

MAN CHARGED WITH WIFE'S MURDER

64-year-old's bond set at \$700,000



DAVID WILLIAMSON

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

David Williamson is alleged to have shot his wife Shirley early Saturday morning south of Powell, then called his son.

"You don't have to worry about either one of us anymore," Williamson reportedly told his son before hanging up.

The 64-year-old then called authorities with a similarly brief message, saying his wife was

dead and to send police.

"I'm the one that killed her. That's all you need to know," David Williamson reportedly told a Park County Sheriff's Office investigator who responded to the Lane 11 home.

According to court documents filed Monday, Williamson later told the investigator that his 65-year-old wife's mental state had been deteriorating and that, early Saturday morning, she tried shooting him with an unloaded gun and yelled for him

to kill her.

David Williamson is alleged to have then fatally shot her in the head with his own gun.

"He told me that she was in a better place now," Sheriff's Investigator Phil Johnson wrote of a Sunday follow-up interview with David Williamson. "He said it was instant for her, meaning her death."

The Park County Attorney's Office has charged Williamson with second-degree murder — alleging he killed Shirley Williamson "purposely and

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Deputies with the Park County Sheriff's Office wait on the porch of David and Shirley Williamson's Lane 11 home Saturday evening while a team from the Wyoming State Crime Lab processes the scene. Tribune photo by CJ Baker

Powell wild game bird farm is the leading candidate to be certified to breed sage grouse in captivity

A wing and a prayer

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

It all started as a family project 22 years ago. But then the tiny enterprise grew larger than they dared dream. Now a rural Powell business, Diamond Wings Upland Game Birds, LLC, has a seat at the table in a national debate about sage grouse and has a chance to make history.

"It just kind of snowballed," Karl Bear, manager of the game bird rearing facility, said.

This year, the state's largest game bird operation plans to raise 40,000 pheasant and chukar. When the company was first getting off the ground with 700 birds, Bear was the director of admissions for Northwest College. Now, after the business was purchased by former state Senator Diemer True in 2016, Bear continues to operate the sophisticated incubation, hatchery and rearing complex with more than 10 acres of flight pens under net — and they hope to be the first in the U.S. to rear greater sage grouse for release in the wild.

When the Wyoming Legislature passed House Bill 271, a law that allows private game farms to raise the Cowboy State's iconic sage grouse, Diamond Wings became the leading candidate to be certified to take part in what has been called a great experiment.

There was a time that school children in Powell were welcome

to tour the game bird farm. But those tours have ended in an effort to protect the birds. The tours were a student favorite, but as children traveled through the dozens of pens, incubation and rearing facilities, they carried the possibility of disease on the bottoms of their shoes.

Biosecurity concerns were tight before there was a chance to raise the imperiled species. Now, Diamond Wings is planning a brand new complex specifically to join the controversial efforts to breed the famous bird of the sagebrush sea. But first, they must get certified.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission on Wednesday voted unanimously to pass regulations detailing the certification process that would allow up to five private game bird farms to collect wild

'I'm keenly aware I may be drilling a dry hole. It's experimental!'

Diemer True
Diamond Wings
Upland Game Birds

seems to be counting on captive breeding efforts to be successful.

His Secretarial Order 3353 started a 60-day review that resulted in tinkering with a multi-state Obama-era collaboration that had convinced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to keep the species from being listed for protection by the Endangered Species Act. Zinke's order hopes to



A ring-necked pheasant raised at Diamond Wings Upland Game Birds, LLC., at sunset prior to being sold for the fall season.

use population targets rather than habitat conservation.

Yet during the commission meeting in Casper, Diemer True attempted to set the record straight.

"I don't think it's reasonable to think that raising a captive population would be a material augmentation to wild populations. What we're trying to do is have one additional arrow in the quiver that would help avoid having the listing of the bird as endangered," True said. "This is supplemental to efforts on habitat."

As there has been since the Wyoming Legislature took up HB 271, there were many protests heard at the commission meeting — most concerned that any change from a habitat-based conservation plan to population targets would be harmful to sage grouse and the hundreds of species that live in sagebrush ecosystems.

The same voices were heard loud and clear when Zinke

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Karl Bear, manager of Diamond Wings Upland Game Birds in Powell, walks through a 300-foot flight pen for chukars while wearing protective coverings for his shoes. Everybody entering the facility has to chemically wash their shoes and each time they move to a new pen they have to change the rubber coverings. Biosecurity is an important part of the operation. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

BENT STREET TRAPPER



The Trapper mascot dances with NWC basketball players Domenica Gnomes (left) and Jylynne Silva, (center) while NWC president Stefani Hicswa holds the ball during NWC's Paint the Town Red event on Bent Street Friday evening. For more on the event, see Page 14. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

Schools undergo security upgrades

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

Powell schools are getting new security upgrades in an effort to keep kids safe.

Schools will be equipped with cameras, secure entrances and electronic sign-in systems for visitors.

"The district takes the security of students seriously," said Todd Wilder, coordinator of support services for the school district.

If schools are in a heightened security state — due to an angry family member or another potential threat — school leaders can monitor cameras to see which door they're coming to, Wilder said.

Initially, "we're focusing on having cameras that will show whoever is approaching our entrance doors," he said. "That's our high priority."

All school buildings had cameras installed, except the new Powell Middle School, which was already equipped with a system.

"It has a ton of cameras," Wilder said of the middle school.

The district's next newest building, Westside Elementary School, also had some cameras. Though Southside Elementary School and Powell High School aren't much older, the state wasn't funding security cameras for new schools when they were built, Wilder said.

"It's also good for forensic evidence if someone tries to break in," Wilder said.

In the past, the district has dealt with break-ins at Parkside Elementary School and the old high school.

Now, every Powell school and the administration building will have security cameras.

Over the summer, hardware and cables were completed for all cameras in the Park County School District No. 1's plan, and the first cameras were installed at entrances.

"Expect to be on camera when you approach the schools," Wilder said.

As funding allows, more cameras will be added to monitor playgrounds and other areas throughout school buildings.

The cost for the cameras, equipment and installation at six school buildings is roughly \$145,000.

To pay for all of the school security upgrades — a combined total of roughly \$537,665 — the school district is using its major maintenance money as well as funding the state designated for security projects.

Funding for future major maintenance projects is uncertain as the state of Wyoming deals with budget shortfalls following the downturn in the energy industry.

"I don't know what's going to happen in the Legislature," Wilder said. "With the way funding is now, I don't have high hopes that we'll get more security funding, so we'll probably look at our major maintenance budget and see what we can do."

VISITOR SIGN-IN SYSTEM

In coming weeks, schools will adopt new electronic sign-in systems for visitors.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Alyce Whitmore

(May 5, 1927 - Aug. 26, 2017)

Mary Alyce Whitmore died Aug. 26, 2017 at Powell Valley Care Center in Powell. She was 90.

Alyce was born May 5, 1927, in Byron to Mary Vervean Denney and Alexander Pryde.

She attended Byron schools and graduated from Byron High School in 1945. She married Henry Lynn Whitmore on Sept. 17, 1946, in Billings, Montana.

In her younger years she was active in the VFW and held positions in the LDS church.

Alyce's life passion was her husband Hank and her children, grandchildren and great-grandsons. She loved flowers, birds,

music, dancing, a good book, movies, playing bridge, and frosty malt ice cream.

She was caring and compassionate and always there to offer food and comfort to those in need. Her family will fondly remember her sweet smile, good sense of humor, infectious laugh and her great strength in times of adversity.

Alyce was preceded in death by her parents; sister Judith Pryde; brother Robert A. Pryde; sister Geraldine Neville; husband Henry; son Michael Whitmore; son-in-law Jim Johnston; and granddaughter Jill Whitmore.

She is survived by daughters Deborah Johnston and Kimber-

ly (Tom) Allen; daughter-in-law Sonni Whitmore; grandchildren Jennifer (Scott) Williams, Jami Johnston, Steven (Charissa) Johnston, Matthew Cordell and Jacob (Mareth) Cordell; great-grandchildren, Nathan Johnston and Brycen and Brock Williams; sisters Roselyn Kylander and Phyllis Smith.



ALYCE WHITMORE

Cremation has taken place and family graveside services will be held at a later date. Thompson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Powell Loaves and Fishes, P.O. Box 992, Powell, WY, 82435.

Leonard 'LeRoy' Kendall Smith

(Feb. 24, 1939 - Aug. 22, 2017)

Leonard "LeRoy" Kendall Smith, 78, of Greybull, died at his home on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017.

Leonard was born Feb. 24, 1939, in Greybull, Wyo. He graduated from Wesley Herbert Smith and Arta Josephine Coffeen Smith. He grew up in Shell and graduated from Greybull High School in 1957.

After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served his country at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and Tachikawa Air Base, Japan. While at Tachikawa, he was instrumental in solving many difficult logistical problems of moving large

aircraft structures (bomber wing and empennage components) back to the United States for repair. He and his Japanese civilian crews were commended many times by the base commander for successfully completing work others could not.

After he was honorably discharged from the USAF in 1962, Leonard worked in the seismograph industry for a couple of years and then began his lifetime career with M-I SWACO, serving that company nearly 40 years.

Upon retirement, he spent times exploring the Western United States, Alaska, and Canada during summer and began living winter to the fullest at his retirement community in Ajo, Arizona. Leonard enjoyed fishing, woodworking, gardening,

reading, poetry, history, crossword puzzles, and taking spontaneous road trips through the desert with his son and daughter.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son, Matthew Smith of Ennis, Montana; his daughter, Christy Schwartz of Powell; and his brother and sister-in-law, Wes and Nell Smith of Wewahatchka, Florida and his nieces, Trina Horne and Teri Nichols and his nephew, John Smith.

Per Leonard's wishes cremation has taken place. A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the Shell Community Hall.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Atwood Family Funeral Directors.



The Parkside Elementary School entrance and front office underwent major renovations over the summer to make the entrance more secure. The work will be finished soon. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker

Security: Visitors will use new sign-in system

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Using a touch screen, guests will enter their name, reason for visiting and then have their picture taken. Visitors will get a badge that has their photo on it, and be buzzed in to enter the school. "You have information about why they're in the building, and you can match up their picture ID," Wilder said. "It's a little more secure."

If there's a reason why someone shouldn't be at the school — such as a family member with a restraining order — that data can be entered into the system. A message is then sent to an administrator or school resource officer.

Every school will have the new sign-in systems, except Clark Elementary School and the Support Services Building, because they don't have as many visitors to monitor. "They do know their community really well, and the numbers are small," Wilder said.

He added that, "the system's not so expensive that if something changed in the community and we thought we needed that extra security, it wouldn't take long to put another system in."

On Aug. 8, the school board approved a bid for \$23,970 to the Florida-based company School CheckIn for systems in six Powell school buildings. The company will send staff from Florida to install the systems and train school employees.

The new sign-in systems will likely be up and running by early October, Wilder said.

Sixteen districts around the state have already adopted similar systems, he said.

He encouraged folks in the community not to be afraid of

using the new electronic sign-in.

Schools can customize the settings for how they want to screen visitors; they can also use the electronic sign-in to build a database of late students' tardies.

"It's a pretty handy system," Wilder said.

SECURE ENTRANCES

Powell school buildings also will have vestibules — a small room visitors must enter before being allowed into the main building.

"These secure vestibules are kind of a necessity nowadays," Wilder said. "But it's there to keep your kids safe."

The entrance at Parkside — Powell's oldest school — required the most extensive work, Wilder said.

A new glass wall and door system is being finished on the interior set of doors at Parkside, and a window allows office staff to interact with people who enter the vestibule. The office underwent multiple improvements as part of the project.

"As remodels go, you start ripping that out and then you find something else and rip that out," Wilder said. "In the end, we completely redid that office."

Shoshone Learning Center and Powell High School also underwent work for new vestibules.

Powell High School's vestibule is located in the first set of doors, where all visitors must enter. The other doors into PHS remain locked during school hours.

"Your experience in coming to the schools shouldn't be much different, other than you have another door to swing open for you," Wilder said.

Schools also received other

improvements, including new buttons that will put the buildings into lockdown when pressed.

Doors in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) also were installed at several school buildings.

Building the new secure vestibules and other improvements to school entrances at seven buildings cost \$142,537.

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Public announcements are now possible at Parkside Elementary School, thanks to a new system. Before, the school didn't have speakers in the classrooms or call buttons, Wilder said.

"So they got a complete new system," he said.

While PA systems have everyday uses — such as bells and announcements — they also can be used for mass notification in case of an emergency.

The Shoshone Learning Center had an old PA system, and crews piggybacked on it and installed new equipment.

"I thought it was important for them to have one, because they have people kind of scattered throughout the building; if something happened, they needed to be able to let people in those offices know what was going on," Wilder said.

It cost \$217,723 for the new PA systems at Parkside and the Shoshone Learning Center, plus improvements to Southside's system. Classrooms have speakers mounted in the ceilings, so with the press of a button, a teacher can speak and the front office will hear them, Wilder said. He said it also enables people in the admin area to listen in on a classroom, if needed.

Wilder resigns from school facilities position

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

After more than seven years of overseeing facilities in Park County School District No. 1, Todd Wilder is resigning to pursue a new venture.

His last day as the district's coordinator of support services is Thursday.

Wilder said he was planning to retire after his 65th birthday next July and open his own facilities consulting firm.

"A couple of large consulting opportunities opened for me, and I thought they were wonderful opportunities to get started now," Wilder said in an email last week. "They wouldn't be there next year. So I decided to retire early."

Wilder said he feels "very fortunate" to have been a part of the Powell school district, calling it "probably my most rewarding work of my 35-year professional career."

"The focus of the trustees, the superintendent, administra-

tive staff, and teachers never wavered from doing what is best for our students and student achievement," he said.

Wilder started with the district in January 2010. During his tenure, the school district built the new Westside Elementary School and demolished the old Powell High School and renovated a one-story portion, which is now the Support Services Building. The district also finished a new Powell Middle School, which was done in multiple phases, and completed major renovations to other school buildings during that time.

"We built some wonderful schools that are state of the art tools for teachers to engage students in learning," Wilder said, adding that the buildings are comfortable, well-lit, welcoming and have the best in technology. "We have all the tools and support necessary to manage and operate these very complex building systems."

During a Aug. 22 meeting, the Powell school board unanimously approved Wilder's res-

ignation, with a \$1,000 penalty for leaving his contract early. Wilder's contract would have run through June 30, 2018. In a follow-up interview, Powell school board Chairman Greg Borchert said the \$1,000 penalty "is in keeping with district policy for contract employees wishing to leave the district before their contract expires."

Borchert said Wilder "did a very good job handling all the construction projects the district went through over the years."

"His construction expertise was a great asset to the district," Borchert wrote in an email Friday. "I wish Todd great success in all his future endeavors!"

The district started advertising the position last week with a base salary of \$104,580.

"We will be trying to fill the position in a timely manner, so an interim will most likely not be necessary," Superintendent Jay Curtis said. "We have great people throughout the district, that know their jobs very well. The business manager and myself will fill in as needed to ensure smooth operation in the areas of custodial and maintenance."



