

COMMISSION DECLINES STATE LAWMAKERS' HELP ON BEARTOOTH RANCH



A group of local anglers and residents who sit on Park County's Beartooth Ranch Advisory Committee hope to find ways to make the state-owned property in Clark a 'world class' destination. Park County commissioners voted last week to give the committee more time to work on ideas for the ranch's future, declining a suggestion from state lawmakers that Wyoming's Congressional delegation could create a new working group. Photo courtesy Kathy Lichtenheld

Sticking with a local approach

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Should a piece of state-owned land in Clark be sold to a private buyer and put back on the tax rolls? Made available for cattle grazing and farming? Remain exclusively dedicated to public recreation forever?

None of those questions about the 657-acre Beartooth Ranch was definitively answered at last week's Park County Commission meeting.

But for the time being, county

commissioners say they do not want state or federal lawmakers to change the management of the public property. A majority of the commissioners indicated that they want a committee of local residents to continue brainstorming ways to improve the public area.

"I just encourage you to ... give us more time and give the public more

time to have a piece of property that really truly has a lot of potential to be something out of the ordinary for the state or the country," Kristie Hoffert, a member of the county's Beartooth Ranch Advisory Committee, had said.

A group of state lawmakers had suggested forming a new "working group" that would

be put together by U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney and U.S. Sens. Mike Enzi and John Barrasso. However, commissioners effectively voted 4-1 to stick with their advisory committee, asking state lawmakers to stay out of the dispute for now.

"We've got it handled," said Commissioner Jake Fulkerson.

The commission's decision to back their committee drew applause among the dozens of people who crammed into the meeting room for a sometimes-

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'I don't see the harm in getting the feds to get their thumb off of Wyoming's management of that property.'

Tim French
Commissioner

COLORADO MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED AT POLICE STATION

ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT GIRLFRIEND'S BODY FROM DENVER AREA TO POWELL

BY CJ BAKER
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A 22-year-old man reportedly walked into the Powell police station midday Tuesday and informed law enforcement personnel that he had killed his girlfriend in Colorado. Jonathan E. Akin, of the Denver area, allegedly told police that her body was in his vehicle.

Powell officers reportedly found the woman in the trunk of the car that Akin brought to the law enforcement center — and police in Thornton, Colorado, say they found evidence of a crime at the apartment the couple shared there.

Thornton police did not name the deceased in a Wednesday afternoon news release, saying she had not yet been officially identified by the Adams County, Colorado, Coroner's Office.

As for what brought Akin to the Powell area, Powell Police Chief Roy Eckerdt said Akin had traveled to a family member's home in Deaver.

Akin was arrested at the Powell police station by agents with the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation Tuesday afternoon.



JONATHAN AKIN

Thornton police say they have opened a first-degree murder investigation and have asked for Akin to be detained.

"We have enough probable cause to say that a warrant can be issued for the particular charge," said Thornton Police Sgt. Ernie Lucero.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Akin remained in the Park County Detention Center in Cody. He's awaiting an extradition hearing, where a judge will decide whether the suspect should be returned to Colorado for prosecution there; such hearings are typically a formality.

DCI agents initially arrested Akin on suspicion of disposing of a human body in a transient location (in this case, a vehicle) to conceal a crime. That's a felony charge punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

However, Park County Prosecuting Attorney Bryan Skoric said Wednesday that, with Colorado authorities pursuing a first-degree murder case, he does not plan to file any additional charges against Akin in Park County.

"The Colorado charges take priority over anything we would have on Mr. Akin here."

Bryan Skoric
Attorney

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"The Colorado charges take priority over anything we

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FEDS: GRIZZLIES LIKELY TO REMAIN LISTED FOR YEARS

Fish and Wildlife official says appeal or new delisting rule will take time to implement

BY MARK DAVIS
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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering its options as a deadline nears to appeal a U.S. District Court ruling that relisted the Yellowstone area's grizzly bears under the Endangered Species Act. However, the options available to the service could take years to enact.

In a phone conversation with members of the Wyoming Legislature's Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee this month, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grizzly bear recovery coordinator Hilary Cooley was frank about the prospects of once again delisting the Yel-

lowstone Ecosystem grizzly bears.

Fielding questions from the committee, Cooley said the agency may pass on the opportunity to appeal U.S. District Court Judge Dana Christensen's September decision that relisted area grizzly bears. Instead, Cooley said the service may propose a new rule to delist the Yellowstone area's bears.

The deadline to appeal the Montana judge's decision is Monday, Dec. 24. If the agency chooses to proceed with an appeal, Cooley said the process will take at least two years.

"My personal feeling is we would not be successful on

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Dr. Charles Preston, founding curator at the Draper Natural History Museum in Cody, sits at his desk in the lab in the basement of the facility. Preston has spent the past 20 years at the museum, including leading the design and construction of the Draper. Preston will retire at the end of the year. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

TIME TO FLY

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

The founding curator of the Draper Museum of Natural History at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Dr. Charles Preston, is ready to celebrate. Most would call the celebration a retirement party, but Preston isn't like most people.

"I don't think of it as retirement as much as expansion," Preston said.

The problem becomes, where do you find cards and banners for someone planning an expansion party?

Citing "personal and profes-

sional passions that transcend any one position or place," Preston will indeed retire from the Draper at the end of the year, grab the love of his life, wife Penny, and return to his home state of Arkansas to begin the next chapter of his life.

Lynn Rodgers, interim executive

director and CEO of the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, said Preston will be hard to replace.

"He and his team have set a high bar for programming and research," Rodgers said. "He

CHARLES PRESTON RETIRING FROM DRAPER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

has made a huge impact on the center."

Preston is the only scientific researcher on the curatorial team, Rodgers said, and has led his team by example.

Rodgers said the Raptor Experience program, which Preston began, is one of the most popular programs

at the center. Preston will continue to work with the center: He's agreed to stay on as curator emeritus and senior scientist at the Draper, allowing him opportunities to help advance

the institution's mission into the future, she said.

Preston can't envision a day when he'll actually stop working. Despite planning his retirement, his 2019 schedule suggests he is simply building a new future — one that takes him back to his roots.

Preston was a pretty normal Razorback kid. He loved fishing and hunting with family in the Ozarks near his hometown of Fort Smith, Arkansas. On each trip, he was full of questions about the natural world.

"I had all these questions when we went out. I wondered

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A grizzly is pictured near Wapiti Lake Trail in Yellowstone National Park in 2015. Federal officials may propose a new rule to delist grizzlies in the Yellowstone area, but any change in the current status will take at least two years. Photo courtesy Eric Johnston, National Park Service



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With other meeting attendees looking on, state Sen. Hank Coe, R-Cody, addresses the Park County commissioners at their Nov. 20 meeting regarding the Beartooth Ranch in Clark. 'I would urge you not to vote to repeal the MOU that we have with the federal government,' Coe said, referring to restrictions that the federal government has placed on the state-owned property. Tribune photo by CJ Baker

Ranch: Property seized by federal government from cocaine smuggler in 1990s

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heated discussion over the Beartooth Ranch's future.

FEDERAL PROPERTY

The federal government seized the property from a cocaine smuggler in the 1990s, which is why it's sometimes referred to as the "Drug Ranch." The feds later gave the land to the State of Wyoming, but on the condition that it "be used solely as a public area reserved for recreational or historic purposes or for the preservation of natural conditions."

The federal government's memorandum of understanding (MOU) technically allows crops to be grown and cattle to be grazed on parts of the property, but the Department of Justice says the land can't actually be leased out to a private citizen or business.

Clark rancher and commissioner-elect Lloyd Thiel first brought the property to the commission's attention last year, believing that the restrictions on the property had led to the ranch falling into disrepair and becoming an eyesore. Thiel believes the county and state should be taking steps to put the land back into agricultural production and to stop it from being a "money pit" for taxpayers.

Commissioners initially said they wanted all the restrictions removed and the property given to the county, raising the possibility that the land could be sold off to a private buyer.

That idea triggered a substantial backlash from anglers, environmentalists and others who enjoy the public property and the access it provides to miles of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River.

After getting an earful, commissioners instead formed the Beartooth Ranch Advisory Committee in May to explore options.

THIEL INVOLVES LAWMAKERS

Over the summer, the committee decided to work toward developing the "world class location" into a destination for fishing, hunting, boating, hiking, wildlife viewing and picnicking. Over Thiel's objections, the panel dropped the idea of removing the restrictions on the property.

Thiel complained to commissioners about the change in approach in August, then took his concerns to the Wyoming Legislature's Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee in September.

The lawmakers jumped into the debate, drafting a letter that would ask Wyoming's Congressional delegation to create a new "working group" to develop a plan for the Beartooth Ranch. However, the ag committee decided it would only send the letter if Park County commissioners were on board with the change in approach.

With last week's 4-1 vote, commissioners decided they would rather stay the course.

Among other concerns, they expressed unease about having the federal government take over the discussions about the local property.

"Inviting the feds into this and turning that rock over, I think there would be unintended consequences at some point, because we've seen that too many times," said Commission Chairman Loren Grosskopf, adding, "I think there's a possibility that somebody in Washington, D.C., may say, 'We want the property and we'll take it.' Period."

Commissioner Tim French has generally seen things the same way, and he cast the lone dissenting vote last week. French indicated that he supported the ag committee's suggestion to convene a working group that would determine whether grazing and agricultural leases or other potential uses should be allowed.

"I don't see the harm in getting the feds to get their thumb off of Wyoming's management of that property," he said. "Why not get the feds out of it [and have] the State of Wyoming, the [advisory] committee, everybody work on that thing?"

Commissioner Joe Tilden indicated that he, too, is open to having the land returned to some agricultural production.

But Tilden said his fear is that lifting the restrictions in the MOU could lead to the property being sold, "and I would hate to see the State of Wyoming sell it at this point of time," he said. "I really would."

There's a permanent easement that protects public access along the river, but the fear of other public access being lost in a sale has driven much of the debate over the past year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OFFERED

Hoffert, the advisory committee member, cited the country's dwindling amount of open spaces at last week's meeting.

"This is a piece of property that needs to stay under the MOU in order for us all to enjoy it," said Clark resident Mike Hernandez.

The Cody-based Wyoming Outdoorsmen submitted a letter asking commissioners to ensure "there be continued public access for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation on this property."

Most of those who spoke expressed similar thoughts, though Thiel presented a petition with signatures of people who supported easing restrictions on the ranch.

Meanwhile, some members of the advisory committee and others criticized Thiel for taking his case to state lawmakers.

At last week's meeting, the chairman of the advisory committee, Len Fortunato of Cody, accused Thiel of having "acted in duplicity."

"He circumvented the agenda of the committee to pursue his own agenda," Fortunato said.

In an interview, Thiel said he believed state lands officials were sending conflicting messages about their thoughts on the federal restrictions and wanted to question them at the ag committee's Sept. 27 meeting in Powell.

Thiel said it was only after not getting answers from state lands officials that he decided to ask the ag committee to help him remove the federal restrictions on the property.

"I didn't feel like I was going behind anybody's back," he said. "I was trying to gather enough information, get some input so that we could have more broader ideas of [how the state could manage the property]."

Fortunato faulted Thiel for not mentioning the advisory committee's work in his comments to lawmakers and said it was "untrue" for Thiel to say that the ranch is in disrepair; Fortunato noted that several of the old ranch buildings were cleaned up and that the advisory committee is working on the issue.

"How can you say that ranch is not in disrepair?" French pressed, starting a sharp back and forth that culminated with French dismissing Fortunato's comments as "a joke."

French, a Heart Mountain farmer, has been particularly critical of the mounds of dirt that have piled up on the former ranch.

A FORMER WORKING RANCH

Powell resident Tom Close, whose family owned the Beartooth Ranch from the early 1950s to the early 1970s, bemoaned how the ranch has fallen into disrepair.

While his family owned the

property, they had hay fields and hundreds of cows, sheep, hogs, horses, turkeys, geese, pheasants and ducks — plus many deer and antelope residing on the property.

Now, "it's nothing but weeds and dirt. ... The fishing's not what it used to be, the hunting is no longer existent," Tom Close said, adding, "Agriculture and wildlife and water and a lot of work could bring this place to something respectable, which it isn't right now."

His brother, Roy Close of Billings, shared similarly warm memories of the ranch in an email to commissioners. However, Roy Close expressed doubts that it will be possible to repair the irrigation ditches and fences and remove all the weeds and otherwise restore the ranch.

"The chances of finding the right individual or individuals that have the funds and desire to bring this property back to life in spite of the cost or time that must be committed are slim indeed," he wrote.

While commissioners appeared to back the advisory committee's approach of working within the ranch's restrictions for now, they left the door open to changing tactics in the future.

Commissioner Lee Livingston said it could be possible to both improve public access and bring back agricultural use, saying that would help wildlife.

"Is it feasible to turn part of that back into ag land and keep it under public control? That's what I'm looking for," Livingston said.

Commissioner Grosskopf suggested the board should revisit the subject in a year or so.

If the committee is unable to make progress in that time, he said, "maybe it's time to ask again, what else can we do?"

By then, Thiel will have moved from the audience to a commissioner's chair, as he'll be sworn in as a commissioner in January.

