

Three bears chased from Cody tree

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

It was a typical Saturday for Dale Cowan ... other than the three bears in his tree.

Cowan's home and business, Cowan Construction, are located just south of the Shoshone River, behind the Walmart Supercenter on Cody's West Strip.

Cowan doesn't mind the black bears, but is not a fan of grizzlies — and he couldn't immediately tell which species was in his tree.

"If they were grizzlies, I wanted them out of here," he said.

He called law enforcement at about 3:50 p.m. and was referred to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Luke Ellsberry, a large carnivore biologist for the Game and Fish in Cody, took the call

and headed to Gulch Drive to check on the report.

Up in Cowan's tree were a black bear sow and her two yearling cubs. The location was just on the edge of the city, so Ellsberry decided it

'If they were grizzlies, I wanted them out of here.'

Dale Cowan
Cody homeowner

would be best to just scare off the three bears instead of trying to capture them.

After deploying an air-soft rifle (which shoots plastic, non-lethal BBs)

the bears climbed down from the branches and took off running toward Rattlesnake Mountain, Ellsberry said.

"We expect to see bears [on the Shoshone River] this time of year, so be vigilant if you're recreating near the river," he said.

The biologist said most communities in the area, including Powell, get one or two bears in

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A grizzly cub peeks out from some bushes while foraging with its mother and sibling in the North Fork area of the Shoshone River on Tuesday, in this shot captured by Todd Johnson. The bears have been fattening up for the winter near Newton Creek. On Monday, a judge reinstated federal protection for these and other grizzlies in the Yellowstone region. Photo courtesy Todd Johnson

GRIZZLY PROTECTIONS RESTORED

Reversing feds, judge puts grizzlies back on endangered species list

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

A federal judge has reinstated endangered species protections for grizzly bears in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, ending any chance of a hunt this year — and possibly for years to come.

U.S. District Court Judge Dana Christensen ruled Monday that federal wildlife managers acted illegally and illogically when they delisted the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's grizzly bears last year.

At the outset of his 48-page order, Christensen said he

knows many people have strong feelings about grizzly bears, "from ranchers and big-game hunters to conservationists and animal rights activists."

Many of those strong feelings were expressed immediately after the judge issued his decision — with reactions ranging from outrage to joy — but Christensen stressed that he was only ruling on the law.

"Although this order may have impacts throughout grizzly country and beyond, this case is not about the ethics of hunting, and it is not about solving human- or livestock-grizzly conflicts as a practical or philosophical matter," Christensen wrote.

The judge said his only concern was to answer a yes or no question: Did the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

'Congress should modernize the ESA so we can celebrate successes and focus our efforts on species in need.'

Matt Mead
Governor

Christensen said they did, in three different ways. First, he said Fish and Wildlife officials failed to adequately consider how fewer protections for grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem would impact other pockets of the species across the rest of the continental U.S.

"The Service does not have unbridled discretion to draw boundaries around every potentially healthy population of a listed species without considering how that boundary will affect the members of the species on either side of it," Christensen wrote.

Second, Judge Christensen said Fish and Wildlife

exceed its legal authority" in delisting the Yellowstone area's grizzly bears.

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Powell Valley Healthcare signs new agreement with Heritage Health

POSTS A LOSS IN AUGUST

BY MIKE BUHLER
Tribune Community Editor

The Powell Valley Healthcare Board of Directors and the Powell Hospital District Board of Trustees addressed several topics when they held their monthly meetings back-to-back on Monday afternoon.

The PVHC Board of Directors approved a new agreement with Heritage Health Center in Powell, which is

similar to the current agreement, but has some changes.

According to a provision in the new agreement, Heritage Health Center will be responsible for billing and collecting any amounts due from patients who participate in the center's sliding fee program, including for laboratory and radiological services — and PVHC will waive its right to bill those patients. PVHC will bill patients participating in

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Cowley man killed in rollover north of Powell

A 72-year-old Cowley man died Tuesday morning when his truck rolled over on Lane 5, north of Powell.

John A. Strom crashed around 11 a.m., just east of the lane's intersection with Road 8.

"Through physical evidence at the scene and a witness statement, it was determined that Strom was eastbound ... when he drifted off of the right side of the road onto the shoulder," Lance Mathess, a spokesman for the

Park County Sheriff's Office, said in a Wednesday news release; he noted that the shoulder is very narrow in that area and drops steeply into a ditch.

"Strom overcorrected to his left, causing his vehicle to rotate counterclockwise and enter a sideways slide," Mathess said.

The 2001 Ford F-150 rolled three times before coming to rest right-side

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Personnel from the Powell Volunteer Fire Department and Powell Valley Hospital respond to a fatal crash on Lane 5 Tuesday morning.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis

HOMECOMING ROYALTY



Powell High School's 2018 Homecoming Royalty includes (from left) freshman Jayden Asher, sophomore Abby Landwehr, junior Heidi Barrus and seniors Aubrie Stenerson and Kenadee Bott. The Homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime at Friday night's football game, when the Panthers take on the Star Valley Braves beginning at 6 p.m. Photo courtesy Mike Henry

State sues local women for Medicaid fraud

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

In a pending civil suit, state authorities allege that a Powell woman and her stepmother tried to defraud Wyoming's Medicaid program out of more than \$1,400 last winter.

Investigators say the two family members submitted three bogus timesheets in February and March. The sheets claimed that Amanda K. Smith was providing care to her disabled stepmother, Linda G. Muller of Frannie, at a time when Smith was actually in jail.

"Smith conspired with Muller to present false or fraudulent claims for payment or approval to the Medicaid program," says a portion of the complaint from Travis Kirchhefer, the director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Wyoming Attorney General's Office.

State investigators say they listened to phone calls that Smith placed to Muller from the Park County Detention Center, in which the two discussed their plan to submit the false claims to Medicaid.

The women reportedly admitted the scheme to a state investigator in June, saying "that nobody provided services to Muller while Smith was incarcerated," Kirchhefer wrote.

In responses they mailed to the Park County District Court earlier this month, Smith and Muller offered to repay the money in installments.

Muller said she could pay \$50 to \$100 a month "to resolve this issue." Noting that she is disabled, Muller said she can't afford a lawyer.

Smith similarly wrote that, "I am willing to make payments towards paying the money back." Smith said she

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A pair of Yellowstone National Park visitors make a report to rangers on Saturday morning, about a man who reportedly fired a shotgun at wolves near Sedge Bay. Photo courtesy Steve Torrey

Man reportedly fired shotgun at wolves in Yellowstone Park

RANGERS SEARCHING FOR SUSPECT

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff writer

Yellowstone National Park officials are investigating a report that a man shot at some wolves in the park on Saturday morning.

Witnesses said the incident occurred near Sedge Bay along Yellowstone Lake, after the man's dog chased a deer and after wolves began chasing the dog.

The unidentified man reportedly told park visitors that he'd shot at the wolves because they were chasing his pet, according to accounts those visitors gave to Yellowstone rangers.

Neither of the two visitors witnessed the man firing the shots, but one visitor, from California, spoke with the man shortly after the incident and called Yellowstone law enforcement. The other visitor found shotgun shells at the scene and turned them over

to park rangers.

Rangers found no evidence that any wolves had been wounded, said Morgan Warthin, a Yellowstone spokeswoman.

The gunman reportedly left the scene in a gray SUV, heading toward the interior of the park. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Yellowstone's tip hotline at 307-344-2132.

Warthin noted that, not only is firing a weapon in the park against the law, pets must be controlled at all times.

Three: Decisions on captured bears made on a case by case basis

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town a year. "We've had bears down here before," Cowan said. "No big deal."

In June, a large black bear boar was captured in Cody after raiding a resident's chicken coop, killing three chickens and moving to the First Presbyterian Church on a Sunday morning. The bear was euthanized after the Game and Fish found it to be in poor physical condition.

Earlier this month, a large male grizzly raided fruit trees in Cody city limits and left tracks on a mountain bike trail near Beck Lake. It eluded capture.

Decisions on captured bears in conflict situations are made on a case by case basis by Game and Fish biologists. Some are captured and released in safe bear habitat. Others are euthanized.

A bear, presumably a grizzly, attacked a hiker north of Cody in the Beartooth Mountain range on Sept. 9. Game and Fish personnel did not take any action, saying the bruin appeared to be defending a cache of pine nuts after being surprised by the hiker.

Then on Sept. 14, a hunting outfitter and his client in the Jackson area were attacked by a sow grizzly and her yearling cub

while retrieving an elk killed on a hunt the day before. The outfitter, a father of five, was killed in the attack. Game and Fish personnel later killed the two grizzlies, saying the bears had acted with abnormal aggression.

As of Friday, 48 grizzly bears were known to have died or have been killed in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem this year, according to the U.S. Geological Survey; 34 of those were human-caused deaths — mostly "removals" of grizzlies that attacked livestock or people and were euthanized.

For more Wyoming bear information, visit www.bit.ly/2dGgxWv.

Fraud: Women reportedly admitted scheme to investigator

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could only afford \$20 per month because of ongoing medical bills.

According to the complaint, Muller submitted \$1,445.22 fraudulent timesheets on Smith's behalf. Wyoming Medicaid's payroll processor stopped payments to Smith in March, but the state says she'd already received \$746. Medicaid paid another \$80 to the payroll processor, amounting to a total loss of about \$826.

The suit from the attorney general's office seeks more than just repayment of that loss.

It asks a judge to order Smith to pay back treble damages of about \$2,477 — that is, three times what the state lost — plus somewhere between \$3,000 and \$30,000 in civil penalties.

Meanwhile, the state wants Muller to pay back the \$825.92 in damages and up to \$3,000 in civil penalties. (Under state law, civil penalties for fraud are less severe for Medicaid recipients

than for providers.)

Wyoming Medicaid is run jointly by the federal and state governments. It covers the cost of medical care for low-income and "medically needy" people in the state. Funding comes from both state and federal coffers, the complaint explains.

As an alternative to being placed in, say, a nursing home, Medicaid allows people to receive care in their own home from caregivers they choose.

Known as direct service workers, they can help with dressing, grooming, bathing, hygiene, meal preparation and "other tasks that are essential to the health and welfare of the individual," the complaint says.

Muller hired Smith as a "direct service worker" in April 2017 and Wyoming Medicaid approved the request and began making payments that June.

The trouble started in the early morning hours of Feb. 12, 2018, when Smith tested positive for marijuana and amphetamines and was arrested

by Powell police. Later that day, she pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of using a controlled substance and was ordered to serve 45 days in jail.

Smith wouldn't be released from the Park County Detention Center until March 29.

However, Muller submitted timesheets to Wyoming Medicaid's payroll processor, ACCESS Financial Management Services, that claimed Smith provided care "every day from Feb. 1 through March 15," according to the complaint from the attorney general's office. Muller's case manager found out about Smith's incarceration and confronted Muller on March 23.

"Muller was not able to explain these timesheets," says the complaint.

ACCESS stopped payment on a nearly \$700 check that Smith was due to receive and an investigation was opened, culminating in the filing of the suit late last month.

No hearings have been scheduled in the civil case.

Hospital: Losses not a surprise this time of year, says CEO

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programs or payers required by law to be billed by the completing facility, such as Medicare or Medicaid.

"Heritage does a sliding scale, right, for their patients?" PVHC Chairman of the Board R.J. Kost asked PVHC Chief Executive Officer Terry Odom during the meeting. "And then essentially PVHC just says 'We'll charge this rate for whatever service.'"

"Yes, we negotiate a rate with Heritage Health," Odom responded.

The new agreement also gets rid of the nutrition servic-

es agreement, since Heritage no longer needs that service. The new agreement also provides for Heritage and PVHC to improve their sharing of information concerning mutual patients and other items, such as contract monitoring.

The directors also heard the August financial report, which reflected a loss of \$100,765 for the month. That loss was \$34,122 more than what was projected in the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. While the losses were a bit steeper than expected, such losses do not come as a surprise at this time of the year, Odom said.

"It's still volume," she said.

"We need to increase our volume. We tend to be slower until about September or October."

Kost encouraged the directors to "be cheerleaders" for PVHC as it seeks to increase volume and revenue.

"Talk up the clinic [and] talk up the hospital," Kost said.

In the Powell Hospital District Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees voted to accept the bid from Yellowstone Electric to replace a pair of 75 KVA transformers for the hospital. Yellowstone's bid was \$5,260, which was more than a third lower than the runner-up bid from Powell Electric.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Rebecca Scott

(Nov. 2, 1925 - Sept. 25, 2018)

Mary Rebecca Scott, 92, died Sept. 25, 2018, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Funeral Mass services will be held at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell on Saturday Sept. 29, 2018, at 10 a.m.

The family has requested that condolences be sent to them online at www.thompsonfuneral.net. or to P.O. Box 807, Powell, WY 82435.

Shirley (Menuey) Hedrick

(Sept. 7, 1934 - Aug. 23, 2018)

Shirley (Menuey) Hedrick, 83, of Tucson, Arizona — formerly of Powell — died Aug. 23, 2018. Services are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Union Presbyterian Church in Powell.

Democratic candidates visit Powell

BY MIKE BUHLER
Tribune Community Editor



MARY THRONE



GARY TRAUNER

With the general election just a few weeks away, the Democratic candidates for governor and U.S. Senate both hosted events in Powell on Monday afternoon.

Gubernatorial candidate Mary Throne of Cheyenne visited the campus of Northwest College at noon, while Senate candidate Gary Trauner of Wilson visited Gestalt Studios at the Polar Plant later that day.

Throne faces Republican candidate Mark Gordon, who's the current state treasurer, Constitution party nominee Rex "T-Rex" Rammell of Rock Springs and Libertarian Lawrence Struempf of Laramie. They're all vying to replace Republican Gov. Matt Mead.

Trauner, meanwhile, is challenging incumbent U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., along with Libertarian Joseph Porambo of Casper.

While speaking at Northwest, Throne told a crowd of about 50 people that she wants to end the toxic Washington-style partisanship that has taken root in Cheyenne.

"The first few years I was in the Legislature, I really felt like the place was functioning well — we tended to park our partisanship at the door and come together to find solutions," said Throne, who served in the state House from 2007 through 2016. "But the last few years I was there — and this is one of the main reasons I jumped into the governor's race — it became much more like D.C., much more toxic, much more about loyalty to the party and not loyalty to the people."

One major topic that came up at Throne's town hall was economic diversification and reducing the state's financial dependence on fossil fuels.

"It is not Wyoming's fate or destiny to be a boom and bust state," Throne said. "But our leaders make it that way with the decisions they make in Cheyenne."

She told the crowd that Wyoming's economy needs more than just basic diversity, emphasizing a need for more small manufacturers and to pursue more recreation and tourism opportunities. She also said the state needs to broaden its tax

base.

"If we grow the economy without broadening our tax base, we actually get nowhere," Throne said. "And don't let anybody try and tell you any different. You just can't get there from here without changing the tax structure."

Health care was another topic that Throne was asked about Monday. She stated her support for Medicaid expansion in Wyoming, adding that the state has lost access to more than half a billion federal dollars by refusing to do so.

"That was the worst decision not made in the Legislature in the 10 years that I was there," Throne said of the Legislature rejecting Medicaid expansion years ago, which earned her applause.

Throne also said that she wants to represent the entire state, not just Democrats.

"I don't care if an idea is a Democratic idea, conservative idea, a liberal idea, a progressive idea ... I just want to know that

prices are in line with what the county paid a couple years ago. So, in this economy especially, "I feel like we're getting a good price there for that," he said.

While the county's waiting for the new trucks, they'll keep using the old ones, which will maintain their trade-in value.