TODD WILDER

Big Horn Ankle and Foot

Corns: More than a nuisance

Like many recurring conditions, corns are often dismissed as annoying nuisances on the feet. But left untreated, corns can aggravate into a severely painful, chronic condition.

The corn, or clavus, is a thickening of the skin caused by friction and pressure on non weight-bearing areas of the feet, resulting from bone deformity or ill-fitting shoes.

While the outer corn is dead skin, the small sensitive core is quite painful when pressure is applied. Attempting self-treatment is a dangerous recipe for recurrence. An improperly removed corn will soon reappear, possibly larger and more painful.

A podiatrist can safely remove an entire corn to provide more complete relief.

An X-ray will determine the type of corn and identify any underlying foot deformity. If the cause is a spur or other bone deformity, minor surgery may be the best treatment. Your podiatrist can remove spurs and other deformities in the office, or on a hospital outpatient bases under local anesthesia.

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Cody OB/GYN doctor leaves unexpectedly

DR. RODNI CRUZ REFERRED HER PATIENTS TO POWELL VALLEY HEALTHCARE

BY ILENE OLSON
Tribune Staff Writer

Patients who called or visited Dr. Rodni Cruz's office in Cody last week found out her office had closed without any advance notice.

Those who called the office for Cruz's OB/GYN practice heard a recorded message: "The office is now closed. This practice has been acquired by Dr. Jenkins Clarkson at Powell Valley Healthcare."

The message directed people to contact Clarkson's office for an appointment or with any problems, questions or concerns.

Powell Valley Healthcare spokesman Jim Cannon said that phone message and a sign on Cruz's office door with a similar message caused some confusion.

"People thought that meant that Dr. Clarkson was operating a practice in Cody, but that's not true," Cannon said. "He did not purchase the clinic."

However, Clarkson is providing care for Dr. Cruz's patients, if that is their wish, Cannon said.

Clarkson said Cruz contacted him during the week of Aug. 14-18 and told him she was "looking into leaving the area, possibly going back to Florida where she practiced before."

Then, days later, on Sunday, Aug. 20, "She texted me and asked if it would be OK if she left sooner than later, if I would take care of the patients that are farther along."

Clarkson said Cruz brought her patients' medical records to him on the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 21.

He said Cruz's patients have been making appointments with him at Powell Valley Healthcare or Drs. Lisa Williams or Debra Hope Bowman in Cody.



DR. RODNI CRUZ

"If anyone needs care, we're perfectly willing to provide good care," he said. "We just want to make sure everyone gets good care and they're happy."

Clarkson said Cruz's sudden departure apparently came as a shock to her patients.

"From the patients I've seen, yes, it was definitely unexpected," he said.

Cruz's telephone message advised that patients who wished to see a different doctor could get their medical records from Clarkson or have them transferred.

"We apologize for this inconvenience,"

the message said. "We wish you the best in the future and we know that you will be pleased with the care at Powell Valley Healthcare."

A Powell Valley Healthcare Facebook post on Wednesday advised Dr. Cruz's patients that their medical records were available there.

Utah man evacuated from North Fork after heart attack

A 69-year-old Utah man was evacuated by helicopter from the North Fork area after suffering an apparent heart attack Sunday afternoon.

James K. Whitt, from the University of Utah, was participating in a field trip when he suffered symptoms indicating a possible heart attack, said Park County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lance Mathess.

Whitt had been in an extremely rugged area near Mormon Creek, about a half-mile north of U.S. Highway 14/16/20 and about 6 miles east of Yellowstone National Park.

The Park County Search and Rescue Unit was dispatched around 3:38 p.m., along with personnel from West Park Hospital. They reached Whitt and assessed his condition at 3:57 p.m., Mathess said.

"At that time, medical personnel on scene requested a helicopter from REACH Air Medical respond rather than attempting to evacuate the patient using a wheeled litter down an extremely steep drainage," Mathess said.

At approximately 4:31 p.m., REACH arrived and brought Whitt to a Billings hospital. Mathess said Monday that he didn't know the man's condition.



Members of the Park County Search and Rescue Unit hike up steep terrain on the North Fork to help a 69-year-old man who suffered an apparent heart attack on Sunday. Photo courtesy Park County Sheriff's Office

Murder: Suspect says wife yelled at him to kill her

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maliciously, but without premeditation."

"This ... is a very devastating and heartbreaking situation for all of those parties involved," Deputy Park County Prosecuting Attorney Leda Pajman said in court on Monday, also calling it "an extremely scary and dangerous crime."

Pajman asked for David Williamson to be held on a \$700,000 cash bond; he did not object and Circuit Court Judge Bruce Waters accepted the recommendation.

The Williamsons had reached their 36th anniversary on Wednesday, but their son told law enforcement that the couple's relationship had soured in recent months, including fights. He said his mother felt trapped in her home.

Shirley Williamson, who was blind, used her phone as a lifeline to keep herself occupied and was affected by a recent outage in phone service, the affidavit says.

"Shirley Williamson has been awake most of the previous two weeks, having mental issues like hearing people around the property and thinking gang leaders were coming to get her," Johnson wrote of David Williamson's account.

Shirley Williams reportedly began carrying a Glock 9mm for security, though, at the suggestion of their son, the weapon was unloaded Wednesday night.

Things reportedly came to a head on Friday night, when

David Williamson took his wife to the Powell Valley Hospital Emergency Room to try getting her some help, Johnson wrote; they reportedly argued the entire hour they were there, the affidavit says.

Sheriff's logs indicate that at some point, Shirley Williamson called the Sheriff's Office to report that people were in her garage on Lane 11.

"Unknown how she knows this since she's calling from cell near Powell hospital," the dispatcher's log says, listing the report as "unfounded."

After responding deputies left the home, David Williamson reportedly tried to take Shirley to a hotel, but she wouldn't go.

"She was screaming and yelling that she needed her medicine," investigator Johnson wrote of David Williamson's account. He retrieved his wife's medicine, but "they didn't get out of the driveway before Shirley Williamson said that she didn't want to go anymore," the affidavit says.

They went back inside and David says he tried to get his wife to go to bed. The couple's son told authorities he was on the phone with his mother — trying to convince her to go to sleep — until around midnight.

But David Williamson said Shirley kept moving around and going on and on about people coming to get them — also accusing her husband of being in on it, the affidavit says.

"He said that she was getting worse," Johnson wrote of the account.

It was at that point she re-

portedly pointed the Glock at David Williamson and pulled the trigger; since it was unloaded, it resulted only in a click, he told Johnson.

He said he threw the gun on the floor while "Shirley Williamson kept pushing up against him. She yelled at David Williamson to kill her," Johnson wrote of the man's account.

David Williamson is alleged to have then fired one shot in her head from his Bersa .380 handgun. He then recounted getting dressed and calling his son and law enforcement around 4:42 a.m.

The Williamsons' son told authorities that his mother was not suicidal and once told him, "If I die, it will be someone else who did it," Johnson recounted. The son also said his father constantly picked on his wife and would call her a "[expletive] ing idiot," the affidavit says. He said his mother had previously asked to stay with him.

Deputies who responded to the couple's Lane 11 home early Saturday found David Williamson sitting on his porch and asked what was going on.

"Go inside, you will see," Williamson reportedly replied. "She is in the bedroom."

His Bersa handgun was found on the bed, near his deceased wife's feet.

Williamson later told Johnson he had not planned the incident and agreed that it was spontaneous — then started to cry, the affidavit alleges.

A conviction for second-degree murder carries a sentence of 20 years to life in prison.

Search and Rescue aids rafters

RESPONDED TO FALSE ALARM

The Park County Search and Rescue Unit responded to back-to-back calls for rescue services on Thursday evening and into the night.

The first call required the unit to go to the aid of some rafters who'd become stranded on the Shoshone River outside of Cody; the second proved to be a false alarm.

Call No. 1 came in at 5:46 p.m., with a report that a group of rafters had gotten stranded on the shore of the Shoshone, across from the Trout Ranch and a short ways above the Corbett Bridge.

Park County Search and Rescue Coordinator Lance Mathess said the group's commercial raft had overturned and become pinned against a rock in the swift current. The shoreline in that area was too steep for the eight adults and four children to climb, Mathess said.

Search and Rescue floated two swift-water pontoon boats across the river and quickly evacuated the rafters, taking

them down-river to a "take out" point beneath the Corbett Bridge.

Mathess said the rafters — who were in three separate parties from Iowa, England and Australia — were cold but otherwise unharmed.

At 8:50 p.m., as the Search and Rescue Unit was wrapping things up from the river rescue, another call came in.

A man reported getting a text message from his 32-year-old son that simply said, "Deer Creek please." The man reported that his son was on a b a c k c o u n t r y

horseback/camping trip and wasn't expected to return so soon.

"Since the message was vague but could easily indicate an emergency, two [Search and Rescue] ground teams were deployed to the Deer Creek trailhead," Mathess said. Coordinates with the message from the Garmin device showed the son had texted from a spot about 3 miles up the trailhead — which is itself about 40 miles southwest of Cody off the South

Fork Highway.

Later, the man sent a follow-up text to his son asking if he "needed help," and the son responded yes, Mathess said. Then contact was lost.

"Despite nighttime conditions, [Search and Rescue] made the decision to hike into Deer Creek on foot with medical and mountain rescue gear to search for the victim," Mathess said. In the meantime, a Park County Sheriff's deputy had already started hiking up the trail; after about 30 minutes, at 10:41 p.m., the deputy found the son on horseback and learned he had only wanted his father to help transport him back to Cody, Mathess said.

"He was unharmed and was in no need of rescue or medical aid," Mathess said.

Park County Sheriff Scott Steward said Search and Rescue always errs on the side of caution.

"We'd rather respond and find out it's nothing, than not respond and discover later on that critical aid is needed," Steward said in a statement. "It is also important for anyone who uses satellite texting devices to be as clear as possible with their messages, especially when they do not require emergency aid."

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BEETS, TOPS & LIVESTOCK

SUGAR BEETS IN 2016

A CLASSIC CASE OF 'GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS'

'According to the economists, there is going to be a little shortage of sugar worldwide, and that will mean higher sugar prices in a few years. I'm just an optimist. You have to be.'

— Ric Rodriguez

BY DAVE BONNER
Tribune Staff Writer

The headlines vary widely. On one hand, the 2016 sugar beet crop in the Lovell factory district of Western Sugar Cooperative is on track to post another strong showing. Official looks for a yield averaging 28.9 tons to the acre, with sugar content of 17.5 percent. These are positive numbers, reflective of a pretty good growing season. At the same time, the sugar industry is looking at prices at 30-year lows. And when the net selling price of sugar largely determines what growers are paid, that's a sobering reality. It's not great. It's not a rosy picture. Just because of prices," admits Ric Rodriguez of Powell, vice chairman of the Western Sugar Cooperative board of directors. "Other commodities are all down, but not at the grocery store. Somebody's making some money."

SSI, Rodriguez finds a silver lining in the clouds — both companywide and for the grower base. "The price of sugar is off at the moment, but there is improvement on the horizon," he said. "There are some production problems worldwide. According to the economists, there is going to be a little shortage of sugar worldwide, and that will mean higher sugar prices in a few years," he said. "I'm just an optimist. You have to be." And so it becomes something of a wobbly dance, nothing new in the commodity business.

U.S. SUGAR GLUT
"The problem we have in the United States right now is we have a glut of sugar. It will take a little time to work through that," Rodriguez noted. "We (as an industry) are still trying to work out how to curb the unlimited import of highly subsidized sugar that has been dumped into our market through the North American Free Trade (NAFTA) program."

And then there is the issue of planting with genetically modified Roundup Ready sugar beet seed. The beet seed has been fully cleared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, but anti-GMO (genetically modified organism) advocates continue to lobby against it. "It's part of the reason why the price of sugar is where it is, because of the price perception that GMO is bad," Rodriguez said. "He maintains that study after study has shown no ill effects of crops developed by GMO technology. 'We're working on a huge program



With a truck full of sugar beets, a driver with Cox and Fisher farm signs to unload at a beet dump west of Powell. For the next several months, beets harvested from local fields will be hauled to the Western Sugar Cooperative factory in Lovell. (Photo courtesy Dave Bonner)



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His heart is on the land

TAK OGAWA IS STILL FARMING AT 91

BY LESLIE COLIN TRIBBLE
Raised in the West Magazine

The country's been good to Tak Ogawa. When he speaks the words, you come to understand that this immigrant in Powell, where he's lived for 67 years, and the United States as a whole. Tak came to the Big Horn Basin as a 23-year-old farmer with big dreams and a desire to make a home. It's pretty obvious he feels he

on the northeastern slopes of Heart Mountain, where the farms are big and the trails are straight, bounding the rich soil in geometric shapes. He lives about 20 minutes from Powell, far enough up on the flanks of the mountain to get a wide-angle view of the area. A forest of conifers surrounds the modest, well-built home. The trees are old and tight-knit, showing the home from the ever-present wind. Other homes in the area have large trees, either cut-downs or spruce. At 91, Tak Ogawa is still farming. He's been farming since 1941. Not long after his basic training at Fort Craig National Training Base at Lake Powell. (Photo courtesy Dave Bonner)

as 91, I hoped to peel back the layers to uncover an interesting story. After an hour and a half with the humble and spry man, I discovered more than just a story. I got a glimpse of a life well lived. Tak Ogawa was born in Idaho seven children to a Japanese immigrant. His father, who had immigrated to America to work on the railroad, had after a brief visit back to Japan to find a wife, returned with his bride to start a new life farming, raising a family and crops in the soil of Idaho. Tak knew he wanted to be a farmer as well. "Well, I didn't know anything else and stuck with it," he said. At 16, Tak enlisted in the Army. The year was 1941. Not long after his basic training at Fort Craig National Training Base at Lake Powell. (Photo courtesy Dave Bonner)

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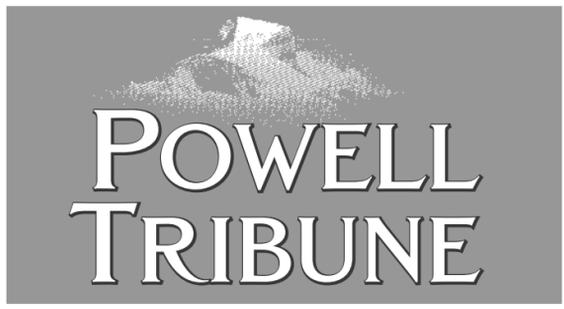
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IN OUR OPINION

Making Powell a college town

At a time when empty storefronts dot each block of Bent Street, Friday night brought a welcome sight in downtown Powell: Hundreds of people socializing, eating, dancing and enjoying our small town.

A new event called Paint the Town Red brought Northwest College students and community members to Bent Street for a concert, food trucks and other activities.

The simple purpose of Paint the Town Red was to make Powell feel more like a "college town." As dozens filled downtown, surrounded by business windows painted with artwork by NWC students and employees, it certainly felt that way.

We're glad to see a successful premier event, and hope Powell and NWC can build on this momentum going forward.

Powell wouldn't be the community it is without Northwest College.