While he doesn't totally agree with the current board's decision, "I respect their decision and will move forward and see how things go," Thiel said. "I truly hope the committee and everything works out."

Thiel added that he's been satisfied with how many more people are now paying attention to the property.

"Two years ago, very few people knew what the drug ranch was; we've got a lot of people that know what it is now," Livingston told the crowd last week. "And if anything, I think that's a good thing."

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Charles Preston said leaving the Draper Natural History Museum will be the hardest thing he'll ever have to do. But the museum has talked him into keeping some of his duties, including as the museum's senior scientist, while spending half the year in Cody and half the year in the Ozarks. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Preston: Draper Museum has received international acclaim

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who could answer them. Every hunter knew exactly what the answer was, but most were wrong. You could ask five hunters the same question and get five different answers," Preston said.

He was good at baseball, even signing to play shortstop in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization after playing college ball on scholarship at Westark Community College. Pro ball didn't turn out like he wished, so in an effort to get the right answers to his persistent questions, he enrolled in the wildlife management and biology program at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. He was the first in his family to go to college.

It was there, while working for the Forest Service on a seasonal basis, that he met Penny Hatcher. They met on a trail in the forest after he heard her excitedly pointing out a rare blind Ozark salamander to a group she was leading.

"Just before we met, I heard Penny exclaim to her group — 'Salamander,' with the unvarnished joy and glee of a woman-child. This honest, joyful outburst really piqued my interest; here was a stunning young woman who could revel in nature's wonders and care more about sharing that excitement with other people than she did about maintaining some aloof, 'cool' façade like most of the young women I dated at the time," Preston said. "It was then, and still is, her passion and joy for life and her profound personal honesty that reminds me every day how lucky I am to have found her so long ago. What she sees in me is the big question."

It would be easy to simply call her the future Mrs. Preston, but that would discount the nine years Preston chased Ms. Hatcher and the several proposals he made before she agreed to marriage.

Preston later ran into some

good fortune in his professional life by naively knocking on the door of the director of the Arkansas Museum of Science and History.

"I didn't know anything about museums," Preston recalled. "I was just looking for direction."

That door knock turned into a job at the museum, where Preston decided he needed more schooling. He went back to the University of Arkansas and received both a master's and doctorate. Then he got an offer to be a professor at the school. That was enough to convince Penny, who wanted Charles to settle down before agreeing to marriage. Getting the relationship on paper was tough, but when they finally wed, then-Arkansas Gov. William Jefferson Clinton officiated the ceremony.

Years later, after Preston was awarded tenure at the university, the couple took a vacation to northwest Wyoming. It was there, in the shadows of the Absaroka Range, that they pledged to take the first job offered in the Rocky Mountains.

Soon after, Preston got a call from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, becoming their curator of ornithology and chair of the department of zoology.

They had made it to the Rockies, but obviously not to their last stop. In 1998, Preston got a call from officials at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. They wanted him to interview for the position of designing the new natural history museum.

"I came up and fell in love with the place immediately," Preston said.

He spent two years creating the concept design, exhibit design and the final production/installation budget (including writing the grant proposal for \$1.4 million from the National Science Foundation).

"There were a lot of battles — many healthy but loud discussions," he said.

They broke ground in 2000 and opened to the public in 2002, replacing a parking lot with a world-class facility. Over those two years, Preston spent endless hours overseeing the completion of the construction projects and bringing his vision to life.

"It was the hardest thing I'd ever done," he said, giving much of the credit to the large team with which he worked.

The Draper has received international acclaim, becoming a model for a new genre of highly immersive natural science museums focused on communicating the process and product of science and the relationships binding people and nature. Preston's final installation was "Monarchs of the Sky," based on his team's research of golden eagles in the sagebrush steppe of northwest Wyoming. His list of awards, accomplishments and appointments are too numerous to list, but none are as important to him as his role as a teacher and mentor.

"I truly value the success of my many graduate and undergraduate students, interns, volunteers and staff I've had the honor to help mentor and for those enduring relationships that have continued through the years," he said.

As hard as it was to get the Draper up and running, now Preston has changed his tune: "The hardest thing I'll ever do is leaving this place," he said.

Preston, 66, plans to spend half the year in Arkansas and half in Cody.

"I'm looking forward to more field exploration, writing, public speaking, consulting on exciting projects, and contributing my time and energies to varied initiatives and organizations with clear purpose," he said.

Peter Siebert, incoming director of the center, arrives Friday (weather permitting) and administrators plan to begin a national search for Preston's full-time replacement.

Annual 4x4 exhibit and sale returns to Northwest College

With the holiday season near, the 37th annual 4X4 Exhibit & Sale opens Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Northwest College.

This year brings two changes to the event: The sale will take place in Cabre Building, Room 6, located in the NWC Art Department. In addition, all sales will be a "cash and carry" transaction. As work is purchased, it will be removed, and the buyer can take it home immediately.

The perennially-popular sale

gives all art aficionados an opportunity to buy artwork and Christmas gifts at a reasonable cost. In keeping with tradition, the doors remain locked until exactly 7 p.m. when crowds rush to get first chance at the diminutive art created by NWC faculty, staff and students.

Works submitted for the mixed-media show can be no larger than 16 square inches in two-dimensional form and 64 cubic inches in three-dimensional form. Prices for all

pieces are set at either \$8, \$12 or \$16 each.

All remaining pieces of art will be on display and available for purchase through Dec. 13.

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

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IN OUR OPINION

Merry Christmas? Happy holidays? It's still a time to celebrate

With Christmas less than one month away, it seems that the holiday season has already kicked into high gear. Christmas lights are up all over town, Santa Claus has already visited Powell, Country Christmas festivities are planned for this weekend and traditional holiday favorites like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman" are filling the airwaves.

However, some people have found controversy in the holiday season the last few years — even to the point of getting offended if someone wishes them "Happy holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas," or vice versa.

According to a 2017 article in The Daily Telegraph of London, employees at Great Britain's Department of Energy and Climate Change have been urged to avoid writing "Merry Christmas" in email greetings to avoid upsetting anyone, instead being encouraged to use the more neutral term "Season's Greetings."

Some major retailers similarly use more generic references to the holiday season, possibly because they wish to be sensitive to consumers who do not celebrate Christmas and instead observe other religious holidays like Hanukkah or Kwanzaa.

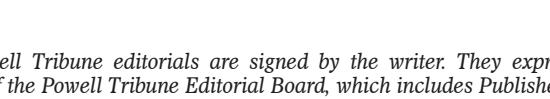
Because of these and other examples, there has been talk in America of a "war on Christmas" for several years. Some Christians have felt slighted, or even that Christmas is being marginalized.

Perhaps the most overt example of this came three years ago, when evangelist Joshua Feuerstein went on YouTube and accused Starbucks of "hating Jesus" because the company decided to use plain red cups instead of cups containing Christmas imagery, as it had in previous holiday seasons. Shortly after that, then-businessman and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump encouraged a boycott of Starbucks for the same reason and also said that if he became president, "we're all going to be saying 'Merry Christmas' again."

Some of the social media posts on the subject have even gotten animated. One meme that has received more than 7,000 likes has celebrated President Trump for changing "the Democrat phrase of 'Happy Holidays' back to 'Merry Christmas,'" while one Facebook user said, "I will not say 'happy holidays' — there are several 'holidays' [but] THIS ONE IS CHRISTMAS!"

On the other side of the coin, there are some who do have an issue with the phrase "Merry Christmas." A commenter on the website Debate.org said, "Merry Christmas is too much and not sensitive enough to other religions and people of other faiths. ... Happy holidays is better," while another commenter added, "It's a trivial matter, but 'Happy Holidays' is more respectful." However, we believe that another meme on social media might have the best take on the issue. The creator of the meme simply says that regardless of whatever holiday greeting is offered, "I will not be offended. I will be thankful that you took the time to say something nice to me."

We couldn't agree more.



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Powell, Cody communities showed true patriotism

Dear Editor:

I've been trying to write this letter for three years. You see, I'm a Vietnam veteran and I have PTSD, type II. I have low comprehension skills, patience and memory loss.

I want to address Veterans Day in the Cody and Powell areas and the patriotism in general: I have never seen such community spirit in country loyalty!

Starting with the Veterans Memorial Park in Cody. I knew 23 of the men on the "Nam" Memorial. The acknowledgement of all the warriors of all the wars is absolutely outstanding. At times I find myself at the park near dusk and I find much solitude and peace walking the brick-lined paths or just sitting on the "Nam" bench. And I also find the ceremonies there with the assistance of the VFW are unsurpassed.

Now to address the Veterans Day

service at the Cody Auditorium. The school children and their teachers songs and choreography were simply overwhelming (especially the challenged kids)! The student emcees were also very good. I want to especially thank Wyatt, a third grader at Eastside School, for the thank you veteran homemade card that he gave to me in the hallway of the auditorium. The school band, the youth speakers, and the acknowledgements of gone-but-not-forgotten vets on the two large projection wall areas was also pretty neat.

This past Veterans Day, I accepted an invitation in the Cody Auditorium hallway to the veterans dinner in Powell at Northwest College. The invite was given to me by a fellow vet from DownRange Warriors, whose daughter was emcee of the event and who did a marvelous job. I would like to thank the four Northwest College girls who chose to sit at my table and politely and graciously learn about what the vets in all wars do to keep our country safe. One of the girls was from Broadus and one from Laurel, Montana, and the other two I failed

to catch where they were from. My whole point being, the Cody and Powell communities and Northwest College should be commended for their outreach of patriotism.

I will conclude by saying that, although I'm sure that most every vet appreciates and needs a big "thank you for your service," I personally used to feel this had turned into a big politically correct thing to say; I felt like it was 50 years late for me!

After experiencing the outreach of these communities and especially teaching our youth what patriotism and understanding is about, I will conclude that I finally feel the well-meaning sincerity is from the heart.

To everyone ... THANK ALL OF YOU.

With respect and gratitude,
Bob Savala
Clark

P.S. Ironically, as I tried to finish this letter on Nov. 23, I received a package in the mail from the

U.S. government. It contained my Vietnam medals I never got — 50 years and five months late!!

Which is lawful? Good or evil?

Dear Editor:

Jesus healed a man with a shriveled hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The Pharisees weren't happy for the man's healing; instead they wanted to use the law to kill Jesus. Jesus even asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath, to do good or to do evil? To save a life or to kill?"

A person can go and buy tobacco legally. Lawmakers know that it kills a half-million people in the U.S. every year and 6 million worldwide. But our government takes in almost \$7 billion in taxes from tobacco annually. Isn't that condoning murder? Do our lawmakers love money more than people?

I know a couple who live in Wyoming. The wife has multiple sclerosis. Jerking and spasms during the night prevent her brain from entering

REM sleep. Over time, she became severely sleep deprived. If allowed to continue, bodily functions become impaired, eventually leading to death.

In 2009, she was losing hope. It was suggested that she try marijuana for sleep. And it worked.

Her husband now has to drive to Colorado, where it is legal, to get his wife her medicine. This man, by Wyoming law, is a criminal. He could be arrested, thrown in jail and her medicine would be confiscated. If he is caught, who is going to care for his wife?

The law legalizes murder knowing tobacco kills. The law criminalizes marijuana knowing it helps so many people. The U.S. government even holds a patent on the neuroprotective properties of marijuana (#6630507).

Evil is to sell a product knowing that it kills people. It's also evil to outlaw a medicine that not only helps people but saves lives.

Which is lawful? To save a life or to kill?

Tim Waters
Powell

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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Legion continues to seek names of local veterans

As commander of American Legion Post 26, I am excited about the feedback we have received about building the Powell Wall of Honor. Calls started pouring in from all over the state the same day the article was released in the Powell Tribune. The digital version of the paper works very well. Active duty personnel from as far as California even responded. The Powell Tribune Facebook page drew many likes and shares along with comments. I would like to address some of them.

First, people are putting names on the Powell Tribune Facebook page. That's fine, but you need to send the names of Powell-area veterans to powellwallofhonor@yahoo.com. This email address is different because I was hacked the same day the story broke, so I could not get into the original account I had provided.

Please take note of the new email listed above and resend your information to the new secure email account. Some people have tried to send information to the old address and could not get the email to work.

If you have a photo of the veteran in uniform, it would be great to send along with: their branch of service, where they served, what job they had, number of years served, if they are alive or passed, where they are buried, if they were a member of Post 26 or any American Legion across the country and any medals they may have been awarded. Include when they lived in Powell and what year they may have graduated from Powell High School. Also provide some

type of contact information in case there is a question. The veteran must have been honorably discharged.

You can also stop by the American Legion in Powell and fill out a form with your information. The Post is open seven days a week from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and closed on some holidays. Our plan is to compose a book with information on every name on the wall. As of now, we have over 1,500 names.

Second, you still can donate \$5 a name, or more, at First Bank of Powell. The account is called Powell Wall of Honor. Donations have started coming in and we would like to thank everyone who has donated to this great cause.

If you can't donate to the local



JERRY CLARK

Guest columnist

account in town, you can send the name and donation to the address listed below:

The American Legion
Hughes-Pittinger Post 26
Attn. Powell Wall of Honor
143 S. Clark St.
Powell, WY 82435

Please make checks payable to the Powell Wall of Honor.

