to Triumphant Life Camp (where Jean served as a camp cook) at 2526 J Street, Eureka, CA 95501 or to First Southern Baptist Church, P.O. Box 942, Powell, WY for Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Jean's remains will be placed next to Norman's at the Yellowstone National Cemetery in Laurel, MT.

—Paid obituary

Joanne R. Glatter
(June 16, 1939 - Nov. 15, 2017)

Joanne R. Glatter died Nov. 15, 2017, after a short illness. She was 78. She was born June 16, 1939, to Vern and Ruth Geiger. Joanne married Tom Glatter in 1957, and they had three children: Rick, Kim and Deb. They owned and operated Pineco Tree Service for many years.

Joanne had a wonderful smile and a great work ethic — bottom line, she was a tough lady!

Tom died in 2015, and she reunited with a great friend, Buck Allemann. Buck and Joanne had too short of a time together, but what a great time they had. She is survived by special friend Buck (and family);



JOANNE GLATTER

dog Max; daughters Kim (Bill) Sheets, Deb (Coy) Churchill; brother John (Pat) Geiger; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life is planned on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4-8 p.m. at the Eagles in Powell.

Memorial donations in Joanne's name may be made to a charity of the giver's choice.

Guns: Survey will remain open for the next several weeks

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community needs and values," said Jay Curtis, superintendent of Park County School District No. 1.

If surveys show that 40 percent of people in the district want the board to look at a new policy and 60 percent say no, "we're just probably not going to look at it," Curtis said. It's essential that "our community has a voice in it," he said.

Curtis said he's proud of how the Powell community supports its schools, and he and Borchers said it's important to have a civil discourse on the issue.

"We don't want this to be an issue that divides our community," Curtis said, adding, "It's really important that we maintain that civility and keep an open mind and try and be empathetic to others' positions."

The survey will remain open for the next several weeks, and the Powell school board plans to discuss responses during a work session in January, Borchers said.

"I would encourage our community to take part in that survey, rather than calling individual board members to express their views," Curtis said. "It's really important that we have all of the feedback in one spot, and all of the board members have access to the same data. ... We want a community-wide response on this."

If school board trustees vote to proceed with a new weapons policy, Borchers said they would work with the district's attorney Tracy Copenhagen, Powell Police Chief Roy Eckerdt and Park County Sheriff Scott Steward.

The board also would discuss qualifications, requirements, the application/approval process, training, equipment, insurance and other costs.

"We will leave no proverbial rock unturned before we decide on a policy," Borchers said.

Both the Cody and Meeteetse school boards are discussing whether to adopt policies allowing employees to carry concealed weapons in their districts. Curtis served as the Meeteetse Schools superintendent until coming to Powell in July; Curtis said that while in Meeteetse, he was strongly in favor of House Bill 194, which became the School Safety and Security Act. After a shooting like Sandy Hook, "no words can describe how isolated you feel" in a rural community like Meeteetse, Curtis said. The nearest law enforcement officer may be 30 miles away from Meeteetse.

"Powell's a very different community," Curtis said. "We have a phenomenal police force. ... You can't drive around Powell without seeing a police officer."

He said the school district and Powell Police Department have a great partnership, and a won-

derful school resource officer (SRO). The SRO carries a gun in local schools.

Unlike previous gun bills proposed in the Wyoming Legislature, House Bill 194 gave local school boards control over whether to allow guns on their campuses and, if so, the authority to decide who can carry.

"That's always what I advocated for," Curtis said. "We don't want it open to everyone. We want local boards to have control, so it is a reflection of their community needs and values."

The Legislature left it up to local school districts to decide where guns are allowed on their campuses. For example, the Powell school district could authorize employees to carry concealed weapons at its elementary school in Clark, which is isolated, while continuing to ban guns at other local schools.

Borchers has told his fellow board members there will need to be a convincing argument that a new policy will make kids in local schools safer.

He said the board will take its time looking at the issue and trustees' conversations will be in public meetings.

"We're not going to rush into this and make a quick decision on anything," Borchers said. "We'll make sure that all seven board members feel comfortable in the decision that they're making."

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Shelby Fagan poses for a photo with her buck. Courtesy photo

Hunter: Meat helps feed family for coming year

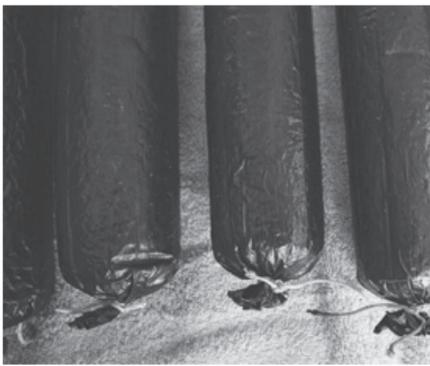
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education by including their daughters in the task of processing all the meat. Both parents also harvested deer and Frank took an elk as well. There was a lot of processing to do. The family took the extended weekend to make brats, snack sticks, summer sausage, steaks, roasts, burger and tender teriyaki jerky.

Like a well-oiled assembly line, the family moved through the projects, nibbling on the finished products along the way while college football played on the television in the living room. Laughter filled the kitchen as they discussed the hunts until the last of the meat was packaged and labeled.

The meat will help feed the family for the coming year, lessening the grocery bill and providing them with the knowledge of exactly from where their meat originated. But the snack sticks won't last long — the tender meat treats are the family favorites.

Few classmates will doubt Shelby's hunting credentials in the future. Not only is she a good shot, but she had her hands — complete with polished nails — in the entire process. From field dressing to mixing and grinding for her favorite wild game



Logs of summer sausage cool on a towel at the Fagan home. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

fare, the preteen has proven to be a reliable armed addition to the hunting family.

"At least one of the boys at school actually congratulated me," Shelby said. Her classmate hunted his first deer this season, though "mine was bigger," Shelby said. "His was a 4x4 and mine was a 5x4."

Eagles: It's important to monitor their population trends

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"It's important to monitor their population trends here."

Eagles flock to the Big Horn Basin due to the region's lower elevation, making it a good habitat for them to winter thanks to shallow snow pack and hunting opportunities. Eagles will hunt rabbits, fish where open water can be found and scavenge for road kill, Harrell said.

"It makes you appreciate the importance of the Big Horn Basin to wildlife," he said.

This count began in 1978 as the National Wildlife Federation's annual Mid-Winter Bald

Eagle Survey and is now coordinated nationally by the United States Army Corp of Engineers. The survey gathers information about eagles on a national scale and uses the data to document and track U.S. bald and golden eagle populations.

"Besides gathering eagle data, we have also been able to track population trends of several other raptor species. Because of our success and longevity, the Big Horn Basin area continues to be one of the longest-running, most intensively surveyed region in the United States," Harrell said.

New volunteers are required

to attend a training session at the BLM Cody Field Office on Jan. 12, the night before the survey.

The session will review eagle and raptor identification, survey methods and procedures, winter safety guidelines, and make final route assignments for new participants. The training session will be held at 7 p.m. at the Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, in Cody.

In the case of inclement weather, a makeup date for the survey is scheduled for the following Saturday, Jan. 20.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, call Harrell at 307-578-5900.

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IN OUR OPINION

Shopping locally benefits everyone, not just businesses

The holiday shopping season officially kicked into high gear Friday, as consumers hungry for a bargain were up before dawn and headed out to big box stores far and wide.

In the quest to offer the best deal, Black Friday now begins even earlier, with many businesses foregoing any semblance of a traditional Thanksgiving by enticing shoppers with Thursday bargains. Instead of settling in to watch football or succumbing to a turkey-induced coma, families are piling into their cars and going shopping, looking to get a jump on the craziness of the following day.

Often lost in the shuffle of this chaos, especially in a community the size of Powell, are the smaller local merchants, who are finding it harder to compete with the giant "super-stores" or box stores and the convenience of online shopping with each passing year.

To give local businesses a fighting chance, American Express began the Small Business Saturday initiative in 2010, an effort to encourage shoppers to support smaller retailers. Though numbers aren't yet available for this year's incarnation, last year's Small Business Saturday saw shoppers to the tune of 112 million spend \$15.4 billion nationally, offering a nice alternative to the chaos of Black Friday.

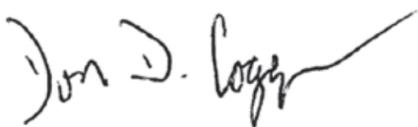
But the benefits of shopping locally extend beyond just supporting hometown businesses. There are currently 64,653 small businesses in Wyoming; that number represents 98.8 percent of all the businesses in the state, according to the Office of Advocacy's Small Business Profiles. In 2014 alone, 5,341 jobs were created, meaning 62 percent of all employees in the state "were working for a small business that year." The U.S. Small Business Administration reports that the 28 million small businesses in the country account for 54 percent of all sales.

Small businesses are what makes a community unique, and Powell is no exception. When you patronize the shops and restaurants on Bent Street and the outliers, you are preserving that uniqueness, whether it's grabbing a shake at a soda shop, buying tools at a hardware store or finding treasures at a retail shop.

Shopping locally also improves the local economy, as well as strengthens the connection between that business and the community. Owners and employees often know their customers on a personal level, and when a local business thrives, we all take pride in its success.

Shopping at these establishments keeps money in Powell or Park County, and can go to support a variety of entities, including schools, libraries and other services. Small businesses also often sponsor local events and charities as a way of giving back to the community.

We hope everyone who ventured out into the madness of Black Friday, as well as participated in the online smorgasbord of yesterday's Cyber Monday, found what they were looking for. But we also hope some of them took time on Small Business Saturday to check out what local retailers and restaurants have to offer, and continue to do so throughout the holiday season.



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More about reading

Two or three columns ago, I regaled you readers with my current reading habits.

That column may have encouraged some of you to drop what you were doing, turn off the football game on television, grab a nearby book and start reading. If, on the other hand, you shook your head at my attempt to promote reading and went on about your business, that's OK. Having one's nose in a book is certainly not everyone's cup of tea.

Writing that column, though, prompted me to change my reading habits slightly. As I pointed out in that column, I lean toward non-fiction when I look for something to read, which is probably a little strange for someone who spent years encouraging, and frequently assigning, the reading of novels. Not just any novels, of course, because my job was to have my students read what we call "literature."

I hesitate going into what makes a book "literature" instead of just an ordinary book. The line between the two types is pretty fuzzy, and it moves around a lot. Take Shakespeare, for example. There was a time when academic types held that William's efforts were not worthy of study. Why that is true is difficult to explain, especially to a room full of teens suffering from terminal senioritis.

So I used to tell them that classics are the sort of books a professor might expect them to know about when they get to college. "The Scarlet Letter" is such a book; "Valley of the Dolls" probably isn't. This works until some kid brings a list of courses from the college he is interested in attending, and points out that one of the course offerings is entitled, "The significance of Archie comic books in 21st Century adolescents."

This is not to say that nobody should read an Archie comic book or "Valley of the Dolls."

Not every book has to be serious literature, and there's nothing wrong with reading a book for fun, but don't expect me to accept a book report on it. From an academic perspective, a student should read something with

a bit more substance if he or she wants to escape a college English class without wrecking their grade-point average.