"That isn't all bad," said Commission Chairman Loren Grosskopf.

"We just keep putting miles on a truck that they [the dealer] technically own."

The only risk is if the machines were to break between now and the arrival of the new ones; any repairs would be the county's responsibility. They will not be used unnecessarily, said Ron Nieters, the foreman of the Cody road and bridge crew.

"We'll use them when we need them," Nieters said. "When we don't, we'll leave them."

EMTs and fire units searched the area to make sure there were no other passengers in the vehicle, Mathess said.

He said the sheriff's office is continuing to investigate the crash, including whether alcohol was involved.

He predicted that the low

it's going to work," Throne said. "Because sometimes I think in the current climate, we get way too hung up on labeling something."

In a similar vein, Trauner's campaign slogan is "Country before party." The candidate said he supports many positions that President Donald Trump professed support for while running for the office in 2016: saving Social Security and Medicare, lowering drug prices and expanding infrastructure.

"I say, 'Look, I get it,'" Trauner said. "Wyoming voted for the president even though they knew he wasn't perfect because [they] wanted to shake things up. Why stop there?"

Not surprisingly, health care was also a major topic at Trauner's town hall.

"I think the answer is let's insure every single person in this country, make them all part of one risk pool, and spread the risk," Trauner said.

While Trauner supports universal healthcare insurance, he said that it does not automatically have to be Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' "Medicare For All" plan.

"There's different ways to get there," Trauner said. "I consider myself a pragmatist in the sense that some people are just, 'It's Medicare for all or bust' — [that] kind of thing. I was the COO of a hospital and that's where we need to go over time, absolutely, but there's different ways to get there."

Trauner also said the first bill he would sponsor would be to say that members of Congress can't get perks not available to the public.

One attendee asked Trauner why he's a Democrat.

"Because I value people more than money," Trauner responded. "Because I don't understand when it became the priority in Washington, D.C. to make sure that large corporations can earn a little bit more profit as opposed to protecting people in their everyday lives."

Trauner also told the group of 10-15 people at the Polar Plant that he has seen polls indicating his race to unseat Sen. Barrasso is a "dogfight."

"Elections are job-performance reviews for incumbents and they're job interviews for challengers," Trauner said of the election.

Wildfire south of Jackson claims 20 homes

BY SHANE SANDERSON
Casper Star-Tribune
Via Wyoming News Exchange

A wildfire burning in the Bridger-Teton National Forest consumed more than 20 homes and nearly 50,000 acres by Tuesday afternoon.

The Roosevelt Fire has forced 500 people to evacuate their homes in the week-and-a-half since it began, roughly 30 miles south of Jackson. Authorities have not publicly identified the fire's cause.

The more than 800 firefight-

ers working the blaze had it about a quarter contained Tuesday. Ten helicopters and multiple airplanes were assisting the 21 crews and 47 engines on the ground by spraying fire retardant and burning out potential fuel along the highway.

The blaze forced the closure of U.S. Highway 189/191.

All of the destroyed homes were in the Hoback Ranches subdivision.

Some areas are without power or cellphone service as a result of the fire, which prompted the evacuation of the small community of Bondurant

and several rural subdivisions in the area.

Evacuation orders remain in place, with shelters available in Pinedale and Jackson Hole.

Other fires are burning across Wyoming including the Marten Creek Fire (6,300 acres) and the Ryan Fire (19,962 acres).

"Public safety and firefighter safety are the top priority," Gov. Matt Mead said. "I have asked that all resources necessary to fight these fires be made available. My heart is with those whose property and homes are in harm's way and the firefighters working to protect them."

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Bustling economy means county must wait on new equipment

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

A strong economy means that Park County's road and bridge department will have to wait a bit longer than expected to get nearly \$345,000 worth of new heavy equipment.

The county had hoped to get two new end dump trucks and one tandem-axle tractor by next May. But none of the dealerships that bid on the machinery expects to be able to deliver by that date.

Why? "Just because the economy's so good, there's such a demand for equipment," Park County Engineer Brian Edwards explained to county commissioners last week. Among the various manufacturers, "no one's able to commit to a May 1 deadline," he said.

Although it's unclear when the equipment will be delivered, Edwards encouraged commissioners to go forward with the purchases.

He predicted that the low

bidder, Jack's Truck and Equipment of Casper, is "going to push like crazy" to get the machines delivered.

"We're looking at it like they want to sell us a truck ... so they're going to do everything possible to get this \$270,000 [plus] from us and give us the truck," Edwards said.

Commissioners agreed to accept the bids — including paying a few thousand dollars more to buy Western Star instead of Freightliner trucks.

From the county's experience, "it's just a little bit better of a truck, and the guys from Jack's trucking tell us that," Edwards said.

With trade-ins of the county's current units, the machines came to a net cost of \$276,150 on the two dump trucks and \$68,082 on the tractor.

While the equipment isn't cheap, Edwards said the

'Just because the economy's so good, there's such a demand for equipment.'

Brian Edwards
County engineer

Rollover: No other passengers in the vehicle

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Strom, who was not wearing his seatbelt, was ejected out the driver's side window onto the road and died at the scene, Mathess said.

The crash was reported to the sheriff's office at 11:05 a.m., with personnel from that office, Powell Valley Hospital, the Powell Volunteer Fire Department and a Wyoming Highway Patrol trooper responding.

EMTs and fire units searched the area to make sure there were no other passengers in the vehicle, Mathess said.

He said the sheriff's office is continuing to investigate the crash, including whether alcohol was involved.

Becoming street legal

My wife and I were shocked one day last week when we opened our mail.

Well, maybe shocked is too strong. It was more like we were a little surprised, but the surprise was a bit magnified because we were somewhat mystified by what one rather small bit of paper in the mail told us. It seems that one of our vehicles had been spotted in a local parking lot bearing a license plate decorated with an incorrectly colored sticker. Somehow, we had failed to renew the license of one of our cars in August, when it was due. That meant we or, more properly or, in the case of that particular car, yours truly, had been driving with an invalid license plate for a month without being detected.

The ticket that arrived in the mail was only a warning, so it really wasn't that big a deal, but we were puzzled about why our failure to buy the new tags occurred. We are not totally obsessive about our finances, but we keep pretty close track of them. We make every effort to pay bills when they are due, but sometimes we slip up, and maybe this was what happened this time.

It's also rare when we receive a traffic ticket. I don't think Karen has ever been cited, and during my six decades of driving, I have earned only three

tickets for speeding and a few more for parking violations. I've also received more warnings than I can count, so I am sometimes guilty of speeding, but nothing outrageous.

Both of those considerations prompted us to discover what had happened and why it had happened. Our search turned up two facts.

First, we had not written a check to Park County during August, and second, the postcard the county treasurer sends out to remind us that it's time to renew the license was not among the current bills we need to pay. That led us to believe that we had never received such a card.

Fortunately, it was Monday, one of the days when the treasurer sends somebody over to Powell to serve us, so we jumped in the car — not the one with the expired tag — and headed for the Park County Annex to get right with the law. When we presented our problem to the nice lady there and she looked us up, she discovered two mistakes had been made a few months earlier when we bought a new car.

I began assessing our automotive status last spring. At the time, we owned two Toyota Camrys, a green one and a blue

one. The former was nearly 19 years old and had traveled more than 200,000 miles. The blue one was approaching 11 years old and had passed 100,000 miles a couple of years ago. Now, I have been buying Camrys since 1991 because they are tremendously dependable cars. Even so, the thought that



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we would be increasingly dependent on two such aging pieces of machinery was a little scary, especially given our advanced age.

I decided that we should buy another Camry, one that would be useful for at least a decade. In addition, a new car might have all the new safety features, like the buzzer that sounds if you drift out of your lane or the light that tells you if there is a car in your blind spot. Such features might enable older folks such as Karen and me to drive safely. A more hedonistic reason is that I figured that the next car I would buy would be my last. Not only that, but I thought the time would come that someone — probably my wife — would tell me to quit driving. If that was to be the case, I decided, I wanted to drive one more new car.

So, one Sunday afternoon, we took a stroll through Garvin's

lot, and there it was. A bright red Camry with all those safety bells and whistles as well as front seats that will warm our fannies next winter. The next day, we went out and bought it, trading in the blue car and keeping the nearly green one.

A couple of weeks later, we dropped by the courthouse to take care of the sales tax and license, and that's when the trouble started. I explained that we no longer had the blue car so the license should be transferred to the red one, but apparently, I didn't make myself entirely clear. The blue car to red car transfer had been made correctly, but then the license for the green car was transferred to the blue one. Since the green car was now off the books, the office didn't send out the reminder to have it renewed.

Well, the nice lady said she would have to go back to Cody to straighten out the mess, and we could come back the next day and complete the process.

We are once again driving two legally registered Camrys and, for the first time in over a decade, driving down the road with that new car smell in our nostrils as well as a whole bunch of lights and bells helping us stay in our own lane, maintaining our distance from the car ahead and seeing what's behind us when in reverse.

Automotively speaking, all is right in our world again.

POWELL TRIBUNE

IN OUR OPINION

An endangered species success story to celebrate

After a Montana judge reinstated federal protections for grizzly bears on Monday, the iconic species is dominating headlines once again — and rightfully so.

But before we weigh in on the latest decision in the ongoing bear battle, we want to instead recognize a much smaller species: the black-footed ferret.

It's a big week for the little animal. On Friday, several more black-footed ferrets will be released near Meeteetse.

The event marks another chapter in one of the greatest conservation success stories in our country's history.

As North America's only native ferret species, black-footed ferrets were believed to be extinct. Then along came a dog named Shep, who proudly brought home a dead ferret to his Meeteetse family's doorstep in 1981. Dog owners usually aren't thrilled with the dead animals their canine companions bring home, but in Shep's case, he truly had a prize.

Lucille and John Hogg — Shep's owners — took the animal to a taxidermist, who recognized it as a black-footed ferret.

A biologist later told the Los Angeles Times, "we figure it's a toss-up right now as to which is the rarest North American mammal — these ferrets or the Florida panther."

Biologists discovered a colony of roughly 120 ferrets living on the Pitchfork Ranch.

But the rare ferrets weren't out of the woods yet. Due to disease, their numbers eventually dwindled to just 18. At that point, the remaining wild ferrets were taken into a captive breeding program.

While there were bumps along the way, black-footed ferrets made it back to Meeteetse in 2016, as 35 of the critters were released on the Pitchfork and Lazy BV (Hogg) ranches.

Friday's release of ferrets is the latest step in the reintroduction effort.

"These releases are necessary due to the relatively short lifespan of the ferrets, due to natural causes and predation," Meeteetse Museums said in a news release.

Meeteetse Museums will host its annual celebration of the endangered animal on Friday from 2-4 p.m., and it's good to see the ferrets get their moment in the limelight.

Ferrets aren't as controversial as some of their fellow carnivores. They don't kill livestock, nor do they attack hikers and hunters. While they can be quite vicious to prairie dogs, ferrets don't have a bad reputation in Wyoming. They're more like an adorable mascot for the Endangered Species Act.

Black-footed ferrets are a classic example of how the Endangered Species Act can work. Without intervention and conservation efforts, the rare species likely would be extinct, as was feared decades ago.

As its name implies, the Endangered Species Act was created to protect animals that are truly endangered and threatened, like the black-footed ferret. We appreciate when the act protects species in need, but find it frustrating when recovered animals continue to be listed, as is the case with grizzlies.

"Biologists correctly determined grizzly bears no longer needed ESA protections," Gov. Matt Mead said in a Monday statement. "The decision to return grizzly bears to the list of threatened and endangered species is further evidence that the ESA is not working as its drafters intended ..."

When biologists declare a species has recovered, but it continues to receive federal protections, it's like continuing to cry wolf. As a result, many Wyomingites have lost faith in the Endangered Species Act and the listing process — or in the grizzly's case, the process of delisting, relisting, delisting and relisting over the past decade.

Although the recent decisions and endless court cases can make us disillusioned, the story of the black-footed ferret is a reminder of why the Endangered Species Act exists in the first place. A new generation of ferrets will venture out into the wild, not far from where their species was rediscovered and given another chance. It's a conservation story that has come full circle — and that's worth celebrating.

Tessa Baker

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Three big boys, a small world for Mead and a new rodeo show

One of the most interesting people in eastern Wyoming is Patsy Bixby Parkin of Wheatland.

Not only is she a wonderful historian; she and her three sons should be in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Some 40 years ago, Patsy gave birth to the heaviest triplets ever born in the entire world. Well, here is how she recalls it:

"I was just notified that Dave, Dan, and Donny hold the record for the heaviest triplet birth in the U.S. — 23 pounds, 4 ounces. As soon as they verify my records, the boys could be listed in Guinness Book of Records! Considering they were a total surprise and were born full-term in a normal birth, they really are a miracle — now they'll be famous!"

However, she later found that her quest for the record book might not make it.

"I spent all afternoon trying to figure out the complicated final application and when I finally hit the submit button, my Internet connection went down (again)," she wrote. "Also, they want the signature of the attending physician, who has been dead for several years.

My sons are now 40, after all, but still weighed more at birth than the current record holders — which makes it even more amazing. So they may never show up in Guinness, but you and I will always know the truth about how special they are."

And speaking of three of a kind, Gov. Matt Mead recently made a trip to San Diego and ran into three Wyoming natives in the oddest of places.

Mead was invited to visit the Aircraft Carrier Stennis in August. He drove to Denver and flew on Southwest Airlines. The captain of the plane invited him to the cockpit to look around. He was from Star Valley.

Later, on the Navy carrier, Mead was able to take off and land, which was an amazing experience. He went from 0-160 mph in less than two seconds. Lots of G-forces. He was only able to stay on the carrier for one night. The sailor in charge of steering the giant ship was a small woman, who really knew her stuff, according to Mead.

His pilot on that plane was a Naval Academy graduate from Jackson Hole.

On his Southwest flight back to Denver, the co-pilot of the plane was from Cody. Those Wyomingites are everywhere!

And that includes Hollywood, too.

Dave Lerner operates a fine internet company in Cheyenne called WyomingNetwork.com. He recently shared with me some good news about his son Steve Lerner, a very talented screenwriter, who works in Hollywood.

The team that created the super successful cable TV show The Americans has announced they are doing a pilot for a new show called Breckman Rodeo, based on Steve Lerner's scripts and characters.

A news story in the showbiz bible Variety recently detailed that the team of Joe Weisberg and Joel Fields (who created The Americans) has teamed with Lerner for the new TV series.

The new show is about a high

school rodeo team in Cheyenne.

"It will center on a character named Ashley, described as a rodeo-as-hell sparkplug who refused to stay within the lines that have been drawn for her, and her boyfriend Brant, a rodeo prodigy, torn between a content quiet life and the rocky climb to superstardom," according to the story in Variety.

"Ashley, Brant and their friends will have to reconcile the traditional values of their sport and their upbringing with the changing realities of the 21st century."

Young Lerner concluded: "Growing up in Wyoming, I loved going to the rodeo. I'm excited to bring the stories and people of my hometown to the screen."

Sounds like a great show about Wyoming and the West. It will join Longmire and Yellowstone as recent shows based on our part of the country.

(Check out additional columns at www.billsniffin.com. Sniffin, a longtime Lander journalist, has published six books. His coffee table book series has sold 34,000 copies. You can find them at www.wyomingwonders.com.)

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Pet crematorium coming to rural Cody

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

The Cody area is getting its first pet crematorium, as Park County commissioners have allowed one to be installed in a neighborhood southeast of town.