We would like to thank the businesses that have volunteered to help. We are collecting the names for one year. Veterans Day 2019 will be the cut-off date. Then we can build the wall and unveil it on the Fourth of July weekend 2020 — our Independence Day as the United States of America.

Thank you for helping us get the names. We don't want to miss a single veteran!

(Jerry Clark is the commander of the American Legion Hughes-Pittinger Post 26 in Powell.)

The richest man in the world lives in Wyoming

We have all seen this Wyoming guy.

He doesn't look rich. But if you examine his life and measure his level of happiness, there is a compelling argument he could very well be the richest man in the world.

This is a man who loves the outdoors. He loves to hunt and fish. He loves to explore. He just happens to have a few gadgets around (his wife calls them "toys"), which are not necessarily new, but he keeps them in good repair. He loves tinkering on them.

This rich man lives in Worland or Cheyenne or Laramie or Rock Springs or Evanston or Riverton or any other Wyoming city or town. He gets up early each morning to greet the day with a big smile because he is in total control of his universe.

The day starts off with coffee with his buddies. They meet every morning, rain or shine, and spend an hour telling tall tales to each other and occasional off-color jokes.

Let's call this guy Joe. With all due respect to the university, we might even call him Cowboy Joe because he is a big fan of UW and is rarely seen without some kind of brown or gold apparel that reads WYOMING or COWBOYS.

Joe does odd jobs and controls his schedule. His wife has a good steady job with good benefits and good retirement. They are pretty frugal and have saved up a little money. They enjoy Wyoming's outdoor experiences together.

It is well-known that Joe married "up," which means he found himself a very good wife. People say his wife should not put up with all of Joe's hobbies, but she accepts them with a smile, because she likes them, too. They are active in their church and people count on them to help out during times of need. They are always there for others at such times.

These folks like Joe are among the richest people in history.

Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, or Warren Buffett or some Arab

sheik may think his life is better than Joe's, but do not try to convince Joe about this. He would not trade his place on the planet with any of them.

He and his wife encouraged their kids to study hard and qualify for scholarships because extra money was hard to find. The kids qualified and they also worked during their years at UW. They graduated almost debt-free.

They taught their kids to be thrifty and to appreciate the real finer things in life, such as the joys available in Wyoming's great outdoors.

Joe and his wife are the best grandparents in the world. They take their grandkids fishing, hunting and camping. They have lots of time to spend with them and are never in a hurry. They listen to their problems because often the kids' parents are too

busy trying to make a living.

At some point, one of Joe's kids will lecture the old man about how if he had worked an extra job or invested in the stock market, he probably would have ended up rich. And when he is 70 he would

have time to do all the fishing and hunting he might want to do.

Joe looks at him and shrugs. You can almost tell that he is thinking, "It's time to go fishing."

The Cowboy Joe described here is a stereotype of a lot of people I know in Wyoming. I wish that I could have been more like him. In business,

my wife Nancy and I have tried to get it all done but I missed out on a lot because of pressures associated with running a number of companies. Sure would have liked to spend more time hunting, fishing and camping.

Perhaps the closest I ever



BILL SNINNIN

Guest columnist

came to the perfect life was when I aspired to be a newspaper publisher at a young age. I made it at age 24 here in Lander, which was sort of incredible.

A friend back in those days invited Nancy and me to dinner where a third man showed up and gave us a pitch about how we could make all this money with some kind of multi-level marketing sales scheme. I think it was Amway.

"Just think, Bill," the man exclaimed. "If you make all this extra money, you can be whatever you ever wanted to be!"

My answer to him was: "Sorry, but I am what I always wanted to be."

Now that is what Joe would have said had he been asked that question.

(Check out additional columns at www.billsniffin.com. Bill Sniffin, a longtime journalist from Lander, has published six books. You can find them at www.wyomingwonders.com.)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Powell, Cody communities showed true patriotism

Dear Editor:

I've been trying to write this letter for three years. You see, I'm a Vietnam veteran and I have PTSD, type II. I have low comprehension skills, patience and memory loss.

I want to address Veterans Day in the Cody and Powell areas and the patriotism in general: I have never seen such community spirit in country loyalty!

Starting with the Veterans Memorial Park in Cody. I knew 23 of the men on the "Nam" Memorial. The acknowledgement of all the warriors of all the wars is absolutely outstanding. At times I find myself at the park near dusk and I find much solitude and peace walking the brick-lined paths or just sitting on the "Nam" bench. And I also find the ceremonies there with the assistance of the VFW are unsurpassed.

Now to address the Veterans Day

service at the Cody Auditorium. The school children and their teachers songs and choreography were simply overwhelming (especially the challenged kids)! The student emcees were also very good. I want to especially thank Wyatt, a third grader at Eastside School, for the thank you veteran homemade card that he gave to me in the hallway of the auditorium. The school band, the youth speakers, and the acknowledgements of gone-but-not-forgotten vets on the two large projection wall areas was also pretty neat.

This past Veterans Day, I accepted an invitation in the Cody Auditorium hallway to the veterans dinner in Powell at Northwest College. The invite was given to me by a fellow vet from DownRange Warriors, whose

daughter was emcee of the event and who did a marvelous job. I would like to thank the four Northwest College girls who chose to sit at my table and politely and graciously learn about what the vets in all wars do to keep our country safe. One of the girls was from Broadus and one from Laurel, Montana, and the other two I failed

to catch where they were from.

My whole point being, the Cody and Powell communities and Northwest College should be commended for their outreach of patriotism.

I will conclude by saying that, although I'm sure that most every vet appreciates and needs a big "thank you for your service," I personally used to feel this had turned into a big politically correct thing to say; I felt like it was 50 years late for me!

After experiencing the outreach of these communities and especially teaching our youth what patriotism and understanding is about, I will conclude that I finally feel the well-meaning sincerity is from the heart.

To everyone ... THANK ALL OF YOU.

With respect and gratitude,
Bob Savala
Clark

P.S. Ironically, as I tried to finish this letter on Nov. 23, I received a package in the mail from the

U.S. government. It contained my Vietnam medals I never got — 50 years



The Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Sunlight Wildlife Habitat Management Area will close to all human presence on Dec. 16 to protect wintering wildlife. The area will reopen to the public in May. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Wildlife habitat management areas to close for winter

Many of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Habitat Management Areas (WHMAs) will be closed off to the public in the coming weeks to protect wildlife on their winter ranges. The majority of WHMAs close or have restrictions for the winter annually, including a couple of local areas.

"Seasonal closures are essential for minimizing stress-causing disturbances to

wintering deer, elk, bighorn sheep and other wildlife," said Ray Bredehoff, habitat and access branch chief for Game and Fish. "Closures also reduce the human and recreational impacts to the forage, which supports the wintering wildlife."

Starting Saturday and continuing through May 31, people are prohibited from visiting the Sunshine Wildlife Habitat Management Area

west of Meeteetse. The area is closed to vehicles year-round, but is open to travelers on foot or horseback from June 1 to Nov. 30 each year. Meanwhile, the Sunlight WHMA, northwest of Cody, will close to all human presence from Dec. 16 through April 30.

It's a different story at the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of Lovell: That area is open to the public year-round.

Lecture to explore bird migrations

For the past 15 years, Bryan Bedrosian has been studying the birds of the Greater Yellowstone Region and the Great Plains. Focusing on raptors, corvids (of the crow family), and sage grouse, he has been involved in movement studies since researchers first began using GPS to track birds.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, Bedrosian will present a lecture titled, "Beyond Borders: Bird migrations to, from and through the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem," at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody.

The free talk, part of the Draper Natural History Museum Lunchtime Expedition series, starts at 12:15 p.m. in the center's Coe Auditorium.

Bedrosian's diverse projects have explored migration and spatial ecology, genetic studies, environmental contaminants, and bioacoustics. He currently serves as research director

for the Teton Raptor Center, a research, educational, and rehabilitation non-profit based in Jackson Hole.

An innovative researcher, Bedrosian has designed — and made available to colleagues — research tools such as remote net launchers for capturing eagles and ravens, an automated wildlife recording device, and the method currently used for GPS tracking sage-grouse. He also designed the GPS transmitters that he uses for his own studies.

Bedrosian's Dec. 6 talk will include examples drawn from data he's collected through the years.

The Lunchtime Expedition lecture series is organized by the Draper Natural History Museum and supported in part by Sage Creek Ranch and the Nancy-Carroll Draper Foundation. The series will resume in February.



BRYAN BEDROSIAN

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER JOINS THE NATURE CONSERVANCY BOARD

The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming has added two members to its board of trustees, including Kathy Lichtendahl of Clark.

A professional conservation photographer, she and her husband, Ken, have lived in Clark for more than 20 years. In addition to owning and running Light in the Valley, LLC., the Lichtendahls also raise pack llamas, which they often use on treks into the nearby Beartooth Mountains.

Lichtendahl was born and raised in Maritime Canada and worked as a marketing executive in Cincinnati. After moving to Wyoming, she spent 12 years with Park County Search and Rescue before going back to school to receive an associates degree in photography at Northwest College. Lichtendahl's work has been published in a wide variety of printed and online material and her

photographs can be viewed at Open Range Images Gallery in Cody.

She also taught photography at Northwest College before retiring in 2018 and has been active with a number of conservation organizations.

In a statement, Lichtendahl said she's looking forward to joining The Nature Conservancy's Wyoming board.

"I believe that the work TNC does in Wyoming and elsewhere to identify and protect critical habitat is invaluable to the sustainability of our natural world."

*Kathy Lichtendahl
The Nature Conservancy*

of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming and serves as an oil and gas representative on Gov. Matt Mead's Sage Grouse Implementation Team. A fourth-generation Wyomingite, Ulrich has been actively working on wildlife and habitat issues in the west since 1998.

He describes Wyoming as "the gem of the West" in protection of wildlife, wildlands and a way of life.

"I love Wyoming and all our natural resources. I also love that TNC is a science-based organization since we need to continue to use science to protect all the natural wealth that Wyoming has to offer," Ulrich said in a statement.

Prior to his career in oil and gas, Ulrich served in the U.S. Navy in the intelligence community and on the staff of a Wyoming governor and Wyoming congressman.

The Nature Conservancy describes itself as "a global conservation organization dedicated to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends" that uses science to "create innovative, on-the-ground solutions to our world's toughest challenges so that nature and people can thrive together." To learn more, visit www.nature.org/wyoming.

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
11.21	49	16.6	.00
11.22	45.9	24.7	.00
11.23	49	29.1	.00
11.24	36.8	27.1	.00
11.25	40.7	16.9	.00
11.26	37.5	14.3	.00
11.27	45.8	21.2	.00

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

CORRECTION

■ A Tuesday story about the recent election of officers on the Powell Valley Healthcare Board of Directors misidentified the board's vice president; in actuality, trustee Boni Katz was elected to the post. The story also misspelled Katz's first name. The Tribune regrets the errors.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

NOVEMBER 16

■ 7:59 p.m. A red Ford Ranger pickup and white van were reported to be stuck on a hill on Road 2AB outside of Cody.

NOVEMBER 17

■ 10:14 a.m. A woman on Lane 5 in the Powell area reported that a black and white horse was on her property.

■ 10:37 a.m. A caller on Montana Street in Meeteetse reported that someone came onto their property and left a box of food on their patio.

■ 3:36 p.m. Two deer, including a baby deer with a possibly broken leg, were reported to be walking down 12th Street in Cody. The call was referred to another agency.

■ 7:42 p.m. A caller reported hearing a loud bang in the area of Poplar Road/Oak Road outside of Cody. The caller said they saw something orange and possibly smoke.

■ 9:46 p.m. A citizen on Road 7 in the Powell area reported that their Great Pyrenees was missing, saying it might be with a neighbor's Aussie. The Pyrenees was returned to its owner.

NOVEMBER 18

■ 12:22 a.m. A male was reported to have shot himself while reloading a gun on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 east of Cody. Alcohol was reportedly involved. The incident was called in by a nurse at the emergency room.

■ 9:04 a.m. A cow was returned to its owner after getting out on Wyo. Highway 294 in the Powell area.

■ 11:26 p.m. Luke Bryson Cozzens, 34, turned himself in on a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

NOVEMBER 19

■ 6:33 a.m. A truck reportedly hit a deer on Road 3DX in the Cody area.

■ 9:30 a.m. A citizen reported that cats were not being taken care of and were really sick on Lane 15 in the Powell area.

■ 3:13 p.m. A citizen on Road 19 in the Powell area asked to have a female served with a no trespassing order for the property, saying she had taken and damaged property.

■ 7:34 p.m. A deputy assisted with a dead deer that was in the road on Wyo. Highway 295/Road 6 in the Powell area.

NOVEMBER 20

■ 6:21 a.m. A truck reportedly hit a deer on Lane 8 in the Deaver area.

■ 10:21 a.m. The sheriff's office assisted the fire department with a report of a camper on fire on Road 6 in the Powell area.

■ 11:36 a.m. Two or three cows were reported to be out on the road on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.

■ 1:24 p.m. A caller on Mountain Drive in the Cody area reported that dogs in the neighborhood harass her while she walks on the road. The report was determined to be unfounded.