The point is, I'm not bad-mouthing books that, speaking from an academic perspective, I wouldn't call "literature." So please don't picket the Tribune office when I say this would include Craig Johnson's Longmire books. As I said in my previous column, I've read them all and liked them. They are well constructed and make pleasant reading, and I think they are much better than the television series, which has mangled some of the characters—especially Henry Standing Bear.

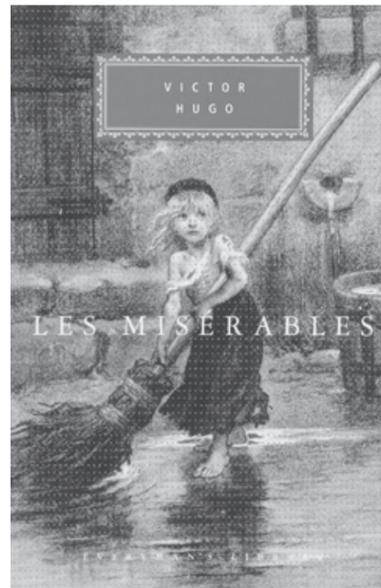
However, when I finished the latest Longmire book, "The Western Star," I thought I should read another novel, something I'd call literature. I remembered picking up just such a novel from a book club a couple of decades ago, but never reading it. I went in search of this book and found it on one of our more remote bookshelves. I blew the dust from it and placed it by my chair. Last week, I



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began reading it. Compared to "The Western Star," it's a heavy book. I mean actually, physically heavy, heavier even than "Hamilton," the book I wrote about before—and "Hamilton" was 730 pages long. Friday morning, I reached the halfway point in my latest book, on page 630. As of Friday evening, I passed page 700 of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables," so I have something over 500 pages left to read.

You might think reading such a book would be a bit unpleasant. "Les Misérables" is a product of French culture 150 years ago and its setting is even further back in time. In addition, myriad characters, some with multiple French names, come and go during the course of the novel, leading to confusion about just who is doing what. Furthermore, the author tends to stray from the actual story to provide background information or comment on morality, ethics, politics, justice, religion or the individuals of historical interest who



may or may not have anything to do with the story.

But I am enjoying "Les Misérables." That's because, despite being a work of fiction, the history of France in the years following Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo is an integral part of the story. Despite that defeat, France was moving away from a monarchy that ruled by divine right to a more democratic society and eventually, most of Europe would follow.

Questions of justice, morality, religion and other societal issues accompanied that movement, and violence often erupted over them, as it does in "Les Misérables." While we live in a much different world than Victor Hugo did, all the issues that arise in "Les Misérables" are just as troublesome now as well. In the end, that's what makes this book more than just a story, and why it is worth reading.

It's also why I find reading it enjoyable—even if it's 1,200 pages long.



Wyoming should put transparency before taxes

Tracking government spending shouldn't require a search warrant.

Our non-partisan, nonprofit organization at OpenTheBooks.com recently filed open records requests with each of the 795 units of government in Wyoming, asking them to provide copies of their checkbook expenditures, public employee salaries and pension payouts. While we've received some responses, too many of our requests have gone unanswered.

The Center for Public Integrity in Washington, D.C. gave Wyoming an "F" in transparency. Our goal is to move the state's failing grade to an "A." Existing Wyoming law, the state Constitution, and the federal Constitution all support our effort to capture a complete record of public spending in Wyoming. Our goal: Post every dime of Wyoming government spending online, in real time.

So far, the Wyoming transparency project has had a lot of success. For example, at OpenTheBooks.com, citizens can find the salaries of nearly

33,000 public employees working for state, university and local units of government. We've also posted the salaries of 8,200 educators in school districts and 500,000 checkbook transactions from 120 municipal bodies.

The University of Wyoming promptly and efficiently provided public employee salaries and vendor checkbook spending. Gov. Matt Mead's division of Human Resources easily provided salary records of all state employees.

However, after five months of pleasantly persistent emails, regular mail service and phone calls, our open records requests were ignored or unlawfully rejected by too many units of Wyoming government—including 30 of 48 school districts. Here are some of the public records we haven't received:

- Wyoming state checkbook — The State Auditor denied our request and refused to produce the last three

months of spending already loaded online or provide the backup data. After 90 days, the record is purged.

- Retirement System of Wyoming — The General Counsel rejected our request for the retirement pension payouts. Taxpayers fund and guarantee these pensions. They deserve to know who receives how much, after working for which unit of government, for what length of time and in which position. Denying our request is in contravention of established Wyoming open records statutes.

• Transparency taxes — Some counties want to charge a "transparency tax." For example, we've been asked to pay \$3,400 or \$1,600 for copies of checkbook spending!

What is the problem? We've only asked for raw data. Our team has the capacity to post all public spending online and in our OpenTheBooks

mobile app. If Wyoming public bodies complied with the law, it would take us less than 30 days.

In our quest to post every dime taxed and spent at every level of Wyoming government, we applaud the 227 municipal, state, school districts and other local units of government that have already produced full records of their salaries or checkbook spending.

Still, hundreds of Wyoming units of government have not yet complied with basic open records law. Our experience begs the question: Can the government circumvent or outright violate open records law or charge draconian fees so they can continue operating in the dark? Does the rule of law only apply to "we the people" in the private sector?

In Wyoming, it's too difficult to access government records. State law does not set a deadline for responding to a request nor designate a system for facilitating open records compliance. Even in Illinois — the "Super Bowl of corruption" — data must be provided within five

business days!

Why did Wyoming taxes fund \$35,000 for a magician at the Department of Education STEM conference in 2015; fund \$15,000 for a documentary on Dutch Hop Dance; or fund \$60,000 for a no-bid contract to "increase awareness" in the state's child support division?

Wyoming taxpayers deserve information and answers. It's time to open the books at every level of government across Wyoming.

The people of Wyoming must understand one big idea: In God we trust, but those with government responsibilities we must audit. After capturing and posting online all government spending, there will be endless opportunities for oversight.

Remember, it's your money. You have a right to know how it's spent.

(Adam Andrzejewski is the CEO and founder of OpenTheBooks.com, a nonprofit organization that has one of the largest databases of public spending in the world. He lives in Herscher, Illinois.)

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Cody area fence improved for migrating pronghorn

Multiple government agencies and a nonprofit organization recently collaborated to make some fence east of Cody more friendly for migrating pronghorn antelope.

The Bureau of Land Management Cody Field Office worked with the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Friends of a Legacy (FOAL) to alter about 3 miles of barbed wire fence along Wyo. Highway 32.

They replaced the bottom strand of barbed wire with smooth, wildlife-friendly wire. The bottom wire was also raised to 16 inches off the ground to allow pronghorn — which need space to crawl under fences — to pass easily under it.

"Last year, thousands of pronghorn were stacked up along this fence, unable to cross," said BLM Wildlife Biologist Destin Harrell, who organized the work day. "Thanks to the commitment of groups like FOAL, WYDOT and Game and Fish to making BLM fences more wildlife-friendly, the migrating Carter Mountain pronghorn herd now has better access to its crucial winter range and an improved chance of surviving harsh winters."

Before the work day, WYDOT got a head start on the project by rolling up barbed wire and pulling staples, which allowed for quick work stretching and tacking smooth wire when all the partners came together.

"It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed being out working with the group," said WYDOT Area Supervisor Robin Nichols.

The fence was replaced on the eastern edge of the McCullough Peaks Wild Horse Herd Management Area, which is why FOAL — which supports the McCullough Peaks herd — was a natural partner on the work. The group provided several volunteers for the project.

"FOAL supports the preservation of wildlife migration routes, especially when allowing pronghorn to migrate through the wild horse herd management area, which extends the grazing



Partners with the Bureau of Land Management, Friends of a Legacy, Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Wyoming Department of Transportation stretch and tack-up smooth wire to allow pronghorn to pass easily under the fence. Photo courtesy BLM

resources for those animals who cannot migrate," said FOAL Executive Director Marion Morrison. "This project was a win-win for BLM, FOAL, the wild horses of the McCullough Peaks and the pronghorn."

Game and Fish shared the concerns about man-made obstacles and hazards impeding the Carter Mountain pronghorn

herd's winter migration.

Wyoming Game and Fish Associate Wildlife Biologist Leslie Schreiber said the department was "excited" to help with the project.

"By working together, we eliminated an obstacle to open up about 100 square miles of habitat for wintering pronghorn," Schreiber said.

The BLM Cody Field Office has been modifying fence segments whenever possible for several years. Local BLM officials said the projects will continue as the agency attempts to improve its fences throughout the field office area to meet wildlife specifications.

For more information, contact Harrell at 307-578-5900.

Trigger manufacturer makes large donation to the Cody Firearms Museum at BBCW

Timney Triggers recently donated \$500,000 toward an upcoming renovation of the Cody Firearms Museum at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West.

The center recently revealed its plan to fully renovate the Cody Firearms Museum for roughly \$12 million. The two-floor renovation will cater to both firearms enthusiasts and the general public. It will have more than 4,500 firearms on display, Steel Challenge simulators and additional hands-on interactive displays that show how firearms changed throughout history and why they're significant to the American cultural heritage, center officials say.

Timney Triggers' donation combines with several federal grants and high-level individual donations received to date for the project.

"I am happy to make this gift," said Timney Triggers owner John Vehr. "Our industry must support and appreciate the benefits derived from having the finest gun museum in the world educate hundreds of thousands of people who visit [the museum] — and are new to guns — on the historical importance and the positive aspects of our industry."

Timney Triggers manufactures aftermarket triggers, producing replacement triggers for more than 70 years.

Peter Kuyper, newly appointed advisory board chairman for the museum, said he is "thrilled to be a part of such a terrific opportunity to educate the public about firearms history. No other firearms museum in the country is poised to tell this story in a way that will reach both the collector and

the novice."

Museum Curator Ashley Hlebinsky said she is "ecstatic" to have Timney Triggers' support.

"When we set out to plan the new museum, we wanted to make sure that our historic roots were fostered in the new museum," she said. "However, it is equally important that we acquire representation from newer companies, or companies whose stories haven't been told previously in museums, solidifying their place in history."

The project has already garnered a \$300,000 Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to upgrade environmental controls and improve the CFM's fire and security systems. In addition, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently awarded a \$255,000 Museums for America grant toward exhibition planning.

For more information about the renovation, contact Hlebinsky at ashleyh@centerofthewest.org or 307-578-4048.