As an employer, the college is the fifth largest in Park County with around 300 faculty and staff members. Its payroll is \$18 million, and of course, those employees live here and raise families here.

The college spends an estimated \$6.5 million in goods and services in Park County, and much more is spent locally by the students, employees and visitors who come to Powell because of NWC.

But Northwest brings much more to Powell than dollars. While its economic impact is significant, the college's contributions to our community's culture and enjoyment are just as important.

Because of NWC, Powell residents regularly enjoy wonderful concerts, athletic events, art shows, photography exhibits, visits from authors and an array of multicultural programs. Folks also can sign up to take a class at NWC or learn a new skill through the NWC Center for Training and Development. Powell Valley Community Education courses also are under the umbrella of NWC.

Community members regularly use NWC facilities, whether it's hosting an event there or working out at the gym.

In many ways, the Powell community and Northwest College depend on one another — and have for the past 70 years. A new effort called Connect to Community (C2C) recognizes that. The program arose from Powell Economic Partnership discussions earlier this year and led to the Paint the Town Red events over the weekend.

We know that Powell businesses proudly support Northwest College, and hope students will choose to shop locally and eat at restaurants here. And we hope locals support students by attending college events and reaching out to them.

For Powell to thrive and local businesses to succeed, NWC plays a key part. It's in our community's best interest to truly be a college town.

Tessa Baker

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High school activities bring people together

Tailgates. Pep rallies. Friday night lights. The new school year is here! And that's exciting news for student-athletes and high school sports fans alike.

Research shows that being a student-athlete is about a lot more than fun and games. It

teaches important life lessons, too. In fact, high school athletes not only have higher grade point averages and fewer school absences than non-athletes, they also develop the kind of work habits and self-discipline skills that help them become more responsible and productive community members.

Attending high school sporting events teaches important life lessons, too.

Among them, it teaches that we can live in different communities, come from different backgrounds, faiths and cultures, cheer for different teams and still have a common bond.

That's why attending the activities hosted by your high school this fall is so important. It's not only an opportunity to cheer for your hometown team, it is also an opportunity to celebrate our commonality. And that's something our country needs right now.

The bond we share is mutually supporting the teenagers in our respective communities. We applaud their persistence, tenacity, regardance and hard work — regardless

of the color of the uniform they wear. We acknowledge that education-based, high school sports are enhancing their lives, and ours, in ways that few other activities could. And we agree that, regardless of what side of the field we sit on, attending a high school

sporting event is an uplifting, enriching, family-friendly experience for all of us.

Many of the high schools in our state lie at the heart of the communities they serve. They not only are educating our next generation of leaders, they also are a place where we congregate, where people from every corner of town and all walks of life come together as one. And at no time is this unity more evident than during a high school athletic event.

This is the beginning of a new school year. Opportunities abound in the classroom and outside it. Let's make the most of them by attending as many athletic events at the high school in our community as possible.

Turn on the lights, and let the games begin!

(Bob Gardner is the executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations. Ron Laird, a former Powell High School coach and serves as the commissioner of the Wyoming High School Activities Association in Casper.)



BOB GARDNER



RON LAIRD

Guest columnists

Eclipse was unique, unforgettable experience

Some 580,000 Wyomingites and what seemed like a million guests became umbraphiles Monday morning because of the wondrous solar eclipse they witnessed.

The Cowboy State offered up a perfect Bluebird Day, with perfect skies and a golden sun that disappeared into blackness for up to 140 seconds. Despite fears of clouds, rainstorms and inclement weather, the day was just unparalleled.

Folks in most parts of the state, but especially Alpine, Jackson, Pinedale, Dubois, Riverton, Lander, Casper, Douglas, Wheatland, Lusk and Torrington, got fantastic views.

State officials prepared for this eclipse for two years and there were fears that the state could not handle the crowds. These fears were mostly unrealized except until after the event, when all those cars, trucks and RVs clogged the highways, as folks headed home.

Pat Schmidt reported traffic was 10 mph from Wheatland to Cheyenne. He saw lots of vehicles with extra gas cans strapped to the roofs.

After the eclipse, it was bumper-to-bumper south of Riverton and southeast of Lander for 8 miles.

Casper hosted 50,000 people or more and the conditions could not have been better. Casper was featured on ABC-TV on that network's program about the nation experiencing the big event.

I had earlier predicted 1 million additional visitors to Wyoming for the eclipse. Sure seemed like that estimate could be true.

On Sunday, the Wyoming Department of Transportation estimated an additional 217,000 vehicles on Wyoming roads over normal numbers. If that number was duplicated on Monday, it could add up to 1 million people. Plus, those two days of traffic did not count people who had already arrived.

And it was not just tourists or eclipse aficionados who came to Wyoming. It was also family and friends wanting to come home to experience this totally unique event.

Our house was typical: We had 13 extra family members here from California and Colorado. Our experience was duplicated all across the state.

Oddball events were supposed to happen during times like these. But as best as we can tell, members of a suicide cult did not slay themselves in Jackson Hole nor was there a camel sacrificed in the Red Desert outside of Lander. Alas, for the sake of the cultists and one poor camel, they were just rumors. Not sure how many babies were conceived during the totality.

It is also assumed that at least some Arapaho Indian men

shot arrows at the eclipse in commemoration of that famous eclipse of 1878. That was when real braves reportedly did shoot arrows at the moon because some sinister force was blocking out their sun.

Google will feature Dubois for its Megamovie on the eclipse that will come out soon, using more than 1,000 photographers across the country.

However, in Dubois, sheriff's officers were called because someone heard a ticking sound coming from a backpack that one of the photographers had left behind. Inside was a camera that had its motor running, sounding like a bomb.

While in Dubois, the Google folks interviewed Dubois Mayor Twila Blakeman and Paula McCormick of the Wind River Visitors Council.

The word to describe someone who gets excited about an eclipse is umbraphile. I can officially say that I am one. It was fantastic.

Lander enjoyed a 67-second eclipse. We journeyed to my sister's house in Riverton, where the totality occurred for twice as long.

On Monday, we saw crescent-shaped shadows and eerie bright and dark spots during the long periods leading up to and

immediately after the totality. The totality was a total unique experience.

I had experienced a partial solar eclipse in 1979 in Lander and in 2012 in Montrose, Colorado. They were exciting and, in both cases, the surrounding area got very dark and really odd shadows were all over the place. But each event was nothing to compare with Monday's excitement.

Paula Wonnacott and Fred Pickett of Rock Springs got married in a Riverton backyard during the eclipse, as did Lander's Dave Kellogg's oldest daughter Julia, who got hitched in Alta. Congratulations for quite the memorable way to get married.

Gov. Matt Mead reported at 4:45 a.m. Monday that traffic on Interstate 25 past the governor's mansion looked bumper-to-bumper, based on the headlights.

The big AstroCon convention in Casper lived up to its hype and the new downtown development in the WyoCity enjoyed huge crowds.

Wyoming put out the red carpet and was rewarded with perfect weather and perfect skies for a once-in-a-lifetime event.

(Check out more columns from Bill Sniffin at www.billsniffin.com. Sniffin, a longtime journalist from Lander, has written six books, which are available at fine stores. You can find them at www.wyomingwonders.com.)



BILL SNIFFIN
Guest columnist



Why Wyoming hunters should care about Zinke's attack on Gov. Mead's sage grouse plan

Last fall, as I was out stalking mule deer in western Wyoming, I wasn't thinking about sage grouse. But as hunting season approaches this year, those birds are on my mind.

It's not that I've taken up sage grouse hunting. I have some friends who talk about the joys of hunting grouse. But I focus on big game, like most other Wyoming hunters.

The reason I'm thinking about sage grouse is that their habitat overlaps with the habitat of mule deer, pronghorn and elk. And right now, politicians in Washington, D.C., are making moves that threaten sage grouse habitat — and, by proxy, the habitat of Wyoming's most important big game species.

Wyoming has worked hard to keep sage grouse off the Endangered Species List by protecting its habitat. These efforts, led by Gov. Matt Mead, have involved years of collaboration and negotiations between oil and gas, agriculture, government, conservationists — and, of course, Wyoming sportsmen who understand that protecting sage grouse habitat means protecting habitat for our great herds, especially crucial migration corridors and winter range.

In 2015, Gov. Mead, along

with other Western governors and federal partners, put into action a comprehensive sage grouse management plan. It was heralded as the future of conservation, in large part because it emerged from the states — not Washington, D.C. — and respected everyone's interests.

Now, however, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is trying to throw Gov. Mead's work out the window and replace that original plan with one that focuses on breeding sage grouse in captivity to artificially inflate their numbers while removing protections for sage grouse habitat. In the process, Zinke's plan would remove protections for mule deer, pronghorn and elk habitat in Wyoming that our herds critically need.

The Department of the Interior has announced its intention to remove Gov. Mead's sage grouse plan from Wyoming and replace it with Zinke's. There's a short "review" process that functions as a transition between the two plans, but it's also a time during which citizens, stakeholders, and others can make their

voices heard on the issue.

Most importantly, Wyoming needs its representatives in Washington, D.C., to tell Secretary Zinke that his plan is bad for Wyoming, bad for its thousands of residents who hunt big game that lives in sage grouse territory, bad for the hunting culture that is central to the state's identity and bad for our economy, to which hunting contributes significantly.

If D.C. politics is all Zinke understands, we need Congressman Liz Cheney and Sens. Mike Enzi and John Barrasso to stand up to him on behalf of Wyoming, on behalf of Gov. Mead and behalf of our great big game herds.

As Gov. Mead has pointed out time and time again — and as anyone who has ever hunted knows — habitat is the key to healthy big game populations. You simply can't have one without the other. Zinke's plan, which is based on population counts instead of habitat protection, would be disastrous for grouse populations, big game winter range and migration corridors in

the state.

Gov. Mead's plan is based on deep collaboration between government and the private sector, community outreach and scientific study that reflects the needs of energy and agriculture as well as those of sportsmen and conservation. But with one fell swoop, Secretary Zinke could undo all of that work.

Wyoming already has a solution that works. We don't need Secretary Zinke to send us back to the drawing board forcing us to invest more time and energy into a problem we already solved. That's why Wyoming Hunters and Anglers Alliance asks that Sens. Barrasso and Enzi and Congressman Cheney support our governor and urge Secretary Zinke to leave the Wyoming sage grouse plan in place.

(Max Ludington is an avid hunter and angler who lives in Jackson and serves as the board chair of the Wyoming Hunters and Anglers Alliance. The alliance promotes the conservation of Wyoming's wildlife, the protection of sportsmen's access and the defense of public lands that belong to everyone. For more information, visit http://wyominghuntersandanglers.org.)



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Patrol: Local drivers showed patience during eclipse

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Last week's total solar eclipse brought quite a bit of extra traffic through the Big Horn Basin, but it didn't bring much trouble.

"For the amount of traffic we had, everybody behaved," said Wyoming Highway Patrol Lt. Phil Farman of the patrol's Cody office.

A "huge" amount of vehicles traveled through the Basin on Monday, Aug. 21 — particularly as people headed north from the zone of totality in the afternoon and evening, Farman said.

Despite that, he said the only notable incidents in this area were a car hitting a deer and a crash at the intersection of Wyo. Highway 120 (the Meeteetse highway) and U.S. Highway 14/16/20 (the Greybull highway) in Cody — which resulted in no injuries.

"And that's all really that we dealt with," Farman said Thursday. There were some reports of aggressive driving, but for the most part, he said people took their time and drove well.

Farman specifically expressed thanks to local drivers.

"With all the traffic and time it took to go from location to location to get home, the patience that they showed was just incredible," he said. "And it is very much appreciated."

According to traffic counts from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, there were upwards of 550,000 extra vehicles on the state's roads on Monday, Aug. 21, when compared to the average from past years. The Wyoming Highway Patrol reported 1,813 events on the day of the eclipse — including 100 crashes, 111 traffic complaints and 325 motorist assists; that fell to 609 events and 25 crashes on Tuesday, Aug. 22, when Wyoming highways were still seeing some 244,000 more vehicles than normal.



Heavy traffic is pictured on I-25 near Douglas following the eclipse on Aug. 21. Photo courtesy WYDOT

Yellowstone National Park officials reported heavy traffic on Tuesday, which prompted them to temporarily close the Old Faithful and West Thumb Geyser Basin parking areas "due to heavy traffic and lack of parking." Congestion and delays were reported in other parts of Yellowstone as well.

"This was the highest density of traffic that Wyoming has ever seen," said Sgt. Kyle McKay, spokesman for the patrol. "With this high amount of traffic, we were really pleased with the shockingly low volume of traffic incidents and were impressed that the majority of travelers displayed patience throughout the whole event."

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department made contact with more than 7,000 people on the day of the eclipse and reported low numbers of violations.

The agency says it issued 60 citations and 99 warnings, mostly related to boating safety violations, aquatic invasive species non-compliance and fishing violations. One person was arrested for allegedly boating while under the influence.

Three moose and one deer were hit and killed by vehicle collisions across the state; some resulted in serious injuries to people, the Game and Fish said.

Check stations for aquatic invasive species were staffed with more Game and Fish personnel than usual in an effort to keep invasive species like mussels out of Wyoming's water. A total of 29 check stations throughout the state conducted 2,466 inspections, 35 were decontaminated and no boats were found to have attached mussels.

"From a public safety standpoint, these incidents were average or even below average for this time of year," said Mike Choma, Game and Fish law enforcement supervisor. State and local government agencies spent months preparing for the big day.

Troopers with the highway patrol worked 12-hour shifts and "we had everybody working," Farman said.

Three troopers directed traffic at the intersection of the Meeteetse and Greybull highways in Cody and others helped direct traffic in Thermopolis.

"It was a very well-coordinated effort on everybody's part," he said. Farman added that, with "an incredible eclipse that people got to see right in their own backyards, it was a great day."

'For the amount of traffic we had, everybody behaved.'

Phil Farman
Lieutenant

LOCAL ROADS NOW BEING FOG SEALED

Park County road and bridge crews started fog sealing some Powell area roads Monday.

Lane 9 will be up first, followed by lanes 10, 11, 15 and 17 and Road 17.

Once the work in the Powell area is completed — likely around Thursday, Aug. 31 — the project will move to the Cody district. Crews will then fog seal Road 2AB, Road 2BC, Stagecoach Trail, Lane 16, Lane 19, Lane 20, Road 19 and Road 20.

Fog sealing involves applying a diluted asphalt emulsion to the road to protect and preserve the integrity of the pavement.

All the work is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 8.

"As the fog seal is applied, traffic will be reduced to only one lane in the designated work areas," said Park County Engineer Brian Edwards. "Roads being treated should be limited to local traffic only to the extent possible and practical."

Motorists who do use the roads while the work is underway should proceed with caution and expect delays, Edwards said.

"On behalf of Park County Public Works Department, we sincerely appreciate the cooperation and patience from the public during these maintenance operations," he said.

For more information, contact the county's Public Works Department at 307-527-8520.



