

WANTED CODY MAN ARRESTED AFTER HIGH-SPEED CHASE

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

A Cody man allegedly led several police officers on a high-speed chase through Ralston and Powell before crashing on the Willwood Sunday afternoon.

Robert Pedro, 36, told officers afterwards that “he couldn’t tell if it was real or a video game, apparently referring to the pursuit,” said Park County Sheriff Scott Steward, reading from a deputy’s report.

“He was out of it,” Steward said of the suspect.

Pedro reportedly collided with two officers’ vehicles —

the second being when he was brought to a stop by a Wyoming Highway Patrolman.

Pedro remained jailed on Monday while authorities mulled what charges to file against him.

A judge had issued a warrant for Pedro’s arrest last week after the Park County Attorney’s Office filed a pair of charges alleging he sold prescription medications adderall and clonazepam to a Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation informant back in February.

On Sunday, Cody police received information that Pedro

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ROBERT PEDRO



Tribune photos by Ilene Olson



Powell resident Jim Carlson checks out the eclipse at the Powell Branch Library’s eclipse party.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis



A Cody man crashed at the southern end of Road 8 in the Willwood area on Sunday afternoon after allegedly leading officers from the Wyoming Highway Patrol, Park County Sheriff’s Office and Powell Police Department on a high-speed chase through Ralston and Powell. Robert Pedro, 36, was arrested at the scene. Courtesy photo

Eclipse stuns, inspires, then is gone

BY MARK DAVIS
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While those in the south central part of Wyoming went totally bonkers over the solar eclipse, those in Park County were only 98 percent bonkers.

Maggie Sullivan, public services manager at the Powell Branch Library, invited the public to the library, surprising attendees with eclipse party food and drink consisting of Sunny D and Sunkist orange soda, Sun-Maid raisins, Sun Chips and Orbit gum.

Erica Duncan and her 3-year-old son, Remington, shared a pair of glasses on the steps of the library. She made sure Rem-

ington didn’t take a peek while she looked through the glasses, covering his eyes while she took quick looks.

“I know he’ll look if I let him,” she said.

About 35 showed up for the party, many noticing as the leaves from the trees acted like a pinhole camera, casting multiple images of the eclipse on the sidewalk in front of the library.

“It was beautiful,” Sullivan said. “What a rare treat to see something that we see everyday change like that.”

The library broadcast a live

feed from NASA of Casper’s total solar eclipse, but many wanted to experience the eclipse live, filling the sidewalk on the east side of the brick building.

Devyon Crowe joined other Northwest College students near the bell tower on the Trapper campus. Crowe said she liked seeing the eclipse, especially at the maximum point, when she could see the light around the moon.

“I definitely don’t like the craziness about it, though,” such as the traffic and the hype, she said. Being from Casper, Crowe

witnessed more of that craziness than most people did, even though she left Saturday to come to Powell.

She said Casper city leaders closed down the downtown and set up an outdoor stage, and planned “a whole bunch of activities.”

“My parents were just planning on having a barbecue and hanging out with friends,” she said.

Scott and Justine Larsen of Powell planned for the eclipse for years and were among the many who experienced the celestial event in Casper. Scott, a graphic designer in Powell, designed several T-shirts for the

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Maggie Sullivan
Powell Branch Library

Local educators worry about funding changes

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

Consultants examining K-12 education and funding in Wyoming want to make something clear: They weren’t hired to make cuts.

“We’re not here to say, ‘We’re going to cut X percentage from your budget’ or, ‘We’re going to eliminate [a year of] math.’ That’s not what we do,” said Mi-

chael Griffith with Augenblick, Palaich and Associates (APA), at a meeting in Cody last week.

The Wyoming Legislature hired APA to work through the recalibration process, which includes reviewing the current fund model and looking at alternative approaches. Amid a downturn in the minerals industry, Wyoming faces an estimated shortfall of \$250 million annually to fund K-12 schools.

Legislators decided to go into recalibration three years ahead of schedule, which some say is a move to trim from education.

“It is clear that some legislators are using this recalibration process to seek those cuts,” Jay Curtis, superintendent of Powell schools, wrote in a message to parents earlier this month.

While APA is reviewing the current funding approach, they’re not doing so

with the goal to cut.

“We have not been asked to make cuts or recommend cuts,” said Mark Fermanich, a senior associate with APA. “We have been asked to look at efficiencies.”

APA will make its final report to the Legislature in January, before the 2018 budget session begins.

“We cannot control what the Legislature decides to do with the recommen-

dations — that’s beyond our scope and beyond our authority,” Fermanich said. “All we can do is conduct the best study we can conduct, be honest about it and try to be transparent.”

As part of that process, APA held four meetings across Wyoming last week to gather input on the funding model and “basket of goods” taught in K-12

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TRAGEDY IN CHARLOTTESVILLE PROMPTS PEACEFUL PROTEST

RESIDENTS GATHER TO STAND AGAINST HATE

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Staff Writer

Recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia, were a sobering reminder that hate, in many forms, is alive in well in America.

A decision to remove a statue of Robert E. Lee from a park in the heart of the city was met with controversy and protests. The protests reached critical mass on Aug. 12, as white nationalists marched on the University of Virginia, carrying tiki torches and waving Confederate flags. Many were seen raising their arms in a Nazi salute, according to several media outlets, and violent clashes with counter-protesters and law enforcement ensued, culminating in a man plowing into a crowd of counter-protesters, injuring 19 and killing one. Two more lives were lost when

a helicopter carrying a pair of Virginia state troopers crashed while responding to the violence.

As a result of the tragedy, many cities organized impromptu demonstrations last week to speak out against hate and honor those injured and killed. Harriet Bloom-Wilson of Powell took to social media to organize a Wednesday gathering in Washington Park, with a similar event taking place in Cody.

“We felt the need to respond in some way to show solidarity with the people who were protesting the presence of neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klan members marching through their community,” Bloom-Wilson explained. “The images of that were horrifying and frightening. The young woman

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WINGS 'N WHEELS WOWS



Brad Wursten of Power Addicted Airshows make a pass near the runway during Saturday’s Wings ‘N Wheels Fly-in and Car Show at the Powell Municipal Airport. For more photos from the event, see Page 13. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

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James Allen Moeller

(April 18, 1943 - Aug. 14, 2017)

James Allen Moeller, 74, of Powell, Wyoming and The Villages, Florida, passed away on Aug. 14, 2017, at his home in Florida, with his family. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. at New Life Church in Powell.

Jim was born on April 18, 1943, in Bay City, Michigan, to Frederick and Irma Moeller. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1965 and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1969. He completed his D.O. internship at the Osteopathic General Hospital in North Miami Beach, Florida, and his M.D. internship at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He completed his Radiology Residency at University Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology in Radiology and Diagnostic Radiology with Special Competence in Nuclear Medicine.

Jim practiced medicine in Florida, Wyoming, Guam, and numerous states as a locum tenens.

Jim married the former Jeanne Staggs on June 14, 1969. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Stefanie.

Jim was incredibly active and

loved to swim, bike, run, water ski, snow ski, play racquetball, golf, play basketball, and participate in virtually every other sport and activity. He was a certified scuba diver and an accomplished pilot. He held a great appreciation for the arts, especially folk music, classical music, and Broadway musicals.

During his time in Wyoming, he often went fishing, and treated many friends and family to white water rafting trips along the Shoshone River. He enjoyed the company of his many friends and family, especially his five grandchildren. He was a devoted friend and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Above all else, though, Jim was a witness for Jesus Christ. He shared God's love with everyone he met, through both his words and his deeds.

Throughout his years, he was actively involved in the Curtillo and Walk to Emmaus movements. He served faithfully in the local church in worship, choir, and leadership positions and was actively involved in various Bible studies and men's groups.

He also had a strong heart for missions, completing many short-term medical and service mission trips around the globe. He built a long relationship with Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Ke-



JAMES MOELLER

nya, through World Gospel Mission, doing much work on site and behind the scenes to develop their radiology department. He was always ready to give and help and every friend and family member has a story about his faith. "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

Jim is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jeanne; his daughter Jennifer Moeller Lechner, her husband Steve, and their children Grace and Abera of Raleigh, North Carolina; and his daughter Stefanie Moeller Horton, her husband Mike, and their children Tyler, Bridger, and Katie of Billings, Montana. Other surviving family include his sister-in-law, Maria Moeller; his niece

Laura (Moeller) Coe, her husband Charlie and their children; his niece Julie (Moeller) Martinelli, her husband Chris and their children; his father-in-law, F.L. Staggs; his brother-in-law, Rod Staggs, and his wife Rhonda; his niece Shayna (Staggs) Bahr, her husband Craig, and their children; and his niece Shelby (Staggs) Applegate, her husband Jim, and their children.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Tenwek Hospital, Bomet, Kenya to continue Jim's work. The Tenwek Hospital accepts donations through its website, www.tenwekhospital.org.

Isabel Aguilar

(Dec. 23, 1932 - Aug. 14, 2017)

Isabel Aguilar, 84, of Buffalo died quietly surrounded by family at the Agape Manor in Buffalo early Monday morning.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. at Agape Manor with Kent Waugh officiating. Interment will be in the Rio Grande Cemetery in Del Norte, Colorado.

Isabel Anita Aguilar was born on Dec. 23, 1932, in Del Norte, Colorado, to Antonio and Anna Valdez.

She grew up and went to school in Del Norte and graduated from Del Norte High School with the Class of 1950. After high school she attended Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado, where her love for children pushed her to study

education in hopes of becoming a kindergarten teacher.

She was married in Del Norte on Aug. 9, 1954, to Lee Aguilar and they made their home in Powell for over 40 years where she was a homemaker and substitute teacher. They retired in Del Norte in 2001 to be closer to family. Lee died in 2011 and Isabel continued living in Del Norte until moving to Buffalo in 2015. She had been a family member at Agape Manor until her death.

Izzy enjoyed growing flowers, interior decorating, babysitting and making the best enchiladas in the world.

She is survived by one daughter, Cathie Waugh and her husband Kent of Buffalo; three grandchildren, Tess Amell and her husband Jeff of New Bern,



IZZY AGUILAR

North Carolina, Camron Waugh and his wife Bri of Johnstown, Colorado and Corbin Waugh of Buffalo; two brothers Eugene Valdez of Covina, California and Valero Valdez of Redlands, California; and one sister Pola Atencio of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, one brother and three sisters.

Donations in Izzy's name may be made to Inside Out Humanitarianism Adventure, an international organization for the protection of animals and relationship building for those who care for them, in care of the Harness Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo. Online condolences may be made at www.harnessfuneralhome.com.

Education: Consolidation, special ed funding discussed

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schools. Dozens of area educators went to the meeting in Cody.

"The funding model is not perfect, but has served our state and districts well," said Barry Bryant, superintendent of the Greybull school district.

Under the current model, districts receive funding from the state in a block grant and local leaders then decide how to spend it.

"Local control is critical," said Superintendent Curtis. "Our districts are so unique in Wyoming, the distances are so far — that block grant aspect where local boards have local control to do the best for their kids is a critical part of what we currently do."

In coming months, APA will look at three alternative approaches to school funding — the professional judgment, statistical and successful schools approaches. They will not use the current evidence-based model for recalibration, Fermanich said.

"The Legislature was interested in getting a new perspective," he said.

Cody Superintendent Ray Schulte said districts customize the way they use funding under the current model, taking from some programs to help pay for others.

The Cody school district dealt with significant budget cuts last year, eliminating a dozen staff positions and cutting about \$1 million, he said.

"Last year we were able to navigate through it, next year will be a lot rougher," he said of the possibility of further cuts.

Schulte said he doesn't think the state should change the current funding model or basket of goods.

"I think we've had an excellent recipe that's produced a very fine product, and I for one would be in favor of leaving it as it is," Schulte said.

He said Wyoming has had

"excellent success" preparing students for post-secondary education and careers after high school. He also pointed to standardized test scores and graduation rates as evidence of success.

During last week's meeting, educators and APA consultants stressed the importance of education for all students.

"When we talk about the basket of goods and services that need to be provided for kids, it's not just general ed kids — it's all kids within your state," said Griffith, with APA. "So it's English language learners, special education students, gifted and talented, and at-risk students, too."

Several teachers spoke in favor of keeping special education funding intact. Currently, the state pays for 100 percent of districts' special education costs. The same is true of transportation, and those are two of the areas legislators asked APA to evaluate in the recalibration process.

"If you really want to look at special ed, first of all, keep it whole, keep it fully reimbursed," Curtis said. "This is something that Wyoming should be proud of. We take better care of our special ed kids than probably anywhere in the country, and that is not something to be ashamed of."

He also asked that the state not take away the full reimbursement for districts' transportation costs.

Jennifer D'Alessandro, a special education teacher at Westside Elementary School, said she's "concerned about the options being tossed around for special education funding."

She said her students have very individualized needs.

"One hundred percent means 100 percent of their needs are met, and our kids deserve that," D'Alessandro said.

Only five states do reimbursement funding for special education, and of those, Wyoming is

the only one to pay for 100 percent, she said.

"We have a legal obligation, but above that, we have a moral obligation to make sure that each one of our students can learn and that the playing field is level for them," D'Alessandro said.

Legislators also asked APA to look at the possibility of consolidating school districts in Wyoming.

Superintendent Curtis said consolidation "is an ugly word in my book."

"If we're going to look at it, don't look at it to save money," Curtis said. "That's the wrong reason to look at consolidation. Look at it if it's going to provide better services for kids in remote and rural areas."

Curtis worked in Meeteetse for nine years. As an example, he said if Meeteetse schools were combined with Cody, the first thing to happen would be getting rid of the superintendent and business manager.

"... but you probably have to have a bookkeeper out there [in Meeteetse], so you'd add a little bit back," he said.

"And then you have to take every teacher in that district and increase their salary to the level in the Cody school district," Curtis said. "It would not be fair, and it would be a lawsuit waiting to happen if you decided, you're in the same district but going to make \$3,000 less per teacher."

He asked APA to do "a true calculation of the costs of consolidation."

"Unless you close school buildings, you're not going to save enough money to overcome the social costs that go along with that," Curtis said.