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*Peter Kuyper
Cody Firearms Museum*

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NEW COMMUNICATIONS LEADER



Bobbie Colvin was formally pinned as the Powell Police Department's records/communications supervisor on Wednesday at City Hall. She is pictured with her husband John (right) and Chief Roy Eckerdt. Colvin has served with the department for 26 years. 'To have somebody with that kind of time and experience to bring that knowledge into the position is definitely a benefit and an asset to the agency,' Eckerdt said of Colvin. Eckerdt described the communications supervisor — who oversees all of the department's dispatching and the agency's records — as 'a position that is probably under-appreciated but over-relied upon.' Colvin replaces longtime supervisor Teri Cozzens, who recently retired. Three department employees applied for the post and a team brought in to assess the candidates said 'we would take any or all of them today,' Eckerdt recalled with pride. Tribune photo by CJ Baker

CORRECTION

A Friday story about possible changes to nonresident elk tag allotments mischaracterized one possible option as a "proposal" that the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is backing. Game and Fish staff did not propose changes to the regulations, but rather simply discussed possible options for changes at the request of the Game and Fish commission. In planning to take the issue to the public in the form of scoping meetings, the department is not seeking support from either side of the debate during the discussions, but rather wanting to gauge support for possible changes. Part of the commission's role is reviewing the processes by which hunting opportunity is allocated. Any changes in the regulations are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act and there are requirements about public meetings and public comment. The department isn't at that stage yet. The Tribune regrets the error.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

NOVEMBER 9
 ■ 8:19 a.m. A white and black pit-bull was reported to be running at large and menacing neighbors as part of an ongoing problem on Tuney Street/Cooper Lane in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office found nothing.
 ■ 8:31 a.m. Ryan Thomas Pelis, 25, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
 ■ 10 a.m. A man on Spring Road in the Cody area reported that someone opened several accounts in his name.
 ■ 12:20 p.m. A man on West Spring Road in the Cody area reported that he did not want a woman to return to the residence when she's released from jail, asking to have her served with a no trespassing order.
 ■ 1:06 p.m. Five horses were reported to have been without hay since October on McCullough Road in the Cody area. The caller said they fed the horses on Nov. 2 and 7. The report was determined to be unfounded.
 ■ 3:02 p.m. The Sheriff's Office was

asked to check on the welfare of a man's sister on Lane 11H in the Powell area, as the man had been unable to reach her for the past week. A deputy found she was fine.
 ■ 4:30 p.m. Kaleb Jesse Zarate, 24, was arrested on a warrant on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.
 ■ 6:35 p.m. The Sheriff's Office attempted to assist Cody police by serving a No trespassing order on Battlefield Trail in Clark, but was unable to do so.
 ■ 7:16 p.m. A woman reported being concerned about her husband and son, who were out hunting on Road 5RU in the Meeteetse area. The woman said they had called around 2:30 p.m., saying they had an elk down, and had not returned home yet.
NOVEMBER 10
 ■ 4:36 a.m. A power line was reported down on Lane 11H in the Powell area as part of a motor vehicle crash.
 ■ 8:43 a.m. A cow was reported to have been shot overnight on Road 10 in the Powell area.
 ■ 9:50 a.m. Cows were reported to have gotten out on Lane 13/Road 9 in the Powell area. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate them.
 ■ 12:34 p.m. A man asked a deputy to stand by while they retrieved a horse from a location on Saddle Hill Road in the Meeteetse area that afternoon.
 ■ 4:47 p.m. With no trooper in the area, the Sheriff's Office assisted the Wyoming Highway Patrol with a deer in the road on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.
 ■ 7:53 p.m. Charles Skyler Scott, 18, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
NOVEMBER 11
 ■ 12:24 a.m. A woman reported that three people were coming up to her house and banging on the window with flashlights on Lane 11 in the Powell area. The Sheriff's Office was unable to locate anyone.
 ■ 6:59 a.m. A woman reported that the front door had been kicked in on Lane 10 in the Powell area.
 ■ 7:16 a.m. Someone was reported to have pried open the door to the firehouse on the South Fork on Road 6NQ.
 ■ 10:37 a.m. Matthew Ryan Stevens, 36, turned himself in on a circuit court warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
 ■ 1:44 p.m. A silver Toyota was reported to be speeding and to

have passed another vehicle in the tunnels west of Cody on U.S. Highway 14/16/20.
 ■ 2:35 p.m. Three horses were reported to have been without food or water for quite some time on Cooper Lane in the Cody area. The caller said the pasture had been eaten down to dirt prior to it snowing. They had not seen anyone out there for a long time, either, with no footprints in the snow.
 ■ 3:46 p.m. Kay Lorene Flores, 53, was served with a warrant for a probation revocation in a misdemeanor case and taken into Park County custody on a warrant at the Big Horn County line on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.
 ■ 3:56 p.m. A woman on Lane 8 in the Powell area reported that she wanted her granddaughter out of her house and wanted a deputy to respond.
 ■ 4:08 p.m. A gray Pontiac Grand Am was reported stolen on Road 8 in the Powell area. It had last been seen on Nov. 7.
 ■ 5:28 p.m. A woman reported that her daughter and another girl, ages 8 and 9, had been missing since around 2 p.m., when they got candy at a store on State Street in Meeteetse. The woman said her daughter had been staying with her sister-in-law; the woman said she'd just gotten home and been told of the situation.
POLICE REPORT
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NOVEMBER 10
 ■ 9:11 p.m. A caller on Queens Boulevard reported a male subject around a vehicle and when the caller pulled up, the male kept looking back over his shoulder. The subject then ran and got into a vehicle and drove away. Officers responded, but they advised there had been a considerable time delay between when the incident occurred and when it was reported and the subject was gone.
NOVEMBER 11
 ■ 12:08 a.m. Minors were reported to be attempting to use fake identification at a bar on South Douglas Street, but the individuals were gone when officers arrived. The case was placed under

investigation.
 ■ 12:14 a.m. Loud music was reported on West First Street. Responding officers were able to work things out between the reporting party and an individual in a vehicle playing music.
 ■ 12:38 a.m. A caller on North Ferris Street reported a woman missing from her boyfriend's residence in Colorado and the case was placed under investigation.
 ■ 1:41 a.m. A male was reported to be sitting in a vehicle in the back parking lot of a business on East Second Street. The vehicle was gone when officers arrived.
 ■ 1:46 a.m. Dispatch received a call from a woman on South Everts Street who said her boyfriend was shoving and hitting her. Responding officers spoke with the female, who denied the male hit her. The woman said the boyfriend was angry and wanted officers to calm him down. Officers spoke with the male, who denied hitting the female. The male then admitted that his girlfriend was hitting and shoving him and he pushed her. The male and female were both cited for unlawful contact.
 ■ 1:46 a.m. McKenzie Grace Ray, 21, Powell, was arrested on South Everts Street on a circuit court warrant.
NOVEMBER 12
 ■ 10:48 a.m. A stray little black dog with a white chest was reported on Avenue H and a responding officer took the dog to the animal shelter.
 ■ 5:17 p.m. A stray Rottweiler was reported to be in a yard on West Pat O'Hara Drive. The owner was later located and received a warning for dog running at large. They responded to the shelter to claim their dog.

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WHERE EWES GO, THEY GO



A ewe bighorn sheep leads several rams down a section of U.S. Highway 14/16/20 on the North Fork on Saturday. The rams were far more preoccupied with the ewe than they were with traffic on the highway. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

Cheyenne chamber exploring light rail service to Colorado

CHEYENNE — The local chamber of commerce wants to find out if passenger rail service from Cheyenne to cities up and down the Front Range would succeed.

Members of the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce launched an initiative in October called Move Cheyenne to find ways to improve transportation on Interstate 25.

One idea being considered would provide light rail service from Cheyenne south to Pueblo, Colorado, with

stops at cities along the way. The system would use Amtrak railroad equipment.

'On a given day, those of us who travel to DIA know that I-25 turns into a parking lot.'

*Max Carre
Cheyenne Chamber of
Commerce board member*

Another possibility would provide train service to Denver, with a connection to Denver International Airport (DIA) via the Rapid Transit Delivery rail system.

Improving the condition of transportation is crucial, given the high volume of vehicles that travel on Interstate 25 along the Front Range, said Dale Steenbergen, president and chief executive officer of

the chamber.

Chamber board member Max Carre agreed.

"On a given day, those of us who travel to DIA know that I-25 turns into a parking lot," Carre said.

Rail service has proven itself as an efficient, cost-effective way to get people around, Carre said.

"Based on the initial research that we have done, it is a viable option. It would give commuters another transportation option, but it won't happen overnight," Carre said.

The Cheyenne chamber also supports the efforts of some northern Colorado residents who want to widen I-25.

Torrington school employees now must pass physical test

TORRINGTON — Goshen County School District No. 1 is now requiring pre-employment physical assessment testing.

The Torrington-based district will pay for the test, which must be completed prior to the prospective employee's first day of work.

Permanent employees, including bus drivers, cooks,

custodians, paraprofessionals and substitute bus drivers are also subject to the testing.

"Offers of employment for jobs in classifications subject to this policy are contingent upon the prospective employee's successful completion of a physical assessment specific to the job and based upon industry standards of performance," says Policy 4210.1, approved

by the district's board of trustees earlier this month.

"Existing employees or substitutes seeking a transfer into a subject job classification with a higher level of physical demands than their current job may be subject to this testing," the document states.

The policy is meant to "ensure the prospective employee (an individual to whom a

contingent job offer has been made) possesses the physical capabilities necessary to safely perform the essential functions of the job," according to official documents.

In addition, district officials hope the policy will reduce the risk of work-related injuries.

The policy passed its second and final reading unanimously on Nov. 14.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Sara Sanchez and her 2-year-old son Izaak work on making Christmas decorations at Santa's Workshop in The Commons in Powell on Friday. The Powell Rotary Club organized the annual holiday event. Tribune photos by Mark Davis



A crowd waits on Clark Street for Santa's helicopter to land, signifying the beginning of the Christmas season, on Friday in downtown Powell.



Santa gets a hug from one of his Powell area fans after landing on Friday to help kick off the holiday season.

Annual 4x4 Exhibit & Sale returns to Northwest College Dec. 5

The 36th annual 4X4 Exhibit & Sale opens at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Northwest College's Northwest Gallery.

In keeping with tradition, the doors remain locked until exactly 7 p.m., when crowds rush the gallery to get first chance at the diminutive art created by

Northwest College faculty, staff and students.

Works submitted for the mixed-media show can be no larger than 16 square inches in two-dimensional form and 64 cubic inches in three-dimensional form. Prices for all pieces are set at either \$8, \$12 or \$16 each.

All remaining pieces of art will be on display and available for purchase through Dec. 20.

Light refreshments will be available for artists and patrons at the opening reception. This event is free and open to the public.

The Northwest Gallery is

located in the Cabre Building. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m.

For more information about this event, contact Denise Kelsay, art and galleries coordinator at NWC, at denise.kelsay@nwc.edu or 754-6499.

Doctor: Painkiller bill too heavy-handed

BY ARNO ROSENFELD
Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER — One Wyoming doctor is concerned about a potential new law that would heavily regulate the prescription of opioid painkillers in the state.

Anne MacGuire, a rheumatology doctor based in Casper and a member of the state Board of Medicine, said she was alarmed by the bill because it could lead to many patients simply going without necessary pain medication.

The Legislative Service Office does not release bill drafts without the permission of the lawmaker sponsoring it, but MacGuire said it would require anyone prescribing opioids in Wyoming to search each patient

in a state database before writing a new prescription. If a doctor fails to do so, their license would be revoked.

The database, known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is intended to prevent patients from receiving multiple prescriptions at once, known as "doctor shopping," and to bar other types of fraud.

MacGuire said she and other doctors already check the database regularly for all their patients. But to expect them to search the database every time they renew a prescription for even long-term patients is unrealistic, she said. On a recent weekday, MacGuire said she had written 15 painkiller prescriptions for patients. Because searches can take up to

20 minutes, MacGuire said she could not use it to look up every patient.