A rock removal project adjacent to the Buffalo Bill Reservoir on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 is scheduled to begin after Labor Day weekend. Photo courtesy WYDOT

Rock removal project to begin after Labor Day

Removal of more than 10,000 cubic yards of rock overhanging U.S. 14/16/20 near Buffalo Bill Reservoir west of Cody is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 5, following the Labor Day weekend.

The \$1.68 million project is located between mileposts 44.39 and 45.37, which begins about a mile west of the long tunnel on U.S. 14/16/20 and ends at the long tunnel.

In addition to removal of more than 10,000 cubic yards of rock, the project includes removal of loose rock through scaling, and installation of rock bolts and rockfall barriers above the roadway.

The project "is being driven by numerous falling rock events and input from local citizens," according to Wyoming Department of Transportation resident engineer Todd Frost of Cody.

Prime contractor on the project is Wilson Brothers Construction of Cowley.

The work is scheduled through September, October and November. "There will be blasting on the project, and there will be traffic delays," Frost said.

By contract, Wilson Brothers is required to allow unrestricted traffic, without stops, to drive through the project

area from 7-8:30 a.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. on working days to allow daily commuters to make their way to Cody and home again in the late afternoon. "At other times, the maximum delay time will be 20 minutes," Frost said.

Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and pilot vehicles.

The Wyoming 296 (Chief Joseph Scenic Highway) portion of this project is scheduled to be finished prior to Labor Day weekend, except for seeding. It involved replacing existing 25-year-old rock mesh through Paint Rock Canyon at a cost of \$520,000.

Extension offers small-ruminant nutrition workshop in Powell

Hands-on hay evaluation is part of a small-ruminant nutrition workshop on Thursday in Powell.

The session is 6-8 p.m. at the Park

County Fairgrounds event center conference room.

Sheep and goat nutrition is among information UW Extension educator Jer-

emiah Vardiman and educator Chance Marshall will offer.

For more information, contact Vardiman at 754-8836.

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DIGEST

FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY



This vehicle, driven by Devin Rausch, 20, of Powell, rear-ended a 2012 VW Jetta driven by Aspen Aguirre, 18, of Powell on Wednesday evening. Both vehicles were southbound on the Willwood Highway (Road 9) when Aguirre slowed down to make a right-hand turn onto Lane 11. Rausch was unable to stop in time and crashed into the Jetta. She was issued a citation for following too close. A juvenile passenger in Aguirre's vehicle was transported by ambulance, and both drivers were taken to the hospital by parents with what appeared to be minor injuries, according to Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper Blain Mollett. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

NEW FACES

- Dakota Music and Joshua Olberding of Powell wish to announce the birth of a baby girl, Sophia Avery Olberding, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017. Sophia was born at 1:01 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Grandparents are Robert and Candy Olberding and Michelle and Tom Giles.
- Adam Landes Banks was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, to Rachel and Dylan Banks of Lovell. He arrived at 1:56 p.m. with a weight of 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and joins brothers Aaron Porter Banks, Aaden Ray Banks, and sister Chevelle Shareen Banks. Adam's grandparents are Rick and Julie Banks and Dan and Evelyn Carter.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

AUGUST 21

- Niles Comisso, 64, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Adele Margaret (Higgins) Odegard, 63, of Cherry Hill.

AUGUST 22

- Stephen Walter Slack, 46, of Cody and Tonya Jean Higgins, 26, of Cody.
- Rodger Delano Howard, 44, of Cody and Sadie Alyse Nelson, 29, of Cody.
- Michael Ray Getzfreid, 26, of Powell and Alisha Christine Freeman, 28, of Powell.
- Steven Colt Nix, 24, of Cody and Paige Elaine Blankenship, 25, of Cody.

AUGUST 24

- Colby Ray Siggins, 25, of Powell and Stormi Samantha Rea Allen, 24, of Powell.

AUGUST 25

- Joe Craig Cook, 29, of Powell and Abby Renee Kelderman, 23, of Powell.

- Todd Edlyn Severude, 26, of Cody and Shannon Elizabeth Koltes, 26, of Cody.
- Sage Alan Powell, 40, of Berthoud, Colorado, and Jessie Rose Keyes, 29, of Berthoud.

MUNICIPAL COURT

JUNE 22 TO JULY 26
All offenses are misdemeanors.

VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

- Thomas B. Dawson-Phillips must pay \$410, driving with a suspended license.
- Andrew T. Mumm paid \$410, no valid auto insurance.
- Holly Ann Olsen must pay \$410, driving with a suspended license.
- Dennis L. Thompson must pay \$410, no proof of valid auto insurance.
- Chad M. Hill must pay \$410, driving with a suspended license.
- Jesus J. Hernandez paid \$110, no valid registration.
- Jean A. McKinney must pay \$110, no valid registration.
- Patricia A. Pickering paid \$110, failure to stop at sign.
- Leslie L. Becker paid \$60, backing without caution.
- Anel States paid \$60, no proper child restraint system in use.
- Justin J. Saubert paid \$50, backing without caution.
- Brad W. Cummings paid \$20, unlicensed trailer parked on street.
- Cynthia G. Gutierrez paid \$20, parking in no parking area.
- Toby F. Jones paid \$20, vehicle removal violation.
- Jorge M. Madrigal paid \$20, unlicensed trailer parked on street.
- Forest P. Petty paid \$10, no valid driver's license.

SPEEDING

- Ilir Gashi paid \$86.
- Steve A. Clawson paid \$80.
- Scott E. Elmore paid \$77.
- Maureen Ann Lewis paid \$68.
- Kimberly D. Thompson paid \$59.
- Gayla K. Johnson paid \$56.
- Matthew A. Leetz paid \$56.
- Steven C. Reynolds paid \$56.
- Darwin K. Rowton paid \$56.
- Scott M. Adkins paid \$53.
- Raquel S. Gurrola paid \$35.

- Lindsey Ann Little paid \$35.
- Emmanuel Mendoza-Perez paid \$35.
- Richard W. Knopp paid \$25.

OTHER VIOLATIONS

- Christian S. Birky paid \$110, public intoxication.
- Jaime L. Schmeiser paid \$95, two unrelated counts of speeding and no dog license.
- William N. Gilmore must pay \$75, selling tobacco to a minor and no seat belt.
- Kyle J. Espinoza must pay \$40, discharging fireworks in city limits.
- Gabriel F. Menuet paid \$30, no dog license.
- Laura Ann Shipley paid \$30, no dog license.
- Tyrone J. Wagner paid \$30, dog running at large.
- Stanley Bearpaw paid \$30, no dog license.
- Taylor D. Woodward paid \$30, no dog license.

POLICE REPORT

Individuals are presumed to be innocent and charges listed are only allegations.

AUGUST 5

- 9:48 p.m. Minors were reported to be drinking alcohol in a local bar on North Bent Street. Officers found a parent had given their child the alcohol. The parent was informed that, if they are giving alcohol, they must stay with their child until there is no alcohol in child's system.
- 10:12 p.m. A resident reported that a friend saw someone break into her house on Royal Village Queens Boulevard. Responding officers found no evidence of a break-in, damage or missing items.

AUGUST 6

- 12:09 a.m. Wendy Jane Collins, 51, of Powell, was arrested on North Ingalls/East Third streets on suspicion of driving while under influence, no driver's license and failure to signal left-hand turn.
- 12:34 a.m. An officer on patrol at East Coulter Avenue heard someone screaming. He determined it was coming from a motel pool with the windows open. The officer advised the people to quiet down, checked with the front desk and reported everything else was OK.

AUGUST 7

- 1:43 a.m. A report of a possible drunk driver to the Sheriff's Office resulted in a traffic stop at South Fair/East Monroe streets where James Haga III was arrested on suspicion of driving while under influence, minor in possession of alcohol and failure to signal left turn.
- 2:37 a.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at Royal Village Queens Boulevard. Cade Rayden Williams, 18, of Powell, was arrested on suspicion of domestic assault.
- 5:31 p.m. Dispatch received a report of sheep inside the fence at the fishing pond at Homesteader Park. An officer and other citizens were able to capture the sheep and transport them to a vet. The owner later called looking for the sheep and was advised of their location.

AUGUST 8

- 2:22 a.m. A complaint was received of a lot of noise, mostly voices, coming from an area on North Ingalls Street. An officer drove through the area twice, but did not hear anything.
- 9:56 a.m. A bicycle was reported stolen on West Sixth Street and the incident placed under investigation.
- 2:13 p.m. An officer checked on a resident on North Absaroka Street and found they were fine.
- 4:22 p.m. A vehicle at West Third/North Bernard streets was reported to be damaged. A responding officer spoke with all parties involved and the caller did not wish to press charges.

- 7:12 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a female parked in front of the caller's residence on South Jones Street. The caller said the woman came to their residence last year and did the same thing. She advised she was just doing her job and wrote down the license plates. A responding officer advised the subject was a civil paper server. The server was issued a criminal no trespassing order and advised to leave the area.
- 7:52 p.m. A set of keys was found near the dump station at Homesteader Park.
- 8:03 p.m. A resident on North Bernard Street reported that, while working in their yard, a male drove by on a blue bike and yelled and cursed at them. The resident requested officers drive by a few times during the evening to make sure the biker didn't come back.
- 9:45 p.m. Police are investigating a male who was reported to be knocking over garbage cans all the way down an alleyway on North Absaroka/East Third streets. The caller said they had confronted the male, who took off running.
- 11:54 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a group of kids yelling and banging on cars in an alley behind a business on West Coulter Avenue. A responding officer searched the area, but did not locate the individuals.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Individuals are presumed to be innocent and charges listed are only allegations.

AUGUST 5

- 11:28 a.m. A woman reported issues with fishermen trespassing on her property on Wyo. Highway 290 in the Meeteetse area.
- 12:14 p.m. A woman reported being threatened by a person she was serving with papers on Road 10 in the Powell area.
- 2:41 p.m. Valerie Rae Lamb Harlan, 44, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
- 4:36 p.m. Three drivers were stopped and warned for speeding on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.
- 5:43 p.m. Michelle Andrea Rustemeyer, 43, was arrested on a warrant at a business on 17th Street in Cody.

AUGUST 6

- 1:44 a.m. A possible drunk driver was reported at a business on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area. The caller said they found the man passed out behind the wheel of a truck, woke him up and he drove off.
- 7:05 a.m. A 21-year-old man was reported to have died at a lodge on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody.
- 3:15 p.m. Two sheep were returned to their owner after getting in a field on Road 7 in the Powell area.

AUGUST 7

- 4:30 a.m. A man reported that his father called him and said there was an emergency on Jonathon Road in the Powell area. The caller didn't know if it was a medical or criminal issue. The incident was classified as a homicide.
- 7:42 a.m. A deputy assisted Cody police with controlled traffic after a crash on Big Horn Avenue.
- 7:53 a.m. Someone was reported to have dumped a sofa and trash on the side of Road 11 in the Powell area. The call was referred to another agency.
- 10:13 a.m. Tools were reported stolen on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.
- 11:04 a.m. A man asked the Sheriff's Office about a ditch easement and dispute with his neighbor on Saddle Court in the Powell area. The Sheriff's Office was unable to assist.
- 11:29 a.m. Credit card fraud was reported on Whit Creek Road in the Cody area.

- 11:55 a.m. Clothes and food were reported to be scattered all over an area near a corral on roads 3FK/3JU in the Cody area.
- 2:10 p.m. A woman reported receiving some text messages from her ex in the Meeteetse area that alluded to suicide. She asked for a deputy to check on his welfare; the Sheriff's Office assisted.
- 2:37 p.m. Ariel Maraham Cottonoir, 24, was served with a warrant at the Park County Courthouse in Cody.
- 8:43 p.m. A man reported that his son locked his 10-month-old sister in the car on White Water Avenue in Cody.

AUGUST 8

- 10:05 a.m. A woman on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area reported receiving a call in which someone told her she'd been a victim of identity theft. She said the caller claimed they had all of her personal information, including her Social Security number, date of birth and address. The Sheriff's Office was unable to assist.
- 11:51 a.m. A deputy helped with a child being taken into protective custody in an abuse case on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody.
- 3:08 p.m. Timothy Alan Coley, 52, was arrested on a warrant at a restaurant on Sheridan Avenue in Cody.
- 4:38 p.m. Jeffrey Jack Jameson, 21, was served a warrant at the Park County Law Enforcement Center.

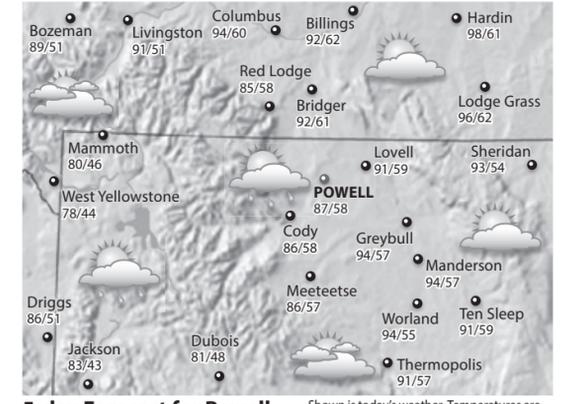
AUGUST 9

- 7:40 a.m. A black cow was returned to its owner after getting out on Road 6UU in the Cody area.
- 11:17 a.m. A citizen reported that, in July, someone trespassed on their property, used a backhoe to remove boulders and tore up the ground.
- 2:14 p.m. A dump truck was reported to have taken out several power poles on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area.
- 2:52 p.m. A mailbox was reportedly damaged on Sayles Lane in the Meeteetse area.
- 8:19 p.m. A weapons offense, involving an older Dodge flatbed truck, was reported on Wyo. Highway 120 south of Cody. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the vehicle.
- 11:29 p.m. Various vehicles were reported to be driving up and down Peart Place in the Cody area as part of a continuing problem.

