



Wearing his hunting pack on his back, Garrett Burbank fights the wind near Bald Ridge while looking for elk on Saturday. Burbank's pack was stolen out of his truck at his Powell residence a week before Christmas, and then anonymously returned after the Burbank family mounted a social media campaign for its recovery. Police are investigating. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Christmas returned

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

**AFTER HUNTING EQUIPMENT STOLEN
A WEEK BEFORE, ITEMS RETURNED
ON CHRISTMAS MORNING**

Garrett Burbank owes his wife an apology. For years, Becky Burbank had been nagging him to lock his truck. Then, as she had warned, Garrett's hunting gear was stolen last month, in the middle of his elk season. "It was all I could do to not tell him I told you so," Becky said. Garrett's pack was taken from the truck, which was parked inside the privacy fence of their Powell home; Garrett had thought it would be safe. Not only were his possessions gone, he also had to explain what had happened to his wife. Becky was devastated. "I was angry and frustrated with the violation of our home. It

was maddening," she said. "She was very angry," Garrett said. Taken were about \$3,000 worth of optics, knives, packs and assorted "boy toys," as Garrett calls them. He had been purchasing one piece of equipment a year for several years, often selling his trophies to raise the money. "I couldn't justify spending family money on boy toys, so I

sold all of my antlers to buy my optics," Garrett said. He got \$17 a pound for the trophies, which took several years to find and harvest in order to raise the \$1,500 for the optics alone. The couple called Powell police and posted a Facebook message offering a \$500 reward — no questions asked — for the return of the equipment. The post was shared 258 times,

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Becky Burbank

Becky said. Then on Christmas morning, as Becky was taking out a bag of shredded wrapping paper from the Burbanks' children's gifts, she saw a black garbage bag sitting inside the fence. The perpetrator had once again entered the family's yard, this time to return the gear. Becky returned to the living room and dropped the bag in front of Garrett. "He was like a little kid. I thought he was going to cry or laugh. Or both," she said. Garrett wasn't as angry about the theft as one would suspect he would be. Having been in trouble many times as a young man growing up in the Lander area, he had a heart for whoever

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MAN FACING CHARGES AFTER ALLEGED ASSAULT AT POWELL HOSPITAL

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

After allegedly chasing a Powell Valley Hospital nurse with an IV stand, barricading himself in an elderly patient's room and screaming at a police officer, a 27-year-old Powell man is facing multiple criminal charges. Prosecutors have charged Thomas E. Larson with a felony count of aggravated assault and battery — alleging that he attempted to cause bodily injury with a deadly weapon (the IV stand) — and misdemeanor counts of property destruction and breach of peace. Larson was arrested at Powell Valley Hospital around 3 a.m. Sunday and released on an \$8,000 bond on Monday afternoon, pending further proceedings in the case.



THOMAS LARSON

It's unclear why Larson was

roaming the hospital halls early Sunday morning, as he was not a patient. "The defendant, from what I understand, was in the hospital not for any legitimate reason, but just happened to be in there when he started the fuss that he made," Deputy Park County Attorney Michael Greenwood said in court. Alcohol is alleged to have played a role in the incident, as a breath test reportedly pegged Larson's blood alcohol content at 0.214 percent. That's close to three times the point where someone is considered too impaired to safely drive. In arguing for Larson's bond to be set at \$8,000, Greenwood said that prosecutors "believe he is a very serious danger to the community, having just walked into a place he had no need to be and

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Finding new officers a struggle for Powell Police Department

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

After six months of searching for two new officers, the Powell Police Department has finally found one. However, another officer left the department last month, meaning the agency is back to searching for two more candidates. Powell Police Chief Roy

Eckerdt said that, despite multiple searches and national outreach efforts, the department has struggled to find people who are interested in serving as police officers. "We used to get 50 applicants," Eckerdt said. "And now we're lucky to get six." As part of its recruiting efforts, the department made

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THE END OF AN ERA



Dave Blevins consults with a group of volunteers on Dec. 21, as they do some last-minute shopping at Linton's Big R for families in need. Blevins and Jim Carlson, who've helped lead the Powell Council of Community Services for decades, are both leaving their posts. New leaders are needed if the service is to continue. Read the full story on Page 13. Tribune photo by Mark Davis



Ashley Bonine of Powell holds her newborn son, Teagan Buren Bonine. Born on New Year's Day, Teagan is Powell's first baby of 2019. Tribune photo by Carla Wenksy

First baby of 2019 arrives early

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

Powell's first baby of 2019 made an early appearance. Though not due until Jan. 22, Teagan Buren Bonine arrived at 12:36 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 1, born to Ashley and Rhyann Bonine of Powell. "I rang in the new year with contractions," said Ashley Bonine.