With the threat of losing her medical license if she failed to search the patient and document the results, "It's too big a club for me to take the time to write for a prescription that is not going to save somebody's life — it's going to make their life better or easier but isn't going to make a difference [of] life or death and it puts my job at risk," MacGuire said. "Everybody else in the state would do the exact same thing."

MacGuire said the measure was being sponsored by Rep. Jim Byrd, D-Cheyenne. Byrd did not respond to an email or voicemail seeking comment.

Overdoses, including deaths,

from opioids have been a growing problem across the country with abuse of pills and heroin spiking in certain regions. President Donald Trump recently declared a national public health emergency due to the opioid epidemic.

But MacGuire disputed the need for a new law in Wyoming, saying the state does not have a problem with doctor shopping or an opioid epidemic.

But Aimee Lewis, chair of Wyoming Prescription Drug Abuse Stakeholders, said prescription pain medication and heroin are both big problems in the state. The bill is based on language from North Carolina, and Lewis said it would be useful to track the effectiveness of similar laws.

Group home: Plans to have facility ready for clients in the spring

Continued from Page 1

does not include sex offenders or prison rehab," said Bonner, who is a part-owner of the Tribune.

However, on Sept. 14, before the commissioners made their decision, the Hicswas filed an appeal in Park County District Court; that was to preserve their right to challenge the county's permit, as it was set to become final 30 days from the commissioners' initial approval.

"It was never our intention [to appeal] anywhere along the way, but the decision [to change the permit's wording] hadn't been made so we had to do a notice of appeal just in case," said Stefani Hicswa, who is the president of Northwest

College.

Hicswa added that, "We — all of our neighbors, it wasn't just Scott and I — stated what our position was and the Forconi stated their position, and I think that the county commissioners really looked at the situation and made the best decision possible considering the circumstances and so we are satisfied with the outcome."

Adding confusion to the situation was the fact that the Tribune wrote about the appeal in late September, after the commission had addressed the Hicswas' concerns.

A lawyer representing the Hicswas notified Park County's District Court on Oct. 24 that they were dismissing their appeal.

That officially closed a contentious county approval process that drew heated remarks from supporters and opponents. Many neighbors spoke out against the proposal. Nearly everyone in attendance at a July commission meeting on the group home stood in a display of disapproval; one area resident said they'd heard no neighbors support the project.

Forconi, however, said "the support that I received ... way outnumbered the people that were against it."

"I had neighbors baking bread and bringing it down and people calling me and people I've never met that live right here on this block and saying that they didn't agree with anything that was being said and

they wanted [me] to know that I had their support if I needed anything," Forconi said, adding, "They just chose not to make a big scene about it."

Forconi first got involved with group homes after completing nursing school, working at several in Minnesota to provide care for higher-need patients.

"When I got here, there wasn't any [similar group homes] that I was aware of, so it's always been in the back of my mind to do this," she said. "And the timing was just right for me to go for it."

Forconi hopes to have her facility ready for clients by April, though "that might be pushing it a little bit, because we got such a late start this fall."

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Thursday
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Friday
Periods of clouds and sunshine
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Partial sunshine
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Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High/Low.....66°/23°
Normal high/low.....40°/15°
Average temperature.....44.1°
Normal average temperature.....27.6°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week.....Trace
Month to date.....0.14"
Normal month to date.....0.16"
Year to date.....7.76"
Snowfall for the week.....0.0"
Snowfall month to date.....1.9"
Snowfall season to date.....1.9"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset.....7:29am/4:37pm
Moonrise/Moonset.....2:08pm/1:14am

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Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 26

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Casper	45/32/s	Greybull	46/23/s	Rawlins	44/32/pc			
Cheyenne	45/26/pc	Jeffrey City	41/29/pc	Rock Springs	40/24/pc			
Gillette	46/35/s	Kirby	44/21/s	Shoshoni	44/26/s			

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Chicago	57/32/pc	Kansas City	58/40/pc	Phoenix	77/55/s			
Dallas	77/53/s	Las Vegas	65/44/s	St. Louis	71/45/s			
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Aspen Aguirre and her horse Spartan make a turn around a barrel during a performance at the Cody Nite Rodeo over the summer. Aguirre finished fourth overall in barrel racing. Photo courtesy Jason Koperski

Aguirre fourth in barrels at Cody Nite Rodeo

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Powell High School senior Aspen Aguirre finished last summer's Cody Nite Rodeo season in fourth place in barrel racing; she jumped up two spots after entering the season-ending finals ranked sixth.

"It's a really big rush," Aguirre said of barrel racing. "You don't even hear anything when you are running out there; it's all just really fast, insanely fast, everything is so fast."

Points are accumulated throughout the season from the first Cody Nite Rodeo till the last three days of competition. In those last three days the top 10 in each event then compete in the finals.

During the finals, the 18-year-old Aguirre ran times of 17.9

seconds, 17.60 seconds and 17.80 seconds.

Competitors can only compete five out of the seven nights a week throughout the season.

Aguirre said the competition can kind of get ramped up during the month of August as cowboys and cowgirls mount their last push to make the top 10.

Throughout the summer, Aguirre competed two to three nights a week and has been running barrels for the last five years.

"The speed is what drew me to it," Aguirre said. "Something about going fast I've always liked;

I love to go fast."

But the sport involves more than just running around a barrel, as barrel racing is a partnership between horse and rider.

'Once we formed a bond, that's really when we started being competitive in Cody.'

Aspen Aguirre
Barrel racer

"My thing with it is 'what you put in is what you get out,' and the nicer you're gonna treat these horses, it shows," Aguirre said.

Aguirre's horse is named Spartan, and is a left-turn horse; she noted that most horses are right-turn

horses (think right-handed people and left-handed people).

"Once we formed a bond, that's really when we started being competitive in Cody," Aguirre said.

Aguirre got 10-year-old Spar-

tan in June and he had not been participating in weekly rodeos. Before this summer, he had only been competing in about 10 rodeos a year.

"He got better throughout the season," Aguirre said.

At the beginning of the year, the duo was placing sixth or seventh. By the end, they had won a couple of nights.

Rodeo is very competitive and Aguirre pointed out that, when it comes to barrel racing, one has to constantly be pushing to be faster because 1/100th of a second could be the difference between you and the person placing above you.

Aguirre said she watches videos of her races in slow motion to analyze where she needs to be better communicating with her horse of

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Casen Gines bullfights at the Cody Nite Rodeo last summer. Casen has been invited to be a rodeo clown at the Junior National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Courtesy photo



Caden Gines at the 2016 inaugural Junior National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Caden will make another showing in the miniature bull riding at this year's Junior NFR, beginning Dec. 7. Photo courtesy Colby and Codi Gines

GINES BROTHERS PURSUING RODEO DREAMS

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

CADEN AND CASEN TO PARTICIPATE IN JUNIOR NFR

The Junior National Finals Rodeo begins next week and both Caden and Casen Gines — the sons of Colby and Codi Gines — will be participating in the second annual event. Caden will ride in the miniature bucking bulls competition and Casen will participate as a rodeo clown.

Both Gines boys have long-

term goals of careers in the sport of rodeo — and being participants at the Junior NFR is another step toward their goals.

Caden hopes to one day be a professional bull rider and stock contractor while Casen wants to be a professional rodeo clown.

CADEN

Caden, 14, competed at last

year's inaugural Junior NFR. Though he didn't compete as well as he had hoped, Caden said that he was going to come back with a "vengeance" this year.

Returning with a vengeance he did, as Caden placed second overall in the Colorado Region standings in miniature bull riding. Caden said that this year, he is even more excited to compete

at the Junior NFR because he "had to succeed to get there."

By that, Caden means he had to travel to rodeos in Colorado (in the towns of Boone, Elizabeth and Gunnison), Albuquerque, New Mexico, Laurel, Montana, as well as competing in Wyoming, Laramie and Cody.

Caden said his favorite rodeo this summer was in New Mexico,

because it was a place he had never been and he enjoyed going somewhere new.

At this year's Junior NFR, Caden said his goal is to "just get better." Caden said that means to improve his riding style and perfect his riding technique.

In setting any long-term goal, there has to be short-term goals set as well. To become a profes-

sional bull rider, Caden's short-term goal of getting better has also been reached by attending the Gary Leffew Rodeo School.

Leffew is a world champion bull rider and has been inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.

"I've been riding better and better ever since I went to his school," Caden said.

At the school, Caden learned how to better maneuver his body

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Karst makes All-American in wrestling

SETS SIGHTS ON BEING THREE-TIME STATE CHAMP

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Powell's Reese Karst earned All-American honors at the National High School Coaches Association Folkstyle Wrestling National Championship tournament in Virginia Beach, Virginia, last spring.

Karst will hope to continue that success for Powell High

School in the upcoming wrestling season, as he works to repeat as a state champion.

At the NHSCA folkstyle wrestling tournament in Virginia on March 25-26, around 3,700 participants wrestled, with opponents of their same grade facing off against each other (freshmen vs. freshmen, sophomores vs. sophomores, etc.).

There were over 100 wrestlers in Karst's 132-pound weight class, and he finished with six wins and three losses to take eighth place.

The top eight in each weight

class for each grade earned All-American status. Thirty Wyoming wrestlers attended and five earned All-American honors.

Karst said he enjoyed wrestling at the tournament and "just seeing new people."

"They were quite a bit tougher," he said.

Karst started wrestling at the age of 3. Now 17, he is entering his junior year at Powell High School. He's coming off a sophomore campaign where he won the 3A state championship title in the 132-pound weight class.

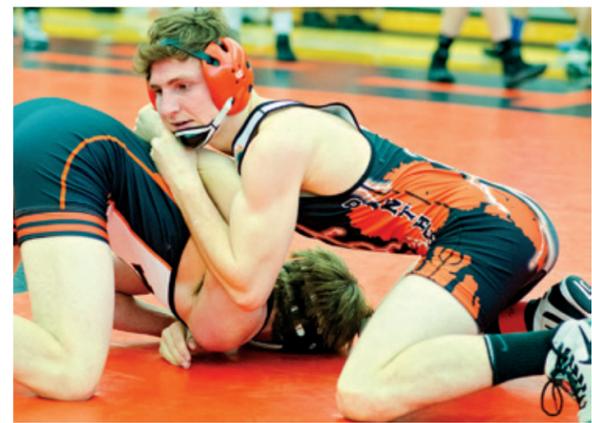
"If you want to be all right at it,

you definitely have to push yourself," he said.

With 14 years of commitment to the sport of wrestling, Karst said "there's definitely been times when I hated it, but now I really like it. It's just one of those things that grows on you after a while."

Today, wrestling is Karst's favorite sport.

"The independent part is definitely a big factor," he explained, adding that, "in wrestling, if you make a mistake, it's all on you —



Then-Powell High School junior Reese Karst wrestles at last season's Powell Athletic Roundtable Invitational. Tribune file photo by Breanne Thiel

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Gines: Both brothers have sponsors for upcoming Junior National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas

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while atop a bull along with techniques, strategies and mental strategy/ability.

Like any sport, the mind is an important factor that also needs to be trained. Leffew promotes a positive mental attitude through his school and visualization techniques.

Caden said one component of the strategy taught at the school was how to get "your head in the game and not letting 'The Bull' factor scare you."

"Mind over matter," added father Colby.