Last week, commissioners unanimously granted a special use permit that allows an incinerator to be operated outside the Prairie Summit Veterinary Services clinic. Dr. Amanda Marsh runs the clinic out of her home's basement and some outbuildings on Road 3DX, about 2 miles outside Cody.

One of Marsh's veterinary technicians, Tina Bloxham, is operating the crematorium.

Bloxham told county officials that she wants to start the service in Cody "so residents and veterinary hospitals here in town will no longer need to send animals to Powell for cremation."

Bloxham said she currently transports deceased Cody area pets to Bighorn Animal Care Center's crematorium in Powell — then she often brings the animal's ashes back to Cody to be returned to their owner.

Bloxham said she's been developing the proposal for years, working to secure a "high-quality no-emission, EPA-approved" incinerator "to prevent any negative effect on the neighborhood and its

residents." The roughly 14 by 9 foot, gas-powered machine from Therm-Tec will be housed inside a building and should create little noise, she said. Animals will generally be dropped off at veterinary clinics instead of the crematorium itself, so the increase in traffic should be minimal, Bloxham said.

Animal ashes will either be returned to their owner or properly disposed of — either in a landfill or, with permission, on private property, she said.

Two neighbors voiced objections to the crematorium in a letter and at a public hearing on Sept. 18, while two others spoke up to say they had no problem with the plans.

Commissioners actually held two public hearings for two separate special use permits: one for the crematorium and one for Dr. Marsh's clinic.

Park County Planner Kim Dillivan said that, after Bloxham applied for the crematorium, his office discovered that Marsh had never obtained a required permit for Prairie Summit Veterinary Services and had been operating in violation of the county's zoning rules.

Marsh said she apparently misunderstood some prior conversations she'd had with Dillivan, thinking she only needed a permit if she built a large structure next to her home.

With her husband, Trapper, be-

ing an employee in the county engineer's office, "there was no way I was like, 'Maybe I can skirt it [the rules].'" Marsh explained.

"I certainly appreciate you trying to get into compliance," said Commissioner Joe Tilden, who later joined a unanimous vote to approve the permit for the business.

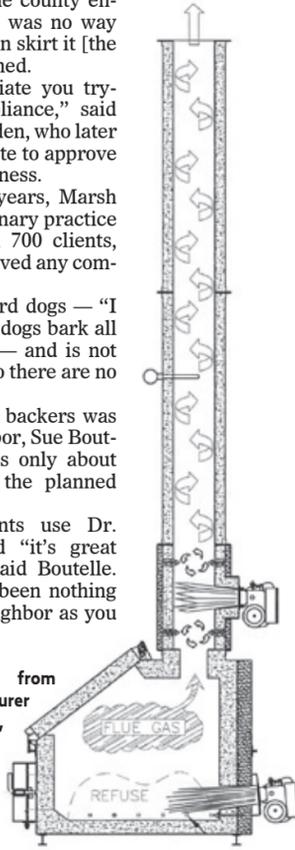
Over the past two years, Marsh has built up her veterinary practice to include more than 700 clients, and "we have not received any complaints," Dillivan said.

Marsh does not board dogs — "I don't want to listen to dogs bark all night long," she said — and is not set up to treat cattle, so there are no large cattle trailers.

One of the project's backers was Marsh's closest neighbor, Sue Boutelle, whose home lies only about 125 feet away from the planned crematorium.

Many area residents use Dr. Marsh's services and "it's great having her handy," said Boutelle. She said Marsh "has been nothing but as compliant a neighbor as you could ask for."

This detailed diagram from Therm-Tec, the manufacturer of the animal crematory, was submitted to the county's planning and zoning department during the permitting process. Courtesy image



HIGHWAY 31 PAVING WRAPS UP

Paving is expected to be complete this week on the Wyoming Highway 31 improvement project between Manderson and Hyattville.

"Citizens should expect 20-minute traffic delays between mileposts 14.5 and 19.5 on WY31, which is 14.5 miles to 19.5 miles from Manderson," said WYDOT Basin/Worland resident engineer Michael Miller. "Paving is scheduled to be completed this week."

Chip sealing on the project

will be completed next summer. Prime contractor on the \$1.8 million project is Mountain Construction of Lovell.

The Manderson-Hyattville project includes concrete extensions, culvert extensions, minor slope flattening, and asphalt milling, an asphalt pavement overlay and chip sealing.

Contract completion date is Oct. 31. For more information, contact WYDOT public relations specialist Cody Beers at 307-431-1803.

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A worker cuts down a juniper on public lands located on the upper South Fork, south of Cody. Courtesy photo

Conifers cleared from upper South Fork

Wielding chainsaws, a private contractor and Shoshone National Forest crews recently removed juniper and other cone-bearing trees from 220 acres of public lands on the upper South Fork of the Shoshone River.

The Wyoming Game and

Fish Department, which assisted with the project, said the goal was to stop conifers encroaching into sagebrush and grasslands that make up crucial winter range for bighorn sheep, elk and mule deer.

"As conifers increase, they

out-compete sagebrush and grasses, critical forage components for wintering big game," the Game and Fish said in a release. "Additionally, bighorn sheep generally avoid areas of conifer encroachment because of reduced visibility."

The project was funded by Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation, Shoshone National Forest and Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

CONTROLLED BURNS PLANNED IN SHOSHONE FOREST OUTSIDE OF CODY

Shoshone National Forest officials plan to burn several areas northwest of Cody this fall, as weather and fuel conditions allow.

The prescribed fire projects will reduce hazardous fuels and enhance wildlife habitat, forest officials say. The projects include:

- Up to 150 acres will be treated along Wyoming Highway 296 northeast of Dead Indian Campground. This project will restore open grass and scrub communities

as well as provide fuel breaks for private property and improvements.

- Approximately 100 acres will be treated east of Dead Indian Overlook. This project will reduce conifer encroachment into meadows and improve fuel break continuity in proximity to powerlines and communication infrastructure.

- Up to 300 acres near the junction of Wyo. Highway 296 and U.S. Highway 212 will be treated to provide fuel breaks near

private property and improvements.

Signs will be posted in project areas and officials will notify adjacent landowners prior to starting the fires. Smoke may be visible from the surrounding areas during these projects.

For more information about the projects, contact North Zone Fire Management Officer Beau Kidd at 307-578-5206 or North Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer Shawn Gettings at 307-578-5207.

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DIGEST

WEATHER REPORT

Date	High	Low	Precip.
09.19	59.5	45.4	.09
09.20	63.4	43.2	.04
09.21	72.5	35.7	.00
09.22	76.5	45	.00
09.23	66.5	44.8	.00
09.24	58.9	41.1	.01
09.25	60.5	37	.00

(Information provided by Powell-weather.net and Weather Underground).

CIRCUIT COURT

SEPT. 8 TO 20
All offenses are misdemeanors. Unless otherwise noted, people are from Powell and any probation is unsupervised.

VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

- Gust R. Mastro of Worland paid \$715, no proof of auto insurance, no valid registration and no seat belt.
- Cody A. Clawson of Cody must pay \$555, no valid auto insurance.
- Bradford L. King must pay \$535, driving with a suspended license.
- Colt Jessie Kolacny must serve 10 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$455, driving without a required ignition interlock device.
- Bruce M. Bissonette of Laurel, Montana, must serve seven days in jail, six months probation and pay \$355, driving with a suspended license for a second or subsequent time.
- William D. Harden of Pefferlaw, Ontario, paid \$245, vehicle over permitted weight.
- Shannon R. Froehlich of Ralston paid \$200, no valid registration and failure to drive within a single lane.
- Wyatt Bears of Hulett must pay \$155, prohibited color of window tint.
- Frederick H. Johannsen Jr. paid \$135, no valid driver's license.
- Christopher S. Archibald of Norcross, Georgia, paid \$125, failure to stop at port of entry with a commercial vehicle.
- Jose T. Flores Patiño of Hanford, California, paid \$125, failure to stop at port of entry with a commercial vehicle.
- Thomas A. Hofer of Lethbridge, Alberta, paid \$120, vehicle over permitted weight.
- Justin D. Jarrett of Cody paid \$85, no valid registration displayed.
- Madeline P. Pollock of Laurel, Montana, paid \$75, driving with an obstructed windshield.
- Joel C. Bendixen of Cowley paid \$60, failure to notify the transportation department of a change in address.
- Fred L. Walker paid \$25, no seat belt.

SPEEDING

- Jonathan M. Morrow paid \$120.
 - Gary C. Buckingham paid \$115.
 - Dalton M. McMillan paid \$110.
 - Jose L. Garcia paid \$100.
 - Miria S. Good paid \$88.
- ## OTHER VIOLATIONS
- Jayme E. Brazelton must serve 30 days in jail, one year of probation and pay \$1,265, driving while under the influence of alcohol for a third time in 10 years and a turning violation.
 - Audrey Lynn Estes must serve 20 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$1,255, possessing a controlled substance and no proof of valid auto insurance.
 - Kyle Josten Espinoza must serve 45 days in jail, one year of probation and pay \$1,105 to the court and \$431.48 in restitution, two

MEET MARVIN



Marvin is an adult male short-haired orange cat that was found recently on Seventh and Absaroka streets. He is very friendly with an easygoing attitude. If you are interested in adopting Marvin or another shelter animal, call Caring for Powell Animals/Moyer Animal Shelter at 754-1019. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

counts of using another person's credit card without permission and theft.

- Brandon Paul Coble of Lovell must serve 15 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$455, using a controlled substance.

POLICE REPORT

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

SEPTEMBER 8

- 1:43 a.m. Dispatch received a report regarding a male who assaulted another male on East Coulter Avenue. The incident was reported under investigation.
- 4:19 a.m. A caller on East Coulter Avenue reported an elderly man trying to get into a vehicle in the area. Officers responded, but the man was gone.
- 8:59 a.m. A resident at South Absaroka Street/East Coulter Avenue reported three men were targeting a juvenile via Facebook. The resident said the males had been blocked. Responding officers were unable to contact the juveniles' parents and were going to leave the incident open until parents were notified.
- 9:16 a.m. A resident on East Coulter Avenue reported he was missing a brown Carhartt wallet.
- 11:46 a.m. A caller on North Cheyenne Street reported that she thinks she misplaced her .38 pistol. She was going to call back with information if she decided to report the incident.
- 1:15 p.m. A caller on Avenue H reported someone had been bitten by a white pit bull mix. Responding officers spoke with the victim.
- 4:13 p.m. A resident on North Clark Street reported she believed her son stole her credit card. Responding officers contacted the resident, who advised she would call again if the card was not returned.
- 6:53 p.m. A caller on East Fifth Street reported a potentially suicidal subject who lived outside the city limits. The caller was directed to the correct agency.
- 9:23 p.m. Dispatch received a

noise complaint on North Cheyenne Street. Responding officers contacted an individual playing loud music, who said they would keep the music down.

- 11:25 p.m. A traffic stop on North Bent/East Seventh streets resulted in a warning to the driver for side tail light out and a citation to the driver for underage drinking.

SEPTEMBER 9

- 12:38 p.m. An iPhone was found on South Clark Street and brought into the law enforcement center.
- 4:37 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a male subject who had just left a business on West Park Street highly intoxicated. A responding officer searched for the described vehicle, but did not locate it.
- 4:43 p.m. A small, square wallet was reported lost on South Bent Street. The wallet had blue buttons on it with white whales.
- 5:06 p.m. A black, tri-fold canvas wallet was reported lost in the Powell area.
- 6:28 p.m. David Holloway, 35, of Powell, was arrested on Avenue C on an active Park County circuit court warrant.
- 10:14 p.m. A resident on North Absaroka Street reported that, every night after 10 p.m., a neighbor starts playing music and bass thumps loudly. Responding officers spoke with the resident who said they will either turn it down or wear a headset in the future.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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SEPTEMBER 7

- 10:59 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted a man at the Powell emergency room who wanted an escort to his residence on Lane 12 in the Powell area. He reported being afraid of his roommate.
- 11:16 p.m. Dogs were reported to be barking nonstop and keeping everyone awake on Lane 9 in the Powell area. A dispatcher could hear them barking over the phone. The sheriff's office was unable to assist.

SEPTEMBER 8

- 3:45 a.m. A male was reported to have fallen and possibly broken his leg on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 east of Cody, off Blue Bird Lane.
- 11:12 a.m. A phone was reported to have been stolen from Park Avenue in Meeteetse on Labor Day.
- 12:26 p.m. A caller on Lane 12 in the Powell area asked to have a deputy stand by while they retrieved property.

SEPTEMBER 9

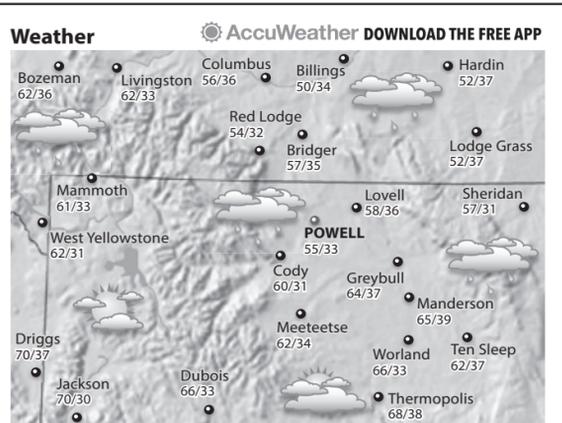
- 9:59 a.m. Brandon Paul Coble, 18, was arrested on Lane 9/U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.
- 10:31 a.m. A deputy assisted Cody police with a motor vehicle crash on 19th Street/Salsbury Avenue in Cody.
- 11:39 a.m. A brown cow was reported on the road on Rolling Hills Drive/Road 2AB in the Cody area. The sheriff's office didn't locate it.
- 12:35 p.m. Search and rescue was called for a report of a hiker pinned under a boulder on Crows Peak off U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody.
- 1:28 p.m. A caller reported that they accidentally hit a dog at a shooting complex on Road 7WC in the Cody area that morning. They said the dog's owner was now making threats to shoot them.
- 3:42 p.m. Search and rescue was called for a report of a man being mauled by a bear up the Muddy Creek Trail off U.S. Highway 212 in the Cody area, near Granite Lake.
- 4:51 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted with a report of a 60-year-old man who hadn't been seen since that morning on Lane 8 in the Powell area.
- 6:12 p.m. A woman was reported to have been missing for two hours after going hiking with her husband off Road 6QS/Wyo. Highway 296/Forest Service Road 102 in the Cody area. Search and rescue was also called.

SEPTEMBER 10

- 3:24 a.m. The sheriff's office assisted with a report of a 71-year-old man who was initially reported to be having trouble breathing, then reported to be not breathing.
- 8:27 a.m. A vehicle reportedly drove into a lot and damaged equipment on State Street in Meeteetse.
- 12:36 p.m. A person not named in sheriff's logs was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
- 3:09 p.m. A resident on Lane 17 in the Cody area asked to speak to a deputy about a situation with a neighbor.
- 6:22 p.m. Trespassing was reported on a woman's property on Oak Drive in the Cody area.
- 9:53 p.m. A vehicle was reported to be all over the road near Beacon Hill on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.