AUGUST 10

- 12:37 a.m. A woman reported that her landlord may have sent someone out to turn off her electric service, although she said a judge had given her 48 hours to vacate the premises. The person was gone when the Sheriff's Office arrived.
- 4:07 a.m. A few cows were returned to their owner after getting loose on Lane 8 near Road 11. A caller reported almost hitting them.
- 7:47 a.m. Roughly 30 cows were reported to have wandered off BLM land and started tearing apart a neighbor's hay stack on JR Street in the Cody area.
- 9:35 a.m. A car and motorcycle reportedly crashed at a ski area on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody.
- 11:08 a.m. A vehicle was reported to have passed five vehicles in a no passing zone — and at a high rate of speed — on Road 2AB in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the vehicle.
- 2:23 p.m. A vehicle reportedly hit a deer on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area. The call was referred to the Wyoming Highway Patrol.
- 3:49 p.m. A mail carrier reported being bitten by a dog on Oak Drive in the Cody area.
- 4:47 p.m. Evan Wyatt Haywood, 26, was served with a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

Weather



5-day Forecast for Powell

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

Day	Weather	High/Low
Today	Partly sunny with a shower in the afternoon	87° / 58°
Wednesday	Sun and some clouds	86° / 61°
Thursday	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm in the afternoon	83° / 57°
Friday	Sunny	84° / 59°
Saturday	Plenty of sunshine	86° / 59°

Weekly Almanac
Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High/low	90°/54°
Normal high/low	83°/49°
Average temperature	70.9°
Normal average temperature	66.0°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week	Trace
Month to date	0.12"
Normal month to date	0.45"
Year to date	5.53"
Normal year to date	5.21"
Percent of normal month to date	27%
Percent of normal year to date	106%

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset6:34am/7:57pm
Moonrise/Moonset2:41pm/none

Phase	Date
First	Aug 29
Full	Sep 6
Last	Sep 13
New	Sep 19

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The State	Today	City	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Buffalo	92/63/pc	Green River	88/56/s	Laramie	83/48/s		
Casper	92/52/pc	Greybull	94/57/c	Rawlins	88/52/s		
Cheyenne	87/55/pc	Jeffrey City	86/54/c	Rock Springs	87/56/s		
Gillette	94/59/s	Kirby	93/56/c	Shoshoni	92/59/c		

The Nation	Today	City	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/70/c	Houston	77/73/r	Louisville	82/67/t		
Boston	67/59/pc	Indianapolis	79/62/sh	Miami	93/79/pc		
Chicago	77/61/sh	Kansas City	78/59/s	Phoenix	109/86/s		
Dallas	86/71/pc	Las Vegas	108/84/s	St. Louis	81/64/pc		
Denver	92/60/s	Los Angeles	102/75/s	Washington, DC	71/65/r		

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WILD WEST RIVER FEST

Above, Duncan Radakovich competes in the slalom event during the Cody Wild West River Fest on Aug. 19. At right, Maddox Growney (57) and Wilkins Radakovich (52) race down the Shoshone River. All three are from Cody and members of the Wild West Paddle Club. The fifth annual river fest Aug. 19-20 featured a variety of events and celebrated one of the area's most exceptional natural resources — the Shoshone River. Tribune photos by CJ Baker



Democrat Mary Throne announces run for governor

Mary Throne, a former legislator from Cheyenne, became the first Democrat to announce her candidacy for governor of Wyoming in next year's election.

"I am fiercely passionate about Wyoming and have great dreams for our future," Throne said in an announcement speech on Saturday.

Throne, an attorney, said she ran for the Legislature because she felt called to serve the state.

"For 10 years, I worked across the aisle, using shared values to find common ground to make our state better," she said. "I supported our local

communities, worked to strengthen our education system for our children and used my experience in natural resource law both to encourage development and to protect the wide-open spaces that we love. I advocated for better health care for our citizens and for safe workplaces.

"But, despite my best efforts, there were limits to what I was able to accomplish as a legislator. Our economy has not broken out of the boom-and-bust cycle, and I have a lot more that I want to do to change that."

According to her biography, Throne is a

native of Campbell County, where she grew up on a ranch. She volunteered in Thailand for two years before coming back to the United States to attend law school, then returned to Wyoming. She specializes in natural resource law.

Throne and her husband Kevin Boyce have three sons, Michael, Tarver and Patrick.

"She believes today's problems deserve better than yesterday's thinking," her biography states, adding, "It's time — past time — for fresh ideas; it's time to roll our sleeves up, get to work and put Wyoming first."

Bill Dahlin, a Sheridan businessman, was the first Republican to declare his candidacy. Gov. Matt Mead, also a Republican, has said he does not plan to seek a third term.



MARY THRONE

GRIZZLY RELOCATED AFTER GETTING INTO LIVESTOCK FEED

A grizzly bear was recently trapped and relocated after it got into livestock feed west of Meeteetse. The adult male bear was captured and moved Aug. 11, according to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. In cooperation with the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, the bear was relocated to the Fall Creek drainage, approximately 25 miles northwest of Moran Junction. The release site is located in currently occupied grizzly bear habitat.

"Grizzly bear relocation is a conservation tool used to minimize conflicts between humans and grizzly bears and is critical to the recovery of the population," the department said in a news release. "When selecting a relocation site, the department makes every consideration to minimize potential conflicts."

Game and Fish continues to stress the importance of keeping all attractants (food items, garbage, horse feed and others) unavailable to bears.

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Grouse: Experimental, but 'worth attempting'

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initiated the 60-day review of the Obama-era plan, which was based on 10 years of research and negotiations among states. The recommendations resulting from the review confirmed concerns and criticism were quickly voiced, including from Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead.

"I am concerned that the recommendations place more focus on population targets and captive breeding. Industry needs predictability, but the report does not explain fully how population targets provide that certainty. Wyoming will continue to rely on science and scientists to manage the species," Mead said in a statement released after the review committee recommendations were identified.

More recommendations from the review committee are expected later this year and again in 2018.

True, a former commission member and owner of Diamond Wings, has met with individuals on the review team. While he's hopeful that his game bird farm can become certified to attempt to raise sage grouse, he knows it is an uphill battle.

"I'm keenly aware I may be drilling a dry hole. It's experimental," he said. "But it's worth attempting."

True expects that, if his company becomes certified, it will be two years before they can even begin collecting eggs in the wild — an extremely complicated process — to be incubated and reared in their yet-to-be built facility.

A new facility is necessary due to a stipulation in the regulations that the sage grouse facilities be at least 100 feet from any other game bird rearing stations. The commission, along with several conservation groups expressing concern, is worried about the possibility of the spread of disease.

The Powell game bird farm has the land on which to build, but it will be expensive and all funds will come out of their own pockets.

According to the new regulations, collection of eggs can only take place for 20 days in late April and early May; only 40 nests can be disturbed per certification and only 250 eggs per season may be collected. Pointing dogs have been approved for the process, but Bear hopes

to get approval to use radio transmitters to find full clutches. Dogs can find the birds, but using radio telemetry can pinpoint full clutches, he said.

Bear has been preparing for the possibility of doing the experiment. He's traveled to the Calgary Zoo in southern Canada and the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, seeking answers to questions about breeding sage grouse in captivity.

The Calgary Zoo has millions in government funding for their attempt to help bring back the species that has declined to approximately 400 birds in Canada. (Somewhere between 200,000 and 500,000 birds are estimated to live in the American West, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says.) In 2014, the zoo hosted an international conference of experts that predicted the birds might be extinct in Canada in as little as five years.

Last year, eggs were collected at Grasslands National Park in Saskatchewan and from hens relocated from Montana. The zoo has been conducting research and finding limited success from a small number of birds being observed in their new 31,000 square-foot facility.

"Their biologists have been very helpful and straightforward with me," Bear said.

Bear hinted that news coming from the zoo in the near future will be positive, though the zoo has been working on a very limited scale.

At the Sutton Avian Research Center, they're in the second decade of experimenting with captive breeding and rearing of one of North America's rarest subspecies, the Attwater prairie-chicken. The bird was nearly extirpated when habitat losses in Texas fragmented a population once numbering in the millions.

The species currently holds on in a few select locations, due to federal protection and a captive breeding program that supplements these areas with hand-reared birds. But their success has been limited and the Attwater prairie-chicken is considered one of the most endangered birds of North America, according to Fish and Wildlife.

The bird, which is very similar to the sage grouse, was listed as endangered in 1967 and in 1973, the Endangered

'We feel that experience in managing these different species will be an asset in helping us better understand the greater sage grouse if we proceed and are certified.'

*Karl Bear
Game bird farm manager*



Hundreds of freshly hatched chukar keep warm in the hatchery for weeks before moving to the next rearing station. Diamond Wings Upland Game Birds, LLC, plans to raise 40,000 pheasants and chukars this season. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Species Act provided immediate protection.

True and Bear know success will be difficult, but are optimistic. Over the years, Bear has raised pheasants, Hungarian partridges, chukar partridges, pure French red-legged partridges and Bobwhite, red and California Valley quail.

"We feel that experience in managing these different species will be an asset in helping us better understand the greater sage grouse if we proceed and are certified," Bear said.

The college administrator turned upland game bird entrepreneur has doggedly chased an informal avian education for more than two decades to effectively raise difficult species. He's not a biologist, but he has succeeded with many species.

True has a lot of faith in Bear — despite being realistic about the process taking many years.

"Karl [Bear] has raised three quarters of a million birds in the past 20 years. That is a remarkable accomplishment," True said.

With the financial backing of the True empire, Bear is set to attempt something that many experts say can't be done.

"We just want a chance to try," he said.



Diamond Wings Upland Game Birds manager, Karl Bear, candles a chukar egg to check on the stage of the embryo in the egg cleansing department of the rural Powell company. Every egg, a thousand a day at the peak period between March and August, is sanitized, checked for cracks and stored in a cooler before reaching the incubator.

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Powell High School senior Brook Sweet (No. 1) and junior Jazlyn Haney (No. 11) attempt to block a spike from a Big Piney opponent during Saturday's game at the Riverton Invitational. In the background is senior Jordan Walsh (left) and junior Hartly Thorington (right). Photo courtesy Craig Blumenshine, Riverton Ranger

PHS volleyball wins Riverton Invitational

LADY PANTHERS A PERFECT 7-0 AT SEASON-OPENING TOURNAMENT

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

The Lady Panthers volleyball team opened its season in fine fashion over the weekend, winning the Riverton Invitational with a 7-0 record — including a pair of wins over the host Lady Wolverines.

“This was a great way to start the season,” said head coach Randi Bonander.

The two-day tournament started Friday, with PHS squaring off against Thermopolis. The Lady Panthers made short work of the Lady Bobcats, winning 21-11 and 21-10.

Next up for the Lady Panthers was Shoshoni, with Powell winning 21-15 and 21-14.

Powell then went on to face Kemmerer, winning 21-19 and 21-14.

Those three wins earned Powell the right to play host Riverton Friday evening.

The game went to three sets, with the Lady Panthers winning the best two out of three, 21-20, 10-21 and 15-6.

“All the varsity girls were contributing at the same time in different ways,” Bonander said.

With a 4-0 record heading into Saturday, Powell played Wind River at 11 a.m., winning 25-18 and 25-10.

Next up for the Lady Panthers was Big Piney. Powell won both games 21-19.

With a 6-0 record for the tournament, the Lady Panthers were slated once again to play the hometown Riverton team for the championship.

This second matchup between the Lady Panthers and Lady Wolverines went to three games, with Powell win-

ning the first game 21-16. Riverton bounced back to even it up with a 21-9 win. The Lady Panthers won the final game 11-8 to secure the championship and finish with a perfect 7-0 record.

“The high point of the weekend was defeating Riverton twice, because they have such a wide variety of talent,” Bonander said.

For the tournament, Aubrie Stenson led the team in ace serves, with a total of eight, and kill hits, with a total of 26.

Natalie Birdsley had 11 digs and six ace serves. Rachel Bonander had 25 kills and Hartly Thorington had 20.

Of the tournament, coach Bonander said that “every team challenged us to work on something different which is only making us stronger and more

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PENALTIES COST THE PANTHERS IN OPENER

VISITING DOUGLAS OUTLASTS PHS 20-6

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

Plagued by penalties and early-season rust, the Powell Panthers fell Friday night to the visiting Douglas Bearcats 20-6 to open the season — in a game that was closer than the final score would indicate.

Powell, Douglas, Evanston and Riverton were the only 3A football teams to have seven games scheduled for the season, rather than eight, so the results from their weekends will count toward their overall records.

“I thought it was a good football game with a lot of the things you would expect zero week, from both teams,” said head coach Chanler Buck. “With that being said, you know turnovers, not being able to execute on defense and offense at times, but we saw some flashes of some really good things.”

Douglas scored its first touchdown with 7:53 remaining in the first quarter. Powell's defense then settled in, holding the Bearcats from scoring again for the rest of the half.

The Panthers wasted no time getting on the board in the second half, as Josh Wolfe returned the kickoff for a 76-yard touchdown to tie the game at 6-6.

For the extra point and a chance to take the lead, Powell faked the point after attempt but was unable to capitalize. Douglas took a 13-6 lead during the third quarter.

“I told these kids this thing looked like it got out of hand a little bit there for three minutes in the fourth,” Buck said. “Other than that it came down to



Powell's Ethan Asher (11) puts a hard hit on Douglas' Brady Brooks after a first down reception with 10:47 left in the third quarter. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

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Lady Panthers qualify five swimmers

STRONG SHOWING FOR SWIM TEAM AT BRUCE GRESLY PENTATHLON

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

On Saturday, the Lady Panthers swim team competed in their first meet of the season at the Bruce Gresly Pentathlon in Lander, with five swimmers qualifying for state across 12 events.

“We did pretty good. A lot of our freshmen did really good for their first meet,” said diving coach Heather Christensen. “We had ... a lot of people that were close to qualifying, so I think we'll get quite a few qualifiers this year.”

At the pentathlon, the PHS swimmers each competed in five events: 100-yard butterfly, 100 backstroke, 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke and 100 freestyle. There was no team scoring, just individuals, with the top 10 individuals getting an award in swimming and diving.

Caitlyn Miner placed sixth overall and qualified for the 3A state meet in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:07.24, in the 100 backstroke in 1:13.04, the 100 breaststroke in 1:16.10 and the 100 freestyle in 1:01.08.

JuliaKay O'Neill took second in diving, placed 11th overall and qualified in four events.

Those qualifying events include the 100 butterfly, with a time of 1:13.89, the 100 backstroke in 1:09.22, the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:20.98 and in diving with a score of 145.10.

Both Kendyl Bohlman and Ashlyn Aguirre qualified in the 100 butterfly with times of 1:17.13 and 1:16.08, respectively.

Rylie Kannard qualified in both the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke posting times of 1:14.39 and 1:11.22, respectively.

With everyone competing in five events, Christensen said, “it just gives a really good idea of where they are at too, where they need some more work.”

Next up for the swimmers is a meet in Cody on Friday at 2 p.m. On Saturday, they will be in Riverton.

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Caitlyn Miner dives off the board in Lander on Saturday during the Bruce Gresly Pentathlon. Miner placed third in diving with a score of 141.45 and sixth overall in the swimming events. Tribune photo by Brian O'Neill



Jesse Brown prepares to hit the ball to Cody opponent Cooper Thompson during the tennis match in Cody on Thursday. Brown won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

PHS tennis teams strong in Cody, Riverton

SEASON NOW AT MIDWAY POINT

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

With only three weeks remaining in the Powell High School tennis regular season, both the boys and girls teams competed in three matches this last week — against Cody on Thursday and Riverton and Rawlins on Saturday.

Of the three, Riverton was the only conference match; because Cody and Powell play each other twice each season, only one of the matches counts

toward conference standings. The site of the conference match alternates every year, with Powell hosting this year's match on Sept. 7.

**PHS BOYS 5, CODY 0;
CODY GIRLS 4, PHS 1**

The Panther tennis teams split with Cody Thursday, with the boys team earning a clean sweep 5-0. On the girls' side, No. 1 singles Hattie Pimentel was the sole victor.

“I think the boys met those expectations that I had anticipated,” said PHS head coach Joe Assay. “They are a stronger team than Cody.”

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Sierra Sanders gets ready to serve the ball during her match in Cody on Thursday. Sanders paired with Shayla Shoopman for the No. 1 doubles team. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

PHS tennis: Teams travel to Jackson Saturday

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Jesse Brown, in the No. 1 singles position, beat Cooper Thompson 6-4, 6-3.