Also this year, Caden picked up a sponsor:

He's on the junior rodeo team for Pro Earth Animal Health Zesterra and CattleActive.

This summer, Caden was also the miniature bull stock contractor for the Cody Nite Rodeo's mini bull riding event on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Caden had saved up the money from his fair pigs to purchase the six to eight head of bulls that were brought to the Cody Nite Rodeo.

CADEN

The stock contractors of the Mini Bareback and Mini Saddle Bronc World Championship Organization asked 10-year-old Caden to be a rodeo clown at this year's Junior NFR.

Caden, whose rodeo clown name is Shorty 'Primetime' Gines, said he's excited to get to compete. He added that he expects himself to be funny and is not that nervous.

The 10-year-old's nerves aren't running rampant about being in front of the big stage at the Junior NFR because of the experience he acquired over the summer — including rodeo clowning two nights a week at the Cody Nite Rodeo, the Cowley Rodeo and at Jake Clark's Mule Days.

Caden has also worked with professional rodeo clowns such as Matt Tarr and Justin Rum-

ford.

Mother Codi said that "Matt Tarr has helped him [Casen] a bunch in the arena and during some performances."

Rumford is a five-time PRCA clown of the year and Casen has attended two of his schools.

Though Casen said that he likes the stage of the rodeo clown, "some part of it is hard work, cause you have acts and you have to learn them — and jokes and you have to memorize them."

At the Junior NFR, Casen will perform three to four acts and tell jokes over the course of five days as well as doing the "walk and talk."

The "walk and talk" is when the rodeo clown walks around and talks to the crowd in between riders and while riders are getting ready in the chute.

In preparation for the Junior NFR, father and son have written out the

acts and been practicing at home. Father Colby said a lot of the preparation thus far has involved talking about how the act is going to go — "getting him a visual of what he needs to be looking for," Colby said.

The two also practice the acts at home in the family's arena.

As far as what acts Casen will perform at the Junior NFR, "I like dancing," he said.

One will be an old clown act involving Michael Jackson songs.

"Michael Jackson dances a lot," Casen explained.

"Everyone knows Michael Jackson so it should be a real fun act for him to do," added Colby.

Caden will perform during the bull riding and bareback riding events of the Junior NFR. Like his brother, he'll also be sponsored by Pro Earth Animal Health Zesterra and CattleActive.

This year's Junior NFR takes place Dec. 7-16 and will be live streamed through one of the RFD-TV websites.

Both Gines boys thanked their sponsors and parents for their support throughout the season.

'Some part of it is hard work, cause you have acts and you have to learn them — and jokes and you have to memorize them.'

Casen Gines Junior rodeo clown



Casen Gines performs as Shorty 'Primetime' Gines the rodeo clown during a performance of the Cody Nite Rodeo over the summer. Casen will show his stuff at the Junior National Finals Rodeo next week. Courtesy photo



Caden Gines rides a miniature bucking bull at the Cody Nite Rodeo over the summer. Caden will compete in the Junior National Finals Rodeo, starting next week in Las Vegas, Nevada. Courtesy photo

Aguirre:

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what Spartan needs to be doing in respect to speeding up, slowing down and/or making a turn.

"Thinking the tiniest things that I can do to make him a little bit faster," Aguirre explained.

She said balance and body positioning is important during a run, noting the horse cannot turn going full speed, so it has to slow down.

"So when [you come to a] barrel, you as a rider have to sit back, because that is what the horse's body is doing," Aguirre said.

A similar concept is used when a horse is running at full speed — the rider needs to lean up more on the horse so as they can run faster.

"He really came a long way in such a short time, so I am really excited for college rodeo," Aguirre said of Spartan.

Aguirre wants to compete in rodeo at the collegiate level and plans on majoring in the medical field, with a specific interest in radiology.

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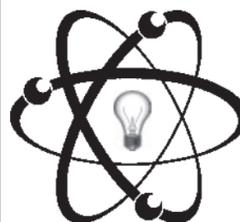
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Karst: 'I know what I can do and I know what I can't do'

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you have to deal with what you did yourself."

Karst also said wrestling makes you aware of your own limitations and abilities.

"I know what I can do and I know what I can't do," said Karst. He said that knowledge pushes him to overcome his limitations to make those limitations his strengths.

An example Karst gave to prove his point was, "if you get put in a move and it doesn't feel good, you'll know next time that that doesn't feel good so [you] don't want to give them the opportunity to do that to [you]."

Karst said wrestling is a "tough" sport.

"You got to get beat up sometimes," Karst said, though he added that losing is an opportunity to "learn from past experiences."

"It gives you more aggression," Karst said. "[It] makes you more aggressive 'cause you've been in that place and don't want to be there again."

He also said wrestling "definitely teaches you how to be a leader."

In the practice room, not only are upperclassmen teaching underclassmen techniques and moves but the more experienced are teaching the less experienced.

In the off-season, Karst has helped underclassmen prepare for various competitions.

"If they want to learn I will definitely show them," he said.

Karst said weight management is "definitely one of the things that scares people away from wres-



Powell High School junior Reece Karst stands with All-American wrestling certificates he earned at the National High School Coaches Association Wrestling Championships in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

ting because they hear scary stories about cutting weight." While weight management is a big factor to the sport, "it's something that you have to do

'You got to get beat up sometimes.'

*Reece Karst
Panther wrestler*

year-round, not just during the season," he said. Wrestling has made Karst conscious of healthy eating habits that will carry on throughout his life.

After high school, Karst would like to wrestle in college and major in an agriculture-related field.

Karst is in FFA and 4-H and

owns about 60 acres by himself raising barley and hay and about 10 head of cattle. He also helps his father and brother with their farming and cattle.

"I feel like I will always be involved [in wrestling]," said Karst. He said the only time he can see not being fully involved in the sport is the time between college and having his own kids.

The Powell High School wrestling season will officially kick off at home next week at the Dec. 8-9 Powell Invitational. Karst has set a goal of closing out his prep career as a three-time state champion.

USA Swim at Worland Turkey Shoot

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell USA Swim Club had 23 swimmers compete in Worland at the Worland Turkey Shoot on Nov. 18.

The meet was described as "another fantastic meet" by head swim coach Stephanie Diver.

RESULTS FROM WORLAND TURKEY SHOOT

Haylee Akin competed in the 9-10 age group

13. 100 backstroke 2:10.51, 8. 100 breaststroke 2:06.11, 19. 100 freestyle 2:11.94, 15. 50 backstroke 1:03.40 (4.68), 7. 50 breaststroke 58.00 (3.52), 15. 50 freestyle 59.43 (6.75)

Baylee Brence competed in the 11-12 age group

13. 100 backstroke 1:59.65 (18.89), 16. 100 freestyle 1:56.65 (7.18), 11. 50 backstroke 52.79 (2.14), 17. 50 freestyle 50.99 (0.47)

Charlee Brence competed in the 11-12 age group

15. 100 backstroke 2:21.87 (15.63), 14. 100 breaststroke 2:17.79, 17. 100 freestyle 1:57.18, 13. 50 backstroke 57.61 (4.36), 12. 50 breaststroke 55.28 (10.87), 15. 50 freestyle 48.36 (8.84)

Emma Brence competed in the 11-12 age group

15. 100 breaststroke 2:20.45, 15. 100 freestyle 1:51.89, 10. 100 IM 1:59.39 (2.43), 13. 50 breaststroke 58.29 (3.73), 12. 50 butterfly 57.94, 16. 50 freestyle 49.05

Kathryn Brence competed in the 11-12 age group

19. 100 freestyle 2:09.01, 12. 50 backstroke 55.45 (4.07), 15. 50 breaststroke 1:05.43, 18. 50 freestyle 53.24 (3.28)

Kaedenze Carter competed in the 8 and under age group

2. 100 freestyle 1:56.61 (9.56), 13. 25 backstroke 32.63, 6. 25 breaststroke 41.23, 5. 25 freestyle 22.03, 7. 50 backstroke 1:08.37, 4. 50 freestyle 50.98 (2.80)

Karee Cooley competed in the 9-10 age group

4. 100 breaststroke 1:49.11 (5.75), 6.

100 freestyle 1:27.40 (6.87), 6. 100 IM 1:40.75, 5. 50 breaststroke 50.50 (4.37), 7. 50 butterfly 51.05, 4. 50 freestyle 38.67 (0.57)

Kinly Cooley competed in the 11-12 age group

9. 100 backstroke 1:30.12, 7. 100 breaststroke 1:42.53, 7. 100 IM 1:39.55, 7. 50 backstroke 43.90, 6. 50 breaststroke 45.59 (2.15), 9. 50 butterfly 49.83 (1.62), 10. 50 freestyle 40.52, 3. 500 freestyle 8:37.06

Kaitlin Diver competed in the 9-10 age group

2:03.51 (15.99) 9. 100 breaststroke 2:17.39, 10. 100 freestyle 1:38.68 (15.00), 9. 100 IM 1:58.00 (4.31), 5. 200 freestyle 1:43.61 (27.31), 11. 50 backstroke 56.46 (4.21), 10. 50 breaststroke 1:02.67, 10. 50 butterfly 1:01.46 (1.19), 9. 50 freestyle 47.00

Kobus Diver competed in the 11-12 age group

9. 100 backstroke 1:42.10 (24.22), 8. 100 breaststroke 1:51.22, 13. 100 freestyle 1:29.76, 7. 100 IM 1:46.22, 6. 200 freestyle 3:14.88 (2.80), 7. 50 backstroke 48.13 (0.72), 7. 50 breaststroke 51.38, 10. 50 butterfly 54.15 (2.38), 9. 50 freestyle 39.12, 4. 500 freestyle 8:34.64

Aiden Greenwald competed in the 11-12 age group

4. 100 IM 1:29.38 (2.92), 5. 2:57.08 (6.05), 5. 50 backstroke 44.21, 6. 50 breaststroke 48.28 (2.54), 6. 50 freestyle 34.37

Kaylen Greenwald competed in the 9-10 age group

10. 100 IM 2:15.61, 7. 200 freestyle 4:27.74, 12. 50 backstroke 58.11, 8. 50 breaststroke 59.45 (3.48), 13. 50 freestyle 55.09

Grace Harder competed in the 13-14 age group

4. 100 butterfly 1:41.58, 11. 100 freestyle 1:17.22 (6.40), 5. 200 backstroke 3:24.06 (11.05), 7. 200 breaststroke 3:25.32

Lucia Harder competed in the 11-12 age group

8. 100 backstroke 1:28.48, (0.05), 7. 100 freestyle 1:16.89 (1.46), 4. 50 butterfly 37.72, 2. 500 freestyle 7:48.45

Kiyoko Hayano competed in the 11-12 age group

2. 100 backstroke 1:18.99 (1.96) 2. 100 breaststroke 1:31.54 (0.52), 2. 100

butterfly 1:24.35, 4. 100 freestyle 1:09.82, 2. 100 IM 1:18.92 (1.09), 2. 50 backstroke 38.12, 2. 50 breaststroke 41.33 (1.20), 2. 50 butterfly 35.80 (1.29), 3. 50 freestyle 31.13