She started having contractions on New Year's Eve and went to Powell Valley Hospital around 11:20 p.m. that night. With his Jan. 1 birthday, Teagan followed his sister and brother in a family tradition. "It's kind of cool — all of our kids were born on the first of the month that they were born," Ashley said.

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Casper man pays \$25K for accidentally killing grizzly bear

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Attempting to scare off a grizzly bear with a gunshot turned out to be a costly mistake for a Casper man, as the round from his .22 caliber rifle wound up killing the animal. In Park County Circuit Court in November, Brent Stalkup, 38, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of taking a grizzly without a license. Judge Bruce Waters

ordered Stalkup to pay more than \$25,000 and suspended his hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for a year. In sentencing the hunter, Waters expressed shock that he felled the bear with a relatively small-caliber weapon. "You shot a bear with a .22 and it died?" the judge asked at the Nov. 19 hearing, incredulously. "Yes," Stalkup confirmed. "How could that ... never mind," Waters said.

"It does happen, your honor," piped in Park County Prosecuting Attorney Bryan Skoric. Stalkup shot the grizzly in October 2017 in the Monument Hill area north of Cody. "I had multiple encounters with the bear that day and the last time it came in, it started circling

me," Stalkup said in court. "And rather than trying to kill it, I tried to scare it off with a .22 by shooting it in the rump." However, according to Stalkup, the bear turned when he fired. The bullet went through the grizzly's ribs and fatally injured the animal, the Wyoming Game

'The bear never charged him, never bluffed him, never came towards him.'

Scott Werbelow
Game and Fish

and Fish Department concluded, after Stalkup called the agency to the scene. "And here we are," Stalkup said. "It was not my day." "Definitely not," Judge Waters agreed. "I'm sorry." Scott Werbelow, the Game and Fish's game warden supervisor for the Cody Region, said he arrived at the scene thinking the shooting might have been a case of self-defense. However, "after the investiga-

tion, [we] just did the math on everything and said, 'You know what? He didn't need to shoot this bear,'" Werbelow said. "The bear never charged him, never bluffed him, never came towards him." Further, Stalkup was standing "right next to his pickup" and could have driven off and called for help. "It wasn't like he was out in the wilderness by himself and had a bear encounter,"

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Teagan Buren Bonine arrived at 12:36 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. He was the first baby born in 2019 at Powell Valley Hospital. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

Baby: 'I'm just glad he's healthy,' mother says

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Teagan's older sister Sarah, now 5 years old, has a June 1 birthday, while big brother Isaac Rhyan, 3, was born on Oct. 1.

With the Jan. 22 due date, and the pregnancy about 36 weeks along, the Bonines didn't expect that they would have their baby on New Year's Day.

"The doctor was telling me that there are ladies that are 41 weeks [along] right now and they didn't have their babies yet," Ashley said.

Teagan weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces at birth.

"He's so tiny," Ashley said, but "he's eating really well."

"I'm just glad he's healthy," she added. "... They haven't had any worries about him."

Teagan's siblings were excited to welcome their beloved baby brother home from the hospital on Wednesday.

"They're obsessed," Ashley said.

The family's basement flooded in November, so their house is still under construction.

"It's been a little chaotic ... I was hoping our house would be done before he came, but it's OK," she said.

Teagan's middle name, Buren, comes from his great-great-grandfather.

Buren and Helen Bonine

settled in Miles City, Montana, and owned a pharmacy there. Helen later moved to Powell, where the family got to spend time with her and take five-generation photos. Helen died in August, shortly before her 101st birthday.

In her New Year's delivery, Ashley is thankful for the care she received from midwife Sharae Bischoff and the other medical staff at Powell Valley Healthcare.

"It was amazing," she said. Eliza Higgins served as Ashley's doula and helped her throughout the labor and birth.

"It was so helpful for me and my husband," Ashley said.

Grizzly: Stalkup said he hadn't meant to kill the grizzly

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Werbelow said.

The warden also questioned parts of Stalkup's account.

For instance, Stalkup said the grizzly initially came within 10 feet — at which point he sicced his dog on the bruin; Stalkup showed Werbelow a brief video clip of the dog chasing the bear down the road.

"I thought, if you're fearing for your life, you probably don't pick up your phone and take a video," Werbelow said.

The warden said that, according to Stalkup, the grizzly returned about 10 minutes later and his dog chased it off again. Then the bear returned a third time and Stalkup, without even taking aim, fired his weapon in the bear's direction and wound up hitting it. The bullet ended up grazing the grizzly's liver, Werbelow said.

In his investigation, Werbelow found bear tracks about 33 yards away, but "I didn't find any other tracks of that bear coming and going two other times," he said.

Additionally, he found that the animal had been heading away from Stalkup when the hunter shot it in the flank.