SEPTEMBER 11

- 4:18 p.m. Search and rescue was called for a report of a missing female on U.S. Highway 212 in the Cody area. The female's aunt reported that she had been sitting on a rock drawing and hadn't



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Mostly cloudy and cooler with spotty showers	Partly sunny and cool with a shower in places	Low clouds, then perhaps some sun	Some sun with a couple of showers; cooler	Mostly cloudy
55° 33°	52° 36°	61° 36°	51° 38°	64° 42°

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

Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

High/low	75°/32°
Normal high/low	69°/39°
Average temperature	48.8°
Normal average temperature	53.9°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week	0.32"
Month to date	0.32"
Normal month to date	0.53"
Year to date	8.65"
Normal year to date	5.81"
Percent of normal month to date	60%
Percent of normal year to date	149%

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset 7:08am/7:04pm
Moonrise/Moonset 8:46pm/9:38am

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 2	Oct 8	Oct 16	Oct 24

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Grizzlies: All law enforcement incidents involving grizzly bears will return to the oversight of Fish and Wildlife

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“illegally negotiated” a deal with Wyoming, Montana and Idaho officials about the way they estimate the grizzly bear population. The agency initially said that, if scientists start using a different model for estimating the number of grizzlies, the old numbers would be “recalibrated” to be an apples-to-apples comparison to the new numbers; that way, a switch to a less conservative model wouldn’t make it look like there was a sudden surge in bears.

However, the provision about recalibration was eventually dropped from the plan “in response to political pressure” from state officials, Christensen said, citing internal government emails made a part of the court record. (The government said the emails had been misconstrued.)

“Rather than maintain heightened protections in the face of a recognized threat to the health of the Greater Yellowstone grizzly, the Service accepted a ‘compromise’ that was in effect a capitulation,” Christensen wrote, adding later, “All available evidence demonstrates that the Service made its decision not on the basis of science or the law but solely in reaction to the states’ hardline position on recalibration.”

Finally, he said the Fish and Wildlife Service’s final rule didn’t include enough of a commitment to ensuring that the Greater Yellowstone grizzly population remains genetically diverse. He faulted the Fish and Wildlife Service for saying that it would only bring in (“translocate”) grizzlies from other ecosystems as a last resort — if there are signs that genetic diversity among the Yellowstone area’s bears is dropping.

“In short, the Service has failed to demonstrate that genetic diversity within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, long-recognized as a threat to the Greater Yellowstone grizzly’s continued survival, has become a non-issue,” Christensen wrote.

The judge, who presides in Missoula, Montana, had temporarily halted planned grizzly hunts in Wyoming and Idaho in late August while he worked on his ruling. (Montana had decided to forgo a hunt this year.) Monday’s order from Christensen was not particularly surprising: In his earlier, temporary injunctions, the judge hinted that he would ultimately rule in favor of the environmental groups and Native American tribes who challenged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s decision to delist the Yellowstone ecosystem’s bears.

REACTIONS MIXED

Whether they expected it or not, Wyoming officials expressed disappointment with Monday’s ruling.

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead used the news to call for an update of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which guided much of Christensen’s ruling.

“Biologists correctly determined grizzly bears no longer needed ESA protections,” Mead said in a Monday evening statement. “The decision to return grizzly bears to the list of threatened and endangered species is further evidence that the ESA is not working as its drafters intended. Congress should modernize the ESA so we can celebrate successes and focus our efforts on species in need.”

The governor noted that the state has invested about \$50 million to recover and manage the bears. Additionally, he pointed out that the estimated number of grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem rose from as few as 136 bears when the species was listed in 1975 to more than 700 today.

“Grizzly bear recovery should be viewed as a conservation success story,” Mead said.

State officials celebrated the grizzly bear’s recovery and, after an exhausting public feedback campaign, planned the first hunt of the species in more than four decades to start on Sept. 1. Support for the hunt was high in Park County, but unpopular outside of the state, according to the feedback the Wyoming Game and Fish Department received.

Scott Talbott, director of the Game and Fish, called

Christensen’s decision “unfortunate.”

“Game and Fish is a strong proponent of all wildlife management being led by people who live in this state and having management decisions made at the local level,” Talbott said.

However, the environmental groups and tribes who challenged the delisting contend that Yellowstone area grizzly bears are not yet fully recovered and had criticized the planned hunts as overly aggressive. Those groups declared Christensen’s ruling to be a win for the species.

“The grizzly is a big part of why the Yellowstone region remains among our nation’s last great wild places,” said Earthjustice attorney Tim Preso, who argued the case for the plaintiffs. “This is a victory for the bears and for people from all walks of life who come to this region to see the grizzly in its natural place in the world.”

Andrea Santarsiere, a senior attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity, said grizzly bears are “nowhere near recovery.”

“These beautiful and beleaguered animals certainly shouldn’t be shot for cheap thrills or a bearskin rug,” Santarsiere said in a statement.

Bart Melton, the northern Rockies regional director for National Parks Conservation Association, said federal wildlife managers should “go back to the drawing board to hopefully consider what research — such as the long-term impacts of climate change on the population — must be considered to ensure a healthy long-term future for Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzlies.”

In the wake of Monday’s ruling, Game and Fish officials said all law enforcement incidents involving grizzly bears will return to the oversight of the Fish and Wildlife Service, with the Game and Fish continuing to provide management assistance as needed.

RELISTED AGAIN

Judge Christensen’s ruling marked the second time in roughly nine years that a Montana judge has overturned the federal government’s attempt to remove Endangered Species Act protections for the Yellowstone area’s bears. Under President George W. Bush, Fish and Wildlife delisted the grizzlies in 2007, but a different Montana judge reversed that decision in 2009; the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals later affirmed that a decline in whitebark pine nuts would have on the species.

President Barack Obama’s Fish and Wildlife Service worked toward delisting the Wyoming, Montana and Idaho bears once again, but the agency didn’t finish the work until after President Donald Trump took office last year.

(Tribune Staff Writer Mark Davis contributed reporting.)

'In short, the Service has failed to demonstrate that genetic diversity within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem ...!

Dana Christensen
District Court Judge



A female grizzly walks along fallen trees near Yellowstone Lake on Sept. 20. Following a ruling earlier this week, grizzlies in the Yellowstone region are back on the endangered species list. Photo courtesy Mike Elzey

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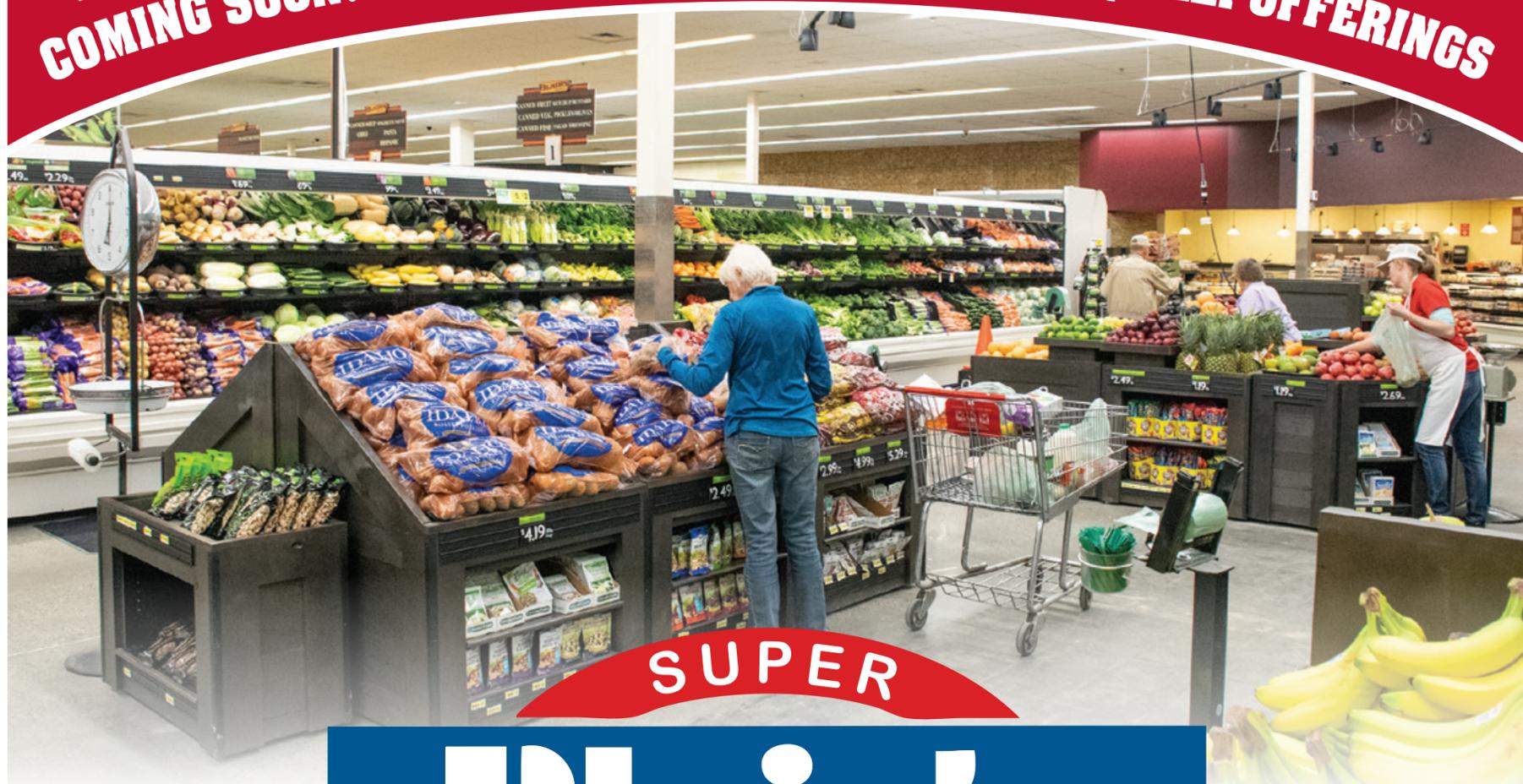
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Powell swimmers win Worland Invite

11 LADY PANTHERS ACHIEVE 20 STATE-QUALIFYING TIMES

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

The Powell High School girls' swimming and diving team continued to impress over the weekend, winning the Worland Invitational as the season reaches its midpoint.

The Lady Panthers dominated the nine-team field with 408 points, followed by Buffalo with 376.5 points and Lander with 321. The host team rounded out the

top four with 291.

Lady Panther Caitlyn Miner was a double winner in the 200 and 100 freestyle events. Her 2:04.27 swim in the 200 freestyle places her fifth on the Hall of Fame board, giving her six individual rankings on the list.

"She had to swim the race [200 freestyle] mostly alone, winning by 7 seconds," said Lady Panthers' head coach Bob Smartt. "In the 100 free, she had a very exciting race with Hannah Gross

of Newcastle, who placed third in the event at state last year."

Miner has now qualified for the state meet in all nine events (eight swimming, plus diving), doing so for the fourth time in her high school career.

Ashlyn Aguirre and Anna Fuller also had excellent performances, placing second in the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle,

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Powell's Ashlyn Aguirre swims the breaststroke leg of the 200 IM en route to a second place finish in a Tuesday dual with Cody. Aguirre finished with a time of 2:43:41. Powell's Sidney O'Brien won the event with a time of 2:43:32. Full results from the competition will follow in next week's Tribune.

Tribune photo by Mark Davis

PHS CROSS COUNTRY

Panthers race to second at Worland Invite

MERRITT, YATES, PFEIFER FINISH 5-6-7

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Though times stayed stagnant compared to last year's event, the Powell High School boys' cross country team finished second at the Worland Invitational last week — paced by its top four runners posting sub-18 minute times.

"We didn't get a lot of individual improvements, I don't know why," said PHS head coach Cliff Boos. "But as far as being able to place second with that field of teams, that's a lot of our conference teams right there. So that was very encouraging. We're looking forward to going into the last few weeks, and it will be fun to see how things shape up."

The Lady Panthers, still battling a few key injuries, didn't fare as well, finishing sixth with 127 points. Cody took the top spot on the girls' side with 42 points.

Lander's boys claimed the top spot with 33 points, followed by the Panthers with 47, Worland with 70 and Riverton with 73.

PANTHERS

For the boys, senior Alan Merritt was once again the Panthers' top finisher, posting a fifth-place time of 17:03.91. Close on his heels and improving with every meet was fellow senior Jayden Yates with a time of 17:16.98, good enough for sixth place.

"The boys all look like they're coming around really well," coach Boos said. "I'm really encouraged with the last push here. The top four always seem to be running a little closer each time."

Tyler Pfeifer also finished in the top 10, placing seventh with

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NWC RIDING FOUR-GAME WIN STREAK



Lady Trapper outside hitter Shania Warren winds up for a kill Saturday against Western Wyoming as teammate Caitlyn Costa looks on. NWC won the match 3-1. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

LADY TRAPPERS NOTCH THREE REGION IX WINS IN FOUR DAYS

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

The Northwest College volleyball team is riding a hot streak of late, winning four straight matches dating back to Sept. 8. The Lady Trappers just finished their busiest week of the Region IX schedule, winning three matches in four days over Miles Community College, Central Wyoming College and Western Wyoming.

"They are doing well; I'm very pleased," said Lady Trappers head coach Bethany Conde. "One thing I really stressed this last week, having three games in four days and not taking care of business when you should, resulting in playing 13 sets in the four days, which is a lot of volleyball."

"If you can win in three [sets], you need to, you have to when you're playing back-to-back, because it's just so hard on your body."

LADY TRAPPERS 3, MILES CC 2

NWC's week began Wednesday on the road against Miles Community College, with the Lady Trappers winning a hard-fought, five-set battle 15-25, 25-21, 25-9, 25-27, 15-6. Conde thought the game probably could have been won in fewer sets, but for an inspired performance by MCC's libero, Kailey Thomson.

"Do I necessarily think it should have gone five? No," Conde said. "However, I do give MCC credit, their libero did an amazing job that night. She was digging everything — my hitters were having a hard time putting the ball down, so kudos to her. I thought she played phenomenal."

The Lady Trappers got off to a slow start, dropping the first set to MCC 15-25. NWC rallied to win the next two, but with an opportunity to close out the match in the fourth set, came up just short 25-27. The Lady Trappers ran out of steam at that point, as the Lady Trappers cruised to a 15-6 deciding set. Conde said her team needs to continue working on consistency and closing out sets.

"I was very pleased that even when they [NWC] were down,

they were able to fight and win that fifth set," she said. "The glimpses of greatness were there, but it's that consistent play. My biggest thing was how do you win 25-9, but then come back and get down by seven or eight points? They have to learn to come off of each set and come out with intensity, whether we won or we lost."

Lady Trapper setter Jess Ruffing, who finished the match with 19 assists, said a lack of focus contributed to the team's slow start.

"In our set against Miles, we simply didn't show up mentally," Ruffing said. "We started out slow, and when Miles showed up right from the beginning, we weren't prepared."

Miscommunication also played a part, something the Lady Trappers will continue to work on moving forward.

"Along with struggling mentally, we also had simple errors that we had complete control of," said NWC middle blocker Tammy Maddock, who led the Lady Trappers with 12 kills. "It was all little things that we could fix, such as basic skills and communication. I really think that as we focus on communication, everything else will come."

Eirini Matsouka led the team with 12 digs, followed by 11 digs from Andjela Public. Shania Warren led with four blocks.

LADY TRAPPERS 3, CENTRAL WYOMING 1

Friday night's matchup against Central Wyoming (2-12, 0-2) was Red Out Night at Cabre Gym, and the Lady Trappers didn't disappoint, winning the match in four sets 25-19, 25-19, 10-25, 25-20.

"That game went really well for us, everyone wore red during the day, and they carried that into the stands that night," Conde said of the campus community. "It was a really good crowd, it's good for the girls to be able to play their home games in front of a big crowd like that."