Curtis thanked APA for their work and said they have "an impossible task in an impossible timeline."

In coming months, APA will collect more public input. A survey is available at goo.gl/rJ6323 through Friday.

There are limited opportunities in life when a person can say:

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Southside Elementary 5th grade teacher Michelle Giltner, students and a group of other teachers/parents are among the few who saw two bear cubs "hanging out" on the Chief Joseph Pass. Thankfully, Mrs. Giltner is also an accomplished photographer and captured the moment on camera.

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Zoey Lentz of Powell speaks to the crowd gathered to protest hate groups in the wake of the Charlottesville riots. About 40 people showed up to the impromptu gathering at Washington Park Wednesday to speak out against hatred in all its forms. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Protest: Equality should be promoted 'simply by sharing'

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who was killed as she tried to stand up peacefully in front of them led us to feel that we have to speak out."

About 40 people responded to Bloom-Wilson's Facebook post, gathering in a circle at Washington Park. Those who felt compelled to share their thoughts and feelings were encouraged to do so, and Bloom-Wilson said she was pleased with the turnout.

"It was one of those things where we said if there's only five of us, that's OK too," she said. "We just wanted to show each other that we feel the same and that we will oppose this kind of event taking place in our own community, if God forbid it should ever happen."

Wednesday's gathering was designed to be non-partisan, though the group's disdain for the current administration was evident. That said, conversation tended more toward peaceful solutions and a willingness to accept each other's differences than anti-Trump sentiment.

"We wanted to take politics out of the equation; it has nothing to do with that," Bloom-Wilson said. "It has to do with hate groups not having any place in our communities. It wasn't politics that motivated us. It was the sight of something that our grandparents fought for, our parents fought for and that many of us have deeply held associations with."

Zoey Lentz of Powell said she chose to attend the gathering to show support to her diverse group of friends. She made a two-sided sign, one side reading, "You cannot make them listen with your fists," with the other side saying, "Equality means everyone is equal."

"I have friends that are

Muslim, friends that are black, friends that are poor, friends that are rich," Lentz said. "I have so many friends and I love them. The idea that they aren't getting the same things as me, or that some might hate them just because they were born, it makes me sick to my stomach."

Lentz said if she stood idly by while a friend was persecuted for their faith, race or gender, it wouldn't be something she could live with.

"The idea of being guilty of indifference has never really sat well with me," she said. "Being here is the most important thing I've done in a really long time, and I think events like these are the most important thing going on right now."

That events like the one in Charlottesville could still take place in 2017 should have everyone concerned, Bloom-Wilson said, as should the brazenness with how people now openly identify with organizations rooted in hate.

"In the past, if they even had interviews with people associated with those organizations, they would either be covered or their voices would be disguised," Bloom-Wilson said. "Here, they were proudly proclaiming their hate and racism and anti-Semitism. It's unacceptable, and it has to be addressed."

Andru Renaud of Powell was one of the more vocal attendees, speaking of acceptance and understanding of all people regardless of race, creed or political affiliations. He said after the gathering that he chose to speak because he had spent most of his life being silent.

"This is the best way for me to put my voice out there, to stand with people who say the same things," Renaud said. "If I can speak to people who feel the

same way I do about compassion and equality and those who do not, I'm more likely to stand up for myself and say 'Why? What about your belief makes it better than mine?' I would like to understand, because there are times that somebody else might change my mind. I reserve the right to not change my mind, but I want to hear your opinion. And I think that is a great portion of what is missing in political discussions today."

Renaud said he hopes everyone who attended the gathering left with a renewed sense of purpose, as well as the will and want to take advantage of the opportunities to have those kinds of conversations when they are presented.

"I want to gain a little more perspective on how someone believes, and do it in such a way that it isn't coming across as us versus them, to begin to promote equality — not by screaming about it, but simply by sharing," he said.

Bloom-Wilson said she believed the gathering's informal setting added to the ease in which people felt free to speak to one another.

One couple who joined the group did so on a whim, as they happened to be driving through the area from Florida and stopped at Washington Park for a break.

"They wondered what the circle was about, and they were so pleased to learn what the point of the event was; they were glad they had the opportunity to be a part of it," Bloom-Wilson said, adding, "It was just a small way for people to come together and this couple from Florida felt the same way. We really are all connected."

The event in Cody drew about 25 people, she said.

Chase: Suspect to make first court appearance Tuesday

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was driving to Powell; when a Wyoming Highway Trooper spotted him on U.S. Highway 14-A and attempted to arrest him on the warrant, Pedro refused to pull over, Steward said.

That was around 4:30 p.m.

A sheriff's deputy in the area joined the pursuit, which at that point was below the speed limit, the sheriff said.

In Ralston, the trooper and deputy attempted to block Pedro in, but he went around the officers "and then the chase was on," Steward said. Speeds reportedly hit "90 miles an hour or more," he said.

Pedro then led authorities through Powell, including multiple residential areas, as a Powell officer joined the chase.

"[We] tried several times to deploy spike strips, but the speeds were just too fast for guys to be able to get in position," said Pow-

ell Police Chief Roy Eckerdt. "As he [the suspect] was in and up and down and around city blocks, the guys just didn't have time to get the strips out."

Police reports about the incident were still being compiled on Monday, but Eckerdt said his general understanding of the chase was that "it was all over" Powell.

"He [the suspect] was so random in where he was going," Eckerdt said.

When the suspect — that is, Pedro — turned onto Coulter Avenue from Cheyenne Street, his back end "caught the driver's side front corner of one of our cars, so nothing horrible, but busted headlight, dinged up fender and bumper," Eckerdt said. That officer hadn't even been involved in the pursuit, the chief said.

Eckerdt added that a trooper's vehicle suffered greater damage when it brought Pedro to a stop at the southern end of Road 8, south

of Wyo. Highway 295 in the Willwood area.

Steward said a deputy quickly arrived at the scene to assist the patrol with the arrest, while another deputy had been trailing the chase from a ways back.

At the time of Pedro's arrest, "he was incoherent," Steward said. After he was checked out by EMTs and booked into jail in Cody, Pedro indicated that he believed he was in Oregon, the sheriff said.

Pedro was scheduled to make his first court appearance this (Tuesday) morning in Cody.

Eckerdt said the department reviews its tactics after every pursuit. He added that, from what he overheard on the radio Sunday afternoon, "it seemed like everyone involved handled it really well as far as radio traffic and updates and communication was flowing — and it was flowing between agencies, which I thought was good to hear."

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Shin Splints

Now that soccer, cross country and football practices are occurring, you or your family may be hearing the term "shin splints." Shin splints are a common problem for athletes whose sports involve a repeated, jarring impact to the leg. Often, they are due to a change in activity level. Stopping the activity until the pain subsides, and then gradually working back up to the desired level is generally best treatment and protection against recurrence.

But shin splints can also occur in the conditioned runner who alters their routine by increasing pace or distance, or by changing the type of shoe or terrain.

Most often, shin splints result from chronic strain and microtrauma of the area where the muscle attaches to the bone. The repetitive microtrauma from overuse produces micro-

scopic tears of the muscle at the bony attachment, resulting in an inflammatory response. The inflammation is the body's general response of responding to trauma. However, the inflammation also produces pain and, to some degree, swelling.

Different treatment alternatives exist. However, relative rest for approximately one week works most consistent. Training can then be resumed at half the previous level of intensity, and can be gradually increased to the desired level over three to six weeks.

Persons who suffer recurrent shin splints should be evaluated for a biomechanical fault. Poor mechanics can lead to poor function. Bowed legs, flat feet or high arched feet can all be prone to shin splints. In these cases, orthotics or arch supports can help control position, function and even performance. If you or your family suffers from shin splints that are not improving, perhaps it is time to consider evaluation by your local podiatrist.



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IN OUR OPINION

In school funding debate, pledges and coalitions unhelpful

If figuring out how to pay for the education of Wyoming's children is the 800-pound gorilla in the room, it's been concerning to watch some lawmakers and school leaders painting that gorilla into a corner.

The state's minerals industry has footed much of the bill for educating students for years, but the recent downturn in that sector of the economy has left lawmakers with a deficit that runs into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The mantra from lawmakers and state leaders as they headed to the Legislature last winter was that, "We can't cut our way out of this one." They generally said a mix of both budget cuts and additional revenue (a politically correct way of saying "new or increased taxes") would be needed to solve the crisis.

We think that's the most prudent approach, but it's been frustrating to see how many people seem to think it must be one or the other.

In recent months, a coalition of school districts — led by Campbell County School District No. 1 in Gillette — has been gearing up for a potential legal fight. Their general thought appears to be that, if legislators try to cut education funding further, they'll challenge that decision in Wyoming's court system.

Campbell County School District No. 1 Superintendent Boyd Brown told Wyoming Public Radio in March that his district has been considering legal action against the state for four years.

"We are getting to this point where we don't feel like we have reliable and stable funding for education and so it's going to start deteriorating," Brown told the radio station.

Gillette officials have been seeking out districts to partner with them in a coalition and nearly a dozen have joined the cause, the Greybull Standard reported.

Earlier this month, the Big Horn School District No. 3 Board of Trustees in Greybull deadlocked, 3-3, over whether to saddle up with the coalition.

The Standard reported that superintendent Barry Bryant and part of the board had concerns about the budget-cutting path that lawmakers appear to be heading toward.

But other members of the board didn't like the idea. "The consequences are being felt across the state — and we are part of the team of the state of Wyoming," said trustee Joe Sylvester. "To me, [joining the coalition] seems like the spoiled child saying, 'No, no, no,' and kicking and screaming. Everyone has to take a cut."

Another Greybull trustee, Mike Wirtzberger, said he believed there were other things that school leaders could do about potential budget cuts.

We think there's a lot of truth in those observations and hope the Park County School District No. 1 trustees decline to join the coalition at this time. Effectively threatening lawmakers that you'll sue them if they touch your pot of money just doesn't feel right amid a truly difficult debate about how government services should be funded in Wyoming.

The discussion is one that's dragged on for years without any lasting resolution: What can and should Wyoming do to get off its turbulent boom and bust cycle and dependency on fossil fuels?

It seems fairly clear that, while part of the solution means cutting back on spending, it should also mean reforming the state's tax structure to expand the base. Yes, that would mean more taxes on individuals and non-minerals industry businesses. And yes, we know that's one tough sell. That showed during the 2017 legislative session, as the "we can't cut our way out of this" lawmakers mostly opted for cuts while agreeing to talk about possible tax increases before the 2018 session.

There's still plenty of reluctance. Senate President Eli Bebout, R-Riverton, told the Joint Revenue Committee and the Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration in June that he hoped "as you move forward and do your work that [tax increases] would be the last option."

"I think the silent majority agrees with me," Bebout told the online publication WyoFile.

By apparently being willing to consider new taxes as a last resort, the Senate leader seems more open to the idea than some of his colleagues, who've signed the Wyoming Liberty Group's "Taxpayer Protection Pledge" and promised not to pass any tax increases.

The thinking goes that schools and all other government entities should live within their means. To an extent, we agree. We believe Wyoming's school districts can handle further cuts without hurting students.

However, pledging to refuse to consider any kind of tax increase is short-sighted. Under the current tax structure, insisting that schools "live within their means" effectively amounts to arguing that our children's education and the quality of their school buildings should depend on what the marketplace or the day's presidential administration thinks about coal, oil and natural gas.

When we talk about funding for education, we're really talking about no less than the future of this state. And, at least in the case of the Powell school district, we're talking about schools that are serving their students well.

As the discussion continues, we hope lawmakers and school leaders are willing to engage in some give-and-take instead of retreating to their respective corners — where they might find themselves face-to-face with an untamed gorilla.



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Hearing is a precious thing to waste

Can you hear me now? That's a rhetorical question, but one I've heard too many times, usually right after I ask, "What was that?" It's humiliating, debilitating and several other words that rhyme.

"Hard-of-hearingness" runs rampant in the Blough family. I can remember my paternal grandpa, Mahlon Blough, with white objects the size of rice cakes protruding from his ears. Coupled with thick glasses and a perfectly round bald spot on the top of his head, Grandma Blough had no fears of losing him to a younger woman.

At that young age, my hearing was so keen I could hear a bowling pin drop. I didn't understand that Gramps had a pesky handicap he never chose, so said things like, "If you took them baseballs outta your ears, maybe you could hear." I also said about the pancake-sized bald spot, "You have a big hole in your head, Gramps." Even though he chuckled, it probably hurt (unless of course he thought I said, "You have a really cool head, Gramps").

I teased my semi-deaf Dad too, but now I know how it feels. I first noticed a slight hearing loss when my old friend Brad Meeker and my comely next-door neighbor Patti were visiting. Brad said something

I didn't comprehend, and with what I'm sure was an imbecilic expression, I grunted, "Huh?" Obviously with no desire to make me look good in front of Patti, Brad barked, "Huh? What are your ears painted on?"

Of course, they weren't and I wasn't even sure I heard him correctly when he repeated it. I think it was more because of his drunk slurring, but I certainly didn't want to exacerbate the situation by calling him on it. This guy had an acerbic, Don Rickles-like wit, so I cut my losses and pretended to hear him the second time.

And now 30 years later, the hearing is far worse and the results more obvious. Take Sundays in church for instance, when my nephew Rusty and I sit side-by-side and find the need to chat (about spiritual matters of course). Rusty was born deaf in one ear and dumb (actually, he's probably just as intelligent as I am). His right ear is deaf, while my left is the troublemaker.

When Rusty whispers something to me, I swivel my head to the left like Linda Blair in the Exorcist, rotating my good

ear closer to his mouth. When I whisper my answer, Rusty immediately twists his head 120 degrees over my left shoulder to present his good ear. When the exchange is rapid-fire, it might appear to amused parishioners behind us that we're making out (a misconception one certainly doesn't welcome in a house of worship).