■ 1:43 p.m. A 94-year-old man was found to have died on Lane 17 in the Cody area.

■ 2:15 p.m. Between 40 and 50 horses were reported to be running around the neighborhood on Richland Trail in Clark. The caller said the horses were making a mess of everything.

■ 5:07 p.m. A bale of hay was reported to be in the road on Appaloosa Lane/Road 2AB in the Cody area. The sheriff's office was unable to locate it.

■ 5:39 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted another agency by checking for a possibly deceased deer on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.

■ 7:40 p.m. A female on Lane 9H in the Powell area reported that a male wouldn't stop calling and texting her.

NOVEMBER 21

■ 8:02 a.m. A deputy dealt with a dead deer that was in the road on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area.

■ 10:08 a.m. A caller on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area reported that a man he'd met while AT'ving was acting a little disoriented and the caller was concerned about the man driving home. The caller said the man seemed fine, but wanted a deputy to meet him at his vehicle.

■ 2:59 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted a woman with car seats at

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Berkley, a former shelter dog, has returned as her adopted human was unable to keep her. She is a spayed female catahoula cross. Berkley is suspicious of people at first but is friendly once she gets to know you. She gets along well with other dogs. If you are interested in adopting Berkley or another shelter animal, call Caring for Powell Animals/Moyer Animal Shelter at 754-1019. Tribun photo by Carla Wensky

the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

■ 4:01 p.m. A white SUV was reported to have been in an irrigation ditch on Road 8/Dipilla Lane in the Powell area since that morning.

■ 4:32 p.m. A deputy was flagged down on Road 4 in the Powell area for a report of a bunch of loose cows; according to the reporting party, the people trying to corral the animals needed some help. The sheriff's office was unable to assist.

■ 5:47 p.m. A vehicle reportedly hit a deer on Road 2AB/Road 2CD in the Cody area.

■ 6:17 p.m. A motor vehicle crash was reported on Cooper Lane East in the Cody area.

POLICE REPORT

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

NOVEMBER 12

■ 4:59 a.m. Dispatch received a report of an intoxicated driver on North Bent Street, but responding officers could not locate the vehicle.

■ 6:30 a.m. A caller reported something thrown at a semi truck on South Mountain View Street broke the side mirror. The incident was placed under investigation.

■ 8:45 a.m. A caller on North Cheyenne Street reported a friend was being harassed through text messages. A responding officer determined it was most likely related to a scam and advised the friend not to respond.

■ 10:43 a.m. A resident on North Evarts Street reported a broken back window. A responding officer determined the window appeared to have been broken due to frost and the heat being turned on.

■ 12:45 p.m. Officers contacted some juveniles on East Seventh Street and issued them citations for tobacco use violations.

■ 4:58 p.m. An anonymous caller on Buckingham Place reported the people inside a parked truck were acting strangely. Officers spoke with the individuals.

■ 3:48 p.m. A caller on West First Street reported someone used their identity to order from FedEx. She said FedEx would not provide any information and advised her to contact law enforcement.

■ 7:06 p.m. A debit card was found on main street in Ralston.

NOVEMBER 13

■ No incidents of note.

■ 5:18 a.m. Dispatch received a report of a person driving without a license on Hawthorne Court. A responding officer cited the driver for failure to carry a driver's license.

■ 6:42 a.m. An officer checked on the welfare of a resident on North Division Street and found they were fine.

■ 9:31 a.m. An officer responded to a domestic disturbance on East Seventh Street and placed the case under investigation.

■ 10:07 a.m. After performing a child welfare check on Grand Street, an officer placed the case under investigation.

■ 9:13 p.m. An officer checked

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NOVEMBER 17

■ 11:45 p.m. Officers responded to a

report of an intoxicated driver on East Coulter Avenue, where the driver was arrested on suspicion of driving while under influence. The person was not named in police logs.

NOVEMBER 18

■ 2:11 p.m. A resident on South Edmonds Street complained of a dog in a backyard that had been barking all morning. A responding officer advised the dog's owner of the complaint and found there had been multiple dogs barking in the area.

■ 8:11 p.m. A debit card was found on North Clark Street and brought into the law enforcement center where the owner was contacted to come in and claim the item.

NOVEMBER 19

■ 12:48 a.m. Someone in a white car was reported to have been parked in an alleyway on North Day Street for some time, with the driver running the car for awhile, then shutting it off. An officer spoke with the driver, who said they had been having trouble with their headlights and didn't want to drive back to Lovell in the dark. The citizen was advised.

■ 1:35 a.m. A person was reported to be causing a disturbance on Avenue H. An officer responded and, by the time the officer left, everything had calmed down and the situation was fine.

■ 8:08 a.m. Property damage was reported on Second/Day streets and the case was placed under investigation.

■ 2:18 p.m. Property damage was reported on Evans Street/Coulter Avenue and the case placed under investigation.

NOVEMBER 20

■ 10:05 a.m. A caller on South Clark Street reported that a neighbor had an excessive amount of dog feces in their yard. An officer spoke with the dog owner, who said they would clean it up.

■ 12:34 p.m. A man was reported to be driving on the wrong side of the street on Clark/Third streets. The vehicle was gone when officers arrived.

■ 2:08 p.m. A Toyota key fob with a house key and brown leather key strap was reported to have been lost a couple months ago in the Powell area.

■ 5:03 p.m. A cellphone was reported to have been stolen on North Cheyenne Street.

NOVEMBER 21

■ 12:11 a.m. A resident on Avenue G reported missing medication. The case was placed under investigation.

■ 9:06 a.m. A vehicle on West Third Street was reported stolen. The case was placed under investigation.

■ 9:36 a.m. A caller on East Adams Street reported a stolen credit card and the case was placed under investigation.

■ 12:30 p.m. A caller on Avenue F reported a resident emptying sewage from their RV onto the lawn. A responding officer was advised the resident had just bought the RV and was cleaning it. The resident said they emptied the sewage into a bucket and then flushed it down the toilet. The officer could not find any evidence that the sewage had been dumped onto the lawn and advised the resident of the ordinance regarding that type of violation.

■ 2:42 p.m. An officer conducted a welfare check on a resident on West First Street and found the person was fine.

■ 11:02 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on South Edmonds Street. The case was placed under investigation.

NOVEMBER 22

■ 2:38 p.m. Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated male who fell on West First Street. After investigation, Bob Wutzke, 57, of Powell, was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

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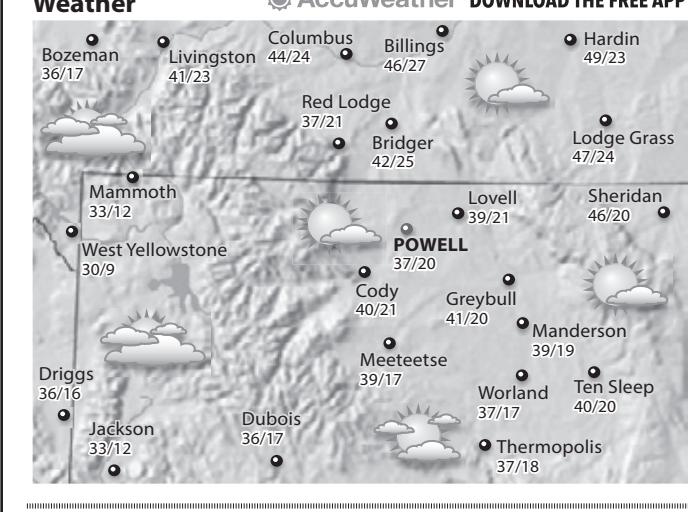
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Normal month to date 0.16"

Year to date 9.08"

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A great horned owl rides out wind gusts in the northwest section of Powell Sunday. It's common to see them near sunset on tree limbs near open fields, where they hunt for prey. Their call is a melodic series of four to five hoots — lending to their nickname 'hoot' owls. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Public records bill heads to the Legislature

BY RAMSEY SCOTT
Wyoming Tribune Eagle
Via Wyoming News Exchange

The year-long efforts of state lawmakers and stakeholders to craft a new public records law has finally borne fruit.

But the inclusion of serious penalties for knowingly violating Wyoming's public records laws could cause the bill to face headwinds in the 2019 Legislature.

A version of a bill drafted by the Public Records Working Group will head to the Legislature after the Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee voted 8-4 on Tuesday to sponsor it. The proposed legislation would give state and local agencies a set timeline to follow when it comes to public records requests. Those groups would have seven days to respond to a request and another 10 days to produce the records.

While the members of the Corporations Committee agreed the state needed to improve the process to access public records, there were several sticking points that caused some on the committee to vote against the bill.

Some lawmakers were concerned about making it a felony for a member of a local or state governmental agency to knowingly or intentionally violate the public records law. The bill would make it a misdemeanor offense for someone to negligently violate the public records law.

The Corporations Committee voted to reduce the maximum sentence for any felony under the proposed law to one year and a day and a fine of \$1,000, and any misdemeanor to a maximum of six months in jail and a \$750 fine.

But the inclusion of that felony section was a bridge too far for some members of the committee.

"I've been all over the map as to whether we ought to get this issue out of the bill because it might be controversial enough to kill it," Sen. Charles Scott, R-Casper, said during Tues-

day's meeting. "I don't think the bill is passable with a felony [provision] in it."

Scott envisioned a scenario where the threat of felony and misdemeanor charges would keep people from signing up to be on smaller boards, like local cemetery boards.

Sen. Tara Nethercott, R-Cheyenne, said it didn't make sense to include the felony aspect in the bill if the goal was to create an open relationship between government and citizens. When it came to special districts and other small boards that don't have the resources or manpower of larger state agencies, using the hammer of a felony charge seemed to go way beyond the intent of the bill.

"Are there other ways to achieve transparency, which is really the goal? I think we're looking at this from the wrong end," Nethercott said. "Rather

than working with the agencies [to come up with the best process], we're trying to come at it with a hammer — a very large hammer — and we're bludgeoning the Public Records Act, quite frankly."

But the idea of removing the threat of a felony didn't sit well with some other members, who saw it as a way to ensure compliance from unwilling agencies that could intentionally violate the rules without fear of punishment.

"I do think that [the felony level] is a knowing and initial violation," said Rep. Tyler Lindholm, R-Sundance. "You're doing this for the purpose of obstructing transparency, in my opinion, and going well outside the bounds of your job. I'm not in favor of reducing that down to a misdemeanor."

Bob Bonnar, associate publisher and editor of the News Letter Journal in Newcastle, spoke in favor of leaving penalties in. He

compared the threshold of proving the felony charge of knowingly or intentionally violating the law as the same as the one to prove libel or slander in the journalism field.

Bonnar, who spoke on behalf of the Wyoming Press Association, also drew the comparison of keeping public documents from initially being released as the same as stealing public money.

While he said he wouldn't plant his flag on the issue, Bonnar believed the lessening of penalties for knowingly breaking the public records law would weaken the impact the bill would have in changing the culture in Wyoming.

"[This bill] doesn't identify specific problems in transparency in Wyoming. What it does is signal the Legislature's intent to change the culture regarding transparency in

Wyoming. And that's a real strong statement to make," Bonnar said. "The message needs to be sent loud and clear to custodians of public records in Wyoming that when a citizen wants to see a record, you should get on the hurry-up and get it to them as reasonably as possible."

Another issue members hoped could be cleared up during the next legislative session was a mechanism for reporting issues with document requests. The committee couldn't land on the right solution for who should handle complaints about the process on the state and local level, however.

The original bill draft outlined a process where complaints would be sent to the state's chief information officer, a position housed in the Wyoming Department of Enterprise Technology Services. While that might work for state agency complaints, members weren't sure if that position should also handle complaints from local agencies and boards.

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Senator, R-Cheyenne

Grizzlies force closure of popular hunting area

JACKSON (WNE) — Grizzly bears, elk carcasses and human hunters can make for a disastrous mix, and park rangers faced with all three right now on Blacktail Butte opted not to roll the dice.

Grand Teton National Park sent out word on Nov. 21 that there was an indefinite closure on the north and east sides of the timbered butte, a popular spot for elk hunting in late fall. That deci-

sion was made after Kate Wilmot, the park's bear-management specialist, hiked up 1,000-plus feet to the butte's crest with colleagues and discovered not one, but three elk carcasses — and several grizzlies feeding on them.

"They visualized at least two grizzlies, and anticipated that there were more," Teton park spokeswoman Denise German said. "Out of an abundance of

caution for both visitors and wildlife, we took these actions."

Aggressive "food guarding" is the nature of grizzlies, a behavior that makes the carcasses particularly hazardous for people who stumble upon them. The tendency of those passersby to be carrying rifles right now on Blacktail Butte in turn makes the circumstances dangerous for the bears.

The park's elk hunt otherwise

runs through Dec. 9. The area open to hunting shrinks Monday, when Antelope Flats and Wyoming's school trust parcel near Kelly close down.

The closed portion of Blacktail includes the trail along the butte's spine and begins about a half-mile from the Practice Rocks parking area. The butte's south face and most of its western one remain accessible.