Forest Hengesteg competed in the 11-12 age group

11. 1:46.84, 15. 100 freestyle 1:30.89

Nate Johnston competed in the 13-14 age group

3. 100 backstroke 1:11.35 (2.59), 1. 100 breaststroke 1:12.31 (3.15), 4. 100 freestyle 1:00.36, 2. 200 breaststroke 2:48.33, 2. 200 IM 2:29.30, 3. 50 freestyle 26.96 (0.22)

Gabriella Paterson competed in the 11-12 age group

6. 1:26.68, 3. 100 breaststroke 1:35.86 (0.49), 3. 100 freestyle 1:09.79 (10.46), 3. 200 freestyle 2:36.02 (8.56), 2. 200 IM 2:59.40, 4. 50 breaststroke 44.01 (3.19), 6. 50 butterfly 39.73, 4. 50 freestyle 32.25

Francis Rogers competed in the 13-14 age group

5. 100 backstroke 1:15.56 (5.17), 4. 1:23.10 (3.07), 6. 1:03.96 (3.93), 4. 200 breaststroke 3:04.06, 4. 200 freestyle 2:24.69 (17.889), 4. 200 IM 2:39.14, 5. 50 freestyle 29.17 (1.81), 2. 500 freestyle 6:56.08

Gabriel Rose competed in the 11-12 age group

6. 1:36.04 (2.39), 6. 100 breaststroke 1:45.12 (7.77), 10. 100 freestyle 1:27.24 (2.54), 5. 50 butterfly 42.34

Kyler Warren competed in the 13-14 age group

11. 100 backstroke 1:32.96 (11.58), 8. 100 breaststroke 1:38.29 (8.59), 7. 200 freestyle 3:04.16 (14.35), 11. 50 freestyle 32.78 (3.78)

Adam Williams competed in the 11-12 age group

2. 100 backstroke 1:13.19 (17.73), 3. 100 freestyle 1:08.29 (18.20), 2. 50 butterfly 33.72 (7.72)

Joshua Wright competed in the 15 and over age group

4. 100 backstroke 1:13.19, 3. 100 breaststroke 1:29.18, 6. 100 freestyle 1:03.86 (0.30), 1. 1000 freestyle 13:40.99, 3. 200 backstroke 2:41.58, 1. 200 breaststroke 3:19.72, 3. 200 IM 2:46.77 (2.59), 1. 400 IM 6:07.86 (0.16), 4. 50 freestyle 28.83 (0.38)

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Tribune Sports Writer

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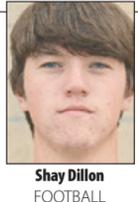
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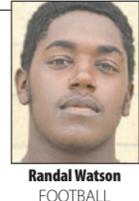
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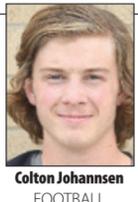
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After retiring, UW dean enjoys career as author

STEVEN HORN RELEASES THIRD NOVEL IN AWARD-WINNING SERIES

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

When Steven Horn retired from the University of Wyoming as the school's dean of the college of agriculture and professor of animal science eight years ago, he was excited to have more time to devote to writing.

"I spent probably 30 years writing before I retired, but I never tried to publish anything," Horn said. "After I retired, I decided to get a little more serious about it and to venture into the business of actually publishing something. It's been very satisfying."

With the extra time that comes with retirement, Horn finally got around to publishing his first book — a novel called "Another Man's Life," loosely based on his experiences in the Vietnam War.

"It had some political overtones, and kind of exposed the reader to the atrocities that occurred that most people perhaps hadn't heard of," Horn said of his debut novel. "That was one thing that I needed to do in order to get over Vietnam. I think I had a bit of PTSD, and that novel was kind of 30 years in the making; I found the experience of writing it to be really very therapeutic."

The book was a modest suc-

cess, and Horn decided to branch out into the mystery/suspense genre with his second novel, "The Pumpkin Eater." The book is the first in a series featuring Sam Dawson, a character that "Longmire" author Craig Johnson called "one of the most likable characters to debut this year."

"When Craig gave me that blurb to use for the book, that kind of told me that he expected me to write another one," Horn said, chuckling. "At that point, I had no intention of writing a series."

"The Pumpkin Eater," about a photographer who uncovers a crime while working on a project involving old tombstones, went on to win the 2014 Benjamin Franklin Gold award from the Independent Book Publishers Association. Another book followed, and Horn just recently published the third novel in the Sam Dawson series, "When They Were Young." Horn held a book-signing at Legends Bookstore in Cody earlier this month.

"After the success of 'The Pumpkin Eaters,' I decided to write another one," Horn explained. "Then I wrote another one, and now I'm working on the fourth Sam Dawson mystery right now. And there will be several more in the future."

Reaction to the novels, according to Horn, has been very positive.

"For a regional author, in terms of a population density standpoint, the reaction has been overwhelming," Horn said. "Lots of folks have received the books very, very well, and the novels have done well in national and international competitions. They also do really well on Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble."

In Sam Dawson, Horn has created a character he calls "a flawed individual, sort of an anti-hero." A one-time information secretary in the governor's office, Dawson quit the



Wyoming author Steven Horn greets fellow book enthusiast Alicia Kain during a book signing at Legends Bookstore in Cody. Horn was at the store to promote the release of 'When They Were Young,' the third book in the Sam Dawson mystery series. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

arena of politics to pursue his true passion: photography. When we first meet him, he's working on a project taking photos of tombstones in cemeteries located in remote, rural areas, accompanied only by his trusty dog.

"He's not the bigger-than-life protagonist that you would expect to see in most novels in the genre," Horn said.

When he gets invited to speak at book clubs, people will sometimes ask, "Oh, when you come, can you bring some of your photos of tombstones?"

"I have to explain to them that I'm not a photographer — that's Sam Dawson," Horn said. "It can get a little confusing."

Dawson doesn't have any law-enforcement experience to speak of; what he does have, according to Horn, is an almost innate desire to discover the truth.

"When he [Dawson] discovers a mystery, he can't stop," Horn said. "He is driven, almost compelled to find out what's at the

bottom of this. And he does it in a manner that is not consistent with other mysteries. For that reason, I think I've gained some popularity with the reading public."

Horn said he reads very few books in the mystery/suspense genre, simply because he doesn't want his writing to become formulaic. He prefers not to write what he calls the "standard whodunits."

"I want each novel to be unique," Horn said. "Each one of the Sam Dawson novels is extremely different from the one before it. You can't even say they are close to being alike in terms of the mysteries. Some of the characters continue from novel to novel, but they are all very different."

In his latest novel, "When They Were Young," Dawson is trying to gain a little perspective on his life while on a fishing trip in the Laramie Range. But after discovering the body of a young girl, the photographer once again finds

himself embroiled in a mystery, as he and his daughter set out to discover the truth behind the girl's death. Dawson's dog also factors prominently into the narrative, adding an interesting twist to the story.

"This book has to do with the complexity of the relationship between a pet and its owner; the psychology of how dogs react to things, especially when they're bombarded with stimuli," Horn said. "I think most people just think, 'A dog is a dog is a dog.' There's a character in this novel that happens to be a pet psychologist, which is a strange field to be in. So I expose the reader to the whole area of animal behavior, while also exposing them to a grisly murder mystery."

As for the writing process, Horn says he subscribes to the time-honored tradition many academics utilize when they sit down to write.

"I have little yellow Post-it notes stuck all over everything,"

he said, laughing. "I have little scraps of paper I carry around in a notebook, like I'm a reporter."

Horn writes a detailed biography for every character he uses in a book.

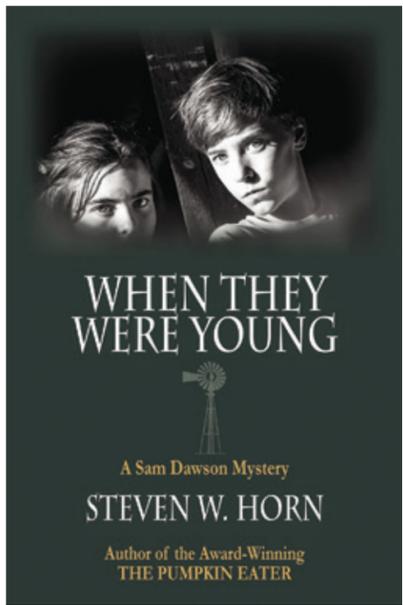
"I know where the characters were born, when they went to school, where they went to school; I know where they worked, I know their relatives," he explained. "To have consistency with your writing when you're using the same characters from one book to the next is very important."

That said, Horn admits he gets details wrong from time to time.

"Thankfully, my copy editor catches things like that," Horn said. "She knows my characters better than I do."

Horn said the one thing he knows about each book before he starts writing is how it begins and how it ends.

"It's that stuff in the middle that's the toughest part," Horn said.



Book signing at Homesteader Museum set for Wednesday

Did you know that early rural schools were built about every 5 miles? That's as far as students were expected to walk or ride their ponies.

Local author Bettie Marie Daniels will be signing her new book "School Bells Ringing" on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Homesteader Museum.

After six years of research and interviews, Daniels' book chronicles the history of the small rural schools in Park County. The book is filled with stories of school day adventures, especially of hardships getting to school in harsh winter weather.

"Families needed their help on the farms and ranches but getting their children educated was more important," said Daniels. "There are a lot of great photographs in the book, too."

Daniels, a Cody resident for 51 years, was raised in Manitou Springs, Colorado, at the foot of

Pikes Peak. Her childhood was hiking, horseback riding and spending time in the Garden of the Gods.

She wrote a history of Manitou Springs called "The Springs of Manitou." Daniels' second book on the history of the Wyoming Girl Scout Council, titled "Something for the Girls in Wyoming," is now out of print. Her involvement with the Girl Scouts has spanned more than 70 years.

For eight years, Daniels served as Park County Historical Society president. During her tenure there, she began researching the history of the county's rural schools.

The museum event is open to drop-ins or brown bag lunch visitors. Daniels will talk informally, show photographs and sign books between 12:30 and 2 p.m. For more information, call Homesteader Museum at 754-9481.



Students in Powell's first school are pictured with their teacher in 1909. Author Bettie Marie Daniels will talk about her book 'School Bells Ringing' on Wednesday, which chronicles the history of small rural schools in Park County. Photo courtesy Homesteader Museum collection

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Entry forms are available at powellvalleychamber.org or at the Chamber Office at 111 S. Day Street in Powell. Entries due by November 28, 2017

SEAT BELT SURVIVOR

RIVERTON COLLEGE STUDENT KIERRA MUEHLER SURVIVES WRECK



Kierra Muehler of Riverton was traveling south on Wyoming Highway 789 when a deer walked into the road. She swerved, causing her vehicle to roll over, coming to a stop on its top. Muehler was wearing her seat belt, and said it's the main reason she's alive today.

Kierra Muehler of Riverton is a seat belt survivor.

Muehler had plans on Sunday, Sept. 24, to attend a leadership retreat with friends in Lander. The Central Wyoming College student climbed in her car, buckled her seat belt, set her cell phone on the seat beside her, and left her home on the north edge of Riverton.

"The next thing I remember is being hit with the airbag and hanging upside down in my car," Muehler remembers. "I was told that I somehow unbuckled my seat belt and climbed out of the back window of my car. The next thing I remember I was in an ambulance with my mom heading to the hospital."

Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper Eli Miller said Muehler's vehicle was traveling south on Wyoming 789 when a deer walked into the roadway.