About 15 years ago, my mother and late sister Wanda were visiting from Pennsylvania and at brother Jess and Marti's house, someone produced a waxy object shaped like a small pine cone. It was designed to extricate ear wax once placed in the ear and the opposite

side lit by a match. Thankfully, no one's face was set ablaze and several recipients declared clarity improvement. I had fun making plenty of jokes, but my turn on the chair never came, and as my hearing has declined, I've always felt cheated. Obviously, though, Jess' improved hearing was an illusion, as he's deaf as a post (a clinical term for the hearing impaired). Jess (actually "Mahlon Jess," named after my deaf grandpa) now

wears hearing aids, as does my brother Paul "Alfred" (middle namesake compliments of deaf Pop).

With my own hearing on a slow decline and unable to figure out how to get closed captioning on my remote, my time has arrived. Thusly, I responded last week to the offer I received in the mail for a free screening at Ralston's Heart Mountain Hearing Center. A pro bono evaluation plus a \$20 Blair's Market coupon proved too tempting to ignore.

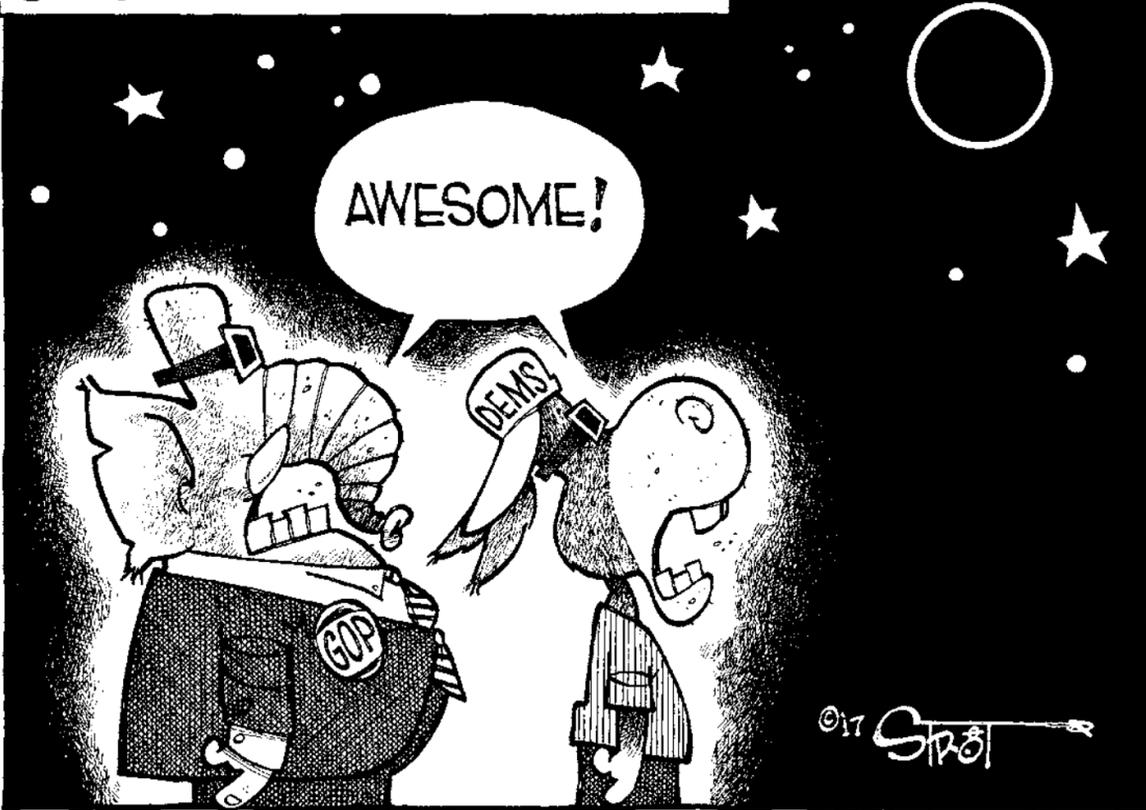
Hearing specialist Chris Pelletier and office manager Angelena were pleasant, and the tests interesting — especially the one where I was instructed to repeat words I'd hear in my headphones. I was sailing along pretty well I thought, but when "bad luck" reached my ear as "dump truck," the writing was pretty much on the soundproof wall. My hearing loss was diagnosed as "moderately-severe" (unless Angelena *actually* said, "You have a cauliflower ear").

So either I invest in hearing aids, which I can't afford on my one-day-a-week workload, or I have my ears amputated and new ones painted on. At least then it will be clear to everyone why I keep saying, "Come again?"



DOUG BLOUGH
My Lousy World

SOMETHING WE CAN ALL AGREE ON.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Add your signature to Amendment 28

Dear Editor:
Former U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson is thoroughly qualified in his effort to get Amendment No. 28 on the November ballot.

As a senator from Wyoming, he encountered the pitfalls presented by special interests to candidates for Congress.

In 1980-90s, Wyoming senator incumbents faced a local Wyomingite. She challenged both Sen. Malcolm Wallop and then-Sen. Simpson for their U.S. Senate seats in primary elections. Both had hundreds of thousands of dollars donated to their campaigns by special interests. She spent \$300 a campaign (earned by selling cosmetics).

Yes, that "voter" was me! I didn't have a ghost of a chance of being elected, but was runner-up in each primary.

I ran to send a message: "Campaign funding by special interests constitutes bribery." Bribery is a term ethically rejected in the Bible for public officials (1 Samuel 8:3).

Against this historical saga, Sen. Simpson is presenting a commendable way to correct the present bribery system. He is collecting 39,000 signatures. This would put Constitutional

Amendment No. 28 on the November primary ballot. No. 28 would provide cross-partisan citizen initiatives to restore free and fair elections — limit election spending. Hopefully it will pave the way for one national primary election day for all states.

The party's over. Parties have failed to set and enforce ethical election standards. Add your signature for Amendment No. 28 now. I hereby submit my signature to No. 28 publicly: Nora Marie Lewis.

Nora Marie Lewis
Basin

Show love to those around you

Dear Editor:
My father has always told me that, "All lives matter." Despite many peoples' view of that statement, what I'm writing in this letter is just logic that supports my father's — and my own — belief.

I am currently watching MSNBC on TV, and the first thing I see is a Dodge Charger ramming into a crowd of protesters, and two vehicles were rear-ended by the Charger. This occurred at the Charlottesville, Virginia, riots, which our commander in chief is supposed to

speak about today [Aug. 12]. This attack left one dead and injured 19 innocent people in a serious condition. All of this carnage and hate and ignorance is triggered over what?

A statue of a dead war celebrity.

Yes, General Lee of the Confederates, now a figure common mostly in textbooks in schools, has been made into an effigy that could, well, be removed for good causes.

It's the primary cause that has incited senseless violence and an undisputed terrorist attack. Has this gone far enough? What are we?

Show some love to those around you. Don't let your own indifference of race, gender, religion and any other choice or belief be a hindrance to relations with others.

Instead of bloodshed over a statue, why not concern ourselves with threats to our homefront? I hope this was a question that you, reader, could sit down and maybe think about when prejudiced thoughts come across your mind in regards to this ongoing tragedy.

My love and prayers to the Charlottesville attack victims and their families.

God bless,
Trent Dell'Isola
Cody

Learn by listening to each other

Dear Editor:

As a new school season starts, I have been thinking deeply about what our young people will learn and what they will do with that knowledge. In school, I learned about the civil rights movement and what happened before the Holocaust. I always wondered what I would do if I were in that situation. And then it struck me: whatever I would be doing is exactly what I am doing now. Am I speaking out against racism and injustice as I imagined or am I afraid to stand up for what is right? Will my young daughter speak out as she learns more about the difference between wrong and right?

I do not believe in tolerating the intolerant, but I do believe we can achieve more by listening to each other during rational conversations. I do believe that we can learn a whole lot about ourselves when we spend time with people who are not like us.

I hope in these troubled times that we, myself included, take the opportunity to listen, call out intolerance and make friends who do not look or think the same way as we do.

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Medical student designs flier to increase awareness of drug disposal program

BY ILENE OLSON
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Prescription drug disposal rose to the top of the list of possible projects for a medical student who recently came to Powell on assignment.

Kelly MacWhorter, a first-year medical student at the University of Washington, came to Powell for a four-week rural medicine experience. As part of that experience, she was expected to do a rural research project and a community project.



KELLY MACWHORTER

She began her research by talking to medical providers, pharmacists, Powell police officers and other community leaders.

"They echoed rural America's struggle with the opiate epidemic," MacWhorter said in a recent interview.

MacWhorter said statistics show 75 percent of people who abuse illicit drugs reported that they began by abusing prescription drugs, whether prescribed for them, provided by a friend or purchased on the street or obtained elsewhere. That illustrates the importance of preventing prescription drug abuse, she said.

As she continued her research, she found statistics showing that drug-related crime has increased significantly in Powell.

A Powell police report showed 100 drug-related crimes in Powell in 2014. By 2016, drug-related crimes more than doubled, increasing to 220, she said.

During that time, drug-related crimes increased from 16.4 percent of all arrests to 20.4 percent of arrests, MacWhorter said. Those arrests involved both prescription drugs and illicit drugs, she added.

"I talked to the [Powell] Police Department for a while, and they said a lot of drug-related crimes are burglaries, people getting into people's medicine cabinets, looking for drugs," MacWhorter said.

In dealing with the problem, "ideally, physicians would prescribe less [painkillers], but there still needs to be a lot of work done in that area," she said.

Another solution is getting unused prescriptions out of the medicine cabinets in people's homes.

"Once people are given prescriptions, they need to dispose of them," MacWhorter said.

The place in Powell to take prescription drugs for disposal is the Powell Police Department. Unused prescriptions can be dropped off at the police department any time of day, seven days a week.

"They put all these medications into a secure place, then every once in a while, they incinerate them," MacWhorter said. "That is the most effective way of disposing of these drugs."

It's also safest for the environment.

Right now, more than half (54 percent) of the people who dispose of prescriptions put them in the garbage. Another 35 percent flush them down the toilet.

"That is scary for the environment," MacWhorter said.

The other 11 percent left the drugs in their homes, she said.

MacWhorter said many people don't use the drug-disposal program because they don't understand how it works.

"As I talked to pharmacists at Powell Drug and Shopko ... it was just clear that the community's lack of information was getting in the way of them utilizing the program."

COMMUNITY PROJECT

That gave MacWhorter the idea for her community project. She created fliers, one in English and one in Spanish, telling people about the drug-disposal program and how to use it.

"Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse. Improper disposal down toilets contaminate our water supply and environment," says a portion of the flier. "Let's work together



Powell Police Sgt. Chad Miner receives prescription medications for disposal Thursday. The process for disposing of prescriptions at the department has been greatly simplified from what it used to be. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

to keep our community safe and healthy."

It explains that only prescription medicines — pills, creams, liquids — are accepted, with no needles, over-the-counter medications or vitamins/supplements.



Properly dispose your unused prescriptions

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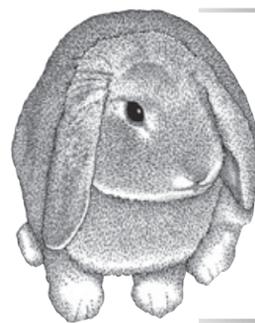
Prescription medicines only — pills, creams, liquids. NO needles, over-the-counter medications, or vitamins/supplements.

Where do I take the prescription medications?

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DIGEST

BIG MACHINE, LITTLE SMOKE

Powell volunteer firefighters check out a combine that began smoking after the farmer parked it in the early evening on Saturday. By the time firefighters arrived at the scene on Lane 13 in the Heart Mountain area, no smoke was visible.

Tribune photo by Ilene Olson



NEW FACES

■ Mariah Lange and Clay Saldana of Powell are parents of a baby boy, Cleto Dyfrig Saldana, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Friday, Aug. 11, 2017. Cleto was born at 2:45 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Cleto's grandparents are Duffy Lange, Cheri Thompson, Joe Saldana and Ginger Langdon.

■ Karley Diane Pierce was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, to Sara and Joe Pierce of Frannie. She arrived at 8:05 a.m. with a weight of 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and joins sister Kelsey Pierce, 4, and brother Kyle Pierce, 2. Grandparents are Kenny Pierce Sr. of Frannie and Marvin and the late Diane Miller of Deaver.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 14

■ Thomas Bradford Nave, 65, of Meeteetse and Patricia Renee Anonsen, 58, of Goodyear, Arizona.

August 15

■ Tanner Duane Bernstein, 21, of Burlington and Macey Dene Allen, 21, of Burlington.

August 17

■ Hunter Phillip Schneider, 27, of Cody and Brittany Michele Baughman, 25, of Cody.

August 18

■ Jacob Michael Norris, 26, of Powell and Charlotte Anne Loveless, 26, of Powell.

August 18

■ Nathan Lee Maslak, 26, of Cody and Allison Kaye McGuire, 25, of Sparks, Nevada.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

August 1

■ 2:17 p.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted with a request to check on the welfare of a female who was walking on the side of Wyo. Highway 120/Wyo. Highway 296, carrying nothing other than a jug of water. A deputy found the person was fine, just out for a long walk.

■ 2:30 p.m. A report of a possibly drunk driver, all over the road and passing in the turn lane on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area, was determined to be unfounded.

■ 2:58 p.m. A report of trespassers on Lane 10H in the Powell area was determined to be unfounded.

■ 4:20 p.m. Kaien Rai Owen, 24, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

■ 6:34 p.m. A couch was reported to be in the road on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate it.

■ 8:27 p.m. A woman who'd previously been served with a no trespassing notice on Lane 8 in the Powell area was reported to be there again.

August 2

■ 8:20 a.m. A citizen reported digging a metal slug out of the siding of his house on Marquette Drive in the Cody area. He didn't know exactly when it had occurred.

■ 2:18 p.m. A woman asked about having a deputy go with her while she checked to see if her renter had moved out on Cooper Lane in the Cody area.

■ 4:48 p.m. Jose Walter Guevara, 26, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault on Nez Perce Drive in the Cody area.

■ 5:46 p.m. A dog was reported to have killed a woman's chicken on Lane 11H in the Powell area. The woman had the dog tied up.