NWC eschewed its traditionally slow start, quickly taking the first two sets. The Lady Trappers, however, wouldn't leave without a fight, dominating the third set

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Lady Trapper soccer ties Gillette 1-1



NWC defender Kayla Atkinson of Powell ties the ball away from Gillette's Sam Bussman Saturday at Trapper Field, as teammates Genevieve Sauers, Jules Novakovich, Drew Groll and Kailee Ingalls look on.

Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

MEN FALL 3-0

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

While Saturday may have been a day to remember for the Northwest College women's soccer team, it quickly turned into one to forget on the men's side. The Lady Trappers earned a 1-1 tie against visiting Gillette College — snapping a lengthy losing streak — while the Trappers fell to the Pronghorns 3-0.

"The girls really went out and earned this. They were pretty excited," said NWC's Bobby Peters, the head coach of both teams. "The guys side I was disappointed in. Gillette is a good squad, but they're a team we can get results on."

LADY TRAPPERS 1, GILLETTE 1, 2OT

Against visiting Gillette College (4-3-2 overall, 3-3-2 in Region IX), the NWC women's soccer team accomplished something it hadn't done since October 2016: avoided a loss.

After a winless season a year

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25-10. The Lady Trappers were able to shake off the lopsided loss to win the fourth and deciding set 25-20.

"Usually we struggle in the first two sets, we're just slower at getting going," Conde explained. "But the first two, we did really well. We came out and it was more of the finishing. We got to 22 and we let them score four or five points before we finished the game."

Conde said the third set got away from the Lady Trappers, a combination of errors that are easily addressed.

"Thankfully, those errors are things that you can control," she said. "It was a good learning experience — they came back and did much better in that fourth set. But that third set shouldn't have happened like that. Whether we won or lost, the score shouldn't have been 25-10. We're a better team than that."

Shania Warren led the team in kills with 14, followed by 10 from Bublic. Matsouka once again paced the Lady Trappers with 21 digs, followed by Jess Ruffing with 12.

"Eirini [Matsouka] has been doing a great job overall for front row but also on the defensive side," Conde said. "She's been just a great all-around player. She's very consistent on serve receive, and I'm very confident when she's in the back row that we're going to get the ball where it needs to be."

Maddock had eight kills to go along with three aces, four digs and four blocks.

Ruffing had 21 assists on the night, while Demery Dean added 17.

LADY TRAPPERS 3, WESTERN WYOMING 1

Against Western Wyoming (5-12, 0-3) Saturday afternoon, the Lady Trappers were starting to feel the effects of playing three games in four days. That said, the team worked hard to eliminate the issues that plagued them the night before, taking the Lady Mustangs in four sets 25-20, 21-25, 25-19, 25-19.

"The girls were tired; they had just played a five-set game on Wednesday, then a four-set



NWC's Tammy Maddock hammers a shot past Western Wyoming's Jada Wyms and Mikaela Sorenson Saturday at Cabre Gym. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

game on Friday," Conde said. "But overall, I was very pleased. I saw something I thought we did much better that match overall, which was eliminating those errors. We were winning those longer rallies that a lot of times we tend to lose because of those little mistakes."

Conde said the Lady Trappers played smarter volleyball, calling it "one of the best games in the sense of eliminating the little errors."

"They [the Lady Trappers] were swinging 100 percent when they should be, and if they were off, they were making those adjustments," she said. "I really feel like right now our region is up for grabs, and I think it's go-

ing to come down to the mental side of the game, eliminating mistakes. We just need to keep playing smart."

The Lady Trappers were a killing machine against WWCC, led by outside hitter Shania Warren with 16 kills. The sophomore has been a force to be reckoned with the last few games, putting up some impressive stats, according to Conde.

"Shania Warren has been dominating at the net," Conde said. "She hit over .500 against Miles with no errors, and against Central, she had 14 kills on 23 swings. Against Western, she had 16 kills on 29 swings. She right now is our most consistent hitter. She's getting kills no mat-

ter where she's at on the floor. As a hitter, she has really been standing out."

Conde also praised her setters for getting Warren and teammates Bublic (14 kills), Ruffing (10 kills) and Maddock (eight kills) the ball.

"That's something I've talked to my setters about, you have to see who's on," Conde said. "If somebody's on, you keep feeding them the ball. Our setters are doing a better job acknowledging who and when to get the ball to."

Geena Graf and Matsouka finished the game with 17 and 14 digs, respectively.

"I think this weekend's games against Central and Western went fairly well," Graff said. "There were certain sets where we lost it as a team, but we made a comeback and came out on top."

Demery Dean added 13 digs, and also led the team in assists with 30, followed by 23 from Ruffing. Dean said the team has been working on letting go of mistakes from earlier sets and concentrating on the game in front of them.

"I felt like this weekend we were able to apply some of the things that we were working on in practice, like not giving up and giving it everything we have," Dean said. "We've been working on being mentally strong, and I think it has really helped us to really just let things go and work hard to win the next point or game."

The Lady Trappers are on the road this weekend, with conference matches against Sheridan College (7-8, 2-2) Friday night and Casper College (7-12, 1-1) Saturday. Conde said she'd like to see the team maintain that level of play they demonstrated against Western Wyoming.

"I'd like to not have any mental breakdowns, where we're causing all these errors to occur," she said. "[Sheridan and Casper] are both good enough teams that if you do that, they will take it and run with it. So that's it really, maintain that high level of play throughout the whole game."

Ruffing agreed. "We were playing decent, but we couldn't play to the best of our ability because our mental toughness was struggling," the sophomore said. "In these next few games and practices we are really focusing on remaining mentally tough."

PHS swim: Team defeated Cody on Tuesday

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respectively. "In the 500 free, Anna Fuller and Elizabeth Liggett [who finished fourth] had a very exciting race with Macy Johnson of Buffalo, Marissa Rosenbaum of Cody and Quinn Kennedy of Buffalo," Smartt said.

Five other Lady Panthers scored at least 20 individual points for the team, including Addison Moretti with 30, Liggett with 29, Madison Lowery and Rachel Kuntz with 24 and Sidney O'Brien with 21.

Kuntz became the team's 11th state qualifier with a 1:14.47 time for fifth place in the butterfly. Lowery earned her second state qualifying time with a 1:02.29 in the 100 freestyle, "a personal best by over 5 seconds," according to Smartt.

Liggett added to her state-qualifying total in the 100 freestyle by leading off the 400 free Relay A Team with a 1:03.02.

"In total, 11 Panthers achieved 20 state qualifying times, including Katrina Twitchell in the sprint free races," Smartt said.

In diving, the Lady Panthers easily outdistanced Lander and Buffalo, 44-11. Maddi Hack-

enberg placed fourth with a personal best of 168.80, Emma Karhu was fifth with 164.50, Delainey Rayment was ninth with 114.50 and Kylie Kahl was 11th with a score of 96.85.

Powell's freshmen competitors are beginning to make significant contributions to the team, with Grace Harder, Rayment, Kahl, Lily Halter and Dakota Hansen combining for 36.5 points.

WORLAND INVITE RESULTS

Team Scores

1. Powell 408, 2. Buffalo 376.5, 3. Lander 321, 4. Worland 291, 5. Cody 235.5, 6. Douglas 175, 7. Riverton 133, 8. Newcastle 109, 9. Rawlins 98

200 Yard Medley Relay

4. Sidney O'Brien, Anna Fuller, Ashlyn Aguirre, Madison Lowery 2:10.55, 18. Charlotte Wilson, Hannah Hawley, Anita Martinez, Delainey Rayment 3:04.37

200 Yard Freestyle

13. Lily Halter 2:35.97, 17. Dakota Hansen 2:42.22

200 Yard IM

4. Addison Moretti :35.72, 5. Elizabeth Liggett 2:36.57

50 Yard Freestyle

6. Madison Lowery 28.09, 7. Katrina Twitchell 28.16, 9. Sidney O'Brien 28.20, 20. Emma Karhu 0.74, 21. Delainey Rayment 31.07, 34. Charlotte Wilson 35.01, 49. Hannah Hawley

46.27

Diving

4. Maddi Hackenberg 168.80, 5. Emma Karhu 164.50, 9. Delainey Rayment 114.50, 11. Kylie Kahl 96.85

100 Yard Butterfly

2. Ashlyn Aguirre 1:10.90, 4. Addison Moretti 1:11.71, 5. Rachel Kuntz 1:14.47, 9. Grace Harder 1:23.88, 10. Lauren Lejeune 1:25.74

100 Yard Freestyle

1. Caitlyn Miner 56.18, 8. Madison Lowery 1:02.29, 10. Katrina Twitchell 1:03.22, 19. Lily Halter 1:10.27

500 Yard Freestyle

2. Anna Fuller 6:08.51, 4. Elizabeth Liggett 6:09.33, 13. Grace Harder 6:47.30, 16. Dakota Hansen 7:07.20

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

2. Madison Lowery, Addison Moretti, Caitlyn Miner, Katrina Twitchell 1:49.08, 9. Emma Karhu, Dakota Hansen, Delainey Rayment, Charlotte Wilson 2:10.83

100 Yard Backstroke

4. Sidney O'Brien 1:11.26, 9. Ashlyn Aguirre 1:15.98, 13. Kylie Kahl 1:19.02, 20. Lauren Lejeune 1:25.09, 25. Maddi Hackenberg 1:28.40

100 Yard Breaststroke

5. Anna Fuller 1:20.48, 8. Rachel Kuntz 1:24.10, 23. Colette Sanders 1:40.03, 31. Hannah Hawley 2:06.69

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

4. Elizabeth Liggett, Caitlyn Miner, Addison Moretti, Katrina Twitchell 4:02.35, 10. Sidney O'Brien, Ashlyn Aguirre, Lauren Lejeune, Grace Harder 4:34.86, 14. Dakota Hansen, Lily Halter, Kylie Kahl, Maddi Hackenberg 5:06.83

net score counting on the odd holes.

In first with a team score of 134 were Marc Saylor, Ken Rochlitz, Bob Mason and Paul Devoss.

Thom Seliga, Buddy Rae, Bryan Lee and Tony Waller were runners-up, carding a score of 139.

In third place with a score of 142 was the team of Lloyd Snyder, Jim Tobin, Dave Frost and Larry Hedderman.

In fourth with a score of 146

was Tom Bibbey, Bob Parsons, Clark Jeffs and Kevin Lineback.

Rounding out the teams in fifth place and carding a score of 153 was Howard Whitlock, Ray Nelson, Dennis McCollum and Lynn Snell.

The low gross score was a tie between Saylor and Mason, who each shot an 83, while low net was a tie between Seliga and Saylor with a score of 66.

There were no deuces recorded on the day.



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Assistance for local veterans available in Powell on Monday

Powell area veterans will have the opportunity to access two different services on the Powell Valley Healthcare campus Monday.

In the Powell Valley Clinic parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., an "office on wheels" from the nonprofit group Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be on hand. DAV says its vans travel to underserved communities across the country to help veterans and their families obtain the services and benefits they have earned. At the mobile office, veterans can check on the status of Department of Veterans Affairs claims, with a trained DAV representative available to answer questions or provide support about any part of the claims or appeals process.

DAV membership is not required to utilize the free service. Veterans should bring identification, their Social Security number and any other pertinent

documentation regarding their military service.

Meanwhile, inside the Powell Valley Clinic, a veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will be available to meet with veterans and their families from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Former Marine Josh Schmidt can help veterans and their families apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare and he can also provide more information on those topics.

The Powell Valley Clinic is located at 777 Ave. H.

On Oct. 9, Schmidt will visit the North Big Horn County Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. He also has a staffed office in Cody and is available by appointment. Contact Schmidt at 307-250-3890 for more information.

To learn more about DAV and the services it offers to veterans, visit www.DAV.org.

Hope Lutheran's new pastor introduces himself

I am a little hesitant to write this article. I fear for all my work and effort, few will read this. The rare exceptions are if I were to say something outrageous, or in a "religious" piece, something blasphemous. Other than that, most will pan this article. To be honest, I didn't know there was such a column until I was asked to write.

First, let me introduce myself. I am the new interim pastor of Hope Lutheran. I have been a parish pastor for almost 40 years, with the last 10 years as an interim. I come when the last pastor has left and leave before the next one comes. I love being an Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) pastor and I hope you will come and visit us for worship (9:30 a.m. on Sunday) or service (call the office, 754-4040).

This is my second time serving in Wyoming. I was an intern (or student pastor) in Cheyenne back in the late 70s. My spouse

and home are back in Illinois. My wife and I call my interims "friendly deployments," because all I have to do is worry about "friendly fire."



PAUL BALABAN Perspectives

I did not know where Powell was when I was asked about coming here. I Googled the location and was invited to interview. I came with my trailer attached and said if the interview goes well, we can unload the trailer. If not, I'll continue my travels home. We had a good dialogue, shared dinner, unloaded the trailer together and I spent my first night in Powell. I came back and started work Sept. 1.

My impressions of Powell? You seem to be proud of your city. It is clean and well-maintained. There is an impressive hospital, clinic and city services here. You seem happy to be living and working here. You generously and actively support your Powell High School Panthers and Northwest College Trappers. Your downtown and businesses are more active than those I've seen recently. Powell

seems to have a lot of small churches, bars and places to eat. You seem to have at least one of almost everything necessary to live and work here (I know some will say there is no shopping — clothes, etc. — but that's not high on my priorities).

In my first week I went to the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center outside of town. I'd heard and read about World War II internment camps, but this was the first time I'd ever seen one. It was very insightful and impressive. I hope we learned from that experience and never see it repeated (though it seems we have not learned). Oops, there goes one of those comments that may get me into trouble.

As nice as Powell is, there is work that needs to be done. That is part of my understanding of the purpose of the church and my work as a pastor. I don't know how long I'll be here. I don't know that I'll make a difference in my time here. But I will try and I hope you will too.