"The driver panicked and turned the car to the right. The car over-corrected and began to slide out of control," Miller wrote in his report. "The driver missed the deer. The vehicle slid off the road to the right, rolling driver's side first. The vehicle rolled over and came to a stop on its top."

Miller's crash report verifies that Muehler was wearing her seat belt.

Muehler was taken by ambulance to SageWest Health Care in Riverton. She was treated and released several hours later with an assortment of bumps and bruises.

Muehler remembers speaking to the investigating officers.

"They were very surprised I made it out of the car alive, let alone without any broken bones," she said. "I know the



Kierra Muehler (center) receives her seat belt survivor certificate from Karla Borders of Injury Prevention Resources and Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper Eli Miller of Riverton. Photos courtesy WYDOT

'You never know when it's going to happen, so you should always try to be prepared. Taking five seconds to put on your seat belt can end up saving your life.'

Kierra Muehler

main reason for me being alive today is the fact that I was wearing my seat belt."

Muehler says she always wears her seat belt.

"My parents always made sure I was wearing my seat belt when I was little, and it just became a habit for me. It's the first thing I do when I get in my car," she said.

Passengers who ride with Muehler are required to wear their seat belts, too.

"A lot of my friends get annoyed when I tell them to put on their seat belts. They know I won't move the car unless they are wearing them," she said.

Muehler offers advice about seat belt use.

"Wearing your seat belt is so important. Looking at the pictures of my car and seeing how it was after it flipped makes me so grateful to have been wearing my seat belt," she said.

Muehler knows people who

don't wear their seat belts because they believe they won't ever be involved in a crash.

"You never know when it's going to happen, so you should always try to be prepared. Taking five seconds to put on your seat belt can end up saving your life," she said.

Northwest Wyoming's seat belt survivor recognition program is sponsored by Injury Prevention Resources, Wyoming Highway Patrol and Wyoming Department of Transportation. Other seat belt survivor stories are welcomed by emailing or calling Noel Cooper at Injury Prevention Resources at noel.cooper@wyoming.com or 307-856-2821.

University of Wyoming football coach Craig Bohl delivers seat belt message

University of Wyoming football coach Craig Bohl delivered a traffic safety message this month as part of the Wyoming Seat Belt Coalition's efforts to increase seat belt use throughout the state.

"Football players playing without shoulder pads and helmets are like you

in a vehicle ... without your seat belt," Bohl said in a 30-second, statewide radio announcement. "Wyoming defensive players deliver big hits on the football field every Saturday. The big hits delivered on you during a car crash will be minimized when you're wearing your seat belt."

The radio advertising campaign launched earlier this month and ran through Saturday.

"Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death among those aged 1-54 in Wyoming and each year, dozens of residents die simply because they don't buckle up," according to Wyoming Seat

Belt Coalition Chairwoman Kendall Roberts.

Seat belt use rates vary across Wyoming, with an overall statewide estimated compliance rate of 79.8 percent in 2015 (according to Wyoming Department of Transportation annual survey).

Created by Gov. Matt Mead, the co-

alition's mission is to increase seat belt usage in Wyoming to prevent fatalities and decrease the number and severity of injuries in traffic crashes.

By working together to increase seat belt usage, residents can drive the state toward zero traffic deaths, WYDOT said in a news release.

Powell Tribune's Holiday GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Participating businesses are donating two \$50 Gift Cards to the Powell Tribune to be stuffed in two Christmas Stockings and given away.

HOW CAN YOU WIN?

A no purchase necessary front page peel-off sticky note entry form will run on the Thursday, Dec. 14 edition of the Powell Tribune.

Entries must be turned in to the Tribune by Wednesday, Dec. 20. The two winners will be announced in the Dec. 21 Powell Tribune Christmas Greetings edition.

See participating stores for more chances to win!



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(95-96CT)
POWELL: 1680 SQ. FT. HOME, 3 bed, 2 bath, 1 small pet. \$950 plus utilities, plus deposit. 272-5407.

(94-96PT)
POWELL: 3 BDRM MOBILE, fenced yard, 1 pet. \$550 plus utilities and deposit. 272-5407.

(94-96PT)
POWELL: 2 BDRM APARTMENT, all utilities paid, including internet and cable. Stove, fridge, W/D, \$750 a month plus \$750 deposit. No pets, no smoking. 307-272-4976.

(93-96PT)
POWELL: NEWER 2 BDRM HORSE property close to college. Pets welcome, includes W/D/DW/Utilities. \$1,000 plus deposit. 254-1158.

(92TFCT)
POWELL: 1 BDRM DUPLEX APT., w/ appliances, includes washer, dryer and garage. No smoking, no pets, \$500/mo. 754-5906.

(93-96PT)
POWELL: 3 BDRM, 1 BATH home, appliances included. Fenced yard, nice neighbors. No smoking, no pets. \$850/mo. Call 202-0400.

(92TFCT)
11X11 STORAGE UNIT in gated area \$70/month, 10x28 - \$80/mo., available Dec. 1st. (307) 587-3738.

(91TFCT)
POWELL: 4 BEDROOM (2 upstairs, 2 downstairs) 2 full bathrooms, laundry, rec room, storage area, large living room, large detached garage. Close to middle school. No pets, no smoking in house or outside. \$1,100 per month, utilities not included, \$1,100 deposit. Call 307-202-1548, Call 307-899-6003.

(88TFCT)
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PUBLIC NOTICES
"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

Request for bids

SHOSHONE MUNICIPAL WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD
The Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board (dba Shoshone Municipal Pipeline) will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2017 for one (1) new and unused 2018 three quarter ton, four wheel drive, four door, full size crew cab pickup with a long box, as indicated in the specifications available at their office at 50 Agua Via, (P.O. Box 488), Cody, Wyoming 82414. All materials shall be new and unused. Delivery date shall be stated in the bid and may be considered in award of the bid. Bids shall be F.O.B. Cody, Wyoming.
Bids are to be submitted to the Manager of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board, 50 Agua Via, (P. O. Box 488), Cody, Wyoming 82414, and shall be marked "SMP Truck Bid" on the outside of the envelope. The bids will be publicly opened and read on the above hour and date. Award is expected to be made on December 11, 2017. Bids received after the time and date above will be rejected.
Preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied, or grown in Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside the State. § No. 16-106.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and at their discretion to waive technical defects in the forms of bids submitted and to select the bid they feel is in the best interests of the Shoshone Municipal Water Joint Powers Board.
SHOSHONE MUNICIPAL WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD

For Rent

2 BDRM, 1 BATH WITH extra room, \$810 monthly, 587-3738.

(85TFCT)
POWELL: NICE, CLEAN 2 bdrm apartment for rent in Powell, \$725 monthly with \$725 deposit, all utilities paid, has washer & dryer and dishwasher. Absolutely no pets and no smoking. (307-320-8735, agent interest.

(79TFCT)
WHITLOCK DEVELOPMENT, 307-254-2830, call for rentals, listings and sales.

(73TFCT)
POWELL: VERY NICE HOME, 3 bedroom, large living room, 2 1/2 baths, new flooring, new paint. No smoking, no pets. \$1,350 per month, \$1,350 deposit. Available Oct. 1. Please call 307-899-6003.

(70TFCT)
POWELL: 1 BED TO 4 BEDS available, in-town, out-town, Pets maybe, \$400 to \$875, Wyoming Real Estate Network, Call Larry Hedderman 754-5500.

(98TFCT)
MOBILE HOME SPACES for rent! At Green Acres Mobile home Park. 3 months FREE RENT or HELP WITH MOVING EXPENSES! Largest lot in Cody! (307) 587-3738.

(41TFCT)
POWELL: IRONWOOD APARTMENTS office now open. 825 E. 7th St. 307-764-5460.

(68TFCT)

Cars & Trucks

2005 DODGE CARAVAN, great shape, \$2,200. 2001 Ford F250 Super-cab, great work truck, \$3,200 or both for \$5,000. Come and drive them, 272-1789 or 754-2547.

(93-96PT)

Mobile Homes

12X56 3 BEDROOM MOBILE home on lot. Remodeled bath, nice, 1 pet, fenced yard, \$14,000, 20% down. 272-5407.

(94-96PT)
NICELY RECONDITIONED 1980 GREAT Northern 14x70 mobile home. New windows, doors, flooring, paint, furnace, water heater, etc. on rented lot in Cody. May consider renting to right party. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$11,000 firm. 307-272-6633 or 307-272-7847.

(88-98PT)
2008 2 BDRM, 1 BATH + bonus room, \$28,500. 3 months free lot rent with purchase. 307-587-3738.

(77TFCT)
3 BDRM, 2 BATH, 16X80, year 2002 Marshfield, on rented lot, \$37,000. 3 months free lot rent with purchase. 307-587-3738.

(70TFCT)

Personals

POWELL VALLEY LOAVES and Fishes local food bank, Park County Annex, 109 West 14th St. Food distributed Mon. - Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. Please call for appointment, 754-8800. All non perishable, commercially processed food accepted. Please leave donations at local churches or receptacles at local grocery stores.

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

(07TFCT)
SAL - SONS OF AMERICAN Legion meeting, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month at Post 26.

(07TFCT)
YELLOWSTONE RIDERS MEET last Monday of every month at 7 p.m., Post 26 American Legion.

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

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

(16TFCT)
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.

(87TFCT)
A.A. MEETS - NOON, Mon. & Fri., white house in alley east of St. Barbara's church. 254-3267 or 272-4529.

(78TFCT)
AA MEETINGS, 146 S. Bent St., use north door, 7 p.m. Mon., Fri., Sat. closed. Wed. open. 764-1805 for further info.

(103TFCT)
"OUR KIDS" A SUPPORT GROUP for parents/guardians of children with special needs. 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at 335 N Gilbert, Powell. Free child care provided. For information contact: Brandon Douglas 254-2273, or Adrienne Harvey 754-2864.

(85TFCT)
WYO CYSTERS - PCOS SUPPORT Group. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday every month at Powell Valley Healthcare's Conference Room from 7pm-8pm. Follow Wyo Cysters on Facebook for updates and online support: www.facebook.com/WyoCysters Contact Lacey Huhnke at 307-254-2708 for more information.

(39TFCT)

Personals

TOPS - TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY - Chapter 169 meets Thursday evenings at 5:30 in the cafeteria at Powell Valley Healthcare at 777 Ave H. For more information contact 1-800-932-8677.

(37TFCT)
POWELL AL-ANON, support for friends and relatives of alcoholics, meets 2 times per week at Big Horn Enterprises, 146 S. Bent St.: Brown bag Tues. noon & Wed. 7 p.m. (north parking lot door). For information call 754-4543 or 754-5988. www.wyomingal-anon.org

(103TFCT)
CAREGIVER SUPPORT Group, 2nd Thursday of each month - 11 am, Powell Valley Hospital Conference Room. Contact: 307-754-1274.

(66 TFFT)
PREGNANT? NOW WHAT? Free and confidential pregnancy medical clinic specializing in pregnancy diagnosis, options counseling, education and resources. Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center (307) 271-7166 in Powell.

(61TFCT)
POST ABORTION HEALING GROUPS, Serenity PRC (307) 213-5025 (Cody).