■ 5:49 p.m. Jeromie Bobby Ballinger Jr., 20, was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

■ 8:09 p.m. A male was reported to have driven away from a home on Bronco Lane in Meeteetse while intoxicated. The Sheriff's Office didn't locate the vehicle.

■ 10:28 p.m. A gray Toyota was reported to be swerving into oncoming traffic and driving all over the road on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.

August 3

■ 1:35 a.m. The Sheriff's Office assisted Powell police in looking for suspects on Cheyenne/Fourth streets.

■ 10 a.m. A woman on Lane 11 in the Powell area reported that she believed someone had been in her home.

■ 12:08 p.m. A woman reported concern for her granddaughter's safety on Wyo. Highway 120 south of Cody, saying her daughter has a

vicious dog.

■ 4:34 p.m. Michael Allen Sneath, 23, was arrested on a warrant on Huff N Puff Avenue in the Cody area.

■ 7:23 p.m. A citizen asked for the Sheriff's Office to check on his girlfriend on Quarter Horse Lane in the Cody area, saying a neighbor had found his girlfriend laying in a ditch, very intoxicated, and helped her inside.

■ 9:41 p.m. A couch reportedly fell off a vehicle and broke all over Road 11/Lane 8 in the Powell area.

■ 11:54 p.m. A citizen reported hearing a loud boom and then finding a mailbox destroyed on Lane 6 in the Powell area. A vehicle was seen heading west.

August 4

■ 5:59 a.m. Dogs on Mesquite Drive were reported to have killed a woman's geese on Oak Drive in the Cody area.

■ 12:01 p.m. Someone was reported to have dumped a load of trash at the county's road and bridge shop on Lane 9 in the Powell area. The Sheriff's Office was unable to assist.

■ 2:15 p.m. A citizen asked to have a person served with a no trespassing order on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.

■ 2:37 p.m. A side-by-side crash was reported on the Morrison Jeep Trail in Clark, with one person dead and one person critically injured. The vehicle was reportedly located on the eighth switchback from the bottom.

■ 8:07 p.m. A truck was reported to have backed out at a high rate of speed and knocked over a stop sign on 44th Street/Cooper Lane in the Cody area.

POLICE REPORT

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July 25

■ 3:10 p.m. A report of property damage on North Bernard Street was placed under investigation.

■ 4:46 p.m. A complaint was received about a black Honda driving fast, then slowing down and not allowing a citizen to pass on Road 10/West Coulter Avenue. Responding officers did not locate the described vehicle.

■ 11:55 p.m. Officers responded to a male causing a disturbance on West 10th/North Division streets, and issued him a warning for public intoxication.

July 26

■ 12:56 a.m. After a traffic stop on East Seventh/North Ingalls streets, a juvenile male was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence and released to his parent.

■ 6:33 p.m. An auto burglary was reported in an alley behind North Absaroka Street.

■ 6:42 a.m. An auto burglary was reported on North Absaroka Street.

■ 1:49 p.m. An auto burglary was reported on North Day Street.

■ 2:15 p.m. Officers responded to a report of three juvenile males next to the canal on East Coulter Avenue, with one diving in while the others videotaped him. Police found no one in the area.

■ 2:43 p.m. An auto burglary was reported on North Day Street.

■ 5:34 p.m. An auto burglary was reported on North Absaroka Street.

■ 6:47 p.m. Officers assisted with serving criminal no trespassing notices for three subjects on East Second Street.

■ 11:21 p.m. A 27-year-old Greybull resident was arrested on East Fifth Street for an outstanding circuit warrant.

July 27

■ 12:48 a.m. Threats were reported on South Bernard Street and the incident placed under investigation.

■ 12:20 p.m. The community service officer responded to a report of a badger running around the East North Street area, but the badger was not located. Game and Fish was also notified.

■ 12:26 p.m. An officer responded to a report of a tan Suburban on East First/South Bent streets that had three children climbing around and not in seat belts. The vehicle could not be located.

■ 2 p.m. Police began investigating a report of a male sleeping in the back of a building on North Ferris Street for a few nights.

■ 9:25 p.m. An ID card was found on East Fifth Street and brought into law enforcement. It was determined the person had been deceased since 2016, so the card was destroyed.

■ 9:49 p.m. A resident on Hamilton Way asked to speak to an officer about some strange phone calls they had been getting. Police will provide extra patrol.

■ 10:30 p.m. A black LG Verizon phone was found on East Fifth Street and given to law enforcement.

■ 11:13 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a male subject who had been hanging around a business on West Coulter Avenue and the caller believed they were "strung out." Responding officers arrested Jason J. Davison, 27, of Wibaux, Montana, on suspicion of being under the influence of inhalant and interference with a peace officer.

July 28

■ 1:18 a.m. While on a park check on East Jefferson Street, an officer found a boy's gray Bell bicycle helmet with a sticker on it that says Freedom Oilfield Services. It was placed in lost and found.

■ 3:22 a.m. Eight people were reported to be walking down South Everts/East South streets and making a lot of noise. Responding officers found the group was playing "Rambo," and they were advised to subdue the noise and not cause any more disturbances.

■ 8:15 a.m. Threats were reported on North Division Street.

■ 2:29 p.m. An officer checked on the welfare of a child on North Bent Street and made contact with a parent.

■ 2:46 p.m. An officer responded to reported threats on Van Place.

■ 4:38 p.m. An officer responded to a disturbance on East Fifth Street.

■ 6:51 p.m. An officer checked on the welfare of a child at the Powell hospital and found all was OK.

■ 8:08 p.m. Officers began investigating a reported assault on East Fifth Street.

■ 11:44 p.m. After a report of a intoxicated male on East Fifth Street, police arrested Reynaldo Adame, 40, of Powell.

July 29

■ 1:51 a.m. A disturbance was reported on North Bent Street.

■ 9:14 a.m. A set of five keys was reported lost on East Fifth Street.

■ 9:31 a.m. An officer responded to a report of an open door on East Fifth Street and spoke with the owner.

■ 11:44 a.m. A bicycle was reported abandoned on South Jones Street, and the caller was concerned it may have been stolen. A responding officer found it had not been reported stolen and advised the resident to just leave the bike and see if the owner retrieves it.

■ 11:49 a.m. An officer performed a welfare check for a resident on East Eighth Street and reported everything was OK.

■ 4:17 p.m. Officers began investigating a reported disturbance on Hamilton Way.

■ 4:56 p.m. An officer located a juvenile on East Fifth Street and returned him to his family.

■ 6:08 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a white and gray husky or German shepherd, no collar or tags, hanging around the North Bernard Street area all day. An officer located a gray and white pit bull and issued a warning to its owner for dog running at large. A report was later received that the same dog attacked the caller and the caller's dog. The caller said the dog is a hybrid wolf and had been hanging around the area for a couple of weeks. An officer advised they had tried to catch the dog and to call if it was in the area again.

■ 6:17 p.m. An activated alarm on North Everts Street was determined to be a false alarm.

■ 7:49 p.m. A fraud incident reported on East Eighth Street was placed under investigation.

■ 11:18 p.m. A key on a blue lanyard with a gray fuzzy ball was reported lost on East Fifth Street.

July 30

■ 12:20 a.m. An officer responded

to a report of four intoxicated subjects on East Fifth Street and found they were getting a ride from a sober driver.

■ 1:20 a.m. After a traffic stop on East Second/North Clark streets, a 27-year-old Clark resident was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence and then released.

■ 5:54 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a male who was asked to leave a business on East Second Street, but refused. A responding officer found the male had left, but located him getting into a vehicle. Jermaine Broussard, 33, Powell, was arrested on suspicion of driving while under influence and possession of a controlled substance, marijuana.

■ 6:22 p.m. A resident on Hawthorne Court called to report a neighbor urinating off his balcony. Officers responded after completing the call they were already on, but neither party answered their doors.

■ 7:12 p.m. Officers checked on the welfare of a person in a group home on South Division Street who was not feeling well. Officers suggested the subject be taken to the walk-in clinic and the caretakers advised that was already planned.

■ 7:45 p.m. Dispatch received a request for an officer to take fingerprints on a window on North Ferris Street that someone previously tried to open. A responding officer was unable to obtain the fingerprints and suggested that, if the incident happened again, to call immediately instead of waiting a few days.

■ 8:07 p.m. A 5-year-old girl reported missing on South Ingalls Street was located by an officer and returned to her mother.

July 31

■ 8:28 a.m. Dispatch received a complaint about a dog in the Julie Lane/Kattenhorn Drive neighborhood that gets out and attacks the caller's dog when they are walking. The community service officer cited the dog owner for dangerous/vicious animal.

■ 1:28 p.m. An officer began investigating a report of property damage on North Gilbert Street.

■ 3:33 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a female yelling, screaming and crying on North Absaroka Street and found everything was OK: It was a younger child who was upset because older children wouldn't let them play with an X-box.

■ 4:50 p.m. A dog was reported trying to crawl out of the window of a truck on West Coulter Avenue, and the window was barely cracked. A responding officer found the vehicle had left the scene.

■ 11:59 p.m. Officers issued no trespassing notices to three individuals on top of a building on North Beckman Street.

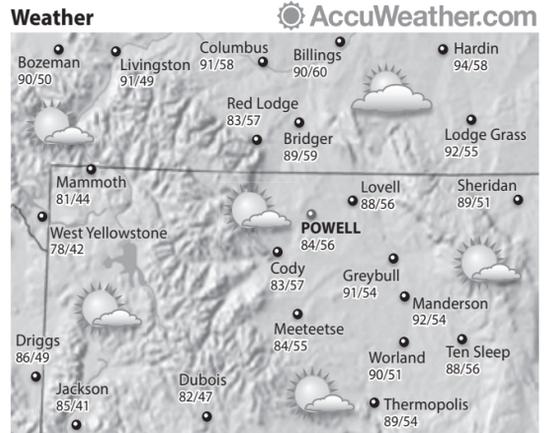
August 1

■ 9:41 a.m. An officer checked on the welfare of a child on Avenue B and found they were fine.

■ 10:47 a.m. An officer was flagged down for directions at East Second/North Bent streets.

■ 11:28 a.m. A vehicle was reported abandoned in a parking lot on North Absaroka Street. The community service officer contacted the owner, who advised the vehicle will be moved.

■ 1:44 p.m. A leather tool belt containing a measuring tape, leveler and one glove was found on U.S. Highway 14-A/Road 2AB in Cody. The items were placed in lost and found.



5-day Forecast for Powell

Day	Forecast	High/Low
Today	Mostly sunny and beautiful	84° 56°
Wednesday	Mostly sunny and nice	84° 57°
Thursday	Some sun with a t-storm around in the afternoon	80° 57°
Friday	Partly sunny	76° 54°
Saturday	Sunny and pleasant	79° 56°

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

Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High/Low.....86°/52°
 Normal high/low.....85°/51°
 Average temperature.....67.4°
 Normal average temperature.....67.9°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week.....Trace
 Month to date.....0.12"
 Normal month to date.....0.34"
 Year to date.....5.53"
 Normal year to date.....5.10"
 Percent of normal month to date.....3.5%
 Percent of normal year to date.....108%

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset.....6:26am/8:10pm
 Moonrise/Moonset.....7:21am/8:52pm

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Casper	88/52/s	Greybull	91/54/p	Rawlins	86/55/s
Cheyenne	79/56/pc	Jeffrey City	85/55/s	Rock Springs	86/56/s
Gillette	88/56/s	Kirby	90/52/s	Shoshoni	89/57/s

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City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/75/pc	Houston	96/80/t	Louisville	90/69/t
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Chicago	80/59/t	Kansas City	83/57/t	Phoenix	107/85/s
Dallas	97/78/s	Las Vegas	101/81/s	St. Louis	83/62/t
Denver	85/60/pc	Los Angeles	82/65/pc	Washington, DC	93/77/pc

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UW students reach summit of Wyoming's tallest peak

Talk about a test: As part of a summer class, University of Wyoming students found themselves tethered together, scaling the state's tallest mountain.

"We depended on each other for days," said Jenny Berchenbriter, a senior psychology major from Casper. "When you're roped up with somebody on a glacier, you have to trust that person, and you don't want to make a big mistake that would jeopardize the group. With fewer good people, it could have been a pretty rough trip."

Berchenbriter and five other UW students reached the summit of Gannett Peak Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Led by famed mountaineer Mark Jenkins, it was the capstone of a five-credit summer course. Jenkins, the university's writer-in-residence and an international adventurer, expects to make an annual adventure for students desiring to test themselves in Wyoming's remote Wind River Mountains.

Seven students, Jenkins and guide Bridget Belliveau started the 25-mile hike to the base of the 13,809-foot mountain on Aug. 6 and established their base camp on a snow field at an elevation of 11,200 feet two days later.

Then, Jenkins roused students from their tents at 3 a.m. Aug. 9, and they began the 2,600-foot climb to the summit at 4 a.m. to get ahead of customary afternoon storms.

All but one of the students made it to the top at about 7:45 a.m.; one had to stay at base camp due to a stomach ailment.

"Watching the sun come up while summiting was a super amazing experience," said Berchenbriter. "We really lucked out with weather — it was perfect timing."

The group made it back to camp by noon, when it started raining and snowing, deposit-

ing 2 inches of the white stuff by morning. They headed out that morning, reaching the trailhead above Dubois Aug. 11 and then celebrating at the appropriately named Gannett Grill in Lander before returning to Laramie.

"The whole thing was a pretty incredible adventure, a cool experience," said Jordan Jensen of Canton, South Dakota, who is pursuing a master's degree in anthropology and environment/natural resources at UW. "I have done a lot of backpacking, but this was my first trip with any kind of extensive snow or big climbing. I'm kind of hooked on it now."

Jensen grew up in the flatlands of eastern South Dakota. He has a particular interest in studying high-altitude, prehistoric human occupation and said this expedition made him more comfortable in such settings.

"Now I know what it's like to be up there," Jensen said. "I can use this skill set to do some more interesting archaeology and work up higher than other people have."

Jenkins says a number of other groups encountered during the trip were not able to make it to the summit, illustrating the difficulty of the expedition.