(Paul Balaban is the interim pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Powell.)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

* Before a listing denotes there is a fee for the event

** After a listing indicates a class, event or presentation through Powell Valley Community Education. For more information or to register, call PVCE at 754-6469, stop by the office at 1397 Fort Drum Drive in the NWC Trapper West Village, or visit <https://register.asapconnected.com/Calendar3.aspx>

ONGOING:

- **"THE MOUNTAIN WAS OUR SECRET:** Works by Estelle Ishigo" exhibit is on display at the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center through December.
- **STEVE SCHREPPFERMAN'S CERAMIC WORK** is on display at the Gestalt Studios at the Polar Plant through Oct. 4. Schrepferman is a professional ceramicist, adjunct professor at Northwest College, and the Executive Director of the Park County Arts Council. His work reflects a more musical and imaginary vision of the Wyoming landscape. There will also be a closing reception on Friday, Sept. 28, which offers an opportunity to talk to the artist, toss back some wine and enjoy some creative company.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- **BABY AND TODDLER TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **THE PARK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **WYOLD WEST BREWING COMPANY**, 221 N. Bent St., will host an informal gathering to say goodbyes to retiring Homesteader Museum executive Rowene Weems in the back room of the brewpub from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be a no-host bar.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- **THE POWELL HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE** will take place at 1 p.m. in downtown Powell.
- **THE POWELL LIBRARY** will be holding a young adult hangout for students in 6th-12th grade from 1-3:30 p.m. There will be rotating activities including movies, games, crafts, and more. For more information, contact Brienne Schaefer, young adult librarian, at 754-8828.
- **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE** takes place from 1-3 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **OPEN ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION** from 6-9 p.m. at Gestalt Studios at the Polar Plant. Musicians of all skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 307-272-7625.
- **MEETEETSE MUSEUMS** will host their annual celebration of the endangered black-footed ferret on Friday, Sept. 28, from 2-4 p.m. Guest speakers will include Kimberly Fraser of U.S. Fish and Wildlife's National Black-Footed Ferret Conservation Center, Dana Nelson of Wyoming Game and Fish, Lenox Baker of the Pitchfork Ranch and Kris Hogg of the Lazy BV Ranch. A live ferret will also be in attendance, courtesy of Fish and Wildlife. For more information on the event, contact Meeteetse Museums at 307-868-2423 or visit www.meeteetsemuseums.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **THE POWELL AMERICAN LEGION** will host the Commodity Food Distribution from 9-11 a.m. (note new hours). TEFAP requirements apply.
- **BENEFIT FOR JASMINE HELFRICH**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the basement of the Rocky Mountain Manor in Powell.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

- **AN "OFFICE ON WHEELS"** from Disabled American Veterans will be parked in the Powell Valley Clinic lot from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A trained DAV representative will be available to help with and answer questions about veterans' services, benefits, VA claims and appeals.
- **JOSH SCHMIDT, A VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** from the Wyoming Veterans Commission, will offer community outreach services at the Powell Valley Clinic from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. He'll also be available at the North Big Horn County Senior Center in Lovell, 757 Great Western Ave., from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Oct. 9. Schmidt can meet with veterans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims or VA healthcare. He can also help veterans and their families apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare. Call Schmidt at 307-250-3890 for more information.
- **THE NORTHWEST COLLEGE CODY CENTER**, located at 1501 Stampede Ave., will host an open house Monday, Oct. 1, from 4-6 p.m. Area residents are invited to attend and learn about Cody Center offerings — such as general education classes, business trainings and seminars, classes for degree programs, adult education classes and high school equivalency preparatory classes. Along with courses, students can also receive assistance with financial aid counseling, advising, academic and career counseling and degree audits. Refreshments will be available. This event is free and open to the public. To learn more, contact Bell at Carol.Bell@nwc.edu or 754-6256.
- **THE POWELL CITY COUNCIL** will meet at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.
- **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 26** meet at 7 p.m. at Post 26. Members have family members who have served in the military.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- **THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETS** at 7 p.m. in the Post 26 main hall. All veterans are welcome.
- **THE PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION** No. 1 Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at the Powell Fire Department at 1101 E. South St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- **THE POWELL ROTARY CLUB** meets at noon at the Nelson Foundation House, 550 College Dr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

- **CODY REGIONAL HEALTH** will host its third annual "Women's Night Out — Pajama and Spa Party." The free event, designed to raise awareness about breast cancer, will feature speakers on and survivors of the disease, prizes, wine and dinner. It will run from 5-8 p.m. at the West Park Hospital Campus, 707 Sheridan Ave. Women are asked to RVSP by Thursday, Sept. 27 by visiting <https://bit.ly/2MMhMgT>. For more information, contact Ashley Trudo at 307-578-2512 or atrudo@codyregionalhealth.org.

HOSTING A PUBLIC, LOCAL EVENT?

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Cornerstone Community Fellowship

754-8005. Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America. Sunday, 10 am, NWC Fagerberg Building, Room 70. Nursery and children church provided. Pastor Andrew's office and some of our small groups will be located in "The Upper Room" (the 2nd floor of the new SBW & Associates building; 428 Alan Rd. — access from outside stairs, west side of building).

Faith Community Church

"Love God — Love Others" 1267 Road 18 (Hwy 294), Powell. Contact: Dave Seratt, 272-7655, powellfaithcommunitychurch@gmail.com. Church located 3 miles SW of Ralston, 1/2 mile N off 14A. Bible Study 9:30 am, Sunday Worship 10:45 am.

First Southern Baptist Church

Corner of Gilbert & Madison. 754-3990, Don Rushing, Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 am; Morning Worship 10:45 am; Sunday Prayer meeting 5 pm & evening worship 5:30 pm. Team Kid Tuesdays 3:30 — 5 pm.

First United Methodist Church

We love our neighbor at 2nd & Bernard Sts. 754-3160, Rev. Melinda Penry, Pastor. www.powellfumc.org; Sunday worship: blended worship 9:30 am. Coffee before and after morning service. All are welcome, all means all.

Garland Community Church of God

Garland, Shane Legler, pastor, 754-3775; 9:30 am Sun. School; 10:30 am Worship service; 7 pm Wed. Bible study & prayer. Located in the historic Garland schoolhouse. Everyone welcome.

Glad Tidings Assembly of God

Gilbert & 7th St. East, 754-2333, Mike Walsh, pastor; Sunday School 9 am, Worship 10:30 am, (nursery provided), Wed., 7 pm, Unashamed Jr & Sr high youth meet.

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Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Matt Tygart, 364 W. Park St. (behind Blair's); 754-4842. www.harvestcomchurch.net Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 am; Fellowship 10:30 am; Church service 11 am; Like us on Facebook: Harvest Community Church (HCC).

Heart Mtn Baptist Church

307-254-5040, call for location. Miles McNair, pastor. Independent, KJV, Baptist Church. Sunday school 10 am, Main worship 11 am & 6 pm. Wed. preaching & prayer, 7 pm. Nursery available. heartmountainbaptist.com.

Hope Lutheran (ELCA)

754-4040, corner of Cary St. & Ave. H, www.hopelutheranpowell.org. Pastor Paul Balaban, 9:30 am Sunday worship, Sunday school & fellowship following. 3rd Monday Women's Faith Bible Study, 7:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday Women's Grace Bible Study, 1:30 pm.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.) 754-3168, Rev. Lee Wisroth, Pastor, 675 Ave. D. Sunday Worship 9 am, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:15 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday.

Jehovah's Witnesses

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Living Hope Community Church

305 S. Everts St., Pastor Susan Legler, 754-7917, Sunday school 9 am, worship 10 am, Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm. www.LivingHopeChurchPowell.com

New Life Church

185 S. Tower Blvd.; Tim Morrow, Pastor, 754-0424; Sunday worship 8:30 & 11 am. Kid's Church & nursery available. Sunday School, 9:45 am; Wed. youth group, middle school 6-7:30 pm, high school 7-8:30 pm.

St. Barbara's Catholic Church

Fr. Phillip Wagner, 754-2480, 3rd & N. Absaroka; Sat. Evening Mass 5:45 pm, Sun. Mass 9 am, noon Latin Mass & 5 pm Mass on Sun., Daily Mass-Tues. Noon, Wed. 5:30 pm, Thur. & Fri. 7:30 am. Reconciliation 9 am & 4 pm on Saturdays.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Megan Nickles, priest; 754-4000, Ave. E & Mountain View. Morning services 10:30 am. Godly Play - Sunday school for children, ages 2-12, 10:30-11:30 am. Visitors welcome.

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1350 N. Gilbert; 754-2129 Saturday. Everyone welcome. Worship Service 9:30 am, Saturday, Sabbath School 11 am.

Trinity Bible Church

Don Thomas, pastor, 535 S. Everts, 754-2660 www.tbccuyoming.com, reformmedbc@yahoo.com, 9 am Sunday School classes for all ages; 10:30 am Morning Worship Service; 5:30 pm Evening Worship Service. Contact the church for midweek home Bible studies. Free Grace Radio 88.1 FM.

United Pentecostal Church

Kaleb Wheeler, Pastor, 307-250-7443. Meeting at the intersection of the Powell Hwy & Nez Perce Dr. - 7 miles from Cody. Sunday Worship 10 am, Wed. services 7:30 pm.

Union Presbyterian Church

(PCUSA). Third & Bent, 754-2491. George Pasek, interim pastor. Sundays: 9 am Sunday School/all ages; 10:30 am Worship; 11:30 am Coffee Hour; Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month. Wednesdays: 6 pm Women's Bible Study. Scouting: Boy Scouts Mon. @ 4, Tues. @ 6 & Thurs. @ 3. Transportation available; everyone welcome. unionpresbyterian.org; unionpcpowell@gmail.com.

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NWC soccer: Travel to Gillette, Sheridan this weekend for conference games

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ago, the Lady Trappers (0-7-1, 0-4-1) battled out of the loss column at Trapper Field, tying the Lady Pronghorns 1-1 in double overtime.

"The girls were really excited," Peters said. "I told them that was the first step — you gotta break the trend, and then you can start changing it."

Gillette's Maria Rubin gave the Lady Pronghorns an early lead, scoring at the 6:20 mark on a play that caught the Lady Trappers, and their coach, off guard.

"Gabby [Carvalho] has been very consistent all year, but she made a square pass under pressure behind Brooke [Seidel], and the other team picked it up and ran right through our defense," Peters said. "I was kind of surprised by that, but it happens. I told the girls it wouldn't be one goal that decided this game. I think the girls really did well coming back."

After trailing 1-0 for most of the game, NWC freshman Jules Novakovich of Cody found the back of the net for the Lady Trappers in the 76th minute, assisted by teammates Genevieve Sauers, also of Cody, and newcomer Natalia Colicic.

Solid play in net by keeper Christina Lacek during regulation and in the two overtime periods preserved the tie.

"There were a few scramble moments where Gillette really got on to us," Peters said. "They hit the crossbar, they were a dangerous attacking team. The girls grew more confident as the game went on, and with Christina [Lacek] back there, she saved us a lot."

Lacek finished the game with 12 saves on 13 shots, and continues to improve with every game, according to Peters.

"The shots I've seen beat her [Lacek] in the past, she's been saving those now," he said. "She really shines on the goalkeeping end, because she's a shot stopper. You come in on her one [on] one, she knows how to make those saves. She had two or three saves that really kept us in there."

Coach Peters also gave high marks to defenders Drew Groll and Kailee Ingalls, whose confidence playing in the back allowed Peters to move players around to better assist the offense.

"With Drew and Kailee organizing their center defense a lot better, I was able to put more offense forward," he said. "As the game went on, we generated a few more opportunities because of that."

One of those opportunities resulted in NWC's lone goal,



NWC forward Daniel Lobera sprints past a fallen Gillette opponent Saturday at Trapper Field. The Trappers fell to the Pronghorns 3-0 in the Region IX North contest. Tribune Photo by Carla Wensky

after Peters moved Novakovich up. Sauers pushed the ball into Gillette's end and was awarded a free kick near the box, about 25 yards out.

"Gen [Sauers] set up and crossed the ball in," Peters explained. "Our new girl Natalia Colicic challenged for the ball, and the defender and the goalkeeper concentrated on her and challenged her. In doing so, they lost track of the ball and it popped straight out to Jules [Novakovich] and she was there to pop it into the net."

The tie keeps the Lady Trappers in the hunt for the regional tournament, with this weekend's games against Sheridan and Gillette heavy with playoff implications.

"This next weekend, it's going to come down to how do we play against Sheridan," he said. "I know against them the first time we could have played so much better. We lost 0-9, and it was because our girls gave up down the road. Since then, we haven't given up in a game. We've fought the entire match, we've put in 90 minutes of work — more in this case. ... If we can try to keep a clean sheet against each one of these teams, we can do well."

GILLETTE 3, TRAPPERS 0

As for the men's home loss to Gillette, "the first 10 minutes, we came out slow," Peters said of the Trappers. "Our defensive form was pretty poor, and Gillette took advantage of that right

away. They sent a few quick balls in our backfield, and due to our disorganization, they found holes and capitalized on them."

The Pronghorns wasted no time in getting on the board, as Juan Ramirez-Perez scored just six minutes in to give Gillette (6-4, 4-1) a 1-0 lead. Ramirez-Perez would score again just six minutes later, and the Pronghorns took a 2-0 lead into halftime. Peters said the Trappers (2-3-1, 1-2-1) were up to the task defensively, but the two quick goals had the team on its heels.

"We played well offensively at points, but we really didn't generate a strong offensive opportunity," Peters said. "We rushed things instead of being poised. One of our keys to the game was to maintain composure and keep balanced defensively, and for whatever reason, the first 20 minutes of the game, we didn't do it."

Gillette's third goal came at the 87th minute, the result of a temporary switch at keeper for the Trappers. Starting keeper Marcus Olmos was given a yellow card for a hard tackle, necessitating an appearance by reserve keeper Noah Lund.

"He [Gillette's Donovan Odi-er] got the shot and Noah [Lund] just wasn't ready for it," Peters explained. "Again, if we had finished our opportunities, we're in there. It's been a problem that's snagged us in a couple of games at home. We're just not finishing opportunities."

The Trappers also had to contend with some questionable officiating, especially late in the game when the team was making a final push to avoid the shutout. Every time the Trappers were given a free kick, Gil-

lette would kick the ball away from the players, bringing the game to a standstill.

"It happened about eight times, and each time it happens, it's another five or 10 seconds off the clock," Peters said. "If you're delaying the game like that, it's an automatic yellow card, any time. So to let it happen eight to 10 times is ridiculous. You can't let the game progress like that, you can't let the other team start dictating the terms of the game, and that's what [the official] was allowing them to do."

That said, officiating was just a part of the problem, according to Peters.

"We only allowed five shots on the day for them [Gillette]," he said. "But they finished three of them, so it was not a good show on that end. We didn't capitalize on our opportunities, and we allowed them to have great opportunities early in the game from our mistakes defensively."

With two more conference games scheduled on the road this weekend, Peters said the Trappers have to turn the corner now if they have eyes on postseason success.

"We've got two games coming up this weekend against Sheridan and Gillette, two games that we can get good results on," Peters said. "Realistically, if we get results in both these games, we'll be placed pretty well up in the region tournament."

THE LINEUP

This Week in Powell Sports

* Home events in bold

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27
PHS Cross Country at Cody Invite, 5 p.m.
PHS Student Homecoming Tailgate Party, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28
PHS Swimming at Riverton, 4 p.m.
PHS Football v. Star Valley, 6 p.m.
NWC Volleyball at Sheridan College, 7 p.m.
NWC Women's Soccer at Sheridan College, 4:30 p.m.
NWC Men's Soccer at Sheridan College, 2 p.m.
NWC Rodeo at Montana Western, TBD

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29
PHS Swimming at Pinedale Invitational, 11 a.m.
NWC Volleyball at Casper College, 3 p.m.
NWC Women's Soccer at Gillette, 3 p.m.
NWC Men's Soccer at Gillette, 5 p.m.
NWC Rodeo at Montana Western, TBD

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30
NWC Rodeo at Montana Western, TBD

MONDAY, OCT. 1
PHS Volleyball: Girls Freshman Game v. Greybull, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2
NWC Volleyball v. Miles CC, Cabre Gym, 7 p.m.

PHS XC: Compete in Cody today (Thursday) at 5 p.m.

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a time of 17:28.14. Joey Hernandez was the fourth Panther runner to break the 18-minute mark, finishing in 13th place with a time of 17:55.81.

Sophomore Lane Franks rounded out the top five with a time of 19:00.99, placing 26th.

"It's always a good, friendly competition between these guys," Boos said. "They're all trying to get those spots, of course; they'd like to go to the state meet, obviously. But that's the nice thing about running — they get to compete against each other and decide who gets to move on."

LADY PANTHERS

Junior Kayla Kolpitcke led the Lady Panther charge by finishing the 5,000-meter course in 20:30.46 to place ninth. Kolpitcke's time was just more than

three minutes behind Cody's Riley Smith, who won the event with a time of 18:21.00.

Junior Karina Boreen placed 26th with a time of 22:48.24 as Powell's second finisher. Freshman Kabrie Cannon was 29th with a time of 22:59.58, while sophomore Hailee Hyde finished 35th with a time of 24:02.29.

Rounding out the Lady Panthers' top five was sophomore Madelyn Horton, who wound up 39th with a time of 25:07.55.