No. 2 singles player Rhett Pimentel beat Mark Bullerdick 6-1, 6-4 in the second.

Coach Asay said despite the straight-set wins, both singles players were tested.

In doubles action, the No. 1 doubles team of James Sheets and Aaron Jacobsen beat Bailey Ennist and Nekoia Brown 6-3, 6-3.

The No. 2 doubles team of Dylan Preator and Aidan Jacobsen also won 6-2, 6-2 against Cody Hume and Neil Markert.

After a 6-2 first set loss, the No. 3 doubles team comprised of Wade Musso and Nathaniel Whitham took the next two 6-3, 6-4 for the win against Dillon Moreno and Solomon Stewart. Coach Asay said it was fun to see Musso and Whitham "grind out a good victory."

On the girls' side, Hattie Pimentel won against Tessa Blough 8-6 in the first set and 6-4 in the second set for the Lady Panthers' only victory. Coach Asay called it a "tremendous" night for Hattie Pimentel, saying that Blough "has been so hard to beat."

Coach Asay thought it was Pimentel's first victory over Blough in high school competition or various area tournaments.

"We are always expecting to go in and compete well, and wanting to see wins and victories," Asay added. "The girls team for Cody is really deep, is really solid, so I knew our girls would have a challenge to get through those matches with wins. But those girls played well."

In No. 2 singles, Lady Panther Lauren Asher lost to Teagan Thompson 6-3, 6-0.

For doubles, the No. 1 team of Sierra Sanders and Shayla Shoopman

lost to Simona Wambeke and Lucille Sax 6-0, 6-3. The No. 2 doubles of Sloane Asay and Heidi Barrus lost 6-0, 6-4 to Maddy Icenogle and Victoria Morales. The No. 3 doubles team of Hailee Paul and Ashley Dunkerley lost 6-2, 6-3 to Torrie Schutzman and Cheyenne Hume.

PHS BOYS 5, RIVERTON 0; PHS GIRLS 5, RIVERTON 0

The Panthers tennis teams traveled to Riverton Saturday for matches against Riverton and Rawlins.

Riverton was a conference match; however, because Riverton's tennis program is currently struggling in numbers, each of the boys and girls teams only competed in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions and the No. 1 doubles position. The No. 2 and No. 3 doubles were forfeits.

For the boys No. 1 singles, Jesse Brown won 6-0, 6-0. Preator was bumped up to play in the No. 2 singles position as Rhett Pimentel had a prior obligation and was unable to travel with the team. Preator won 6-0, 6-1.

For the No. 1 doubles team, James Sheets and Aaron Jacobsen won 6-2, 6-0.

On the girls side, Sloane Asay was bumped up to the No. 1 singles position as Hattie Pimentel had a prior obligation and was unable to travel with the team. Asay won 6-1, 7-5.

Lauren Asher, No. 2 singles, won 6-1, 6-0.

The No. 1 doubles team of Sierra Sanders and Shayla Shoopman won 6-0, 6-0.

Coach Asay said that he would rather have had the kids be able to get out on the court and be able to execute good tennis than have forfeits.

PHS BOYS 4, RAWLINS 1; PHS GIRLS 3, RAWLINS 2

Saturday evening, Powell played

Rawlins in a non-conference matchup in Riverton. However, Riverton had only four courts available and there were four teams competing in Riverton (Cody had also traveled down to play both Riverton and Rawlins). With daylight becoming a factor on Saturday, the coaches from Rawlins and Powell decided to play an abbreviated format and play single, eight-game pro sets.

Rawlins had a full roster, so everyone played in their regular positions with two alternates: Grant Dillivan and Sophie Morrow.

For the boys, Brown won 8-1 in the No. 1 singles position.

Grant Dillivan, filled in at No. 2 singles, losing 8-6.

The No. 1 doubles team of Sheets and Aaron Jacobsen won 8-0 and with the win over Rawlins are undefeated for the year at 8-0.

No. 2 doubles players Preator and Aidan Jacobsen won 8-0, while the No. 3 doubles comprised of Musso and Whitham won 8-4.

For the Lady Panthers, Morrow, a freshman, lost 8-2. In No. 2 singles, Asher lost 8-4.

In doubles play, all three teams left with wins. The No. 1 doubles duo of Sanders and Shoopman won 9-8. The No. 2 doubles team comprised of Sloane Asay and Barrus won 8-5 and No. 3 team of Paul and Dunkerley won 8-5.

Coach Asay said one good thing about having to wait all day to play Rawlins was that the tennis team was able to watch the Lady Panthers volleyball team as they played in the championship game of the Riverton Invitational.

"We [got] to sit there and root our Powell Panther girls on as they won that tournament there in Riverton, so that was kind of fun," said coach Asay.

The tennis teams travel to Jackson Saturday.

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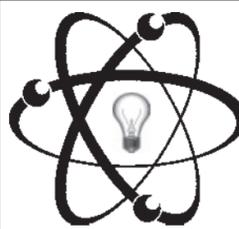
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Powell High School senior JuliaKay O'Neill swims to a 19th place finish with a time of 1:13.89 in the 100 butterfly during the Bruce Gresly Pentathlon on Saturday in Lander. O'Neill placed 11th overall in five combined and second in the diving. Tribune photo by Brian O'Neill

PHS swim: Individual results from Lander Pentathlon announced

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"They'll be ready for it," Christensen said of the upcoming weekend's competition. "And I think we will have a pretty good year."

RESULTS

100 Yard Butterfly
3. Caitlyn Miner, 1:07.24, 19. JuliaKay O'Neill 1:13.89, 20. Rylie Kannard 1:14.39, 24. Ashlyn Aguirre 1:16.03, 25. Kendyl Bohlman 1:17.13, 26. Addison Moretti 1:18.42, 33. Rachel Kuntz 1:22.41, 47. Anna Fuller 1:30.70, 54. Sydney Horton 1:36.36, 57. Madison Lowery 1:38.45, 59. Gracie McLain

1:40.01, 64. Raelyn Ramsey 1:51.37

100 Yard Backstroke

8. JuliaKay O'Neill 1:09.22, 11. Rylie Kannard 1:11.22, 18. Caitlyn Miner 1:13.45, 28. Sidney O'Brien 1:15.91, 34. Addison Moretti 1:17.33, 35. Kendyl Bohlman 1:17.34, 40. Anna Fuller 1:19.55, 41. Ashlyn Aguirre 1:19.62, 42. Sydney Horton 1:19.83, 43. Elizabeth Ligett 1:20.00, 46. Rachel Kuntz 1:20.46, 52. Jala Satterwhite 1:24.91, 56. Gracie McLain 1:26.81, 57. Madison Lowery 1:27.26, 63. Raelyn Ramsey 1:30.19, 65. Lauren Lejeune 1:30.88, 73. Maddi Hackenberg 1:33.54, 78. Emma Karhu 1:36.76

50 Yard Freestyle

31. Kendyl Bohlman 29.88, 34. Rylie Kannard 30.22, 38. Addison Moretti 30.60, 41. Sidney O'Brien 30.96, 47. Elizabeth

Ligett 31.31, 47. Anna Fuller 31.31, 54. Ashlyn Aguirre 31.99, 57. Sydney Horton 32.32, 61. Madison Lowery 32.75, 64. Rawlyn Ramsey 33.31, 66. Jala Satterwhite 33.48, 69. Gracie McLain 34.04, 74. Emma Karhu 35.06, 78. Lauren Lejeune 36.22, 86. Maddi Hackenberg 40.09

100 Yard Breaststroke

3. Caitlyn Miner 1:16.10, 11. JuliaKay O'Neill 1:20.98, 25. Anna Fuller 1:26.93, 27. Elizabeth Ligett 1:27.84, 31. Rylie Kannard 1:28.88, 34. Kendyl Bohlman 1:29.54, 35. Addison Moretti 1:29.55, 36. Rachel Kuntz 1:29.84, 43. Ashlyn Aguirre 1:32.80, 47. Sidney O'Brien 1:35.05, 59. Sydney Horton 1:42.32, 62. Emma Karhu 1:42.62, 63. Lauren Lejeune 1:42.75, 66. Raelyn Ramsey 1:43.80, 68.

Gracie McLain 1:44.09, 76. Maddi Hackenberg 1:50.75

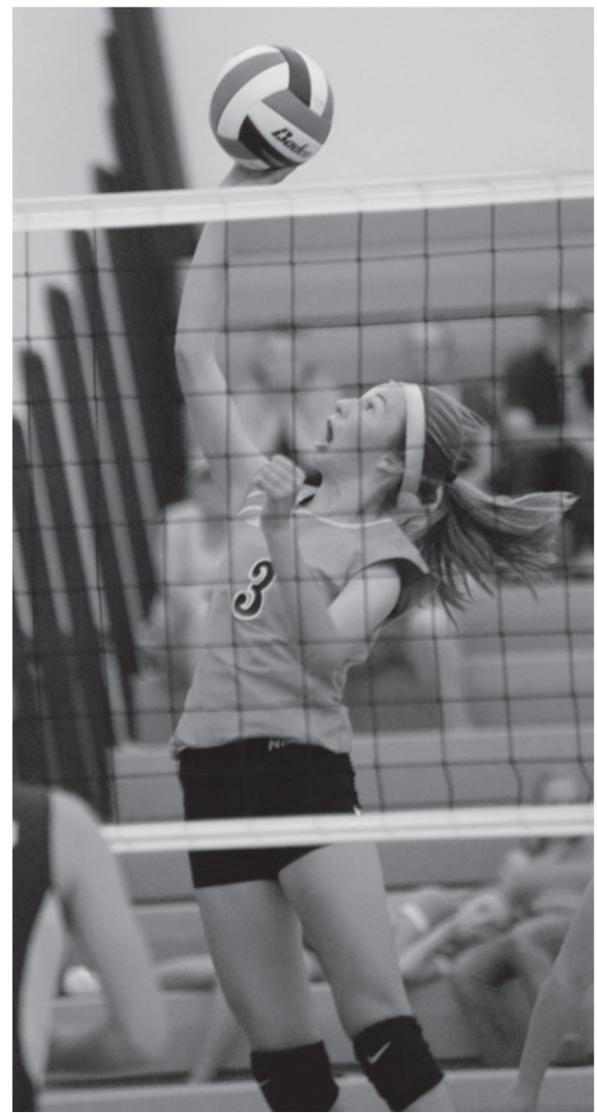
100 Yard Freestyle

10. Caitlyn Miner 1:01.08, 22. JuliaKay O'Neill 1:04.57, 32. Rylie Kannard 1:07.41, 38. Elizabeth Ligett 1:08.45, 40. Addison Moretti 1:09.05, 42. Sidney O'Brien 1:09.42, 47. Anna Fuller 1:11.14, 48. Ashlyn Aguirre 1:11.41, 50. Rachel Kuntz 1:11.80, 59. Sydney Horton 1:14.95, 60. Gracie McLain 1:15.31, 64. Madison Lowery 1:17.00, 65. Raelyn Ramsey 1:17.86, 68. Jala Satterwhite 1:18.92, 82. Emma Karhu 1:26.95

Diving

2. JuliaKay O'Neill 145.10, 3. Caitlyn Miner 141.45, 6. Emma Karhu 133.75, 9. Jala Satterwhite 117.90, 14. Maddi Hackenberg 93.10

FRESHMEN FOURTH



Powell High School freshman Madi Fields spikes the ball during a third-place game against Rocky Mountain during the PHS Freshman Volleyball Tournament on Saturday. Eight teams came to Powell to compete. Powell beat Thermopolis 25-10 and 25-19. They split with Lander (losing 25-11 before winning 27-25) and Jackson (falling 27-25 and winning 25-18). Those results pitted PHS' freshmen against Rocky Mountain. Rocky won the first set 25-22; Powell battled back to win the second set 25-17, but lost the third set 25-19 to finish fourth place overall. Worland won the tournament with a victory over Lander. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

PHS VB: Play in Cody on Friday and Saturday during WY/MT tournament

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aware of what we need to improve and what needs to keep happening."

For the opening invitational of the year, coach Bonander also said the girls were having to work through communicating on defense and blockers in the front row were having to communicate to close every block.

The JV volleyball team also played in Riverton and also posted a 7-0 record to take first place.

"Their success pushes and helps the

varsity team even more," said coach Bonander. "Every time our girls step on the court, they are growing their skills. Lady Panther volleyball is grateful for the opportunity to compete and grow as a team."

Next up for the Lady Panthers is a trip to Lovell to take on the Lady Bulldogs tonight (Tuesday) at 6 p.m.

"Lovell is always a good competition for us," Bonander said. "They are always a scrappy team that makes plays when you think the ball will be dead."

Friday and Saturday, Powell will play in

Cody during a Wyoming/Montana tournament.

"WY/MT tourney is always fun and a great way to see some competition we don't see during our season," Bonander said.

Powell will play Friday at 1:30 p.m. on court two at the Sweitzer Gym against Billings Central and then again at 4:30 p.m. on court three in the Stock Gym against Hardin, Montana.

On Saturday, Powell will play Miles City at 9 a.m. on court one of the Sweitzer Gym and again at noon against Glendive, Montana.

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Powell's Josh Wolfe (24) runs back a 76-yard kickoff return for a touchdown at the beginning of the third quarter. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

PHS FB: Face off against Worland at home Friday night, 7 p.m.

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some little stuff, little stuff.”

As the game wound down in the fourth quarter, Douglas scored its final touchdown of the evening for the 20-6 victory.

“Good teams will just chop, chop, chop their way down and punch it in,” Buck said. “It seemed like once we got that momentum, got those wheels turning, Murphy’s [Law] showed up and zero week, you get a holding call, a block in the back, you get a turnover and they just unfortunately came at the wrong times. Those were big determining factors and gave Douglas a good opportunity to score.”

Penalties were a factor for both teams, as Douglas was flagged 14 times for 114 yards and Powell 11 times for 80 yards.

As a team, Powell had 10 tackles for loss of yards; Douglas had nine.

Throughout the game, Douglas was able to get a total of 14 first downs with 10 coming from passing plays. Powell only tallied 11 first downs with three coming from passing plays.

The Panthers had a total of 359 yards for the game, 71 of those yards through the air. Douglas had 387 total yards, with 161 passing.

“Really pleased with our quarterback — our first year-starter — his composure and his ability to be comfortable in the pocket when he has several guys coming at him,” Buck said of junior Kaelan Groves. “He did a good job, did what he was coached to do.”

Groves completed six out of 19 pass attempts for the total of 71 yards, and one interception.

Wolfe had a total of 54 yards in eight carries and AJ Lewis had a total of 43 yards in 13 carries.

Of the Douglas team, Buck said the Bearcats are a talented squad.

“You’re going to see a great record out of them this year,” he said. “I don’t know if we’ll see them again, but they are going to be top of 3A for sure.”

While the loss will count toward the Panthers’ record, it was a non-conference game.

“This is a great opportunity for our boys; this is a zero week football game,” Buck said.