"It was a great trip. The students were so psyched that we made it, and they deserved to be — they worked very hard," he says. "The team jelled and worked together so well. I was very pleased, very impressed with the students."

Jenkins says the class was a success from many perspectives, not just the fact that the students reached the summit.

"Mountaineering is about learning how to make difficult decisions in dangerous places," he said. "The team managed to gain a lot of knowledge in this area."

Having Jenkins as the instructor was a particular treat, Berchenbriter said.



Above, University of Wyoming students approach the summit of Gannett Peak in west-central Wyoming's Wind River Mountains early on the morning of Aug. 9. It was UW's inaugural expedition to the top of the state's highest peak.

Photos courtesy Mark Jenkins, UW

"Getting to do this with someone who is a legend in that field was just great," she said. "I really encourage students to look into doing it next year. You'll never get another opportunity to climb with Mark Jenkins. You're in a different element when you get to hang with somebody like that."

Other students who participated are Elizabeth Bentley, psychology and sociology major from Laramie; Andrew Flaim, geology major from Cheyenne; Austin Jensen, geography major from Tie Siding; Marshall McFarland, finance major from Laramie; and Cedar Wiseman, mathematics major from Cheyenne.



The UW team established its base camp on a snow field at an elevation of 11,200 feet.



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Maggie Sullivan, public services manager at the Powell Branch Library, serves up a 'sunny' food table for about 35 attendees at the library's eclipse party Monday. Tribune photo by Mark Davis



Erica Duncan of Powell shields her son Remington Bennett's eyes while she takes a turn with the solar filter glasses outside the Powell Branch Library. Tribune photo by Mark Davis



Devyn Crowe, a Northwest College student from Casper, looks at the eclipse through protective glasses Monday, shortly after the eclipse had passed the maximum phase. Most people who gathered on campus to view the lunar/solar event dispersed when the moon began to move past the sun. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson



Multiple images of the eclipsed sun are projected through leaves on trees in front of the library like multiple pinhole cameras, just before the fullest part of the eclipse. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Eclipse: 'The kids were wowed'

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event. Justine, a paraeducator in the Powell school district, made eclipse jam.

The couple and their children, Augusta, 15, and Charlie, 12, gathered with a group of friends and family. On Sunday night, they were pleasantly surprised by the ease of movement in a city named one of the greatest spots to watch the eclipse.

"We haven't seen the massive crowds we were warned about. We have easily visited grocery stores, restaurants," Justine said. "We've

seen many signs offering paid parking. Some in our group went downtown to the Casper eclipse festival and that was busy but not overwhelming."

'There was not enough time during totality for anything but stunned silence.'

Justine Larsen

Eclipse watcher

Scott reported clear skies save some smoky haze from Montana wildfires and a bluebird overhead just prior to the eclipse. He thinks weather forecasts and smoke warnings may have scared viewers to other parts of the nation in the totality zone.

As the sun was shaded by the moon, Justine reported no need for sunglasses, the air being cool and the smell of sage being fragrant. The

color change — an amber cast from the wildfire smoke — was profound, she said. Charlie and Augusta spent as much of their time enjoying the effects of the shadows as looking through their solar filter glasses.

"The kids were wowed," Justine said.

"Very glad we came south," Scott said, adding, "Totality is so much better than 99.9 percent."

The time passed quickly and had a variety of effects on people. For the Larsens, the celebra-

tion was muted.

"There was not enough time during totality for anything but stunned silence," Justine said.

Back in Park County, authorities who'd prepped for possible trouble from the uptick in traffic reported none.

"It's just quiet," said Sheriff Scott Steward.

Denise Kelsay and Steve Schrepferman both took a break from the Northwest College Art Department to watch the eclipse from on campus. But,

much like the Larsens, they preferred to look down at the sidewalk more than up at the sun. There, the eclipse replicated itself countless times in shadows coming through the leaves on the trees.

"That's the best part of the eclipse," Kelsay said.

Todd Wilder, facility director for the Powell school district, and his wife Debbie Wilder, sat in lawn chairs in front of the administration building, across from McDonald's, watching

the eclipse in their cardstock solar glasses. Debbie wondered aloud if there would be a lot of children being born nine months from now named Moon, Sun and Eclipse.

Stephanie Drabble, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, got teary as the total eclipse passed.

"This is like a new beginning," she said. "I'm going home and getting a divorce."

(Ilene Olson contributed reporting.)



The sun peeks around the moon, forming a 'diamond ring,' during Monday's total eclipse over Hot Springs State Park in Thermopolis. People from across the United States and the world came to Thermopolis and other parts of Wyoming that fell within the zone of totality to experience the eclipse. Tribune photo Carla Wensky



David and Rachel Freeman of Longmont, Colorado, pose with cardboard cutouts of David's late father and Rachel's grandma at Boysen Reservoir Monday morning. Rachel's grandma is in a retirement home in Boise, and David's dad just passed away. David and Rachel wanted to experience the eclipse with them. Tribune photo by Toby Bonner

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



Powell Panther Kaelen Groves, quarterback for the white team, searches for an open receiver as Ryan Good (No. 50) bears down during an intrasquad scrimmage Thursday. The Panthers open the 2017 football season Friday at home against Douglas. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

PANTHER GRIDDERS OPEN SEASON FRIDAY AGAINST DOUGLAS

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

On Friday night at 6 p.m., the Powell High School football team will host the first game of the season against the Douglas Bearcats.

"It's always good to have them at home," PHS head coach Chanler Buck said of the non-conference rivalry game against the Bearcats. "It's always exciting playing that Douglas team."

The Panthers look to rebound from a 41-6 drubbing at the hands of Doug-

'Coming off a pretty exciting year for us last year, the program gained a lot of popularity among the school.'

Chanler Buck, PHS head coach

las to open last season.

"They were the more physical team, they were the more disciplined team," Buck said. "They were out to play and we certainly weren't prepared for that that early in the year. We need to change that."

The Panther football team shook off that early loss, improving throughout the season to come back to play

for the state championship title.

"Coming off a pretty exciting year for us last year, the program gained a lot of popularity among the school," said Buck. "We got a lot of kids out for football this year."

The football program started with 74 athletes, and after a week and half of practice, the team has about 65 players.

"Really pleased to see that," Buck said. "With numbers, as far as camp has gone, we've had a couple extra days, and honestly I thought we would be a little further along than we are right now as far as exertion and execution from practice. But that's not the kids' fault, that's strictly because of numbers, just getting kids through drills and making sure kids are on the same page."

"We got a lot of newcomers to the program, kids that decided to come out who took a year off or just young

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New coach, new season for Lady Panther swim team

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

A total of 20 Lady Panther swimmers dove into their swim season last week under the direction of new head coach Bob Smartt.

"Our first week of practice has progressed smoothly," Smartt said. "We have had a new training system, for the athletes to learn: USRPT or Ultra Short Race Paced Training."

Smartt explained that half the team participated in the summer swim camp, which gave them a jump on the season.

On Saturday, the Lady Panthers will compete in their first invitational of the season, traveling to Lander with a start time slated for 10 a.m.

"The first meet at Lander is like heading into the lion's den, as Lander won the state championships last year by a huge margin of 144 points and they have a large number of year-round club swimmers," Smartt said. "However, we believe we can show nice improvement for our athletes

'We have leadership from a strong core of seniors who are setting the pace in practice.'

Bob Smartt
PHS head coach

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The 2017 Lady Panthers swim team takes a break during a recent practice at the Powell Aquatic Center. The team opens their season Saturday at Lander. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL TO OPEN SEASON AT RIVERTON INVITATIONAL

SENIORS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO YOUNG SQUAD

BY BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Sports Writer

The Powell High School volleyball team started its season with two-a-day practices last week in preparation for the start of the season in Riverton on Friday and Saturday.

"All the girls worked hard this last week," said PHS head coach Randi Bonander. "[The girls] focused on how to be grateful athletes, and now we are ready to get the season started."

On the varsity team this year, the Lady Panthers have four seniors, three of whom are returning players: Alli Sommerville, Jordan Walsh and

Brooke Sweet.

The fourth senior is Natalie Birdsey and coach Bonander said that she worked "hard in the offseason to add to our depth of our team this year."

The Lady Panthers have five juniors on the roster, including two returning from last year's varsity squad in Aubrie Stenerson and Rachel Bonander. Coach Bonander said both juniors "have experience from all of last season to add to our team this year."

The other three juniors are Hartly Thorington, Jazlyn Haney and Natalie Ostermiller. Both Thorington and Haney have "tournament experience from last year," said coach Bonander.

"There is some great talent coming up all the way down to the freshman team, which will help our JV and varsity teams develop all season," Bonander said. "This last week was just as challenging as a coach for me — especially when you have 50 girls try out for the team, but the expertise of my assistants, JV coach Tasha Miller and freshman coach George Laughlin, helped tremendously."

The Lady Panther volleyball team will open the season with an invitational in Riverton on Friday and Saturday. Powell will travel to Lovell on Tuesday, Aug. 29, to play at 5 p.m.

The volleyball team's first home game will be against Billings Senior on Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.

The 3A West Regional Tournament will be Oct. 27-28 in Riverton and the 3A State Tournament will be in Casper Nov. 2-4.

Tennis teams off to fast start

HATTIE PIMENTEL BEGINS SEASON 5-0 AT NO. 1 SINGLES

BY DON COGGER AND BREANNE THIEL
Tribune Staff

It was a busy week for the Powell High School tennis teams as they hit the ground running, playing five matches over four days. They started with Green River and Rock Springs on Wednesday, Sheridan on Friday and both Gillette schools — Campbell County and Thunder Basin — on Saturday.

The season began at home Wednesday with wins over Green River and Rock Springs. PHS head tennis coach Joe Asay said that Powell had a "pretty good day" against the schools.

"They played really well," Asay said of his squads.

PHS BOYS 4, GREEN RIVER 1;
PHS GIRLS 3, GREEN RIVER 2

For the Lady Panthers, Hattie Pimentel defeated Kaitlyn Sharp, 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1 singles, while teammate Lauren Asher fell to Alex Palmer 4-6, 1-6 at No. 2 singles.

In girls doubles, the teams of Sierra Sanders/Shayla Shoopman and Sloane Asay/Heidi Barrus were victorious for the Lady Panthers, while the team of Hailee Paul/Ashley Dunkerly fell to Green River.

For the boys, Jesse Brown defeated Green River's Gregory Marchal 7-5, 6-7, 6-1 in No. 1 singles. In No. 2 singles, Powell's Rhett Pimentel took down Paztrick Marchal 6-4, 6-4.

In boys doubles, the No. 1 team of James Sheets/Dylan Preator defeated Green River's Jarrett Atkins/Danny Christensen 6-0, 6-3; Powell's No. 2 team of Wade Musso/Nathaniel Whitham topped Elliot Potter/Jon Leininger 6-3, 6-0. The Panthers No. 2 doubles team of Grant Dillivan/Austin Chandler fell to Jordan Anderson/Brett Mckeehan, 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), 6-1.

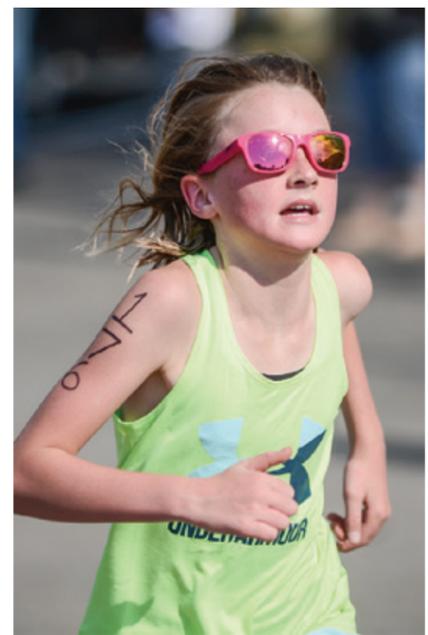
PHS BOYS 5, ROCK SPRINGS 0;
PHS GIRLS 5, ROCK SPRINGS 0

The Panthers swept Rock Springs on Thursday, with singles players Brown and Pimentel defeating their opponents without giving up a single game; both winning 6-0, 6-0 over John Prevedel and Ian Fletcher, respectively.

Powell's No. 1 doubles team of Sheets/Jacobsen took down Hunter Davidson/Martin Ayala 6-1, 6-1. The No. 2 doubles team

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SUGAR BEET CLASSIC



Kinley Cooley runs her way to a fourth place finish Saturday at the 2017 Sugar Beet Classic. Cooley finished with a time of 2:05.22. For more, see the story on Page 12. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel



Lady Panther Devon Curtis bumps the ball during a recent practice at Powell High School. The team opens their season this weekend at the Riverton Invitational. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

Panther tennis: Boys, girls tennis teams head to Cody on Thursday sporting identical 4-1 records

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of Preator/Jacobsen defeated Nick Allen/Gunner Hamblin 6-1, 6-1, while the No. 3 team of Musso/Whitham defeated Colin Murcay and Clay Wells, 6-0, 6-1.

On the girls side, the Lady Panthers were led by No. 1 singles player Hattie Pimentel with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Sasha Bentley. No. 2 singles player Asher defeated Alicia Stevens, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

In girls doubles, the team of Sanders/Shoopman defeated Courtney Smith/Michelle Butterfield 6-2, 6-0, followed by the team of Asay/Barrus over Abby Bettolo/Rachel Shuler, 6-1, 6-4.

SHERIDAN BOYS 4, PHS 1; SHERIDAN GIRLS 4, PHS 1

The PHS tennis teams traveled to Sheridan Friday, with both teams falling to the Broncos 4-1.

In No. 1 boys singles, the Panthers' Brown fell to Quinton Suska 1-6, 3-6, while No. 2 singles Pimentel lost a hard-fought battle against Ethan Kutz, 6-3, 6-7 (7-4), 6-4.

In boys doubles, the No. 1 team of Sheets/Jacobsen notched Powell's only win with a 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 (11-9) victory over Liam Brown/Kellen Mentock, while the No. 2 team of Preator/Jacobsen fell to Logan Jensen/Trenton Lewallen 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. The No. 3 team of Whitham/Musso fell to Tristan Choong/Noah Degrange 6-0, 6-1.