"If we could get some more of our girls healthy, that would be nice," Boos said. "But the younger kids are working hard. It should be a great rest of the season."

The PHS cross country teams will be closer to home with their next two races, with a competition today (Thursday) in Cody at the Olive Glenn Golf Course beginning at 5 p.m. The teams will then host the Powell

Invitational Friday, Oct. 5 at the Powell Golf Club, starting at 3 p.m.

"It's always enjoyable to have a meet at home," Boos said. "And then after that, it's conference and state, it all just comes so quickly."

WORLAND INVITE RESULTS

Boys Team Scores:
1. Lander 33, 2. Powell 47, 3. Worland 70, 4. Riverton 73

BOYS
5. Alan Merritt 17:03.91, 6. Jayden Yates 17:16.98, 7. Tyler Pfeifer 17:28.14, 13. Joey Hernandez 17:55.81, 26. Lane Franks 19:00.99, 30. Dylan McEvoy 19:36.42, 31. Riley Schiller 19:38.88

Girls Team Scores:
1. Cody 42, 2. Buffalo 69, 3. Lander 75, 4. Thermopolis 85, 5. Worland 97, 6. Powell 127

GIRLS
9. Kayla Kolpitcke 20:30.46, 26. Karina Boreen 22:48.24, 29. Kabrie Cannon 22:59.58, 35. Hailee Hyde 24:02.29, 37. Jenna Merritt 24:55.25, 39. Madelyn Horton 25:07.55, 41. Elisa Polson 26:27.69

PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Sierra Sanders
Tennis

Lady Panther Sanders compiled a 3-2 record last weekend at the state tennis tournament in Gillette, placing fourth in state. The senior won her first two matches of the tournament against Laramie's Grace Dorrell and Rawlins' Mackenzie Thompson before losing to Cody's Teagan Thompson in the semi-finals.

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PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Dylan Preator
Tennis

Preator won the No. 2 singles championship at the state tournament in Gillette last weekend. The junior outlasted Cheyenne Central's Ryan Stampfli in three sets 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the championship final to claim the title and earn All-State honors.

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Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue

CODY-BASED ORGANIZATION HELPING DOGS IN EIGHT STATES

BY MIKE BUHLER
Tribune Community Editor

Holly Moen adopted her first basset hound from Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue in 2000 because she wanted a companion for a new puppy. Little did the Cody resident know that she would one day become the organization's director.

Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue was founded by Erica Phillips in Casper in 1987. When she decided to retire in 2005, she looked to Moen to continue her work with bassets.

"Since my husband and I had been helping with fostering, transporting, that sort of thing, she [Phillips] asked if we would be interested in taking it over," Moen said.

Not only is Moen the Cody-based organization's director, she has continued to adopt basset hounds. She and her husband, Adam, currently are the adoptive parents to two 12-year-old basset males, Oscar and Copper. The duo makes six bassets the Moens have adopted.

The Moens fostered Oscar after his owner relinquished him in August 2007. Since Oscar has motion sickness and no one stepped forward to adopt him after five months, the Moens did so.

Cooper was originally a Casper shelter dog the organization rescued. After two adoption placements fell through, the Moens adopted him in November 2008.

"Oscar and Copper have been great rescue, family dogs," Moen said. "We had Cyndi, Toby, Ally and Wishy before them, but all six rescues were [and] are just great. [They have] different personalities — like people [they] can vary.

'It feels good when you find a good family and people that love the dogs as much as we do.'

Holly Moen
Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue director

Oscar had to have been a clown in a former life."

Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue has rescued, fostered and re-homed hundreds of dogs in its existence — roughly two to three dozen of the adorable, long-eared hounds with short legs each year — with a maximum of 62 dogs one year. The organization also has rescued bloodhounds (think bassets with longer legs) since 2014.

"Somebody contacted us about [a bloodhound] that was on one of the Facebook [marketplaces] — Powell Valley or something like that — that somebody was giving away in Lovell," Moen said. "And they asked if we'd take them. So it's just like a taller basset."

Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue is not only active throughout Wyoming, but it is also active in all of the bordering



Holly Moen, director of Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue, gives her basset Oscar (right) a snack while his adopted brother Copper looks on at her residence on the South Fork. Tribune photo by Mike Buhler

states, plus North Dakota — eight states in all.

"It feels good when you find a good family and people that love

the dogs as much as we do — the volunteers," Moen said. "We have volunteers everywhere."

They're in Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah and the Dakotas.

With such a wide area to serve, Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue's lifeblood is in its volunteers, not all of whom are able to have pets in their homes.

"Really, the whole thing's about volunteers," Moen said, then added, "There's just people that want to transport. They can't maybe foster, or maybe the people that do foster, they eventually adopt some of their fosters [dogs] and then they can't foster anymore because they've got too many dogs."

Moen said Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue goes through a vetting process to make sure their adoptions are successful.

"With our adoption process, we go through an application that the people have to fill out," Moen said. "We check their references, we check with their prior veterinarian — just make sure that they're truthful in their application. Once we get

to the point of somebody actually adopting, then we do home visits. Depending upon the location, we can get some people in the area that want to go by the house and make sure the fenced yard is fenced, and that sort of thing."

In addition to rescuing bassets and bloodhounds, Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue hosts an annual picnic, usually at Hugh Smith Park in Cody in June. The organization also does an annual Santa pet photo shoot in early-to-mid November in cooperation with Park County Animal Shelter at Tractor Supply in Cody. Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue also has a website (www.wyomingbassetrescue.com), a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/wyomingbasset), a newsletter, and also seeks to educate people about dog rescue. Judy Lumbarly administers the Facebook page, Jane Elliott runs the website and Michael Ryan is in charge of the newsletter.

Beyond the many dogs Moen has adopted, she said the dogs who have required Wyoming

Basset Hound Rescue to go the extra mile have stood out.

"If any [dogs] stand out, they would be the ones that we had to put more time and energy into," Moen said. "We have had our surgery cases because of their already-crooked feet that they can end up with in the front — with their front legs — sometimes due maybe to inbreeding or maybe malnutrition. We've had a couple where we've had to do surgery because they were so deformed that their legs weren't functioning and they really weren't comfortable even standing."

One of those dogs was Nick, who was more or less deserted by his owners in their backyard about five years ago, Moen said. Though he has since passed away, he is still remembered fondly by Moen.

"He needed some surgery for removal of cancer," Moen said. "He ended up being diabetic — but he was just the most mellow, laid-back, happy dog. [Bassets] don't hold grudges. ... He was just one of those dogs that liked everybody."



Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue has helped hundreds of basset hounds find new homes since its beginning in 1987. Tribune photo by Mike Buhler

Stop the Stigma

GROUP WORKS TO HELP PREVENT SUICIDE AND BRING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

On Christmas Day 2015, Heather Lang lost her brother, Thomas "TG" Howard, to suicide.

But that wasn't the end of his story.

In TG's memory, Lang founded Stop the Stigma as a way to help prevent suicide, support those who are struggling with mental illness and honor those who have been lost.

"To me, mental illness is no different than heart disease or something like that," Lang said. "It's an illness that can't be seen, but it is a true illness."

Lang said it's important to be transparent and talk about mental health conditions, especially in Wyoming, where the suicide rate is one of the highest in the nation each year. Park County has the highest suicide rate in Wyoming, Lang said.

Mental illness and suicide often carry a stigma — when someone views a person in a negative way just because they have a mental health condition, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

"Navigating life with a mental health

condition can be tough, and the isolation, blame and secrecy that is often encouraged by stigma can create huge challenges to reaching out, getting needed support and living well," NAMI said on its website.

To help and support local residents, Stop the Stigma held an event earlier this month at the Park County Fairgrounds. Speakers shared their personal stories of losing a loved one to suicide or their own suicide attempt.

"My goal with this event every year is just bringing awareness, and hopefully letting people know it's OK if they have a mental illness, it's OK to ask for help," Lang said.

Mitch Bruce of Cody spoke at the Sept. 8 event, sharing about his suicide attempt.

"I seriously thought I had taken my life when I went to sleep that night," Bruce said.

He had a dream that he was floating above his family and friends, seeing how they struggled after his death. In his dream, the people he loved went in the wrong direction.

"I want you to realize that this dream of mine helped me recognize this: I was worth something to people even if I



Alyssa Lydic and her daughters Lily, 2, (center) and Layla, 3, release a butterfly during the Stop the Stigma event at the Park County Fairgrounds earlier this month. The event raised awareness for mental health and suicide prevention, while also honoring those who struggle and have been lost to suicide. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker

could not see it," Bruce said.

He shared a message of hope at the Stop the Stigma event.

"You were put here for a reason," Bruce said. "You were put here to do something ... I believe that."

The Stop the Stigma event also featured a silent auction, activities for kids, vendors, free dinner, luminary ceremony and butterfly release. Dozens of butterflies flew into the September sky as a symbol of hope.

For the funds raised from the event, Stop the Stigma organizers would like to eventually offer financial assistance for those who can't afford mental health help or medication, Lang said.

Stop the Stigma also will be going statewide, she said, with the main event in Park County. The local event coincides with National Suicide Prevention Month in September.

Around 100-150 people attended the Sept. 8 event, and Lang said she's

thankful for the people who attended as well as the community support.

"We wouldn't be able to do this event without all of the donations from local businesses," Lang said. "All of the food, everything was donated through businesses."

Stop the Stigma will be holding community meetings for anyone who would like to get involved.

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PUBLIC NOTICES
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Foreclosure sale

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE:
CURTIS R. BJORNESAD

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2013, Curtis R. Bjornestad, as mortgagor, executed and delivered to First Bank of Wyoming, Division of Glacier Bank, as mortgagee, a mortgage on certain real property described in the mortgage as security for payment of that certain indebtedness evidenced by a promissory note in the principal amount of \$151,666.00, which was executed in favor of and delivered to mortgagee by mortgagor on April 26, 2013. The mortgage was duly recorded at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Park County, Wyoming on April 30, 2013, as Document No. 2013-2708; and

WHEREAS, there has been a material breach of the promissory note, which the mortgage was given to secure, and the mortgagor is thus in default, in that payment was not made as required by the terms of the promissory note; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage contains a right of foreclosure provision which, by reason of the above-stated default, mortgagee, as the owner and holder of the mortgage, declares to have become operative; and

WHEREAS, as of September 13, 2018, the total amount due and owing to mortgagee on the promissory note is \$176,727.60, which represents an unpaid principal balance of \$149,725.07, plus unpaid charges and costs of \$1,029.17, plus accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$25,973.36, with interest continuing to accrue at the rate of \$20.79 per diem after September 13, 2018. The amount due may also increase by the amount of any additional late charges, attorney's fees and other charges, fees and/or costs that accrue pursuant to the terms of the promissory note and mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, First Bank of Wyoming, as the mortgagee, will have the mortgage foreclosed as provided by law by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Park County, Wyoming, to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on the 31st day of October, 2018, at the front door of the Park County Courthouse located at 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, Park County, Wyoming, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the mortgage, said mortgaged property commonly referred to as 671 Road 8, Powell Wyoming and more particularly being described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 1:
T. 56 N., R. 99 W., 6th P.M., Park County, Wyoming

Lot 37: S½S½S½N½NW¼, EXCEPT the north

50 feet thereof, and EXCEPT the following described portion:

Beginning at the southwest corner of the NW¼NW¼ Lot 37; thence N. 00°03'09" E. along the west line of the NW¼NW¼ for 80 feet; thence S. 89°34'16" E. for 1,520.27 feet; thence S. 00°02'24" W. for 70 feet, more or less, to a point on the south line of NE¼NW¼ Lot 37; thence N. 89°56'53" W. along the south line of the NE¼NW¼ for 200 feet, more or less, to the southeast corner of the NW¼NW¼ Lot 37; thence continuing N. 89°56'53" W. along the south line of the NW¼NW¼ Lot 37 for 1,320.25 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Lot 37: SE¼NW¼, EXCEPT the west 200 feet thereof

Lot 37: NE¼SW¼, EXCEPT the west 200 feet thereof, and EXCEPT the following described portion: Beginning at the SW 1/16 corner of Lot 37, the corner being marked by a brass cap; thence S. 89°55'42" E. along the south line of the NE¼SW¼ Lot 37 for 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence N. 00°01'20" E. for 153 feet to a two inch aluminum cap monument; thence S. 89°55'42" E. for 312 feet to a two inch aluminum cap monument; thence S. 00°01'20" W. for 153 feet to the south line of the NE¼SW¼ Lot 37 being marked by a two inch aluminum cap monument; thence N. 89°55'42" W. along the south line of the NE¼SW¼ Lot 37 for a distance of 312 feet, more or less, to the point of the beginning.

PARCEL 2:
T. 56 N., R. 99 W. 6th P.M., Park County, Wyoming
Lot 37: That part of the SE¼SW¼ lying north of Bitter Creek EXCEPT the west 200 feet thereof, and EXCEPT the following described portion:

Beginning at the SW 1/16 corner of Lot 37, the corner being marked by a brass cap; thence S. 89°55'42" E. along the north line of the SE¼SW¼ Lot 37 for 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence S. 00°01'20" W. for 235 feet to the center line of Bitter Creek; thence N. 36° E. 110 feet, more or less; thence N. 67° E. 100 feet, more or less; thence S. 80° E. 115 feet, more or less; thence N. 18°25' E. 133 feet, more or less, to a point on the north line of the SE¼SW¼; thence N. 89°55'42" W. along the north line of the SE¼SW¼ a distance of 312 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.
First Bank of Wyoming,

Division of Glacier Bank
By: David I. Beckett, WSB # 6-4178
Bonner Law Firm, P.C.
1102 Beck Ave.
Cody, Wyoming 82414
(307) 586-4135
First Publ., Thurs., Sept. 20, 2018
Final Publ., Thurs., Oct. 11, 2018

Name change

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number 29259

Matilda Marie Stewart HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that she/he has filed a Petition in the District Court of Park County requesting that his/her name be changed to Matilda Marie Olsen. All parties opposed to this Petition should file notice with the Court before the Petition is granted.

Matilda Marie Stewart
Petitioner
First Publ., Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018
Final Publ., Thurs., Oct. 11, 2018

Addition completed

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Pursuant to Section 16-6-116 of the Wyoming Statutes, latest revision, Notice is hereby given that Park County School District #6 (owner) has been advised that the work on the Football Field Bathroom Addition has been completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract between Park County School District #6, the Owner, and Diamond Point Construction, the Contractor, and said Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore. All persons, firms or corporations who have any claims for work done or equipment/materials furnished on said work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the 41st day, October 11, 2018, following the first publica-

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Vacate roads

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all to whom it may concern: The Board of County Commissioners of Park County have decided to proceed with the vacation of Road 6JM, Road 54b and a Portion of Road 54 (Public Roads) as described herein. This Notice is being provided per the requirements of Wyoming State Statute § 24-3-110.

WHEREAS:

• Petitions to vacate Roads 6JM, Road 54b, and a Portion of Road 54 (Public Roads) were submitted by Curtis A. Bales, Erick Monfeldt, Katie Monfeldt, Robert G. Curtis, and Larry Boggiano dated July 22, 2017;

• Said petitions were filed by the petitioners in the office of the Park County Clerk in accordance with Wyoming State Statute § 24-3-110;

• Each petition included the signatures of at least five (5) electors of the County residing within twenty-five miles of the roads proposed to be vacated as required per the Statutes;

• Said roads described in the Petition(s) are public roads as indicated on the attached Exhibit A and are more particularly described as follows:

Road 6JM:

A +/- 1.32 miles stretch of existing public road dedicated by easements which traverse across portions of Resurvey Tracts 41, 51 and 52, Township 51 North, Range 104 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Park County, Wyoming. Said road begins at County Road 6WX (aka Southfork Road) and extends to a point of termination on the northern most boundary of said Tract 52.