He added that, “if we take advantage of



Douglas’ Heath Hayes (28) knocks the ball out of the grasp of Powell’s AJ Lewis (30) with 9:08 left in the second quarter. Hayes was called for interference on the play.

the correction and the mistakes and the study of film and having a good positive week, we should have a step forward on any other team that we’re going to see this year.”

“And I have no doubt that we can do that; I have no doubt that our kids under-

stand that,” Buck said. “We just got to have a good positive week in practice and get ready for a Worland team.”

Powell will host the Worland Warriors at home on Friday at 7 p.m. for the first official game of the season and the first conference game of the year.

PHS cross country team finds strength in numbers

24 RUNNERS TO COMPETE THIS SEASON

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

The 2017 Powell High School cross country season starts on Friday in Billings. This year’s team features a total of 24 runners — 17 boys and seven girls.

“We’re really excited about the number of students we have, especially the ones that have come over from cross country in middle school,” said head coach Cliff Boos.

Of the 24 runners on the team this year, 11 are incoming freshmen who all competed on the Powell Middle School cross country team.

“So nice to see that these middle schoolers are following through and continuing on in high school,” Boos said.

Until this year, the middle school cross country program was run in conjunction with the high school cross country program, with both Boos and assistant coach Ashley Hildebrand coaching the runners with the help of volunteer coaches to aid the middle school runners.

Cross country was offered in the middle school for the first time five years ago. Coach Boos, started with just six runners. The last two years there were around 25 runners in the middle school program alone.

This year, Tracy McArthur was hired on as a coach for the middle school runners.

“It’s really grown dramatically,” said coach Boos of the entire cross country program.

Coach Boos went on to say the numbers for the program seem to depend on the classes, not necessarily on a successful season. In 2006, when the girls team won state, there were only six runners for the girls team.

“Now I think we are on a good cycle,” said Boos. He said the middle school program is a big part of the good cycle “because we’ve had so many kids out for that that have followed through with it, so that has really built our program. It’s really been a benefit.”

Of the team this year, Boos said that all of the runners are

very enthusiastic and seem to want to do well and keep improving.

Four seniors are on the team this year, Jesse Erickson, Brian Brazelton, Eyob Robirds and Gracen Curtis.

Coach Boos said that Erickson, who has been on the team all four years of high school, “has been most instrumental and really been a good example to the kids. [He’s] been a really good mentor and he’s really shown a lot of improvement.”

In looking at the entire roster — and having coached some of the runners since their seventh-grade year — Boos said “it’s so nice to see how they get to a point where they really start to come into their own and really show not only the leadership skills, but also the ability — how much confidence they gain.”

Boos said he loves to see how they can feel good about their accomplishments and in their improvement.

“We have a very large and strong young team right now for cross country,” said Boos, adding that all of the runners have a “very positive attitude.”

The one only home meet for the PHS cross country team is scheduled for Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. at the Powell Golf Club.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	At Rocky Mountain Invite, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	At Worland Invitational, 4 p.m.
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McArthur hired to coach middle school cross country

With an increasing number of cross country runners at Powell Middle School, a new coach was recently hired.

Tracy McArthur will coach the middle school team this season, joining Powell High School cross country coaches Cliff Boos and Ashley Hildebrand.

For years, the two PHS coaches oversaw the middle school program, but numbers reached a point where additional help was needed.

This year, 25 kids signed up to run for the middle school cross country team; the high school team is 24 runners strong.

The middle school coaching position is based on cross country participants. An ideal student-to-coach ratio is 15:1 to provide adequate supervision as athletes run on city streets, said Kyle Rohrer, activities director at Powell Middle School.

“We’ve got a lot of kids that are interested [in cross country] and they want to be involved, and that’s a great situation to be in,” Rohrer told the Park County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees in June.

The school board unanimously approved hiring McArthur for the new position during its Aug. 8 meeting.

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2	AFLAC Insurance Premiums	\$1,908.10
3	AFLAC Unreimbursed Medical	\$4,125.30
4	Internal Revenue Service	\$92,078.01
5	Great West Retirement Service	\$7,303.60
6	Workers Compensation	\$0.00
7	Wyoming Retirement System	\$48,256.56
8	Child Support	\$816.00
9	Prudential Insurance Premium	\$16.00
10	Garnishment	\$-
11	Health Benefit Plan	\$92,826.56
TOTAL PAYROLL RELATED:		\$247,888.47
TOTAL PAID WAGES IN AUGUST 2017:		\$259,352.66
12	360 Office Solutions	Finance \$86.26
13	Aldrich & Company	Parks \$511.99
14	Alsco	Aquatics \$48.42
15	Bailey Enterprises	Various \$8,161.79
16	BCN Telecom	Various \$129.19
17	Big Horn Co Op Marketing	Sanitation \$55.94
18	Big Horn Precast	WstWtr \$90.00
19	Billings Gazette, The	OthrGen \$265.72
20	Blair’s Market	Various \$142.03

21	Bloedorn Lumber	Parks \$2,136.02
22	Border States Electric Supply	Electric \$2,085.36
23	Bradford Supply	Elec,Parks \$1,031.22
24	Buyers Guide, The	OthrGen \$57.60
25	Carquest	Prks,Shp \$109.62
26	Centurylink	Electric \$44.70
27	Charter Communications	Police \$7.35
28	Clean Cut Sharpening Services	Sanitation \$80.00
29	Colonial Research Chemical Corp	Electric \$428.17
30	Cross Petroleum Service	Airprt,Shp \$1,327.37
31	Crum Electric Supply	Electric \$78.38
32	Custom Air Inc	Parks \$5,056.00
33	Custom Delivery Service Inc	Strts,WWat \$113.85
34	Dick Jones Trucking	Sanitation \$1,420.00
35	Dirty Deeds Professional Cleaning	WstWtr \$150.00
36	Energy Labs	WstWtr \$460.00
37	Evident Inc	Police \$47.79
38	Fastenal	Various \$178.64
39	Food Services of America	Aquatics \$1,029.81

Payroll Deductions	Payroll Deductions
Payroll Deductions	Payroll Deductions
Payroll Deductions	FICA
Deferred Compensation	Worker’s Compensation
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution
Payroll Deductions	Payroll Deductions
Payroll Deductions	Payroll Deductions
Plan Benefit	Plan Benefit
Monthly Copier Fees	Monthly Copier Fees
Paint, Conduit, Roof Cement, Key & Hdwr.	Mat Cleaning
Monthly Fuel Charges	Monthly Long Distance Fees
Brooms, Wasp Spray & Ant Killer	Manhole Concrete Riser
Annual Subscription	Supplies for Retirement Lunch, Electrolyte
Drinks & Airport Supplies	Metal Roofing Supplies
Globes	Irrigation Supplies
Auction Advertising	Fan Clutch, Filter & Window Motor
Sub Station Monthly Phone Charges	Monthly Cable TV
Sharpen Chipper Blades	Hand Soap, Wasp Spray & Safety Glasses
Bulk Oil	Advance Ballast
Radiant Heating System	Delivery Fees
Cardboard Hauling Fees	Detail Unit 5
Waste Water Testing	Fingerprinting Supplies
Concession & Household Supplies	Concession & Household Supplies

40	Garvin Motors Inc
41	General Distribution Co
42	Granite Peak Pump Service, Inc
43	Hanson Chemical, Inc
44	Hawkins Inc
45	International Public Management
46	John Deere Financial
47	K&B Solutions
48	Long Building Technologies Inc
49	Matthew Bender & Co
50	McIntosh Oil, Inc
51	Montana Dakota Utilities
52	Mountain West Business Solutions
53	Mountain West Computer
54	Mr D’s Powell
55	Napa Auto Parts
56	National Merchant Alliance
57	One Call of Wyoming
58	Park County Landfills
59	Park County Weed & Pest
60	Park County Wings & Wheels
61	Peterbullit of Wyoming
62	Polecat Printery
63	Powell Ace Hardware
64	Powell Lock
65	Powell Tribune
66	Powell Valley Recycling Task Force
67	Production Machine
68	Quill
69	Rimrock Tire
70	Rocky Mountain Fire Systems
71	Sanders Plumbing & Heating
72	Shopko Stores
73	Shoshone Municipal Pipeline
74	State of Wyoming Dept of Revenue
75	Valli Information Systems Inc
76	Visa
77	Warren Transport
78	Williams Inland Distributors
79	Womack Machine Supply Company
80	WPCI
81	Wyo. Municipal Power Agency
82	Wyo. Peace Officers Association
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS FOR: 22-Aug-17	

Police	\$193.93	Lock Actuator Unit 9-17
Aquatics	\$202.00	CO2
Parks	\$6,996.50	Lift Station Pump Repair
Parks	\$69.80	Acid Cleaner
Aquatics	\$2,266.50	Chemicals
Police	\$327.05	Officer Testing
Various	\$698.71	Misc Purchases for Various Departments
Police	\$621.18	Pencils & Badge Stickers
Cap Proj	\$6,625.00	Quarterly Contract Payment
Police	\$340.31	Wyoming Crime Traffic Books
WstWtr	\$595.47	Drum Oil for Pumps
Various	\$2,532.89	Monthly Natural Gas Billing
Various	\$120.00	Monthly Copier Fees
Various	\$580.40	Ink, Hard Drives, Battery Backup & Monitor
WstWtr	\$11.92	Ice for Samples
Various	\$883.11	Belt, Sensor, Wrenches, Seal, Battery,
Aquatics	\$392.49	July Credit Card Fees
OthrGen	\$78.75	July Dig Ticket Fees
Sanitation	\$288.60	July Tipping Fees
Parks	\$152.00	Herbicide
Airport	\$1,279.00	Wings & Wheels Insurance Policy
Sanitation	\$128.99	Air Bag
Aquatics	\$25.00	Life Guard Manual
Various	\$417.28	Misc Purchases for Various Depts.
Building	\$110.00	Vault Door Service
Various	\$2,097.13	Misc Publishing & Advertising
Sanitation	\$5,188.54	Recycling Fees Collected for July
Various	\$224.92	Hydraulic Hose, Steel Plate & Frost Clips
Police	\$351.34	Toner & Dvdr’s
Strts,Prks	\$33.34	Tire Repairs
Sanitation	\$180.00	Alarm Monitoring Fees
Prks,WWat	\$43.11	Brass & Floor Drain Covers
Bldg,Pol	\$80.18	Coffee & Cleaning Supplies
Water	\$77,183.56	July Water Usage & Tap Fees
Elec,Ot Gen	\$19,462.73	July Sales Tax Collected
Fin,OGen	\$1,585.05	July Utility Bill Processing & Postage Fees
Various	\$6,285.75	Misc Purchases for Various Departments
Sanitation	\$3,700.40	Trash Hauling Fees
Aquatics	\$144.00	Concession Supplies
Streets	\$79.77	Hydraulic Fittings
OthrGen	\$91.28	July Drug Testing Fees
Electric	\$403,430.90	July 2017 Power Bill
Police	\$125.00	Conference Registration B Colvin

For Rent

Rocky Mountain Manor
A Senior Living Facility
*Efficiency, 1&2 bedroom apts.
*Some units with balconies
*Many services and activities
Call for info, packet 754-4535

POWELL: 2 BEDROOM DUPLEX - washer/dryer, stove & refrigerator. \$500 rent, \$500 security plus utilities. 754-4222.

(67-72PT)
POWELL: MODERN, CLEAN, NICE 2 bedroom apt., \$675, includes utilities. No pets, no smoking, 1-year lease. \$300 deposit, 202-0692.

(67TFCT)
POWELL: 2 BED, 1 BATH house on Division St. Appliances included, nice neighborhood, no pets/smoking. \$750/mo. + utilities. Call Patrick at 202-0400.

(66TFCT)
POWELL: 2 BDRM, 2 bath mobile home, \$550/mo. + deposit. 754-9420.

(65-70PT)
POWELL: 3 BDRM, 1 bath mobile home, \$600/mo., + deposit. 754-9420.

(65-70PT)
POWELL: SPACIOUS 2 BDRM, 1-1/2 bath townhouse on Julie Lane. Nice neighborhood. No smoking, no pets. Fenced back yard w/ storage building. \$675/mo. + deposit. 307-587-4367.

(53TFCT)
MULTIPLE UNITS FOR RENT; broker owned; rents negotiable; Whitlock Development, 307-254-2830.

(02TFCT)
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)
POWELL: PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE for rent. Great parking, \$300, utilities included, visible spot, many different renting options. 272-1860.

(63TFCT)
11X11 STORAGE UNIT in gated area \$70/month, (307) 587-3738.

(44TFCT)
10X28 STORAGE UNIT, \$80 plus deposit. (307) 587-3738.

(44TFCT)
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)

Parkview Village Apt.
Now accepting applications for clean one and two bedroom apartments.
Utilities paid.
Well Maintained!
Call now!
754-7185

For Rent

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

(68TFCT)

Mobile Homes

3 BDRM, 2 BATH, 16X80, year 2000, on rented lot, \$34,700. 307-587-3738.

(29TFCT)

Real Estate

SADDLE UP! BUY, SELL PROPERTY! Running Horse Realty, 754-9400. runninghorserealty.com

(31TFCT)

CHECK OUT OUR LISTINGS and rental list at www.wyomingproperty.com, The Real Estate Connection, 754-2800.

(71TFCT)

Lost & Found

FOUND: GOLDEN COLORED female Labrador type dog. Young. Call 754-1019 to claim or adopt.

(69-70FT)
FOUND: 18-SPEED ROADMASTER, silver, men's mountain bike. 754-2212.

(69-70FT)
MARGIE (KOST) FRAME; your DL has been found and turned into the PPD. 754-2212.

(69-70FT)

Pets

GREAT PYRENEES PUPPES born July 18th, \$300. Border collie puppies born June 10th, \$150. 307-762-3676 (Otto).

(63-72PT)

For Sale

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

SMALL SQUARE BALES of straw, Regan Smith, 754-3130.

(69-71PT)

Don't Forget!
Check the Lotta Number on the Front of Today's Tribune for your chance to win \$20!
If your subscription number matches, you are a WINNER!

Personals

POWELL VALLEY LOAVES and Fishes local food bank, Park County Annex, 109 West 14th St. Food distributed Monday thru Friday, 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 receptacle barrels 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.

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

(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 307-202-1385 or 307-899-6262 for info.

(23TFCT)
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. 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

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)
GET YOUR CAR seat safety checked for proper installation or request assistance in installing at the Powell Law Enforcement Center, 250 North Clark.

(06TFCT)
NEW TO THE AREA? Wyoming Welcome would like to bring you a Free gift and coupon pack from the area businesses. Call 754-9399 or 754-3206.

(14TFCT)
WOULD YOU like to speak and read English better? We can help! For more information, call 754-6280.

(35TFCT)
LE GUSTARIA hablar y leer el Ingles mejor? Podemos ayudar! Para mas informacion, llame a 754-6280.

(35TFCT)
PARENTS WITH children who have developmental disabilities, needing information, support, or help of any kind, please contact Betty Carmon, Parent Coordinator, 754-3430.