For the Lady Panthers, first singles player Hattie Pimentel continued her winning ways, defeating Julia Kutz 6-2, 7-5 for the team's only win. Asher fell to Hannah Jost 6-1, 6-2.



PHS girls No. 1 singles player Hattie Pimentel returns a shot during a Wednesday afternoon win over Rock Springs' Sasha Bentley. Pimentel racked up five straight victories last week to start her season. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

In girls doubles, the team of Sanders/Shoopman fell to Libby Standish/Lennon Degroiw 6-2, 6-4, while No. 2 doubles players Sloane Asay/Barrus lost to Aerianna Roth/Skye Bense 6-2, 6-2. The Lady Panthers' No. 3 doubles team of Paul/Dunkerley fell to Ella Laird/Maggie Pierce 6-2, 6-4.

"That's a strong team there in Sheridan and I thought they all played well," Asay

said. "There's certainly some things that can be worked on as we head into practice [this week]."

PHS BOYS 3, CAMPBELL COUNTY 2; PHS GIRLS 5, CAMPBELL COUNTY 0

The PHS tennis teams rebounded from their losses against Sheridan in fine fashion, winning on the road against Campbell County 3-2 and 5-0. The Lady Panthers recorded

a clean sweep, beginning with Hattie Pimentel taking down Alli Hays in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. Asher, meanwhile, defeated Tatum Zickefoose 6-4, 6-1.

In girls' doubles, the first team of Sanders/Shoopman crushed Terynn Rogan/Taylor Burch 6-1, 6-0, while the second team of Asay/Barrus defeated Nora Foster/Avery Foster 6-1, 6-4. Hailee Paul/Ashley Dunkerley won third doubles

by forfeit.

For the boys, first singles player Jesse Brown fell to Dawson Miessler 6-1, 6-1. Powell's second singles player Rhett Pimentel battled back from a first set loss to beat Miles Veyna, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles action, the Panther's Sheets/Aaron Jacobsen downed Zack Bradley and Tyler Neary 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). The second team of Preator/Aidan

Jacobsen fell to Tel Russell/Jefferson Neary 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5), while the third team of Wade Musso/Nathaniel Witham was victorious over Trase Olsen/Luke Hladky, 6-3, 6-4.

PHS BOYS 4, THUNDER BASIN 1; PHS GIRLS 3, THUNDER BASIN 2

The PHS tennis teams completed their busy first week of action with both teams besting Thunder Basin — 4-1 for the boys and 3-2 for the girls.

At the top of the boys' lineup, Brown defeated Colton Larson in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1 while Rhett Pimentel downed Isaac Howell, 6-2, 6-2.

In boys doubles, Powell's first team of Sheets/Aaron Jacobsen defeated Colton Pilon/Jack Voigt, 6-2, 6-3. The Panther's second team of Preator/Aidan Jacobsen battled for a win against Jordan Klaassen/Isaac Lass, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 6-2. Thunder Basin's third team of Zach Brown/Joel Klaassen defeated Powell's Musso/Whitham 7-6 (7-2), 6-0.

For the Lady Panthers, Hattie Pimentel remained undefeated by beating Alyssa Baumgartner 6-1, 6-0. Thunder Basin's Tori Toscana defeated Asher, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

In girls' doubles, Powell's No. 1 team of Sanders/Shoopman defeated Cassidy Hood/Kim Kern, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, while the second team of Sloane Asay/Barrus were also victorious, downing Lluvia Williams/Sarah Macilravie 6-3, 6-4. The third team of Paul/Dunkerley fell to Kennedy Ayers/Grace Rosvadoski 6-4, 6-4.

On Thursday, the tennis teams will travel to Cody, with the match beginning at 5 p.m.

"I think we should have fun," Asay said of the trip.

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2017 FALL PHS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, AUG. 25-26 Riverton Invitational, TBD	FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 At Buffalo, 5 p.m.	THURSDAY, OCT. 12 Home vs Cody, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUG. 29 At Lovell, 6 p.m.	TUESDAY, SEPT. 19 Home vs. Worland, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY, OCT. 20 At Riverton, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY - SATURDAY, SEPT. 1-2 MT/WY Border War at Cody, noon on Sept. 1, 8 a.m. on Sept. 2	THURSDAY, SEPT. 21 At Cody, 6 p.m.	SATURDAY, OCT. 21 At Lander, 1 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 Rawlins Invitational, noon	FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 Home vs. Lander, 6 p.m.	FRIDAY - SATURDAY, OCT. 27-28 3A West Regional Tournament at Riverton, TBD
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 Rawlins Invitational, 8 a.m.	SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 Home vs. Riverton, 1 p.m.	THURSDAY - SATURDAY, NOV. 2-4 3A State Tournament in Casper, TBD
TUESDAY, SEPT. 12 Home vs. Billings Senior, 6 p.m.	FRIDAY - SATURDAY, OCT. 6-7 Conference Duals at Mountain View, TBD	

2017 FALL PHS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Powell Panther Josh Wolfe breaks a tackle during Thursday's intrasquad scrimmage at Powell High School. The Panthers open their season at home on Friday against the Douglas Bearcats. Tribune photo by Breanne Thiel

FRIDAY, AUG. 25 Home vs. Douglas, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1 Home vs. Worland, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 At Jackson, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 At Buffalo, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 22 Home vs. Evanston, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 6 Home vs. Green River, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 13 At Star Valley, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 20 At Cody, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 27 Playoff, TBD
FRIDAY, NOV. 3 Playoff, TBD
FRIDAY, NOV. 10 State Championship in Laramie, 3 p.m.

Swimming: First home meet scheduled for Sept. 9

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and that is a form of victory." Smartt also said that, at the Lander Invite, all the athletes will be swimming all four strokes, "so we will get excellent feedback about our current state of fitness and a roadmap for what is necessary to qualify individual athletes for state."

Last year at state, Powell finished in sixth place with a score of 87 points. "It would be nice to significantly increase our point total

and to bring home a trophy from state," said Smartt. The top four teams at state bring home hardware.

'It would be nice to significantly increase our point total and to bring home a trophy from state'

Bob Smartt
PHS head coach

Besides placing in the top four at state, Smartt said "our athletes are also motivated to achieve performances that will rank them in the Powell Girls' Swimming Hall of Fame."

"We have several athletes capable of achieving that standard this year, including our 200 medley relay," Smartt said. "I am especially excited about our 200 medley

relay because it is the first event of the meet and sets the tone for all later performances. Also, a top performance in the medley relay requires four athletes to perform well in four different strokes which requires well balanced, specific training."

The Powell High School girls' swim team will compete at home for the first time of this season on Sept. 9 — the Gene Dozah Invitational. Powell will also host the 3A West Conference meet Oct. 20-21. The 3A state meet is Nov. 2-3 in Gillette at Campbell County High School.

"We have leadership from a strong core of seniors who are setting the pace in practice," Smartt said.

2017 FALL PHS VARSITY SWIM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUG. 26 Lander Invitational, 10 a.m.	THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 Meet vs Worland, 5 p.m.	FRIDAY, OCT. 13 Meet at Cody, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1 Meet at Cody, 3 p.m.	TUESDAY, SEPT. 19 Meet vs Cody, 5 p.m.	FRIDAY - SATURDAY, OCT. 20-21 3A West Conference at Powell, TBD
SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 Riverton Invitational, TBD	SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 Worland Invitational, 10 a.m.	THURSDAY - FRIDAY NOV. 2-3 3A State Meet at Campbell County high school, TBD
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 Meet at Worland, 5 p.m.	FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 Meet at Riverton, 4 p.m.	
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 Home Gene Dozah Invitational, 11 a.m.	SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 Pinedale Invitational, 11 a.m.	

Football: Next home game set for Sept. 1

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kids in general," Buck said. "So that's OK, that's expected."

Buck added that the coaching staff has seen improvement with each practice. On Thursday, Powell's upperclassmen had an intrasquad scrimmage.

"What we saw tonight [Thursday] is about what we intended to see, you don't plan to execute offensively — it's very difficult when you put a big spread of ability and age and experience, especially up front," Buck said. "It's very difficult to execute and run the ball."

Of the scrimmage, Buck said the coaching staff looked at individual performances and how far the players have come, as well as how they executed the plays.

He said the team will "try to put the best 11 together going into next week and preparing for Douglas."

For the season ahead, Buck said it is hard to grade where Powell stands right now.

"There's probably a lot of molding taking place right now," Buck said of the teams around the state.

Powell will have four home games this season, the second against Worland on Friday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. The third will be against Evanston on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. and the fourth and final home game of the regular season will be against Green River on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

"We have a great season this year," Buck said of the schedule.

The first playoff game is set for Oct. 27 with when and where to be determined from conference/season records. The state championship for the 3A classification is Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. in Laramie.

Coach Buck also extended a thank you to the officials who came out to ref the scrimmage game on Thursday night.

"We always appreciate the officials coming out, they've always done a great job in the past and we certainly appreciate them [coming out] tonight," said Buck.

'We got a lot of kids out for football this year.'

Chanler Buck
PHS head coach

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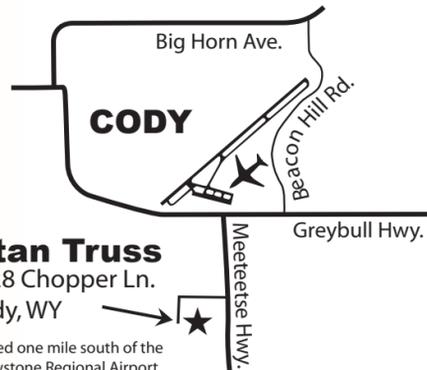


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County minutes

Park County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Vice Chairman Grosskopf called to order a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Present were Vice Chairman Loren Grosskopf, Commissioners Joe Tilden, Tim French, Jake Fulkerson, and Clerk Colleen Renner.

Bill Panos, Director, Wyoming Department of Transportation led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Panos, Director, Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) – RE: Update

Mr. Panos thanked the commission for allowing him to attend the meeting and update them on the projects WYDOT will be working on the next five years. The projects are: Chief Joseph Hwy Level/Chip Seal/Landslide Mitigation which includes approximately 14 miles at the cost of \$4.2M; Hwy 120 Meeteetse to Cody Level/Chip Seal/Overlay approximately 11 miles at the cost of \$4.7M; Hwy 120 Cody-Montana Level/Overlay/Chip Seal approximately 8 miles at the cost of \$3.6M; Hwy 120 Meeteetse to Cody (Meeteetse Rim) Level/Overlay/Chip Seal approximately 5 miles at the cost of \$2.8M; Hwy 120 Cody South to Meeteetse Level/Overlay/Chip Seal approximately 7 miles at the cost of \$6.2M.

The 2012-2022 Airport projects consist of \$6.2M for repairs on the taxi way and to acquire more land for Yellowstone Regional Airport. Powell Municipal Airport will receive \$4.1M for NAVA maintenance and relocation of the access road.

Chairman Lee Livingston joined the meeting at this time.

WYDOT also works with the public transit system in many communities. Thirteen million dollars was given to transit agencies in Park County with funding through the government grant programs. WYDOT works with local government on surface transportation, airport, and railroad projects that need to be accomplished.

Mr. Panos responded to a previously-provided question about the need for a stop light at Belfry and Powell Hwy. Traffic studies indicate the traffic numbers are not there to see a federal investment, but risk management may make it warranted and there are alternatives to accomplish projects with counties and cities.

Commissioner French asked questions regarding the 5 to 3 lane highway between Cody and Powell and the danger it causes at Corbett Bridge, which is the pinch point at the junction of the highway and County Road 2AB. Mr. Panos was not aware of this problem and will do some investigating and ways to make this area safer for all travelers.

Mr. Panos gave an overview of Wyolink. WYDOT is the accountable organization and continues to approach the service from governance, finance and technical aspects.

Mr. Panos addressed the issue of Yellowstone residents' vehicle and driver's license requirements. WYDOT is establishing a relationship with Xanterra and are working on an agreement that will allow Teton County, Park County and the State DMV to establish a remote office three times a year to register employees. This program will begin next year and they are working on details of when and how to accomplish this plan.

Action Items and Other Business:
Approve-Minutes

The minutes from July 18, 2017 were presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Tilden moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and motion carried.

Approve-Payroll
Payroll was presented in the amount of \$703,084.93 which included one bi-weekly payroll, one-time bonus and health insurance to the Board for approval. Commissioner French moved to approve payroll, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and motion carried.

Approve-Vouchers
The following vouchers were presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Tilden moved to approve the vouchers as presented seconded by Commissioner French and motion carried:

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PISTACHIO ALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY	\$250.00
POJMAN, LEDA	\$27.82
POSTMASTER, CODY WY	\$196.00
POWELL ACE HARDWARE, LLC	\$567.03
POWELL ELECTRIC	\$64.17
POWELL TRIBUNE, INC.	\$267.22
POWELL, CITY OF	\$9,321.21
RED BARN	\$45.13
ROCKY MOUNTAIN INFO NETWORK	\$125.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$1,317.64
RODRIGUEZ, ROGELIO & MARIA	\$301.20
SELBYS, INC.	\$60.96
SHOSHONE OFFICE SUPPLY, INC.	\$456.44
SIMPSON, KEPLER & EDWARDS, LLC	\$120.00
SKORIC, BRYAN	\$55.64
STATE OF WYOMING	\$3,268.52
SYSCO FOOD SERV. OF MONT.	\$1,445.11
THREATTRACK SECURITY, INC	\$3,300.00
TRIPLE L SALES	\$357.13
VARDIMAN, JEREMIAH	\$150.87
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$50.04
VISA - #0126 - L. GILLETT	\$15.00
WADDELL, TIM	\$294.25
WAL MART COMMUNITY/GEMB	\$415.61
WAYNE'S BOOT SHOP	\$100.00
WESTERN EMULSIONS INC	\$91,499.13
WHITLOCK MOTORS	\$195.63
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	\$9,562.97
WYO. DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SRV	\$14,602.00
WYOMING FIRE SAFETY, LC.	\$45.15
WYOMING INFORMATION TECH. DIV	\$53.07
WYOMING WATER WORKS	\$54.00
YANKEE CAR WASH	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$241,959.94

Approve and allow Chairman to sign metal salvage contract with Western Metals Recycling, LLC (Travis Hill, Assistant Solid Waste Manager)

Commissioner Fulkerson made a motion to approve the contract agreement as presented, Com-

missioner Grosskopf seconded and motion carried.