Road 54b:

Commencing in the public road between Tracts 51 and 52, Township 51 North, Range 104 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, thence running about one-quarter mile due north across the South Fork of the Shoshone River and beyond, thence west about one and one-eighth mile and terminating at the coal mine in Tract 50, Township 51 North, Range 104 West. Although it is associated with a public road right-of-way, a physical road does not exist on the ground.

Portions of Road 54:

Commencing at the intersection of Road 54 and the common north-south boundary between Tract 51 and Tract 53, as shown on the "Map of County Roads" in Resurvey Township 51 North Range 104 West of the 6th Principal Meridian updated by Paul Campbell July 2, 2010 and on file in the records of Park County Wyoming Public Works Department, and running thence S. 64°30' W. 5,606 feet more or less, thence S. 33°30' W. 2,147 feet, thence S. 20°30' W. 1,600 feet, thence S. 17°30' W. 448 feet, thence S. 63°30' W. 502 feet, thence S. 41° W. 1,310 feet more or less and terminating at the south boundary of Resurvey Township 51 North Range 104 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. Road 54 is an established County Road right-of-way that is currently undeveloped and therefore not in use today.

• The Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming (BOCC) met on November 21, 2017 and reviewed the referenced petitions for public road vacation. Upon review, Resolution 2017-52 was approved initiating procedures for vacation of the roads described herein. Resolution 2017-52 also established Brian Edwards, Park County Engineer, as "Viewer" in accordance with Wyoming State Statutes § 24-3-103 and 24-3-104.

• A Viewer's Report was presented to the BOCC on February 20, 2018. The Viewer recommended vacation of the subject roads based on all available information. Said Viewer's Report is available for review on the Park County website at www.parkcounty.us or at the Park County Public Works Department Offices located at 1131 11th Street in Cody.

• The BOCC accepted the Viewer's recommendations and moved on July 17, 2018 to continue the vacation process for the subject roads.

NOW THEREFORE:

All objections thereto or claims for damages by reason thereof must be filed in writing with the Park County Clerk, before noon on the 31st day of October 2018 or such roads will be vacated without reference to such objections or claims for damages.

/s/ Colleen Renner

Park County Clerk

Dated: September 20, 2018

First Publ., Thurs., Sept. 20, 2018

Final Publ., Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018

Vacate road

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all to whom it may concern: The Board of County Commissioners of Park County have decided to proceed with the vacation of a Portion of Road 54 (Public Road) located between Tract 68 and Castle Rock Road (Township 51 North, Range 104 West, 6th P.M.-Resurvey, Park County, Wyoming) as described herein. This Notice is being provided per the requirements of Wyoming State Statute § 24-3-110.

WHEREAS:

• A Petition to vacate said portion of Road 54 (Public Road) was submitted on September 28, 2017 by Mr. Peter W. Kuyper, Victor P. Riley, Jr., Ted P. Vlahos, Cathy L. Slikker-Vlahos, Christine Kuyper, Nikki Levine Bustos, and Kelly Dean Bustos.

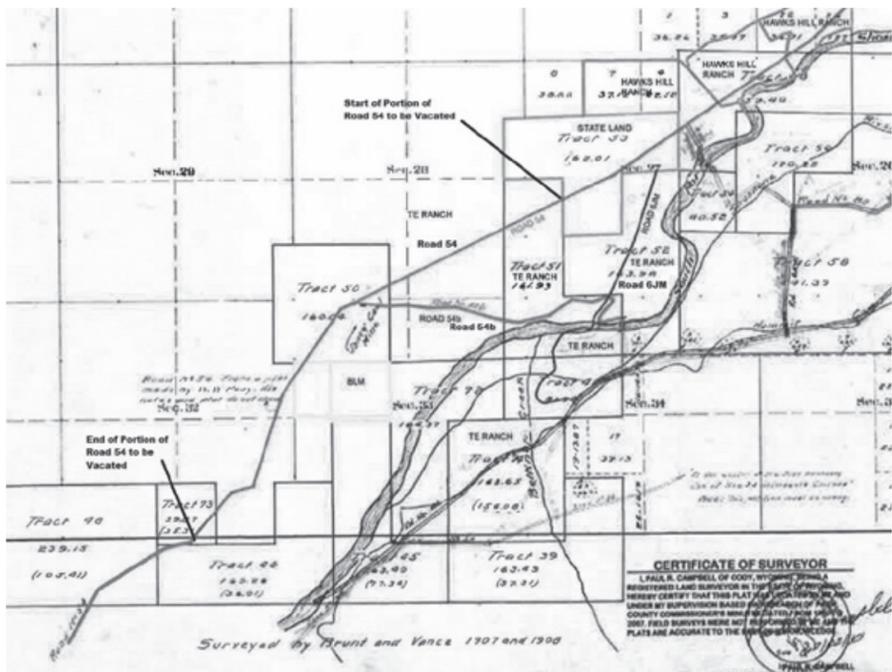
• Said petitions were filed by the petitioners in the office of the Park County Clerk in accordance with Wyoming State Statute § 24-3-110;

• Each petition included the signatures of at least five (5) electors of the County residing within twenty-five miles of the roads proposed to be vacated as required per the Statutes;

• Said road section described in the Petition(s) is a public roads as indicated on the attached Exhibit A and is more particularly described as follows:

Portion of Road 54:

That portion of County Road 54 traverses property owned by the Petitioners commencing on the westerly boundary of Tract 68, thence northeasterly



NORTHWEST COLLEGE



Monia Haselhorst (center) discusses instructional strategies with Laramie County Community College mathematics instructor Kira Heater (left) and Katie Wagner (right), an assistant professor of botany at University of Wyoming. Photo courtesy Rachel Watson, University of Wyoming

Professor directing new teaching center at NWC

Monia Haselhorst was recently named the director of the new Teaching and Learning Center at Northwest College in Powell.

Haselhorst joined NWC as an assistant professor of biological and geographical sciences in 2017, after completing her doctoral degree in ecology at the University of Wyoming.

This fall, Haselhorst formally began directing NWC's Teaching and Learning Center. The center's mission is to "inspire and support effective and innovative learner-centered and scholarly teaching for all members of the NWC teaching community."

Earlier this year, Haselhorst received a small amount of release time to develop the center. She became a mentor for many educators at NWC and encouraged them to apply for the UW Science Initiative's Learning Actively Mentoring Program (LAMP), a yearlong educational development program.

This summer, three educators from NWC — Michael Cuddy, chemistry; Mathew Osborne, biology; and Kerrie Spinney, mathematics — applied for and were selected as 2018-19 LAMP fellows and Haselhorst was asked to be a mentor for the class. In

that role, Haselhorst has helped facilitate the development of 25 educators throughout the state and build strong collaborations between UW and NWC, according to a release from UW.

Haselhorst participated in the Science Initiative's LAMP in the summers of 2016 and 2017, gaining immersive training in teaching and learning, particularly active learning. UW leaders say she gained expertise in hands-on, minds-on learning, student mindset, cognition and metacognition and became knowledgeable in teaching and learning techniques that maximize inclusion.

NWC Cody Center to host open house

The Northwest College Cody Center, located at 1501 Stampede Ave., will host an open house Monday, Oct. 1, from 4-6 p.m.

Area residents are invited to attend and learn about Cody Center offerings — such as general education classes, business trainings and seminars, classes for degree programs, adult education classes and high school equivalency preparatory classes. Along with courses, students can also receive assistance with financial aid counseling, advising, academic and career counseling and degree audits. Refreshments will be available.

In addition, Extended Campus Coordinator Carol Bell, plus several other NWC staff and faculty members, will be available to chat and answer questions.

"Being new to my role at the Cody Center, I've enjoyed spending time getting to know business own-

ers and community members to learn about their educational needs," Bell said. "My office is always open if people have talents and ideas they want to share with our community."

Currently, the Cody Center is seeking those who are qualified and interested in teaching workshops on programs such as Excel, Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Google Maps and QuickBooks.

Upcoming noncredit classes, offered through the Center for Training and Development housed in the Cody Center, include ServSafe Training, Public Speaking for Community and Business Leaders, Conversational Spanish, Digital Photography Basics and many more. To see the full schedule, visit <https://nwc.edu/ctd/training/cody.html>. This event is free and open to the public. To learn more, contact Bell at Carol.Bell@nwc.edu or 754-6256.

NWC celebrating National GEAR UP Week

The Northwest College GEAR UP program is participating in National GEAR UP Week 2018, which runs through Saturday.

This week commemorates the continuing success of Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), a program that provides students and families with support and resources needed for college success.

Currently, NWC GEAR UP serves 267 students across the Big Horn Basin, ranging from

seventh grade to college freshmen. To date, it's assisted 1,016 students and more than 950 parents.

"We celebrate National GEAR UP week to recognize our students' accomplishments and aspirations," said NWC GEAR UP Coordinator Rebecca Moncur. "These achievements include our students' stellar ASPIRE and ACT test scores; 78 percent of our high school seniors enrolled in college by the fall term, compared to the state rate of 48

percent; low dropout rates; and many of our senior students are awarded regional and national scholarships such as the Daniels Fund, UW Trustees' Pride and Horatio Alger."

NWC GEAR UP offers ACT workshops, college visits and summer-enrichment programs. Families are invited to participate in social and educational programs on campus at no cost. For more information, visit www.nwc.edu/gearup, or contact Moncur at 754-7822.

Bradley honored with poetry award

BY TRIBUNE STAFF

For Burt Bradley, writing is both work and play.

"... And like a man who loves his work or a child who loves his play, I am energized to the point of exhausting myself when I write," Bradley said.

For over 45 years, Bradley has written every day.

"It is not a routine, so much as it is a ritual, something I perform with the utmost seriousness and utmost joy," he said. "Is it frustrating at times? Of course. But it is always worthwhile."

The Wyoming poet and professor emeritus at Northwest College defines himself as a "writer who teaches and a teacher who writes."

After several years of writing dozens of vari-

ous poems, Bradley realized they shared some common elements like styles and references to writers who inspired him — T.S. Eliot, Emily Dickinson, Rumi, Mary Oliver and Jack Kerouac, to name a few.

"About two years ago, I began arranging them into a group, like a symphony or chorus with individual parts contributing to an overall composition that was both original and paid homage to those that inspired its creation," Bradley said.

The symphony of poetry eventually became "After Following." The 70-poem collection recently received recognition, winning the 2018 Homebound Publications Poetry Prize.

The poems in "After Following" are about nature, weather and Wyoming as well as meditations on everyday life, Bradley said.

"A few are about a particular writer to whom the poem addresses like a 'letter' or as an elegy," he said.

Bradley said he has been inspired by writers, poets and philosophers all his life.

"These writers have been my teachers, in a way, my guides throughout my writing life. I have 'followed' in their footsteps, so to speak, and eventually left them to blaze my own trail — which is what the title of the collection refers to: After Following," Bradley said.

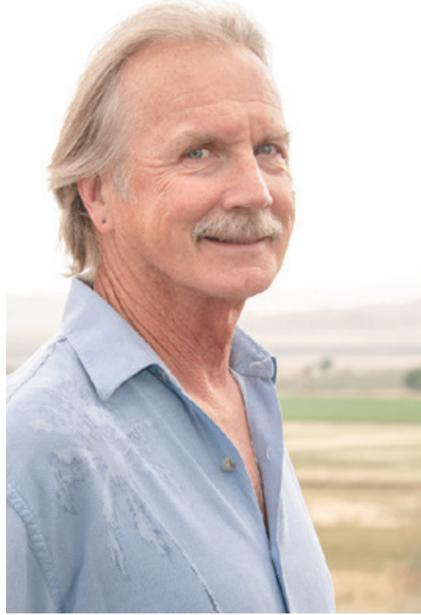
Homebound Publications received a record number of submissions for its 2018 poetry prize, "which made our task of choosing a winner even more difficult than usual," the publisher said on its website. Ten writers received honorable mentions in this year's poetry contest.

Homebound Publications is an independent publisher based in Connecticut. Described as a small press with big ideas, Homebound Publications strives to "publish books that you will have on your nightstand for a few years and return to again and again — books that nourish your mind and soul," according to its website.

Bradley said that naturally, he is pleased his manuscript won the competition.

"However, it means more to be able to share my work while guiding readers to the writers who may inspire them too," he said.

"After Following" will be published in April 2019.



BURT BRADLEY

FAREWELL GATHERING THURSDAY FOR RETIRING HOMESTEADER CURATOR

An informal gathering to say goodbyes to retiring Homesteader Museum executive director-curator on Oct. 4.

The farewell gathering will be in the back room of the brew pub from 7-9:30 p.m. Everyone

Weems will be stepping down as the museum's executive director-curator on Oct. 4.

The farewell gathering will be in the back room of the brew pub from 7-9:30 p.m. Everyone

is welcome. There will be a no-host bar.

"Come down and wish her well," said Steve Bailey, president of the Homesteader Museum board.

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tion of this Notice. This notice does not relieve the Contractor and the sureties on their bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.

Park County School District #6
Owner
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Absaroka Street bids

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Powell will receive sealed bids until 10 A.M., local time, 10/25/2018 at 270 North Clark, Powell City Hall, Powell, WY for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF ABSAROKA STREET RECONSTRUCTION. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$2,800,000 to \$3,500,000. All bids publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Mail or deliver to City of Powell. City of Powell will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com and at www.eaengineers.com under PROJECTS OUT TO BID. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$25 by inputting Quest project #5955158 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Optional paper copies of bidding documents are available at: Engineering Associates, 902 13th Street, Cody, WY 82414 for \$100 non-refundable. The City of Powell reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price. A Mandatory Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for 10 a.m., local time, on 10/3/2018, at Powell City Hall, 270 North Clark. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. To qualify as attending, Bidders must arrive and sign in within 10 minutes of the start of Pre-bid Conference. Failure

to do so will result in disqualification of the bid which will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106, "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state".

Dated this 18 day of September, 2018.
City of Powell, Wyoming
/s/ owner
First Publ., Tues., Sept. 25, 2018
Second Publ., Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018
Third Publ., Tues., Oct. 2, 2018

Public hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Deleting Section 16.12.050 B. Pertaining to publication of notice and public hearings)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Governing Body of the City of Powell, in the Council Chambers, of Powell Municipal Building, Powell, Wyoming, on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6:05 p.m., the purpose of which is to consider an ordinance amending Section 16.12.050 of the Powell City Code pertaining to design standards by deleting subsection (B) regarding the requirement for publication of notice and public hearing for amendments to title 16 of the Powell City Code. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the above time and place.

CITY OF POWELL
/s/ Tiffany Brando
Tiffany Brando, City Clerk

Publ., Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018

Subdivision notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBDIVIDE

Robert Taylor is requesting a permit for a Major Subdivision, called Mandie Mae Major Subdivision, comprising of 2 lots of 2.29 acres and 7.71 acres for residential use. This proposed subdivision is located in Lot 4 of Lot 51 Subdivision, within Lot 51-B, Resurvey T.55N, R.99W of the 6th P.M., Park County, WY.
First Publ., Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018
Second Publ., Thurs., Oct. 4, 2018

Asbestos notice

Asbestos Notice:

Park County School District #1 Asbestos Locator Sheets may be viewed on the districts web site www.pcsd1.org (under the support service tab).
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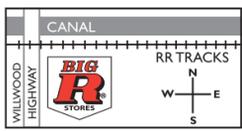
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