(42TFCT)
PREGNANT? WHAT am I going to do? How can I be sure I am pregnant? How should I tell my family? Can I continue school?...keep my job? Where can I live until my baby is born? Call Care Net of Billings Woman Clinic at 406-256-7038. Give life a chance and we'll help you every step of the way.

(83TFCT)

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 TFCT)
ARE YOU PREGNANT and planning to breastfeed? If you want information or have concerns about breastfeeding, please call Park County Public Health at 527-8570 or 754-8570.

(37TFCT)
CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES is your source of help with family violence and sexual assault. All services are free and confidential. Call toll free, 24 hours a day, 877-864-9688.

(72TFCT)

Services Offered

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.

(67-82CT)
LAWN AND HANDYMAN SERVICES: lawn, garden, home. Reference available. Powell. 307-254-1947.

(63-70PT)
Employment wanted: I'M LOOKING FOR PRIVATE home care, I have 24 years experience and references. Call 307-272-1447, Connie.

(62-69PT)
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)
AFFORDABLE PORTRAITS! Call C.Wensky Photography. Affordable prices, experienced results. 202-0858.

(29TFCT)

Tribune Classified Advertising WORKS!

Help Wanted

WATER / SANITATION UTILITY OPERATOR I POSITION - The City of Powell, WY is seeking Water / Sanitation Utility Operator I. Performs a variety of working level skilled duties related to the City of Powell's Water/Wastewater operation as well as Sanitation operation. Must be able to work on-call and 24 hour stand-by. Candidate must have high school diploma or GED and possess a valid Class "B" Commercial Driver License (CDL) with air brake and tanker endorsement. Preferred candidates will have one year of experience. The City of Powell is an E.O.E. and drug free agency. Send application and resume to: City of Powell, c/o City Administrator, 270 North Clark, Powell, WY 82435, Ph: 307-754-5106. For online application and complete job description: www.cityofpowell.com Filing deadline, 5 p.m., Friday, September 15, 2017

(69-71TuesCT)
LIVE IN NANNY for 1 child in Cody. Evenings & weekends required. Light housekeeping, cooking, driving, etc. Free room & board. Salary depending on experience. Nursing students preferred. Will work around school schedule. 307-690-4616.

(67-70PT)
SHOSHONE IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Secretary/Treasurer to the Board of Commissioners. Full-time, year round position. Job requirements include but are not limited to the following: Solid background in computer software applications essential. Must be experienced in Microsoft Office programs, Access, ArcMap, and accounting software. Responsible for payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, human resources, budget and tax assessment billing and collection. The position includes keeping of water records, historical archives and working with the public. Good secretarial/book-keeping skills and detail oriented is a must. Must have the ability to work independently. High school diploma or GED and at least two years of relevant experience in an office is required. Shoshone Irrigation District is a Drug Free Work Place and an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply for position, send resume and letter of application to Shoshone Irrigation District, 337 East First Street, Powell, WY 82435 by September 11, 2017.

(67-72CT)
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN, 777 E. 2nd Street, Powell, WY 82435, (307) 754-5117.

— Apply at front desk — Must be willing to submit to a preemployment drug screening. Front Desk Clerk (Saturday and Sunday — 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.).

(63TFCT)

Help Wanted

Northwest College Finance Technician-Administrative Services -

Performs a variety of tasks related to payroll, customer service, and project administration. Must have expertise in Microsoft Office Suite including extensive experience in Excel. Fully-benefitted. Starting wage is \$15.64 per hour contingent upon education and experience with a generous 14.19% of monthly wage retirement contribution. For more info and to apply: <http://www.nwc.edu/hr/EOE>

BHB(66-69CT)

AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN, 777 E. 2nd Street, Powell, WY 82435, (307) 754-5117. — Apply at front desk — Must be willing to submit to a preemployment drug screening. Front Desk Clerk (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.) 32 hours per week.

(69TFCT)

Help Wanted

FRAME AND TRIM carpenters wanted. 307-272-1283.

(55TFCT)
SPEND THE SUMMER - June, July & August @ Circle J Ranch. Wanted: 2 outgoing volunteers that have a passion for Christ, a desire to learn how a camp operates, will meet people from all over the world. Located in Ten Sleep Canyon at the base of the Big Horn Mtn. Must have own transportation, valid DL, 21 yrs or older. Physical work required. Contact manager for personal interview. 314-280-1469, Sandy@circlejretreat-coam.com, circlejretreat-camp.com

(24TFCT)
NOW HIRING - AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN - Powell, housekeeping position. Apply at the front desk, 307-754-5117.

(20TCT)
ARE YOU A CARING person? You are NEEDED! Families of domestic violence and sexual assault want and need someone to care. Please call Crisis Intervention Services at 754-7959 or 587-3545 and volunteer today!

(53TF)

Intermountain Electric Service, Inc. is hiring an
Electrical Apprentice.
Competitive wage and benefit package. Clean Driving record, pre-employment drug screen.
Please email current resume to: spencer@intermountainelectric.com

FULL-TIME MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE.
Excellent benefits.
Bring resume to:
SFCU, 374 N Clark, Powell
374 N. Clark St. - Powell - (307) 754-7191

Park County School District #1 VACANCY:
COORDINATOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES
Park County School District #1 Powell, Wyoming
To administer and provide "hands-on" support for the areas of maintenance, construction, grounds, custodial service and safety to ensure compliance with Federal and State regulations. This is a Non-Instructional Administrative position.
Base salary negotiable with experience and education (\$104,580.00=base), and a comprehensive benefit package will also be provided.
For additional information and application materials, please contact the Superintendent's Office, Park; or for more information on the district, Powell community, and the job vacancy announcement To apply go to our website at www.pcsd1.org; for questions or additional information you may contact the Superintendent's Office, Park County School District #1, 160 N. Everts, Powell, WY 82435 (307-754-2215; fax: 307-764-6156).
This position will remain open until filled. EOE

PUBLIC NOTICES

"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

Invitation to bid

PARK COUNTY FIRE DIST. #1
Has 3 concrete projects to open for bid
A - 40'x28'x6 slab
A - 10'x11'x4" pad
A - 45'x5'x4" sidewalk removal and repour
TURN IN BIDS by August 30th, 12:00 noon to Kenny at the Powell Vol. Fire Dept. Hall. Bid package can be picked up at the Powell Vol. Fire Dept. Hall from Kenny.
1101 East South St.
Powell, WY 82435
307-899-1875 — Kenny's cell
307-754-2211 — Fire Dist. #1 Phone
Between 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M-F
First Publ. Tues., Aug. 22, 2017
Second Publ., Thurs., Aug. 24, 2017
Final Publ., Tues., Aug. 29, 2017

City minutes

City Council Proceedings
August 21, 2017
The governing body of the City of Powell met in

regular session at 6:00 p.m. on August 21, 2017 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Wetzel opened the meeting and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wetzel called the meeting to order and the following were present: Mayor John Wetzel, Council Members Floyd Young, Eric Paul, Lesli Spencer, Tim Sapp and Scott Mangold. Absent Councilman Jim Hillberry. City Officials: Administrator Zane Logan, City Clerk Tiffany Brando, City Attorney Sandra Kitchen, Deputy City Attorney Scott Kath and Finance Director Kaela Nelson.

Approval of Agenda: Councilman Mangold asked to add a Malt Beverage permit for Palace LLC under Matters from the Public. Councilman Young moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Approval of August 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Councilwoman Spencer moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Mangold, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Bills and Claims: Mayor Wetzel abstained #65. Councilman Young made a motion the bills be allowed and authorize the Treasurer to draw warrants for payment of the same, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Malt Beverage Permit for Palace LLC @ The Commons Sept. 2nd. Councilwoman Spencer moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Mangold, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Update: No Planning & Zoning August 28th. Amended Plat Glacier Bank Lot 21 and 22 Block 48 Original Townsite. Deputy Attorney Kath informed Council is a lot line adjustment and is approved by P&Z and DRC both. Councilman Sapp moved to

approve, seconded by Councilman Paul, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Capital Improvement Plan presented by Finance Director Nelson and going forward this will be brought before council in the Spring before budget reviews. Mayor Wetzel encouraged the council to review the material, ask questions and become involved. General Announcements: Administrator Logan informed Council Slurry seal has been moved to mid Sept. or late June of next year weather permitting. Chip seal is taking place this Wed-Fri and the online auction ended today. WMPA dinner is Sept. 20th and have received numbers through June for specific purpose tax.

There being no further business to be considered at this meeting, Councilman Paul moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Wetzel adjourned the regular meeting at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED:
/s/ John F Wetzel
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Tiffany Brando
City Clerk
Publ., Tues., Aug. 29, 2017

Burgener probate

IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF PARK, STATE OF WYOMING
In Probate

Docket No. 9674
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VALLE BURGNER,
Deceased

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of June, 2017 the Last Will and Testament of decedent was admitted to probate by the above named court, and Marcia D. Faubion was appointed personal representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to his Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at PO Box 97, Powell, Wyoming.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

Dated, this 24 day of August, 2017.
Marcia Faubion
Personal Representative
First Publ., Tues., Aug. 29, 2017
Final Publ., Tues., Sept. 12, 2017

COMMUNITY

Kristen Merlin wows crowd at **Paint the Town Red**

SEMI-FINALIST ON 'THE VOICE' PERFORMS A MIX OF COUNTRY/POP

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports/News Editor

Northwest College's Paint the Town Red event in downtown Powell Friday drew a large crowd of students and community members alike, highlighted by a free concert by "The Voice" semifinalist Kristen Merlin at Plaza Diane.

Currently based in Nashville, Merlin has been busy since her season six appearance on the popular singing competition, performing in a number of different venues across the country — including frequent appearances on college campuses. Friday night's concert marked her first visit to Wyoming.

"I was more than excited to be requested to play in Powell," Merlin told the Tribune before the event. "Performing allows me to explore new territory and meet new people."

Merlin said her last year was chock-full of performances at colleges and universities, saying she enjoys meeting and interacting with students the most.

"I love their energy," Merlin said of the students. "It's always fun to find out a little bit about the students — what they're going through, how life is on campus, what their aspirations are."

Merlin began performing at a young age, teaching herself to play guitar and writing her own songs in high school. Her songwriting really took off in college and her talent quickly became evident; it was just a matter of time before she found herself on a bigger stage, culminating in her season on "The Voice."

"That experience was intense," she said. "The Voice" was exciting, but it was stressful. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for sure, but it was also a learning experience: Learning how to interview on camera, how to interview on the radio, how a TV show works, how to handle the pressures of a really rigorous schedule."

When the dust settles, "The Voice" is a competition, with each contestant vying for that season's title. That said, Merlin loved the camaraderie between her fellow castmates.

"As much as we were competing against each other, we really became a pretty close family," Merlin said. "We keep in touch, and sometimes do shows together. It's pretty special."

Since her appearance on the show, Merlin said her schedule hasn't slowed a bit, crediting the show with opening a number of



At left, Kristen Merlin, a semi-finalist on the TV series 'The Voice,' performs downtown during NWC's Paint the Town Red event Friday evening. Above, Trapper basketball player Dallas Petties receives facial design by Deandra Anderson via face painting Friday evening. Below, Friday's event concluded with a street dance at Plaza Diane in downtown Powell. Tribune photos by Carla Wensky

'I love their energy. It's always fun to find out a little bit about the students — what they're going through, how life is on campus, what their aspirations are.'

Kristen Merlin, Singer



doors for her and her music.

"It's been a whirlwind, it really has," Merlin said of the last couple of years. "It totally flipped things around and gave me opportunities, really opened doors. I was in Germany last year, playing overseas, and I've been able to just pop in all over the U.S., which has been really great. I get to explore more,

meet new people, go to new places. I've been jet-setting all over, and that's been really fun."

Merlin has had a passion for singing for as long as she can remember. Her appearance on "The Voice" gave her the confidence to move to Nashville full-time to continue her writing.

"Writing in Nashville has just been amazing," Merlin said.

"The talent here is insane. Being in rooms with writers who have hit songs, being around all these people who are incredibly talented, it's just awesome."

Merlin's music covers a number of different genres, bridging the gap between country and pop. Styles can vary depending on the project, but when she writes for herself, it's primarily pop/country crossover.

She released her first album, "Boomerang," shortly after her time on "The Voice," and is currently writing songs for her next album. She said the response to "Boomerang" was very positive.

"The fan base I had built before the show and the fans I had acquired with the show were really excited to have something

come out," she said. "They're dying to have more stuff, so I'm like, 'It's coming, guys!'"

For her concert at Plaza Diane, Merlin played a mixture of covers and original songs. Merlin likes to tailor her shows to her audience.

"Sometimes I have an idea of a set list, but I like to feed off the audience's energy," she said last week, adding, "It's all about what the audience wants. I can play all the things I love, but I want them to enjoy it; I want to play something for everyone."

Northwest College President Stefani Hicswa praised Merlin's performance, as well as her interaction with the audience during and after the show. Booking Merlin for Paint the Town Red was a coup for the college, and Hicswa said the concert was the perfect centerpiece for the event.

"Kristen Merlin was so gracious and wonderful," Hicswa said. "She's very talented, and the concert itself was a nice cultural event to bring in a performer at that level to Powell. She's young and vibrant, and she had never been to this part of the world before, so it was great."

Hicswa was struck by the young singer's passion to perform, as well as her willingness to connect with the crowd.

"I told her what a great job she did, and she told me, 'I can't believe this college in Powell, Wyoming has this kind of diversity and this kind of energy,'" Hicswa said. "She stuck around until 10:30 or 11 [p.m.], dancing and talking to the kids. She was so gracious to visit with fans; it was just great to see."

PAINT THE TOWN RED

Hundreds turn out to celebrate NWC connections to community

BY DON COGGER
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When Northwest College and Powell Economic Partnership established the Connect to Community initiative earlier this year, they hoped their first event, which eventually became Paint the Town Red, would leave a lasting impression.

Turns out it was all they could have hoped for and more. Hundreds of people of all ages and backgrounds lined the streets of downtown Powell Friday evening, celebrating the beginning of a

'It was bigger and better than I'd even dreamed that it could be. It's going to happen again next year.'

NWC- and Powell High School-themed banners to adorn the light poles downtown.

"It was almost emotional for me," Hicswa said, adding, "People really do care about our students; we just needed a venue to do it and to show that support. We are a 'college town,' we just hadn't had a way to get it out there."

She also called it a great kickoff event for students, saying much of the success can be attributed to students choosing to stay on campus for the weekend.

"The students were here, and engaged and hanging out downtown the first weekend of the semester, rather than going home or sitting in their residence hall by themselves," Hicswa said, adding that the event was good for students, too.

"Retention literature says if we can engage students that first week of college, the chances of them staying through the year and subsequently through graduation increases substantially," she said.

Hicswa reserved the highest praise for the downtown businesses that allowed their windows to be painted, as well as for Christine Bekes and Rebekah Burns from Powell Economic Partnership and the Powell Valley Chamber of Commerce for recruiting businesses to participate.

Feedback Hicswa received after the event was overwhelmingly positive, including reports of brisk business at downtown restaurants.

"It was bigger and better than I'd even dreamed that this event could be," she said, adding, "It's going to happen again next year."

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