Approve and allow Chairman to sign reimbursement request #25, final retainer request for CWSRF #124 (Sandie Morris, Solid Waste Office Manager)

Approve and sign letter relinquishing remaining funds from CWSRF Loan #124 (Sandie Morris, Solid Waste Office Manager)

Park County will relinquish funds in the amount of \$1,498,259.67 with the completion of the Meeteetse, Clark and Powell landfills. The phased reclamation of Area A at the Regional Landfill in Cody is also completed. The final amount reimbursed for all of the projects will be \$3,951,740.33. The original awarded amount was \$5,450,000.00. Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to allow the chair to sign the reimbursement request and to sign the letter. Commissioner Tilden seconded and motion carried.

Discuss donating additional sick time (Mike Garza, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent)

An employee is in need of additional sick time. Commissioner Tilden made a motion to allow additional sick leave donations, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

Set and approve FY 2017-18 Special District Mill Levies (Terrence Call for Pat Meyer, Park County Assessor)

Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to approve the mill levy as presented, raising total taxes in the amount of \$43,423,156.00, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

Certify Irrigation District Assessments (Colleen Renner, Park County Clerk)

Commissioner French moved to certify irrigation assessments for Heart Mountain Irrigation District, Willowood Irrigation District and Cody Canal Irrigation District, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

Approve and allow Chairman to sign malt beverage permit for Smith Mansion Poker Run Fundraiser, August 26, 2017 (Hans Odde, First Deputy Clerk)

Debbie's Junction LLC is requesting a Malt Beverage permit for the Smith Mansion Poker Run Fundraiser. Big Horn County confirms that they are in good standing and hold a current and active license. Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve this request and allow the chair to sign, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

Request permission to advertise for Buffalo Bill Dam and Visitor Center board position (Nicholle Gerharter, Executive Assistant)

Ms. Gerharter reported there was a resignation received for one of the board of directors. She requested permission to advertise August 8 and 15 and to schedule interviews for September 5. Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to allow for the advertising of this position, Commissioner Tilden seconded and motion carried.

~ Convene as Board of Equalization ~

RE: Consider request to allow phone attendance at hearing

The Board of Equalization heard a request from Shoshone First National Bank to attend the equalization hearing via phone. Park County Attorney Bryan Skoric, representing Park County Assessor Pat Meyer, requested that they appear in person to present their case. Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to deny the request for a phone conference, Commissioner Tilden seconded and motion carried.

Commissioner Tilden made a motion to adjourn as Board of Equalization, Commissioner French seconded and motion carried.

Linda Gillett, Planning Director – RE: Public Hearing: Southfork Bridge Flood Permit 5-17, replacement of bridge over the Southfork River and reroute a portion of existing Road 6QS

Ms. Gillett reported this is a bridge replacement project and placement of bank protection located approximately 14 miles from Cody. The current bridge has insufficient clearance for debris in flood conditions and is subject to scour and erosion. The existing bank protection is inadequate; one portion consists of old car bodies that will be removed.

The new bridge will be a 150 foot, three span, two lane structure and has been reviewed by WYDOT. Landowners were notified in the area and no comments were received. Replacement of this structure will improve safety of access to properties in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles. Regulations and enforcement of existing laws of the floodplain are met with this permit.

There being no public comments Commissioner Tilden made a motion to close the public hearing Commissioner Grosskopf seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Tilden moved to approve the flood plain permit and Commissioner French seconded. Commissioner Grosskopf questioned approving the resolution with blanks. Park County Engineer Brian Edwards recommended leaving the amounts blank for flexibility purposes. Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to amend the motion by rewording the resolution to include that fill will come from multiple sources and amount as needed. Motion carried. RESOLUTION 2017-36.

Linda Gillett, Planning Director – RE: Public Hearing: Trout Creek Ranch Flood Permit 11-17, stabilize 480 linear feet of streambank along the north fork of the Shoshone River, 3550 Northfork Highway

Ms. Gillett reported this is a bank stabilization project along 480 feet of river bank to protect wells and structures by placing 730 cubic yards (cy) of rock to bankfull elevation and a formed terrace above with vegetation consisting of 410 cy of topsoil and other fill. No comments have been received from the neighbors.

The river is eroding banks on property and unabated may threaten structures. The purpose of the project is to protect the property and structures from erosion.

The location of the pit where the riprap is trucked should be identified and haul schedule should be clarified.

Chairman Livingston asked for public comments. Brian Edwards, Park County Engineer, asked about the fill of cross section and how far back the bank will be from the original start point.

Chris Wasia of Genesis Engineering, Inc. stated it will mimic the existing bank and will remain at natural break. It will not fill into the river and will not decrease the cross section Commissioner Grosskopf asked about the work schedule. Mr. Wasia stated they are planning for August or September of this year but it may be pushed out a whole year. Commissioner French asked staff how long the resolution is effective and Ms. Gillett stated one year plus the option to ask for a 6-month extension. Commissioner French requested posting signs during to "trucks entering highway" to warn the public similar to the project.

There being no further public comment Commissioner Tilden made a motion to close the public hearing Commissioner Grosskopf seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Fulkerson motion to approve flood plain permit. Commissioner French seconded, and motion carried. RESOLUTION 2017-37

Jerry Parker, Administrator, Fire Protection District No. 2, Park County – RE: Consider resolution to implement burn ban

Mr. Parker reported that with the cooler, wetter weather, he does not feel the need to implement a burn ban at this time. He may readdress the issue of the weather turns hotter and dryer and possibly in anticipation of the upcoming eclipse.

Hans Odde, First Deputy Clerk
RE: Continuation of Public Hearing: New liquor

license application; Brad Wagler, DBA Wagler Meats License #2017-3

Mr. Odde stated that after the last meeting and public hearing Linda Gillett, Planning Director, met with Mr. Wagler and explained the issues with septic system. Mr. Wagler decided to change his application to an off-premise license. If the septic system is corrected, he can request a new license during the renewal process and by going through Planning and Zoning. There were no public comments.

Commissioner Tilden made a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Grosskopf seconded and motion carried.

Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve the liquor license, Commissioner French seconded and motion carried.

Bill Crampton, Public Health Nurse Manager & Cathy Roes, President, Northwest Wyoming Family Planning (NWFP) – RE: Consider proposal to share space at Powell Annex

Mr. Crampton came before the board requesting consideration of NWFP's sharing space at the Powell Annex on Mondays from 1-5 p.m. The Powell office for NWFP was closed several years ago and they feel this could be a "win-win" situation for both entities providing referrals to each other. Title 10 and other programs have had a gap since the closure and they would like this opportunity to offer these to the public in Powell again. After discussion, it was decided to charge \$30.00 per month for the square footage involved. Mr. Crampton will work on a Memorandum of Understanding for all parties to sign.

Commissioner Fulkerson made a motion to approve NWFP's request for shared space with Public Health in the Powell Annex for four hours per week at a cost of \$30 per month, Commissioner Tilden seconded, Commissioners Grosskopf & French opposed the motion, Chairman Livingston voted Aye and motion carried.

Frances Clymer, Park County Library System Director & Greg Bevenger, Park County Library Board – RE: Request permission to hire replacement employees

Ms. Clymer requested permission to replace employees who have resigned in the Cody and Powell Branch Libraries. Commissioner Fulkerson clarified that the Powell Branch will be replacing one full-time and one part-time position and at the Cody Branch the replacements will total 50 hours, either with two part-time employees or one full-time and one part-time employee. No changes should be needed to the budget unless the full-time positions are in different insurance categories.

Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve the request Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

Linda Gillett, Planning Director – RE: Continuation of Public Hearing: Forconi Group Home Special Use Permit-155

Chairman Livingston announced the continuation of the public hearing, held to answer questions and allow for public comment. Commissioner Fulkerson asked staff about lighting and other regulations referenced in a draft resolution. Kim Dillivan, Planner II, stated those parameters are found in the Planning & Zoning Regulations.

Chairman Livingston opened the floor to public comment, asking speakers to state their name for the record and address the Chairman only.

Comments were made in opposition of the permit were heard from Scott Hicswa, Deb Nielsen, John Parsons, Stefani Hicswa and Brad Bonner of Bonner Law Firm on why this 24-hour for-profit business should not be allowed in the area.

Marian Morrison, Mark Westerhold, Lisa Mann and Justina Gray spoke in favor of the permit, commenting on the positives of a business like this for the special needs clients in our area.

Brian Edwards, County Engineer researched the usage of Road 13. It is classified as a secondary road which allows 700 vehicles a day. At the present time, the traffic count showed 250 vehicles on any given day.

After further discussion, Chairman Livingston suggested a continuation of the public hearing to allow the applicant to complete the application. Ms. Forconi stated at this time she could have just built the home and not applied for an SUP. Ms. Gillett stated this is a group home and needs to be reviewed as a group home and not a business.

Commissioner Grosskopf made a motion to continue the public hearing to August 15 at 1 p.m., with no end time, to review with application and finished site plans, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

Adjourn.
Commissioner Tilden made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Grosskopf seconded and the motion carried.

Lee Livingston, Chairman
Loren Grosskopf, Vice Chairman
Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner
Tim A. French, Commissioner
Jake Fulkerson, Commissioner
Attest:
Colleen Renner, County Clerk
Publ., Tues., Aug. 22, 2017

Meeting notice

The Powell Valley Healthcare and Powell Hospital District Board will meet Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in the Conference Room at Powell Valley Hospital.

The Powell Valley District Board meets at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Powell Hospital Healthcare Board at 5:30 p.m.

First Publ., Tues., Aug. 22, 2017
Second Publ., Thurs., Aug. 24, 2017

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 M-F
Between 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phone
First Publ. Tues., Aug. 22, 2017
Second Publ., Thurs., Aug. 24, 2017
Final Publ., Tues., Aug. 29, 2017

Revise cost rates

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) authority to revise its avoided cost rates applicable to Qualifying Facilities (QFs) under its Parallel Generation Rate 57 Tariff (Rate 57) and therefore, also to the Company's net metering customers under its Net Metering Service Rate 58 Tariff

County minutes

Park County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Chairman Livingston called to order a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. Present were Chairman Lee Livingston, Vice Chairman Loren Grosskopf, Commissioners Joe Tilden, Tim French, Jake Fulkerson, and Clerk Colleen Renner.

Jeremy Quist, Assistant County Engineer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Items and Other Business:

Approve and allow Chairman to sign Wyoming Game and Fish Department Agreement R00638, Landfill Electric Fence Project (Nicholle Gerharter, Executive Assistant)

Ms. Gerharter reported we received the contract and the county attorney has given his approval. Commissioner Fulkerson made a motion to approve the agreement and allow the chair to sign, Commissioner Grosskopf seconded, and motion carried.

Approve and allow Chairman to sign Bureau of Land Management Right-of-Way grant for County Road 6WX, serial number WYW-181935 (Jeremy R. Quist, Assistant County Engineer)

Mr. Quist received the final paperwork establishing the Right-of-Way across the Bureau of Land Management. The County Attorney has approved the agreement. Commissioner French made a motion to accept the agreement and allow the Chair to sign, Commissioner Tilden seconded, and motion carried.

Jeremy R. Quist, Assistant County Engineer – RE: Open Bids for Fairgrounds Storm Drainage Improvement Project

Mr. Quist received four bids for this project. Each entity gave a base bid, additive alternate 1, alternate 2, and how many days for completion.

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Days
Harris Trucking	\$117,217.00	\$81,108.00	\$130,083.00	50 days
Jim's Building Service	\$103,764.09	\$81,447.94	\$113,600.00	60 days
EHC, LLC	\$114,632.30	\$84,158.75	\$117,85400	47 days
Nicholson Dirt Contracting	\$101,520.00	\$74,128.75	\$97,050.00	30 days

Recommendations for the bid award will be given next week. Mr. Quist will report on funding sources for this project.

At this time Commissioner Chairman Livingston dismissed himself and Vice Chairman Commissioner Grosskopf took over.

Executive Session.

Commissioner French moved to go into executive session pursuant to Wyoming State Statute § 16-4-405(a) (iii), seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried. No decisions were made in this session. Commissioner Tilden moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Fulkerson and unanimously carried.

Adjourn.
Commissioner Tilden made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner French seconded and the motion carried.