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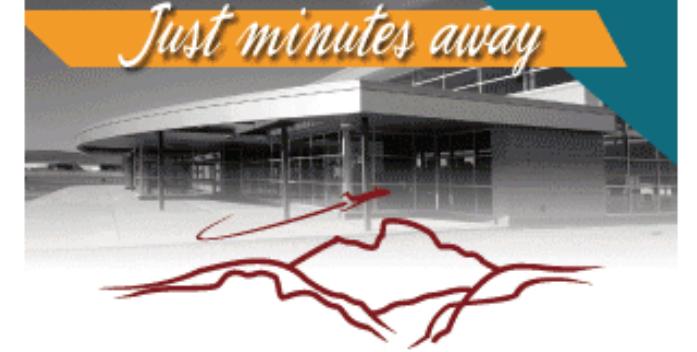
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A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Kyle and Nikki Hoellwarth have decked out their house with Christmas decorations and will open their new-to-them residence (at the corner of First and Division streets in Powell), for the Country Christmas Tour of Homes this weekend. The Twilight Tour of Homes is set for Saturday night from 6-9 p.m., while the traditional Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Murder: Suspect in Park County Detention Center awaiting extradition hearing

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would have on Mr. Akin here," Skoric said, saying he wouldn't want to hold up the prosecution of the murder.

When Akin was booked into the Park County Detention Center, the jail's inmate roster listed him as being held on suspicion of "mutilation of dead

body," but that's only because the section of state law that prohibits disposing of a human body has that caption; authorities said there is no indication that Akin mutilated his girlfriend's body.

After Akin entered the police station and reported the killing, Powell officers contacted Thornton police and asked them

to check the couple's residence, in a complex known as the Champion's Park Apartments.

Officers "confirmed there was a crime scene" at the residence, Sgt. Lucero said in a release.

Personnel from the Thornton Police Department and the Wyoming State Crime Lab drove up to Powell, arriving at the

police station Tuesday evening; they worked all through the night and into the early morning hours Wednesday to process the evidence, Eckerdt said.

Authorities said the investigation into the homicide is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call the Thornton police tip line at 720-977-5069.

Grizzlies: 'I would hope within a year we could put a proposed rule out'

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appeal," she told lawmakers. "If we're not successful, that's two years we've wasted."

Addressing the three issues Christensen noted in his ruling would necessitate doing a comprehensive study of the species, determining how delisting affects other grizzly populations in the lower 48. Christensen said that by delisting only the Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzlies, the service ignored the northern Continental Divide population — a population in the Glacier National Park area and fully contained in Montana.

When deciding to delist in 2017, the Service decided genetic diversity was improving enough that it was not necessary to include language about possible plans to relocate bears between the two populations to increase diversity. Cooley said that may have been a mistake.

"We removed that commitment. Our feeling is if we had left that sentence in, this would probably not have been an issue in [Christensen's] opinion," she said.

Cooley called the genetic variability of the Yellowstone ecosystem's grizzly bears "fairly low," but improving.

"We do have bears moving closer and closer. The distribution of both populations are expanding," she said. "We fully believe the bears will be connected in the near future."

The relisting forced the service to delay plans to delist the Montana population.

"We were on schedule to have

a proposed delisting rule for the Northern Continental Divide grizzly bear out by 2018," Cooley said.

As for the second option — to propose a new delisting rule — Cooley expects that task could take up to a year to finish.

"If we don't go for an appeal, the timeline is in our hands. We hope that we can move quickly. Both populations need to be delisted," she said. "I would hope within a year we could put a proposed rule out."

Once a new rule is proposed, a one-year public comment period would be necessary before it could be adopted.

Debate continues between Greg Sheehan, deputy director of the Service, and the staff of the ecological services department on which option is best, Cooley said.

Lawmakers on the Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources committee encouraged the Fish and Wildlife Service to move forward with delisting efforts.

State Rep. Jim Allen — a Lander Republican and co-chair of the committee — said he thinks turning the species' management over to the states is the best option for all parties.

"In my opinion, [delisting] is in the best interest of the bear, the best interest of the service and in the best interest of Wyoming," Allen said. "We're exasperated. We think we can drive this bus and do it well."

Rep. Brian Boner, R-Douglas, echoed Allen's frustration with the process.

"It seems like we shifted our

focus from anything that resembles a scientifically based management plan to simply defending the lives and property of our citizens," he said.

Park County Commissioners have been equally vocal in expressing their disagreement and frustration with Judge Christensen's decision to relist the Yellowstone area's grizzly bears.

"Certainly, Park County probably has, of all the counties, we have the most impact of anybody by the judge's ruling," Park County Commission Chairman Loren Grosskopf said at last week's commission meeting.

Grosskopf is a member of the Yellowstone Grizzly Coordinating Committee, which helps guide the management of bears in the Yellowstone ecosystem. He represents county government on the panel, but will depart the committee at the end of the year when his term on the county commission ends. When Grosskopf's replacement is picked for the Yellowstone Grizzly Coordinating Committee, "hopefully it's somebody from Park County," he said.

At the legislative committee's Nov. 9 meeting in Cheyenne, Rep. Joe MacGuire, R-Casper, expressed concern about how much the six lawsuits brought against the Service's delisting rule would cost taxpayers. Attorneys for groups suing the federal government are eligible to be reimbursed by the Equal Access to Justice Act, a federal law that allows parties to recoup their attorneys fees when they successfully challenge a govern-

ment action.

Cooley said the Service would appeal attempts by the attorneys seeking payment.

"Paying for six different groups' attorneys is pretty ridiculous," she said.

The plaintiffs in the case included the Crow Indian Tribe, Humane Society of the United States, WildEarth Guardians, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Chicago attorney Robert Aland. The groups have cheered Christensen's decision to restore protections for the Yellowstone area's grizzlies; they had been particularly concerned with planned grizzly hunts in Wyoming and Idaho.

"Facing ongoing threats and occupying a fraction of their historic range, grizzly bears are nowhere near recovery," Andrea Santarsiere, a senior attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity, said immediately after the judge's ruling. "These beautiful and beleaguered animals certainly shouldn't be shot for cheap thrills or a bearskin rug."

The Humane Society, meanwhile, issued a statement calling the reinstated protections "essential."

"The Fish and Wildlife Service brazenly repeated the same errors that we successfully challenged when the agency tried to remove protections for wolves in the Great Lakes and we hope the agency will finally stop playing politics with our native carnivore species," said Nicholas Arrivo, staff attorney for the group.

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Panthers hand out end-of-season honors

ASHER VOTED MOST VALUABLE TEAMMATE

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Eight members of the 2018 Powell High School football team have been honored for their contributions to the Panthers' season.

The team's end-of-season awards recognized the Rookie of the Year, the Lee Blocking Award, Most Improved, Most Inspirational, Most Valuable Defensive and Offensive Players and Most Valuable Teammate. The awards were voted on by the players' peers.

Participation certificates were also handed out, and 35 athletes were awarded varsity letters.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR — TORAN GRAHAM

A new category for the Panthers this year, the Rookie of the Year Award is awarded to a first-year varsity player who made a positive impact on the team. The 2018 winner was freshman linebacker Toran Graham, a player first-year head coach Aaron Papich said showed a lot of potential, and whose future he's excited about.

"Toran was actually our top defensive point-getter in the game against Jackson, and he started that game," Papich said. "He just did an awesome job this year for us. He started on special teams, and we pulled him up to varsity because of how physical he was on our scout team. We thought, 'Hey man, this kid can play.'"

Graham was inserted into the defensive rotation late in the season, and had success.

"The physicality to play varsity football as a freshman is impressive," Papich said.



MACEN THOMAS



HAWKIN SWEENEY



Panther quarterback Ethan Asher (No. 3) follows the block of teammate Dalton Woodward against Jackson during the final game of the season at Panther Stadium last month. Asher was named Most Valuable by his teammates at Tuesday's awards ceremony at Powell High School. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR — HAWKIN SWEENEY

Freshman kicker Hawkin Sweeney was named Special Teams Player of the Year.

"Hawkin definitely made an impact at that position," Papich said.

MOST IMPROVED — MACEN THOMAS

Junior lineman Macen Thomas was awarded Most Improved for his play on the line on both sides of the ball.

"Macen is someone that, if you would have told me at the beginning of the season he was going to start most of our varsity games, that would have surprised me," Papich said. "His footwork and his quickness and his coachability

was really awesome. He really proved himself this year, and it was really fun to watch him play. He did a great job."

LEE BLOCKING AWARD — CARTER OLSEN

Olsen was a force to be reckoned with this season, and Papich called the senior the "leader on the offensive line."

"Carter's football IQ as an offensive lineman was really impressive," Papich said. "He picked up fast all the schemes we were trying to do, and he really made the whole unit better. He was a lot of fun to coach."

MOST INSPIRATIONAL — KADDEN ABRAHAM

Abraham was second on the team

in rushing with 260 yards and a pair of touchdowns, despite being hobbled by injuries for most of the season. He was also a standout on defense, leading the team in tackles with 72 and in defensive points, with 105. The sophomore finished with five tackles for loss, including three sacks, and recovered a fumble.

"Kadden had a very productive season at linebacker and running back," Papich said. "He wasn't always 100 percent healthy, but he battled through adversity and found a way to keep practicing and playing at a high level. His toughness inspired our team."

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Trappers head to Battle of the Rockies

MONTANA TOURNAMENT FEATURES 4-YEAR SCHOOLS FROM AROUND THE NATION

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

After an injury-riddled start to the 2018-19 season, the Northwest College wrestling team hopes to rebound this weekend. The Trappers will travel to Great Falls, Montana, for the Battle of the Rockies tournament at the University of Providence Friday and Saturday.

The first day of the event will be a full day of dual meets, while day two will be an open tournament, where all wrestlers can compete. Trappers head coach Jim Zeigler said the tournament always features plenty of tough competition.

"The hosts bring in teams from all over the country, so it's a pretty neat deal," he said. "They're all four-year schools except for us and Northwest Tech out of Kansas, primarily NAIA Division II schools — including perennial powerhouse McKend-

ree and MSU-Northern. We see a lot of variety, teams we otherwise wouldn't see during the year. It's a really great event."

Injuries have hurt the Trappers early this season, with some of Zeigler's top wrestlers projected to be watching from the sidelines this weekend. Palmer Schafer at 141 pounds and Logan Sondrup at 165 pounds are both working through concussion protocol, while T.J. Frazier has been sidelined for the rest of the semester with a knee injury. Porter Fox is also working through issues,

though he might be available for the weekend. A scheduled meet with Western Wyoming before Thanksgiving was canceled because of Zeigler's low numbers.

"We're just decimated, and it's frustrating, because there's nothing I can do about it," Zeigler said. "I have no control over



NWC freshman Yair Moran (top) defeats University of Providence's Alex Quick 4-3 in the 174-pound quarterfinal match at the NWC Open earlier this month. The Trappers head to Great Falls, Montana, this weekend for the Battle of the Rockies tournament. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

BIG CITY TALENT, SMALL TOWN PRIDE

NWC'S TORBERT A LEADER ON AND OFF THE COURT

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Asked how he describes Powell and Northwest College to his friends back home, Northwest College sophomore and Southfield, Michigan, native Reme Torbert chuckled.

"It's so quiet here; I love the atmosphere," he said. "They wouldn't believe how laid back it is."

Torbert just started his second season as a Trapper, following an off-season that was a bit chaotic. Former head coach Brian Erickson stepped down prior to the start of the season to assume the role of athletic director at NWC, and his replacement, interim head coach Dawud Abdur-Rahkman, wasn't hired until a week before the team's first game. Torbert made sure to touch base right away with his new coach, a gesture that was appreciated.

"Reme was one of the first kids that reached out to me when I first got the job," Abdur-Rahkman said. "He was very accommodating in terms of letting me know what was what and who was who. I felt like from the very beginning he was a guy that knew how all of this operates and wanted to be a part of the solution."

As the new coach and a host of new players have started to settle in, Torbert is once again enjoying the game of basketball, a sport he's been playing as long as he can remember.

"I started playing basketball when I was about 5 years old at the recreational center [near home]," Torbert said. "When I first touched a ball, I didn't stop dribbling it. I started playing on a AAU traveling team when I was 8, and have just loved the game ever since."

Torbert was a four-year varsity player at Southfield High School for the Arts and Technology and a captain his senior year. (He also played on the AAU 1 Nation team, part of the Under Armour circuit.) Southfield A&T, located in a suburb of Detroit, boasts an enrollment of over 1,600 students

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THE LINEUP

This Week in Sports

*Home games in bold

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

NWC Volleyball v. Douglas, State Tourney at Casper, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

NWC Women's Basketball v. Miles CC, Cabre Gym, 5:30 p.m.
NWC Men's Basketball v. Miles CC, Cabre Gym, 7:30 p.m.

NWC Wrestling at Battle of the Rockies Duals, Great Falls, MT, TBA

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

NWC Women's Basketball v. Dawson CC, Cabre Gym, 2 p.m.
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Football: Eight members of football team honored

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DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — CARSON HEINEN

Senior captain Carson Heinen is being recruited by colleges as a tight end, but it was his play on the defensive side of the ball that caught opposing coaches' attention. Heinen was named to the 3A West All Conference and 3A All State teams as a defensive end. When asked to take a larger role in the team's defensive strategy, Papich said Heinen didn't hesitate.