(52TFCT)
HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED by suicide loss? A free support group, "Hope and Healing," is held the first Tuesday of every month at YBHC, 2538 Bighorn Ave. in Cody from 6 to 7:30 pm. Call 587-2197.

(17TFCT)
IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR children and adults are held at the Public Health Office at the Powell Annex Mon., Wed., 3 - 4:30, Tues. 1:30 - 4:30 and Fri., 9-11. For appointment call 754-8870.

(46TFCT)
OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meeting, every second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. in the Northfork room at West Park Hospital.

(60TFCT)
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of Northwest Wyoming is looking for adult mentors for youth between the ages of 5 and 17. If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, call 754-3338 for more information.

(98TFCT)

(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.

(67TFCT)
PLUMBING PLUS FOR all your plumbing and heating needs. Please call 754-3327.

(22TFCT)
NEED GUTTERS? CALL SIMMONS Ironworks, 754-8259 or 899-8259. 5 or 6" seamless gutters.

(03TFCT)

(94-95FT)
FOUND ON N BENT: short-haired tortoise-shell/calico cat wearing pink collar. 754-1019.

(95-96FT)
FOUND: MALE AUSTRALIAN shepherd, tri-color, purple collar. Found around Road 8 and Lane 7. Call 754-1019.

(94-95FT)

For Sale

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

CANYON ROCK SHOP - Nice gems - Open house beginning Monday, Nov. 27th. Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or by appointment. 899-9524.

(93-96PT)

Real Estate

403 S. EVARTS, POWELL - \$114,000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with shop/garage, corner lot with mature trees and beautiful landscaping. Wyoming Ranch Real Estate Brokerage, Julia Brownfield, 307-254-2156.

(88-95PT)
TBD ROAD 6 COWLEY. 118 acres 90 irrigated. Water tap in, 3 head gates, stock pond, beautiful building site! Adjacent to BLM. Build your dream. \$339,000. Julia Brownfield. Wyoming Ranch Real Estate Brokerage. 307-254-2156. juliabrownfield@wyoming.com. Wyomingranchrealestatebrokerage.com.

(88-95PT)
11 CLOUD PEAK AVE., Byron, \$290,000, 40 acres, 31 irrigated, good production ground. 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, double-wide home on permanent foundation. Priced to sell. Wyoming Ranch Real Estate Brokerage, Julia Brownfield. 307-254-2156.

(88-95PT)
6,000 SQ.FT COMMERCIAL BUILDING on 1 acre just outside Powell city limits. Great space for a variety of businesses. Asking \$220,000. 746 Lane 8 1/2. (307) 899-4334.

(72TFCT)
SADDLE UP! BUY, SELL PROPERTY! Running Horse Realty, 754-9400. runninghorse Realty.com

(31TFCT)

Services Offered

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

(88TFCT)
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Help Wanted

THE POWELL TRIBUNE is looking for a detail oriented, reliable and self-motivated cleaner to work twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday evenings. JOB DESCRIPTION: Surface wiping, Dusting, Vacuuming, Sweeping, Mopping, Bathroom Cleaning. Requirements: reliable transportation, valid driver's license, willing to submit to a federal/county background check and have no felonies on record, at least 18 years old. Pay based on experience. Send resum  and references to: Powell Tribune, P.O. Box 70, Powell, WY 82435.

(94TFCT)
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)
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.

(95-98CT)
RANCH CHORES - 3-4 hours a week. Exchange for horse board or \$12 per hour, leave message. 754-7076.

(91-100PT)

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: djtruckingwy@gmail.com BHB(88TFCT)

SIDING LABORER WANTED, full time, \$16/hr., driver license required. 307-899-1863.

(81TFCT)

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

(78TFCT)

RECYCLE

MANAGER - GARLAND LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

Garland Light & Power Company is a member-owned rural electric distribution cooperative located in Northwest Wyoming serving approximately 2,000 meters with six full-time employees and a five-member Board of Directors. We are currently seeking a Manager.

The successful candidate will assist the Board of Directors in the development of strategy, policies, budgets and contracts; develop and maintain staff and resources needed to carry out the mission of the cooperative; oversee the day-to-day operations and foster member relations. The Manager shall also ensure the activities and operations of the cooperative are conducted in accordance with the bylaws, policies, mission and goals consistent with established guidelines by the Board of Directors.

An Undergraduate degree is strongly preferred or equivalent education combined with five years of senior management, preferably in a rural electric cooperative, including demonstrated leadership experience.

Garland Light & Power Company offers a comprehensive benefits package and a salary structure based on qualifications and representative of the market.

Please submit a cover letter, res m , salary history, and contact information for at least three references to jobs.garland@gmail.com. Res m s only accepted via e-mail. Vacancy open until filled.

Garland Light & Power Co.

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.

(UP0117C-06)

Help Wanted

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

(20TFCT)

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 put your talents to work. Volunteer today! Thank you.

(53TF)

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

Budget hearing

Public Hearing Notice
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held December 5th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Park County Commissioners Meeting Room (Original Courthouse, 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, Wyoming) to consider amending the budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018. All interested persons are encouraged to appear and present comments regarding the additional line items to be added to the Road & Bridge Budget for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which Park County will have expenses and revenues. The proposed changes are available for review in the Park County Clerk's Office.
Publ., Tues., Nov. 28, 2017

Board meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
PARK COUNTY PREDATOR MANAGEMENT BOARD
Notice is hereby given that the Park County Predator Management Board will meet Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the EOC Room of the Park County Courthouse in Cody, Wyoming. Items to be discussed include:
Annual Report of the Predatory Management Board.
Discussion of contract with Wildlife Services.
Election of officers.
Set Predator Fees for 2018

Any other business.
All cattle and sheep owners and other interested parties are invited to attend.

First Publ., Tues., Nov. 28, 2017
Second Publ., Thurs., Nov. 30, 2017

Special meeting

Notice of Special Meeting
The Northwest Rural Water District Board of Directors will hold a special meeting at 6:15 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2017 in the Governor's Room of the Irma Hotel, 1192 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, Wyoming to discuss a current construction project.
Publ., Tues., Nov. 28, 2017

Final payment

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT
Pursuant to Section 16-6-116 of the Wyoming Statutes, latest revision, Notice is hereby given that Park County School District #1 has been advised that the work on the "District-Wide Security and Major Maintenance Project" has been completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract between the Park County School District #1, the Owner, and Sletten Construction of Wyoming, the Contractor, and said Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore. All persons, firms or corporations who have any claims for work done or equipment/materials furnished on said work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the 41st day, January 02, 2018. 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.
Jay Curtis, Superintendent
/s/ owner
First Publ., Fri., Nov. 24, 2017
Second Publ., Tues., Nov. 28, 2017

Steve Miller, Chairman
First Publ., Tues., Nov. 21, 2017
Final Publ., Tues., Nov. 28, 2017

Final payment

Park County Clerk
NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT
Pursuant to Section 16-6-116 of the Wyoming Statutes, latest revision, Notice is hereby given that Park County has been advised that the Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements at the Park County Fairgrounds has been completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract between Park County, the Owner, and Nicholson Dirt Contracting, Inc., the Contractor, and said Contractor is entitled to final settlement. Therefore, all persons, firms or corporations who have any claims for work done or equipment/materials furnished on said work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor in 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

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING



Hundreds of community members gathered at the Park County Fairgrounds' new exhibit hall on Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving together. Amy McLain of New Life Church — which helped organize this year's event — estimated that about 430 people attended the dinner while roughly 50 more folks got meals to go. It's believed attendance may have been up slightly from a year ago. McLain was appreciative of and impressed by the many volunteers who helped with the dinner. 'We peeled 200 pounds of potatoes in 10 minutes,' she said, adding that organizing the event 'was a breeze. We just live in a great place, for sure.' Tribune photo by CJ Baker

Empty Bowls

RAISES \$5,000 TO FIGHT HUNGER

Money still is trickling in for the Empty Bowls fundraiser. The 1 1/2-hour event has topped the \$5,000 mark in money raised for Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes, the local community food cupboard.

"I know for certain that I will be able to deliver a check to Loaves and Fishes for \$5,000," said Elaine DeBuhr, the event organizer and associate professor of art and chairwoman of the Visual Arts Division at North-west College.

DeBuhr, her ceramics students and other volunteers made 419 hand-thrown ceramic bowls for the event, which took place on Nov. 14.

Hundreds of people gathered at The Commons to choose their bowls and have them filled with soup. They took their empty bowls home as a reminder of the need to fight worldwide hunger.

"People continue to stop by the art department to buy remaining bowls, and now there are only 19 left," DeBuhr informed the NWC campus community a few days after the event.

Beyond the 400-plus soup bowls sold, many attendees donated additional money, and a raffle for three large bowls raised more funds as well. Winners of the bowls were Meg Nickles, Patty Wurzel and Elizabeth Zitting, all of Powell.

"I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their support of this year's Empty Bowls," DeBuhr said.

Christine Garceau, an associate professor at NWC who attended the Empty Bowls event, said Powell is a remarkable community when it comes to supporting charitable causes.

"Powell is like the little town that could," Garceau said.

'I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their support of this year's Empty Bowls.'

— Elaine DeBuhr



Handmade bowls filled with soup were sold at the Empty Bowls fundraiser earlier this month. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

Free legal answers website hits milestone

Wyoming residents who have legal questions but lack the means to hire a private attorney are getting help through a free website.

Since the launch of Wyoming Free Legal Answers in August 2016, roughly two dozen Wyoming-licensed attorneys have volunteered to answer more than 200 questions on housing, family, consumer debt, employment and other issues.

"At a time when civil legal aid programs in Wyoming turn away the majority of eligible cases due to limited resources, Wyoming Free Legal Answers provides another way for low-income residents to get legal advice — at a time and place of their choosing," said Liz Hutchinson, staff attorney and pro bono coordinator at Equal Justice Wyoming.

With Wyoming's population spread out, Hutchinson said the site "provides a service that is essential to reaching residents outside urban areas and those who do not have the transportation

or child care to attend in-person legal advice clinics."

She said the implementation of the program brings the state closer to a goal of giving everyone in poverty an opportunity to get help with essential civil legal needs.

"Having access to advice from a licensed Wyoming attorney is so important for people who have a legal problem," said Angie Dorsch, executive director of Equal Justice Wyoming.

Dorsch said the 2017 "Justice Gap Report" from the Legal Services Corporation found 71 percent of low-income households experienced at least one civil legal problem within the last year, but that 86 percent of those problems received inadequate or no legal help.

"WFLA and the attorneys who volunteer are helping to close the justice gap in Wyoming," Dorsch said. Lawyers wishing to volunteer or low-income residents wanting legal advice can visit <http://wyoming.freelegalanswers.org>. All communication takes place via a secure website.

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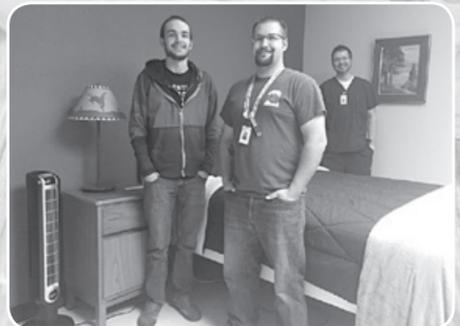
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