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For Rent

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

POWELL: 1 BEDROOM HOUSE with fridge & stove. 754-3697. (67-68CT)

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: ONE BEDROOM HOUSE with washer/dryer. No smoking, no pets. \$550/mo + utilities. Call 754-5906. (65-68PT)

POWELL: PERFECT FOR ONE - studio apt., clean, modern, \$500, includes utilities, 1-year lease. 202-0692. (55TFCT)

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)

POWELL: IRONWOOD APARTMENTS office now open. 825 E. 7th St. 307-764-5460. (68TFCT)

Parkview Village Apt.
Now accepting applications for clean one and two bedroom apartments.
Utilities paid.
Well Maintained!
Call now! 754-7185 (010CT)

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. runninghorse Realty.com (31TFCT)

CHECK OUT OUR LISTINGS and rental list at www.wyomingproperty.com, The Real Estate Connection, 754-2800. (71TFCT)

Lost & Found

FOUND BY SLCU: black 21-speed men's Huffly Mojave Gulch bike (Mongoose tire on front). 754-2212. (67-68FT)

FOUND BY 3RD/BENT: laundry basket full of clothes. 754-2212. (67-68FT)

FOUND @ BLAIR'S: grey Strattec key with "Sebring" written on it. PPD 754-2212. (67-68FT)

FOUND @ HOME-STEADER PARK; green frisbee and black iPhone with a picture of the character "Deathstorm" when turned on. 754-2212. (67-68FT)

FOUND RECENTLY ON THE back road between Lovell and Byron, a female chocolate-colored dog, possibly lab mix. 754-1019. (66-67FT)

FOUND ON LANE 8 1/2 (600 block); black and white short haired male cat. 754-1019. (66-67FT)

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

To Give Away

FERAL MOTHER CAT AND 8 week old kittens need farm home. Take one or all. 754-1019. (66-67FT)

Organ Donor Info:
The Living Bank
1-800-528-2971



Looking for a Friend?
Caring for Powell Animals
754-1019

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. (09TFFT)

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. (103TFFT)

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

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. (16TFFT)

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. (23TFFT)

A.A. MEETS - NOON, Mon. & Fri., white house in alley east of St. Barbara's church. 254-3267 or 272-4529. (78TFFT)

AA MEETINGS, 146 S. Bent St., use north door, 7 p.m. Mon., Fri., Sat. closed. Wed. open. 764-1805 for further info. (103TFFT)

"OUR KIDS" A SUPPORT GROUP for parents/guardians of children with special needs. 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at 335 N Gilbert, Powell. Free child care provided. For information contact: Brandon Douglas 254-2273, or Adrienne Harvey 754-2864. (85TFFT)

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meeting, every second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. in the Northfork room at West Park Hospital. (60TFFT)

Personals

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. (39TFFT)

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. (37TFFT)

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 (14TFFT)

PARENTS WITH children who have developmental disabilities, needing information, support, or help of any kind, please contact Betty Carmon, Parent Coordinator, 754-3430. (42TFFT)

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. (61TFFT)

POST ABORTION HEALING GROUPS, Serenity PRC (307) 213-5025 (Cody). (52TFFT)

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. (17TFFT)

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. (46TFFT)

Personals

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. (06TFFT)

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. (35TFFT)

WOULD YOU like to speak and read English better? We can help! For more information, call 754-6280. (35TFFT)

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

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ARE YOU PREGNANT and planning to breast-feed? If you want information or have concerns about breastfeeding, please call Park County Public Health at 527-8570 or 754-8570. (37TFFT)

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. (72TFFT)

Services Offered

AMERICAN CLOCK REPAIR - We repair all types of clocks - Grandfather, antiques, cuckoo and wall clocks. We also make house calls! Call 307-682-1570. (67-82CT)

Services Offered

LAWN AND HANDY-MAN 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. (22TF TuesCT)

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. (29TFET)

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!

Services Offered

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/bookkeeping 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. (65,67,70,72,76,77CT)

ARE YOU A CARING person? You are NEEDED! Families of domestic violence and sexual assault want and need someone to care. Please call Crisis Intervention Services at 754-7959 or 587-3545 and put your talents to work. Volunteer today! Thank you. (53ftT)

Help Wanted

BIG HORN ENTERPRISES has an overnight position open in our residential department. This position is 30+ hours per week, 3 nights per week. We offer a competitive starting wage, a \$250 sign up bonus and a generous paid leave benefit. For more information, call 307-754-5101, ext. 18, or pick up an application at 146 S. Bent Street in Powell. (66-68CT)

ACCOUNT CLERK I with the City of Cody Administrative Services Department. Primary duties include a variety of clerical, accounting and administrative duties. High school diploma or GED and at least two years of relevant experience in an office, customer service or accounting setting, or equivalent combination of education and experience are required. Solid background in computer software applications essential. Application and job description available at City Hall, 1338 Rumsey, by emailing dscheumaker@cityofcody.com or on the website www.cityofcody-wy.gov. Application deadline is Friday, August 25th. Starting pay \$14.16 plus City benefit package. The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (65-68CT)

LEGALSHIELD IS LOOKING for a marketing partner in Park and Big Horn counties. Call 307-337-2313 to set interview. (65-67CT)

THE CITY OF CODY is seeking applicants to fill a Seasonal Recreation Assistant position at the Paul Stock Aquatics and Recreation Center. This position would be mainly working the front desk. The schedule will vary including mornings, nights and/or weekends, up to 35 hours per week, October-April. The base pay is \$10.76 per hour. Application available at City Hall, 1338 Rumsey Ave., by emailing dscheumaker@cityofcody.com or on the website at cityofcody.com. Applications will be reviewed as received and position will remain open until filled. The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (65,67,70,72,76,77CT)

NOW HIRING - AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN - Powell, housekeeping position. Apply at the front desk, 307-754-5117. (20TFCT)

ARE YOU A CARING person? You are NEEDED! Families of domestic violence and sexual assault want and need someone to care. Please call Crisis Intervention Services at 754-7959 or 587-3545 and put your talents to work. Volunteer today! Thank you. (53ftT)

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)

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Pre-employment drug testing is required plus clean driving record. Strong customer service skills & is willing to work all shifts & some Saturdays. Able to lift at least 50 lbs.
For more information please contact Dana Richardson at 307-754-3491 or stop by the Big Horn Co-op Store at 311 S. Bent, Powell, WY 82435
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PUBLIC NOTICES
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(Rate 58) to reflect MDU's avoided power supply costs for 2017. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, change, and such further action as deemed appropriate by the Commission.
The avoided energy cost is based on the percentage of energy MDU's resources supply. When the Sheridan, Wyoming, load is 25 MW or less, the Company's 25% share of Wygen III is able to supply the requirements. When the Sheridan load is greater than 25 MW, the additional requirements are provided via MDU's purchased power agreement with Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP PPA). Based on

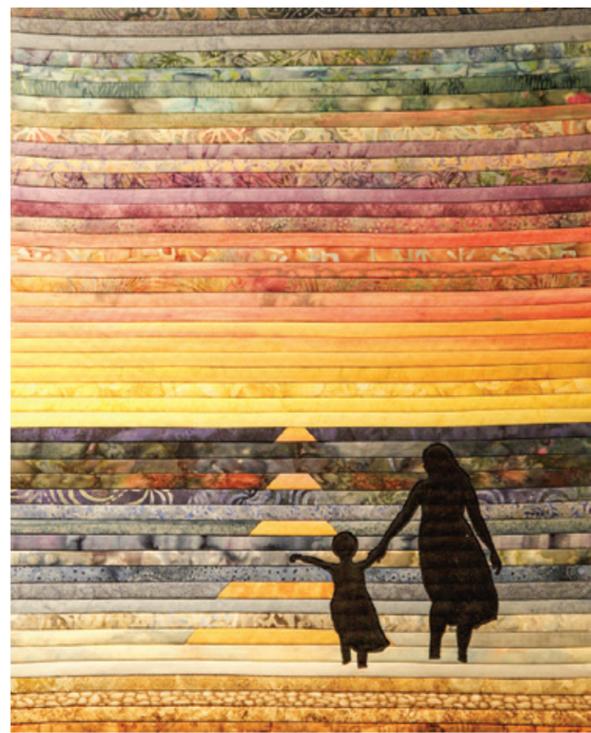
the five-year average, MDU anticipates the Sheridan load will be 25 MW, or less, 15.3% of the time and greater than 25 MW 84.7% of the time. The relative weights applied to each resource's marginal cost produce the proposed weighted avoided energy cost of \$0.02314 per kWh. MDU states the avoided energy cost has increased from that currently authorized due to a change in the total costs reflected in the energy payment for both the Wygen III contract and the BHP PPA. The net result is an increase in the weighted average avoided energy cost of \$0.00150 per kWh from the currently effective rate. MDU additionally pays the avoided capacity payment rate to QFs that contribute to capacity savings. Currently, the capacity payment is \$15.68 and is proposed to be increased by \$0.62 to \$16.30.
Presently, no customers are taking service under Rate 57. The avoided energy payment established for Rate 57, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-16-103(b), is the basis for payment of any annual kWh credit

balance MDU customers taking service under the Company's Net Metering Service Rate 58 may accrue. MDU stated there are 37 customers presently taking service under Rate 58. The Company stated three Rate 58 customers generated more energy than they used over the course of 2016, and MDU paid those customers a total of \$57.00. The Company stated the proposed avoided energy payment rate would increase the rate class's energy payments by \$3.95 if Rate 58 customers were to generate the same amount of energy in excess of their usage in 2017.
MDU's Application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in MDU's Wyoming business offices, and may be inspected by any interested persons during regular business hours.
Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, statement, public comment, or protest in this matter must file with the

Commission in writing on or before September 8, 2017. Intervention petitions and requests for a public hearing shall set forth the grounds on which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.
If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20004-125-ET-17 (Record No. 14683) in your communications.
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'Connections,' by Alice Flyr of Cody, is one of 14 quilted wall hangings in the 'A Place in Someone's Heart,' now on display at First Bank of Wyoming in Powell. 'Connecting to a child in need is the first step to a rescue,' Flyr said in her artist's statement. Tribune photos by Ilene Olson



'Take My Hand,' by Carol Kolf of Sheridan

Quilt display focuses on child abuse awareness

"A place in Someone's Heart" — a quilt show focusing on child abuse awareness and prevention — is on display at the First Bank

of Wyoming in Powell.

The show by the Textile Artists of the Greater Yellowstone consists of 14 wall hangings, each measuring 18 inches by 24 inches. It will remain at the bank through August. It has traveled to many Wyoming communities.

"It's kind of a hard subject to do," Jeanne Knudsen, the group's president, said of the show.

Knudsen designed her wall hanging to look like a little girl's face — her own face as a child — hidden in the print on a newspaper page.

Knudsen said

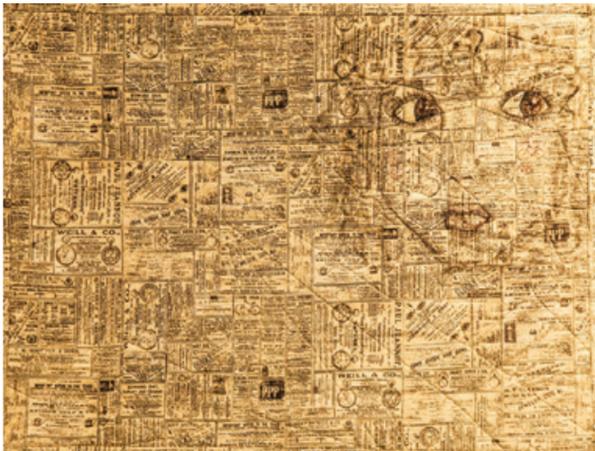
she told a friend about the "A Place in Someone's Heart" quilt challenge. Her friend, who was verbally abused as a child, told Knudsen she used to wish she was invisible when her parents walked in the room.

Knudsen's artist's statement elaborates, "If she could be invisible, her mother would not be able to see her and yell at her. I knew that she had grown up in a home of verbal abuse, but I never knew she lived her entire childhood wishing to be invisible."

After hearing her friend's story, "I tried to make it look like I was invisible," she said. "I think that pretty much says it all."

A written statement about the quilt show says, "Physical or emotional abuse of a child can often be difficult to recognize unless a caring adult or family member takes the time to listen or notice any changes in a child's behavior. It takes 'a place in someone's heart' to report abuse and neglect of a child, volunteer for at-risk kids, become a foster parent, establish a guardianship of a child or adopt a child. These are the people that can change a child's life forever."

— Ilene Olson



'Please, God, make me invisible,' by Jeanne M. Knudsen of Cody



'Love Helps Heal,' by Kathy Hammond of Thermopolis

INSURANCE *Career Opportunities*

The Insurance Market is undergoing a great deal of change. One of the most noticeable changes is not in the insurance products being sold, but rather the dramatic changes in insurance professionals.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there will be 400,000 vacant insurance positions by 2020 due to a mass retirement of baby boomers. As students are returning to school, the Dept. of Insurance wanted to call attention to the insurance career opportunities that lie ahead for qualified individuals.



greater concern to the insurance industry. Companies report it is difficult to recruit employees to a field that is perceived as being boring and limited. Yet, insurance employees refute that negative perception and report a very high rate of job satisfaction.

To counteract the false perceptions of the insurance industry, it is worth noting what the Wyoming Department of Insurance (DOI) does. The DOI is responsible for regulating the business of insurance in the state of Wyoming. The department licenses and regulates insurance companies, risk retention and purchasing groups, motor clubs, preneed funeral homes, agents, brokers, adjusters, and consultants. The DOI approves policy filings, investigates consumer complaints, monitors financial

Nationally, there a number of factors contributing to the insurance employee exit:

1. Mass retirement of the baby boomers.
2. Absence of midlevel industry professionals with 10-15 years' experience to fill the void.
3. Recruiting and retaining millennials in careers that emphasize technology and data-centric skills.
4. Growing need for employees with skills in technology, underwriting, claims analysis, technical writing, customer service, and actuarial expertise.

By the Numbers: Baby Boomers Exit

- 74% - increase in the number of insurance employees aged 55 or over in past decade
- 25% - insurance workforce under age 35
- 50% - insurance workforce to retire by 2030
- 20% - experienced underwriters retiring in next few years
- 70% - insurance adjusters that are over age 40

Labor studies indicate that insurers plan to increase staff in the next 12 months as well as trying to anticipate the looming talent gaps even though 48,300 new insurance jobs were created in the past year. Artificial intelligence and automation will contribute to the employment gap, but the available talent pool is of

condition and solvency of insurance companies and collects premium and surplus lines taxes. The current staff includes auditors, accountants, attorneys, business managers, investigators, consumer experts, clerical personnel, legal assistants, insurance standards consultants, policy analysts, and former insurance agents. Like the national picture, DOI employees have been in their positions for long periods of time, averaging over 15 years each.

Insurers are trying to debunk stereotypes and show young employees the seemingly endless and exciting career opportunities that lie ahead in the insurance field. Some companies are reaching out to high school age students to show them the vast insurance careers in sales, claims, marketing, fraud investigation, technology and more. Traditional insurance jobs in sales, marketing, and financial services will continue but as the industry changes, employers are looking for professionals to use big data and technology also. Even the traditional office spaces will be changing as employers acknowledge that millennials desire greater flexibility and collaborative work space. Consultation, analytics, and creative approaches are in the insurance industry future.

As students head back to class, perhaps they should be encouraged to explore the many career opportunities that could be available to them in the Insurance Industry with education, training, and experience.



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