"Carson did an awesome job on the defensive side of the ball," Papich said. "For a player being recruited as a tight end, he wasn't above stepping up on the other side of the ball. Being All State on defense while being recruited on offense just shows he took that talent to the other side of the ball, where we needed him the most. I'm really happy for him."

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — KELAN GROVES

Groves rarely came off the field during the 2018 season, and shined on both sides of the ball. Though he was named to the All Conference and All State teams as a defensive back, he was also second on the team in all-purpose yards, and played every skill position on offense at one time or another, including at

quarterback.

"Kaelan told me before the season that his goal was to be the best football player he could be," Papich said. "I really think that he did that."

MOST VALUABLE TEAMMATE — ETHAN ASHER

Asher was named the starting quarterback in the third game of the season, throwing for 668 yards and six touchdowns on the year. He also made things happen with his feet, rushing for 184 yards and three touchdowns.

"Ethan, by just his play, allowed everybody to be their best," Papich said. "What he helped do as a true leader was continually make people better. He's a tough competitor and a tough kid. We're happy to have him back next year."

Papich called the season a success, despite the team's final record of 1-7, and emphasized that many factors play in to what constitutes a successful season.

"I think these kids' toughness and resiliency this year was awesome. That's what really stood out for me," he said. "It felt great to beat Douglas, and we led in the third quarter against four of the state's top five teams. I

knew that these guys were responding above the line, and that was the culture we wanted to bring to this program."

CARSON HEINEN

KELAN GROVES

a defensive back, he was also second on the team in all-purpose yards, and played every skill position on offense at one time or another, including at



NWC sophomore Reme Torbert drives past Rocky Mountain JV's Braxton Haws during a game at Cabre Gym earlier this season. Torbert is averaging 16 points a game for the Trappers. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Torbert: 'Learning some life lessons about persevering'

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(for a bit of context, NWC's enrollment this fall semester stood around 1,500), and has produced some talented players.

After graduation, a mentor of Torbert's suggested Northwest as a possible landing spot to help the shooter develop his game. Former NWC assistant coach Hamidou Conde recommended Torbert to then-head coach Brian Erickson.

"They told me they liked my game," Torbert said of Conde and Erickson. "They felt like I could come here and make an impact, and I just fell in love with the atmosphere here."

Torbert played in all 30 games as a freshman for the Trappers last season, starting 28 of them and averaging 13.4 points a game. A couple of four-year schools expressed interest following the season, but Torbert decided to do one more year at NWC.

"I had a few offers, but I felt like I needed to come back and work on my game some more," he said. "I need to get bigger and work on the little things to be the

best player I can be at the next level."

Torbert's averaging 16 points per game this season, despite an injury.

"Reme [Torbert] comes out and gives 100 percent all the time. He wants to win," Abdur-Rahkman said. "And I think he's really good with his teammates when he's on the bench as well, which is not always the case with some of your better players."

The Trappers are off to a slow start at 4-7, but are showing signs of improvement. As the team adjusts to a new coach and a new system, things are beginning to fall into place.

"Playing for a new coach, we face a lot of challenges and adversity, but it shows the type of character that each player has," Torbert said. "We're learning some life lessons about persevering and trying to stay consistent."

Asked what he enjoys most about playing at NWC, Torbert says the fans and the community have made it an ideal situation for him.

"Everyone here is very friendly, and they like to see us play," he said. "I just really like it here."

I'll miss the fans the most, and the atmosphere. It's so calm and quiet."

Though Torbert is undecided on his next step after this season, he plans to continue his playing career at a four-year school. Abdur-Rahkman said Torbert has the skill set to succeed at the next level.

"He's a gamer," the coach said of Torbert. "He's one of those kids where things may not be going well, but he manages to turn it around. He has a short memory, he doesn't let things bother him, which is always a requirement for a player in his capacity."

"Plus, the kid can shoot," Abdur-Rahkman added. "He has a nose for scoring."

As for this season, Torbert thinks the Trappers have the talent to make some noise once conference play starts.

"We'd like to win Region IX," he said. "I'd like to prove to myself that what I worked for this summer will pay off. I feel like we have the talent, we just have to put it together and work hard. If we can do that, the sky's the limit."

Wrestling: Injuries cause for season's slow start

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concussion protocol — they bang their head, we have to keep them out. We have to make sure they're ready to go back once they're cleared by doctors."

"Losing Schafer and Sondrup put us down to six guys, and that's why we had to cancel the meet at Rock Springs," he added. "They didn't want to wrestle us with just six."

Zeigler said the goal for the weekend will be to get better with every single match, and not be concerned about wins and losses. Gaining experience and confidence will be the focal point, with an eye toward having a successful second act to the season.

"Everything is preparation for that second semester," Zeigler said. "We'll try to make a drive toward the regional and national tournament, where we want to try to get guys qualified and try to help them become All-Americans."

Freshman Boburjon Berdiyorov has been a

bright spot for the Trappers this season, finishing third at the NWC Open at 133 pounds. The native of Bekabod City, Uzbekistan, is still adjusting to collegiate style wrestling, however, making his matches interesting, to say the least.

"Bobur [Berdiyorov] has great abilities and he's a fantastic wrestler, but he's still learning American folkstyle wrestling," Zeigler said. "He scores his points and the other guys' points. He's a busy guy out there."

Zeigler reiterated that effort isn't the issue with this year's slow start — injuries and inexperience are the culprit.

"The kids have a good attitude, and they're working hard, they're trying to get better," he said. "Their ability to face the adversity they're facing in terms of depth and injury problems is impressive. They still come every day with a positive attitude, and I'm real proud of how hard they're working. They're doing well in classes, and they're all good kids."

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Come to the bosom of Jesus

I want to start off by having you read a text of the scripture from John 13:21-30:

"When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.'

Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, 'Lord, who is it?'

Jesus answered, 'He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.' And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop, Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him,

'That thou doest, do quickly.'

Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus said unto him, 'Buy those things that we have need of against the feast'; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out, and it was night.'

At the time this takes place, Jesus is in the upper room with his disciples and is teaching them some intimate principles. They are gathered around the table eating the Passover meal together. When they were around the table, they were in a different position than we are around a table. The table would be just a little bit off the floor and the disciples around the table would lie on their left side, with their head close to the table, their feet oppo-

site the head, and would eat with their right hand. The master of the gathering would be the prominent person at the table, and we know this to be Jesus. To lean on Jesus' bosom at the table meant that this disciple who we know to be John had the next prominent place. He was the one who had the most intimate relationship with Jesus, and he would have been on Jesus' right side.

Now Peter, who is close to John, asked him to ask Jesus who it was that would betray him. John would then have leaned back toward Jesus and his head would have been close to Jesus' chest and John asked him who it would be. Notice Jesus tells John who

it would be, but the rest of the disciples at the table did not hear Jesus.

John chose the best place to be and that was in close relationship with Jesus so he could hear him speak. Often times we are like the other disciples in this scene and we are far away from Jesus. When we are, we do not hear him speak into our lives, so it is time for us to come to the place where John was — close to the bosom of Jesus.

If you are a Christian, this should be encouragement for you to draw close to his bosom in your Bible reading and prayer time. And if you are not a Christian, it is time for you to come close to Jesus and invite him to be your personal savior.

In order for Jesus to become your savior you need to know 1) that you too are a sinner before God (Romans 3:23); 2) that the penalty of your sin is death (Romans 6:23); 3) that Jesus who is God paid the penalty of your sin on the cross (Romans 5:8); and 4) that your part is to accept Jesus as your Saviour (John 1:12).

After considering this, if you want to become a Christian and follow Jesus, I leave you with this prayer to say to invite Jesus into your life: "Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and deserve to be punished for my sins. I believe that you paid for my sins and I want to receive your gift of eternal life. By my faith in you, I put my life in your hands as my savior and Lord, Amen."

(Kevin Schmidt is the pastor of Charity Baptist Church in Powell.)



KEVIN SCHMIDT

Perspectives

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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ONGOING:

■ **THE MOUNTAIN WAS OUR SECRET: Works by Estelle Ishigo" exhibit on display at the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center through December.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

■ BABY AND TODDLER TIME at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

■ THE POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY will host Read to a Dog at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

■ POWELL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS kicks off with the annual Gift Show from noon-7 p.m. at The Commons in downtown Powell.

■ THE POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY will be holding a young adult hangout for students in grades 6-12 from 1-3:30 p.m. at Powell Makerspace. There will be rotating activities including movies, games, crafts, and more. For more information, contact Brianne Schaefer, young adult librarian, at 754-8828.

■ THE POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY will host the Friends of the Library book sale from 1-3 p.m.

■ 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.

■ THE NORTHWEST COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT hosts the Jazz Expo at the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium at 7 p.m. Featuring NWC jazz students, the concert will culminate their fall tour performances.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

■ COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION will be held at the American Legion Hall in Powell from 9-11 a.m. (note new hours). Open to low income and folks in need from Cody to Powell to Lovell and those places in between.

■ THE POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY will host the Friends of the Library book sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

■ THE SECOND DAY of the Powell Country Christmas Gift Show runs from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Also, see local performers from Absaroka Mountain Thunder, Elementary School Choir, and Stomp & Company from 10 a.m.-noon.

■ CODY WILL HOST a community nativity celebration — with exhibits of hundreds of nativity and creche displays, Christmas art and Christmas music — from 2-8 p.m. The celebration takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1719 Wyoming Ave., and will also be held on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 from 4-8 p.m. The event will include displays from all over the world and the various ways in which different cultures express their view of the birth of Christ. It's free of charge and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Janet at 307-899-1167 or Shelley at 801-857-1505.

■ THE POWELL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Lighted Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. with Santa arriving to town with the Powell Fire Department. The route will be a little different this year with entries going north on Bent, left onto Third Street, then down Cheyenne next to Washington Park. There will also be a tree lighting ceremony in Washington Park with live music and tasty treats from 6:30-8 p.m.

■ *THE POWELL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Twilight Tour of Homes runs from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy a unique trolley ride around Powell while gazing at the beautiful homes decorated for the holidays inside and out. The Twilight Tour tickets also include hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at Perky J Upholstery, 130 N. Bent Street Unit B. Tickets are \$35 and are ONLY available the Powell Chamber and Visitor Center.

■ THE NORTHWEST CIVIC ORCHESTRA and NWC choirs will present Handel's "Messiah" at 7 p.m. in the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium. The performance will include soloists and a chorus. In addition, there will be copies of the choruses available at the door. A reception will be held after the concert. Admission is free; however, non-perishable food donations will be accepted at the door, which will be donated to the Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes food bank.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

■ *THE POWELL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Traditional Tour of Homes runs from 1-5 p.m. Get a sneak peek inside some of the finest homes in Powell decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Habitat for Humanity and the Powell Chamber and Visitor Center.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

■ BABY AND TODDLER TIME at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

■ THE POWELL CITY COUNCIL will meet at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

■ SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION Squadron 26 meets at 7 p.m. at Post 26. Members have family members who have served in the military.

■ NORTHWEST COLLEGE GUITAR Ensembles will perform at 7 p.m. in the Hinckley Library Amphitheater.

■ POWELL HIGH SCHOOL band, choir and guitar students will present their Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. at the PHS Auditorium.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

■ THE POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY will have story time at 10:30 a.m.

■ *NORTHWEST COLLEGE will host its weekly intercultural lunch in the DeWitt Student Center Dining Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a sample of foods from around the world! This week's destination: the United States of America. Admission is \$7.75 plus tax, which grants full access to the all you can eat dining hall buffet. There is no additional charge for those with a college meal plan.

■ 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.

■ POWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL bands and choirs will perform their annual Christmas concert beginning at 7 p.m. at the PHS Auditorium.

■ NORTHWEST COLLEGE will host the 4X4 Exhibit & Sale in Cabre Gym Room 6 in the art department (there will be signs) beginning at 7 p.m. As in years past, the diminutive works of art will be available for either \$8, \$12, or \$16 each. The exhibit runs through Dec. 13.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

■ THE POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY will have Adult Scrabble at 10:30 a.m.

■ THE POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY will have story time at 10:30 a.m.

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

■ STOHTART READINGS take place from noon-1 p.m. in the Hinckley Library Amphitheatre at Northwest College. All are welcome to share their original works and favorite pieces, or just to listen to others. Readers ages 8 to 80 have participated in readings.

■ THE NORTHWEST COLLEGE Concert Choir and Powell High School Choir will once again join forces to present the Vespers Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Powell First United Methodist Church, 137 West Second Street.



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"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, ½ mile N off 144. Bible Study 9:30 am, Sunday Worship 10:45 am.

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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.

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Harvest Community Church

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

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Program helps Powell teachers prepare to integrate computer science into curriculum

Forty Wyoming teachers — spanning all grade levels and content areas — worked with experts at the University of Wyoming last summer to gain new ideas and abilities to incorporate concepts of computer science, computational thinking and cybersecurity into their classrooms. Seven Powell teachers were among the cohort that participated in robotics, applied mathematics, physics and engineering design (RAMPED) II. The cross-disciplinary professional development program included a two-week summer camp on the UW campus, as well as follow-up participant collaboration days during the school year.

"When the K-12 teachers explicitly call out pieces of computer science, they are showcasing computer science as a possible career while creating a space for K-12 students to practice computational thinking skills," said Andrea Burrows, an associate professor in UW's College of Education.

She and Mike Borowczak, an assistant professor in the College of Engineering and Applied Science, led the program.

Burrows said K-12 teachers who participated in RAMPED II will have the skills required to promote computer science and computational thinking to their students and dispel the myth that computer science is just coding, creating video games or robotics.

"I enjoyed looking at computer science as a whole way of thinking and really digging into how it permeates every aspect of our lives," said Victoria Davis, a math and science teacher for grades K-8 in Kaycee who participated in the program.

The professional development comes at a time when Wyoming is developing computer science standards as outlined in Senate Enrolled Act 48, which adds computer science and computational thinking to the state educational program. School districts are mandated to offer computer science in K-12 classrooms at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

The legislation does not include funds to support hiring new teachers or creating new courses. RAMPED II specifically showcased ways the teacher participants could integrate computer science and computational thinking principles into their existing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) classrooms. In the future, this integrated approach could allow school districts to meet the new requirements without the financial burden of hiring additional teachers or creating new stand-alone courses to cover the material, UW officials say.

RAMPED II is supported by a U.S. Department of Education grant, administered by a Wyoming Department of Education Math and Science Partner-



Northwest College professor and RAMPED II lead teacher Astrid Northrup (center) helps Laura Paige, a life science teacher at Casper's Centennial Middle School, with a program during a computer science professional development program at UW. Anna Youmans (left), the library media specialist at Laramie's Indian Paintbrush Elementary School, works on her program. Photo courtesy University of Wyoming

ships grant.

The program was divided into four sessions: machine learning, anomaly detection, large distances and virtual reality. Teachers not only learned about these elements, but began to develop ways they can incorporate the concepts in their daily lessons — regardless of the grade level or subject area they teach.

Participants used micro:bits, low-cost open source computers that are half the size of a credit card, to assist with learning about computer science and compu-

tational thinking, and to practice writing computer code. They also participated in beacon and lock-pick activities to simulate the world of interconnected devices in which we currently live. Both activities were created by UW faculty and graduate students to emphasize the cybersecurity concepts in computer science.

Although the focus is on teachers' understanding and use of computer science and STEM content during RAMPED II, Burrows said Wyoming students are the real beneficiaries of the professional development.

With well-prepared teachers, Wyoming's K-12 students have the opportunity to explore STEM and computer science in meaningful experiences that can help them pursue careers in new industries that assist in diversifying the state's economy, she said. These experiences also can help them solve problems in the industries that have driven Wyoming's economic engine for decades, Burrows added.

"Computer science knowledge, computational thinking skills and programming skills are predicted to be a part of just about every job in the future," Borowczak said. "Our world is headed toward automation, and the only way to control automation is through programming, computational thinking and computer science."

Participants from the Powell school

district included:

- Patrick D'Alessandro, a kindergarten teacher at Southside Elementary School;
- Shelby Randall, a first grade teacher at Westside Elementary School;
- Randi Bonander, a third grade teacher at Southside;
- Heidi Dicks, Southside lab manager;
- Bryan Bonander, a sixth grade math and science teacher; and
- Rachel Holmes, seventh grade math and life science teacher.

Astrid Northrup, an associate professor of engineering and practical surveying, thermodynamics and dynamics/mechanics at Northwest College, served as RAMPED II lead teacher.

To view the lessons and activities presented at RAMPED II, go to <http://bit.ly/RAMPED-labs>.

A collage of various advertisements for tools and apparel. It includes a yellow Dewalt 108 PC 3/8 Mechanics Tool Set, a Makita Brushless Combo kit, a Makita 20" 56CC Chain Saw, a 12PC Tool Set, and a sign for a 30% off sale on Wrangler jeans. There is also a photo of three people wearing jeans and a dog wearing a Santa hat.

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Southside Elementary School students perform during last year's Christmas program. Once again, December will be brimming with local holiday concerts. Tribune file photo by Ilene Olson

A month full of melodies

POWELL SCHOOLS PRESENT CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

From jazzy renditions of holiday classics to sacred carols, there will be Christmas songs aplenty in Powell. Throughout December, K-12 students will perform a variety of holiday songs at the following concerts:

• Monday, Dec. 3: Powell High School band, choir and guitar students will present their Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. at the PHS Auditorium.

• Tuesday, Dec. 4: Powell Middle School bands and choirs will perform their annual Christmas concert beginning at 7 p.m. at the PHS Auditorium.

• Wednesday, Dec. 5: Choirs from Northwest College and PHS will join together for their Vespers concert — a local holiday favorite — beginning at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 137 W. Second St.

• Thursday, Dec. 6: Parkside Elementary School students will take the stage at the PHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. for their annual Christmas program.

• Monday, Dec. 10: A holiday jazz concert will be presented by Powell Middle School and Powell High School students, beginning at 7 p.m. at the PHS Commons.

- Thursday, Dec. 13: Southside Elementary School's Christmas program will be divided into two parts to accommodate the large audiences. Kindergarten, second-grade and fourth-grade students will perform from 6:45-7:15 p.m. at the PHS Auditorium. First-grade, third-grade and fifth-grade students and the Kids Chorus will follow with their performances from 7:30-8:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 18: Clark Elementary School students will present their annual Christmas program at 7 p.m. at the Clark school, 363 Road 1AB. Students will perform "A Penguin Christmas," a story about "a positively pesky population of penguins that tries to take over for the elves, reindeer, and even Santa the night before Christmas," said music teacher Michael Jaycox.
- Thursday, Dec. 20: Westside Elementary School will present its Christmas program, also divided into two parts to accommodate audience sizes. Kindergarten, second-grade and fourth-grade students will perform from 6:45-7:15 p.m. at the PHS Auditorium. First-grade, third-grade and fifth-grade students and the Kids Chorus will follow with their performances from 7:30-8:15 p.m.

— Tessa Baker

NORTHWEST COLLEGE HOSTS HOLIDAY CONCERTS

The Northwest College Music Department is kicking off the holiday season with a series of festive concerts throughout the end of November and beginning of December.

First on the schedule is the Jazz Expo, which takes place Friday, in the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium. Featuring NWC jazz students, the concert will culminate their fall tour performances. The event gets underway at 7 p.m.

Next, the Northwest Civic Orchestra and NWC choirs will present Handel's "Messiah" at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium. Co-directed by NWC Violin Instructor Maurine Akin and NWC Director of Choirs Brennan Baglio, the group adds to the spirit of the season with the sing-along version of this holiday classic. The performance will include soloists and a chorus; however, audience members are invited to bring a score and join in singing. In addition, there will be copies of the choruses available at the door. A reception will be held after the concert.

Admission is free; however, non-perishable food donations will be accepted at the door, which will be donated to the Powell Valley

Loaves and Fishes food bank.

The series continues with the Northwest College Guitar Ensembles in concert Monday, Dec. 3. Under the direction of NWC Instructor of Music Jeff Troxel, the groups perform at 7 p.m. in the Hinckley Library Amphitheater.

Holiday festivities continue with the Vespers Concert Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. The Northwest College Concert Choir and Powell High School Choir will once again join forces to present this annual favorite. This popular holiday music event is hosted at the Powell First United Methodist Church, located at 137 W. Second St.

Under the direction of Baglio and PHS Choir Director John Miller, the two choirs will present a program of choral music ranging from holiday favorites to spirituals among other sacred and secular works. All are invited to join the Powell community and the NWC and PHS students to celebrate this holiday season through an evening of music.

All concerts are free and open to the public. To learn more about the NWC Music Department or upcoming events, visit www.nwc.edu/music.

Pie sale benefits Backpack Blessings

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

If you need a good reason to eat pie, here's your opportunity: Every slice of pie sold at the Union Presbyterian Church this weekend will benefit Backpack Blessings, a local program that provides food for Powell schoolchildren.

The pie sale takes place Saturday at Ferren Hall at Union Presbyterian Church from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. — unless they sell out sooner.

All proceeds and donations will go directly to Backpack Blessings, said Linda Parham, pie sale chairman.

Currently, the program is serving 110 children from Parkside, Southside and Westside elementary schools, she said. Each week, volunteers from different churches and organizations gather at the Presbyterian church to prepare bags full of kid-friendly meals and snacks.

"School staff volunteers take the packed bags to the schools and they are discreetly placed into the children's backpacks on Friday for the

weekend," Parham said.

The food costs about \$40 a month per child, adding up to around \$4,000 each month.

Since Backpack Blessings depends entirely on donations from the community, fundraisers like Saturday's pie sale are important to keep it going.

"This would not even begin to be functioning without the good citizens of Powell," said Sandy Hatch, the buyer for the program. "They're the ones who are actually feeding these kids, because without them, there wouldn't have been a program."

Eleven local churches have been invited to bake pies for Saturday's fundraiser.

"So far, we have quite a variety of pies signed up," Parham said.

That includes cherry, apple, peach, pecan, peanut butter, lemon meringue, French silk, blueberry and cranberry cherry, she said. Those donating pies

should bring them to the Presbyterian church between 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday. Slices of pie will be sold for \$3, or whole pies will be \$16 for an 8-inch and \$20 for 9- and 10-inch pies. There also will be coffee and hot chocolate for \$1 per cup.

"We will have tables set up if people would like to enjoy their piece of pie there," she said.

Last year, 59 pies were donated and \$1,264 raised from pie sales, tips and the donation jar, Parham said.

There will be donation jars set up, as well as a sign-up sheet if people would like to volunteer to prepare bags on Thursday afternoons.

"Some people can give [financially], but they don't have the time, and sometimes you have the time, but don't have the money," Hatch said. "You can still help in some way."

She said all the donations and volunteers make a difference.

PROGRAM PROVIDES FOOD FOR MORE THAN 100 KIDS

A board was recently formed to "organize everything and put all of our little ducks in a row," Hatch said.

The board includes representatives from different churches in Powell and a community member who isn't affiliated with a church, Hatch said.

Powell High School students are among the volunteers who help pack the bags of food.

Heritage Health Center has been working with Backpack Blessings, providing donations like toothpaste, toothbrushes, bottled water and Kleenex, Hatch said.

If you would like to donate food for the backpacks, a list of needed items is available at the Union Presbyterian Church. The list includes things like individual servings of instant oatmeal, microwave popcorn, individual serving cups of fruit, juice pouches and Easy Mac macaroni and cheese cups.

Food items need to be easy for kids to prepare on their own, Hatch said.

If food items are donated that can't be put in the backpacks, "we'll take them to Loaves and Fishes, so they will be used," she said.



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Magical Lights**

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Park County, Wyoming

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GREETINGS

Published Monday, Dec. 24

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PUBLIC NOTICES "BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

Adoption notice

STATE OF WYOMING)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT)
) SS
COUNTY OF PARK)
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
Civil No. 1323)
ADOPTION OF)
)
CALISE ELIZABETH VELASCO)
CONFIDENTIAL)
and)
MACIELA KATHLEEN VELASCO)
)
Minor Children.)
)
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO JAIME VELASCO, RESPONDENT
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

You are notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Fifth Judicial District, whose address is Park County Courthouse, 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414. The object and prayer of the Petition are that Forrest T. Smith be allowed to adopt C.E.V. and M.K.V.

Unless you file an Answer or otherwise respond to the Petition referenced above within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, a default judgment will be taken against you and an adoption may be granted.

DATED this 19th day of November, 2018.

BY CLERK OF COURT:
PATRA LINDENTHAL by
JACQUE BOONE
Clerk of District Court / Deputy
First Publ., Fri., Nov. 23, 2018
Second Publ., Thurs., Nov. 29, 2018
Third Publ., Thurs., Dec. 6, 2018
Fourth Publ., Thurs., Dec. 13, 2018

Project hearing

Public Hearing on the Shoshone Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019
When: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 8:15 a.m.
Where: City Hall – Council Chambers
270 N. Clark St.
Powell, WY

The Wyoming Water Development Commission will hold public hearings to receive comments on the Shoshone Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019 project. The Commission will also be seeking information as to whether the proposed project functions and services can be served by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Representatives of the Water Development Commission and the project sponsor will be present to explain the proposed project and to record comments.

For further information contact:
Wyoming Water Development Office
6920 Yellowtail Road
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002
First Publ., Thurs., Nov. 15, 2018
Second Publ., Fri., Nov. 23, 2018
Third Publ., Thurs., Nov. 29, 2018

Annual meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
PARK COUNTY PREDATOR MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Park County Predator Management Board will meet Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the EOC Room of the Park County Courthouse in Cody, Wyoming.

Items to be discussed include:

1. Annual Report of the Predatory Management Board.
2. Discussion of contract with Wildlife Services.
3. Election of officers.
4. Set Predator Fees for 2019.
5. Any other business.

All cattle and sheep owners and other interested parties are invited to attend.
First Publ., Tues., Nov. 27, 2018
Second Publ., Thurs., Nov. 29, 2018

Final payment

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT
Pursuant to Section 16-6-116 of the Wyoming Statutes, latest revision, Notice is hereby given that Park County, Wyoming has been advised that the work on the BRIDGE OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SHOSHONE RIVER COUNTY RD 6QS has been completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract between the Park County, Wyoming, the Owner, and CC & G, INC., the Contractor, and said Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore. All persons, firms or corporations who have any claims for work done or equipment/materials furnished on said work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the 41st day (January 9, 2019) following the first publication of this Notice. This Notice does not relieve the Contractor and the sureties on their bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.

Park County, Wyoming
s/ owner
First Publ., Thurs., Nov. 29, 2018
Final Publ., Thurs., Dec. 13, 2018

City minutes

City Council Proceedings
November 19, 2018

The governing body of the City of Powell met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on November 19, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Wetzel opened the meeting and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wetzel called the meeting to order and the following were present: Mayor John Wetzel, Council Members Jim Hillberry, Lesli Spencer Tim Sapp, Eric Paul and Scott Mangold. Absent Councilman Floyd Young

City Officials: City Administrator Zane Logan, City Clerk Tiffany Brando, Attorney Sandee Kitchen, Chief of Police Roy Eckert and Finance Director Kaela Nelson. Approval of Agenda: Councilman Mangold moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of November 5, 2018 meeting minutes: Councilman Hillberry moved to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Bills and Claims: Mayor Wetzel abstained #46 and Councilman Hillberry #27. Councilwoman Spencer made a motion the bills be allowed and authorize the Treasurer to draw warrants for payment of the same, seconded by Councilman Paul, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING 6:00 p.m.: City of Powell Liquor License Renewals 2019 Retail, Microbrewery, Restaurant and Limited License. Attorney Kitchen opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m., no comments, closed 6:02 p.m. Chief Eckert gave an overview of the year for the license holders and it was the best year since he has been an officer. Councilman Hillberry expressed appreciation for a job well done to the license holders. Councilman Hillberry made a motion to approval Retail, Microbrewery, Restaurant and Limited license for 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Mangold, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Powell Clocktower Inn Business Plan Presentation presented by Steve Wahrlich. Mr. Wahrlich gave an update of plans on the hotel/convention center and approval by the SLIB board with projections on procuring a liquor license and the possibility of other options besides a retail liquor license.

Committee Updates: Councilman Hillberry update on Shoshone Pipeline and Mayor Wetzel update on Park County Travel Council. Ordinance No. 17, 2018 – Attorney Kath read by title: An Ordinance Amending Section 16.12.050 of the Powell City Code Pertaining to Amendments of Title 16 by Deleting Subsection B Requiring Public Hearings and Publication of Notice. Councilman Mangold moved to approve on third reading, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Park County School District #1 Related Services Agreement for Adaptive PE. Councilwoman Spencer moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION

CARRIED. Amendment to Operations Agreement City of Powell and Clocktower Inn of Powell, LLC. Administrator Logan explained update is for a clause to allow alcohol sales. Councilman Hillberry moved to approve and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Mangold, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Snow Collection & Deposit Agreement City and Park County. Councilman Mangold moved to approve and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

General Announcements: Administrator Logan informed council of legislative dinner Dec. 11th and employee recognition dinner is Dec. 7th at the Eagles. Interview process for police and accounting tech on-going. Council-

man Mangold asked cause of power outage, and Administrator Logan stated unsure at this time, but everything is back on.

There being no further business to be considered at this meeting, Councilman Paul moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Wetzel adjourned the regular meeting at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ John F. Wetzel

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Tiffany Brando

City Clerk

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City payments

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS

1 2M Company	Parks	147.07	Irrigation Key & Coupling
2 360 Office Solutions	Finance	89.89	Copy Machine Fees
3 Aldrich & Company	Water	136.88	Insulation, Heat Tape & Extension Cord
4 Alsco	Admin, Aquatics	138.20	Mat Cleaning, Rugs & Deodorizers
5 Aqua Flow International	Water	1,287.16	Annual Maint & Transaction Fees
6 Ascent Aviation	Airport	31.50	Monthly Communication Fees
7 Bailey Enterprises Inc	Various	10,246.41	October Fuel Purchases
8 Bar T Electric	Waste Water	1,195.21	Electrical Work on SCADA
9 BCN Telecom	Various	114.88	Monthly Long Distance Charges
10 Big Horn Redi Mix	Water	840.00	Slurry
11 Blair's Market	Various	55.77	Halloween Candy, Coffee, Ice & Concession Supplies
12 Border States Electric Supply	Electric	734.49	Conduit, Overloads & Wire Nuts
13 Bradford Supply	Parks	1.53	Irrigation Part
14 Bruno Inc	Admin, Police	171.65	Hand Towels
15 Carquest	Shop	53.61	Filters
16 City of Billings	Sanitation	13,447.50	October Tipping Fees
17 Custom Delivery Service Inc	Water, Sani	184.25	Delivery Fees
18 Energy Labs	Waste Water	785.00	Waste Water Testing
19 Engineering Associates	Various	24,314.02	Monthly Engineering Fees for Water, Absaroka St & General Hardware
20 Fastenal	Elec, Streets	14.63	Curb Boxes
21 Ferguson Enterprises Inc	Water	572.64	Concession Supplies
22 Fremont Beverages	Aquatics	122.90	Monthly Electrical Fees
23 Garland Light & Power	Various	2,657.00	CO2 & Tank Rental Fees
24 General Distributing Co	Aquatics	432.89	Fused Splices & Breakaway
25 Graybar Electric Co	Electric	200.24	Pool Chemicals
26 Hawkins Inc	Aquatics	1,159.00	Mileage Reimbursement for SMP Meeting
27 Hillberry, James	Council	14.17	Electrical Pins for Loader
28 Honnen Equipment Company	Airport	30.96	Misc Purchases for Various Departments
29 John Deere Financial	Various	367.48	Sewing Services
30 Joy of Creative Stitchery, The	Police	12.00	Sprayer & Quick Connect
31 KB Commercial Products	Aquatics	233.80	LED Lamps
32 LED Global Supply	Electric	10,104.50	Boiler Reset & Quarterly HVAC Agreement
33 Long Building Technologies	Aquatics	6,793.15	Monthly Natural Gas Bills
34 Montana Dakota Utilities	Various	3,339.04	Radiator for Loader
35 Montana Radiator Works I	Streets	842.00	Power Supply, Ink, Pens, Dividers, File Hanger & Notary Stamp
36 Mountain West Computer	Misc	284.01	Hose, Filter, Oil, Filler, Stabil & Cable
37 Napa Auto Parts	Various	327.32	Monthly CC Fees
38 National Merchant Alliance	Aquatics	302.35	6' Cable
39 Network Innovations Inc	Admin	39.58	Monthly Water Fees
40 Northwest Rural Water District	Airport, W Wat	152.90	October Dig Ticket Fees
41 One Call of Wyoming	Elec, Water	99.75	Oct Tipping Fees
42 Park County Landfills	Sanitation	287.04	Hepatitis Shot R Salas Bulbs, Hooks, Paint, Timer, Adapter & Batteries
43 Park County Public Health	Sanitation	20.00	Electrical Parts
44 Powell Ace Hardware	Various	73.10	October Publishing & Advertising Fees
45 Powell Electric	Electric	13.00	Oxygen Bottle Refill
46 Powell Tribune	Various	1,902.50	Hydrant Hose & Fittings
47 Powell Valley Recycling	Sanitation	5,731.34	Monitors
48 Powell Welding & Ind Supply	Shop	31.50	Vent Work on Water Tank
49 Production Machine Co	Sani, Shop	33.68	Duster, Antacid, Wipes, & Coffee
50 Quill	Administration	597.00	October Water Usage & Tap Equivalents
51 Schrader Metal & Design Inc	Water	4,480.00	October Sales Tax Collected
52 Shopko Stores	Police	60.37	Homicide Investigation Class C Wallace Cleaning Supplies
53 Shoshone Municipal Pipeline	Water	63,079.18	Test Kit
54 State of Wyoming	Elec, Aquatics	18,415.80	October Utility Billing Postage & Processing Fees
55 UC Power Inc	Police	379.00	Bent Street Lighting Grant
56 Uline Shipping Supplies	Parks	445.46	Trash Hauling Fees
57 USA Blue Book	Waste Water	81.57	Strand link
58 Valli Information Systems Inc	Finance	1,550.45	October Drug Testing Fees
59 WAM-WCCA	Electric	2,500.00	Notary Bonds J Davis & L Wolfe, Airport Courtesy Car Policy
60 Warren Transport	Sanitation	8,419.84	October Power Bill
61 Wesco	Electric	894.23	2nd Distribution for Special Request
62 WPCI	Various	88.02	Set Predator Fees for 2019
63 Wyoming Financial Insurance	Various	806.00	Any other business.
64 Wyo Municipal Power Agency	Electric	320,839.62	Set Predator Fees for 2019
65 Youth Clubs of Park County	Council	2,125.00	Any other business.
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS FOR: 20-Nov-2018		514,931.03	

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Lost & Found

FOUND ON RD 9 1/2: neutered male blk/wh dog, possibly Border Collie mix. 754-1019. (96-97FT)

FOUND ON N. ABSA-ROKA: dark brown/blk tabby cat. 754-2212. (96-97FT)

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(85Tfct)

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(11/29-12/14cL)

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BHB(73TFTThursCT)

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BHB(32Tfct)

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Lizzy Wood, Josh White and Leah Graham perform in the play 'O'er the Ramparts' in Jo Mitchell's music class. The play is about the national anthem. Tribune photo by Tessa Baker



Standing in the center of the circle, Demi Danovsky and Jaylynn Bradshaw and fellow second-grade students lift American flags into the air. Westside music teacher Jo Mitchell received a \$500 grant from DAR to purchase flags and books for her K-5 classes. Photo courtesy Jo Mitchell

MUSIC AND HISTORY

WESTSIDE TEACHER RECEIVES GRANT FROM DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

A new generation is learning about Old Glory. At Westside Elementary School, students in Jo Mitchell's music classes are learning patriotic songs as well as lessons about the flag and America's early history.

To aid those lessons, Mitchell recently received a \$500 grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to purchase American flags and books for her K-5 music classes, as well as props for a play.

"Everybody loves those [flags], and the books, too," she said.

Fourth-grade students recently performed "O'er the Ramparts," a play about the national anthem. Mitchell's students depicted a battle from the War of 1812, which inspired Francis

Scott Key to write the famous poem that became the lyrics for "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Kids learned the words of the national anthem, and "we think that's absolutely fantastic," said Debra Benton of Cody, registrar for the Big Horn Chapter of DAR.

Founded in 1890, DAR is a non-political volunteer women's organization with 185,000 members who are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. The Big Horn Chapter celebrated its 13th anniversary in October and is the youngest DAR chapter in Wyoming. The chapter includes members from Park, Big Horn and Hot Springs counties.

"We support education, we support history of our country and also promote patriotism," Benton said. "So Mrs. Mitchell's grant application covered all of those things really well."

Mitchell's grant was one of two awarded in Wyoming this year. Patsy Ann Jones, the regent for the local DAR chapter, presented the certificate to Mitchell at Westside last month. DAR members Barbara Gast, vice regent, and Linda Nardini also were in attendance.

Mitchell received the \$500 grant through the DAR's Junior Membership Classroom Grant program, which is supported by funds raised for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Over the years, the fund has provided more than \$2 million in financial assistance for schools across the country. The grant program is open to other local educators. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 15 to April 1. The grant is available for various subject areas, such as math or science — it isn't limited to patriotic or historical curriculum, Benton said.

Applicants must be K-12 classroom teachers and be endorsed by a local DAR chapter. For more information, contact Patsy Ann Jones at 307-578-8969.

Veterans service officer visiting Powell, Lovell

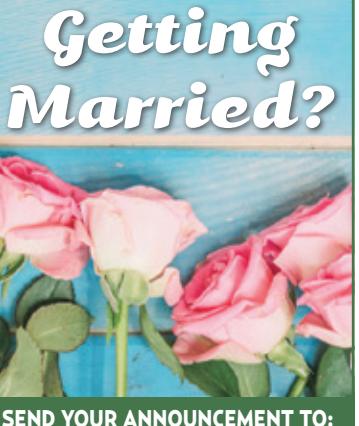
A veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will offer community outreach services throughout the Big Horn Basin next month.

Josh Schmidt, a former U.S. Marine, will be available at the Powell Valley Clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday. 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 Dec. 11.

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.

If the weather is poor, check with the staff at the outreach locations to ensure the veterans service officer will be available.

Schmidt also has an office at 1026 Blackburn Ave., Suite 1, in Cody — and he's available to meet with veterans and their families from Park, Big Horn, Washakie and Hot Springs counties by appointment. Call Schmidt at 307-250-3890 for more information.



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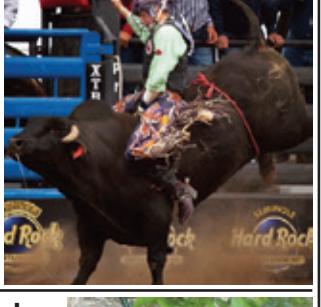
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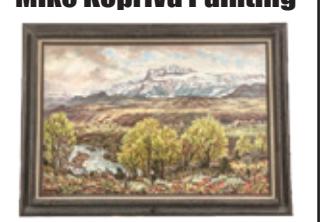
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