Werbelow said Stalkup told him at the scene that he hadn't

meant to kill the grizzly.

"I understand that," the warden said, "but at the end of the day, we have a dead bear."

Stalkup wound up being the first person cited by Game and Fish for illegally taking a grizzly in some time, as the department had only taken over the management of the species from the federal government a couple months earlier. A judge put the grizzlies back under federal management in September.

Stalkup's sentence was the result of a plea deal between prosecutor Skoric and Stalkup's defense attorney, Richard Jamieson of Casper. However, Stalkup still appeared frustrated with the end result, including the thousands of dollars in penalties.

Stalkup said that when he called the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to report his accidental shooting of the grizzly bear, "I ... thought I was doing the right thing."

"I tried to be very, very cooperative and ... yeah," he said, apparently referring to his sentence.

Skoric responded that Stalkup did do the right thing, suggesting the Game and Fish might have sought \$50,000 in restitution had Stalkup not reported the incident and the dead grizzly been

tracked back to him.

Instead, he was ordered to pay \$20,000 in restitution to Game and Fish, a \$5,000 fine and \$55 in court costs. In addition, Stalkup was placed on unsupervised probation for a year (with the only condition being that he obey the law), with 45 days of jail time suspended.

Judge Waters told Stalkup that it was "a bit of bad luck."

"I've seen people shot with a .22 and they didn't die — and that was intentional," Waters said.

Both the judge and the prosecutor wished Stalkup good luck going forward. He paid the full \$25,055 shortly after the hearing.

Stalkup was the second hunter this fall to receive a hefty penalty for mistakenly killing a grizzly bear.

In September, David P. Huber of Buffalo mistook a grizzly for a black bear in the Bennett Creek area in Clark. Huber, who also reported the error to Game and Fish, pleaded guilty to taking a grizzly without a license in October. He was ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution to the Game and Fish plus \$55 in court costs.

Huber paid \$5,000 at the time of sentencing and now must pay at least \$250 per month toward the remaining \$5,055.

Police: New hires take months to train for position

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a big push with online advertisements that ran across the country, but it wound up with 10 applications. Eight candidates were invited to test, but only three showed up — and then only one person passed the written and physical tests.

The good news is that candidate was offered and accepted one of the open officer positions.

"Every now and then you find a good one," Eckerdt said.

In general, he said law enforcement agencies across the nation are struggling to hire officers, which he attributes to society becoming less service-oriented, a negative stigma around law enforcement and a younger generation that's wary of working holidays and shift work.

Some law enforcement agencies have lowered their standards in an effort to fill positions, Eckerdt said, but "we're just not willing to do that."

"In our line of work, I'm put-

ting a gun in somebody's hand and a badge on their chest," he said. "The welfare of the community takes the priority."

In the meantime, the department has had to make do with a smaller staff — 15 sworn officers instead of 17. (They're split across the patrol division, administration, investigations, in Powell schools and on a local state-led task force.)

Since June and July, when a couple officers left the department for other jobs, squads have been smaller, with fewer officers on the street at one time. That cuts down on the department's ability to be proactive, Eckerdt said, with in-depth investigations taking more time to complete.

"It becomes more a response mode as opposed to going out and finding stuff," Eckerdt said.

Over the past six months, officers have been working in

12-hour shifts — which involve four days on, three off, then three days on and four days off. Most officers enjoy the four-day breaks, Eckerdt said, but the 12-hour shifts also tend to come with drops in productivity and increases in overtime rises.

The department briefly dropped down to 14 officers with the departure of Investigator Brett Lara, a longtime officer, in early December. But they'll be back to

15 later this month, when the new hire joins the department. However, it will be months before he's fully trained and ready to patrol Powell's streets on his own.

To request an application for or more information about one of the department's open officer positions, stop by the law enforcement center at 250 N. Clark St., call 754-2212 or email police@cityofpowell.com.

'We used to get 50 applicants. And now we're lucky to get six.'

Roy Eckerdt
Police chief

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abnormalities.

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OBITUARIES

Glen A. Althoff

(Nov. 23, 1930 - Dec. 23, 2018)

Funeral services will be conducted Jan. 3, 2019, at Thompson Funeral Home for a lifelong resident of Powell, Glen A. Althoff, who died Dec. 23, 2018, at the Powell Valley Care Center. He was 88.

Glen was the son of Lewis and Mildred (Shoemaker) Althoff. He was born Nov. 23, 1930, in Powell and attended Powell schools before completing a GED education.



VETERAN

He joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Korean War, winning a Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal in that conflict. After his return from Korea, he married Marion Muller in Billings, Montana, on Dec. 2, 1957.

Glen was self-employed in Powell, and with Marion, raised a son, Fred, and two daughters, Deb and Tammy.

He was a longtime member of the Powell Eagles Lodge. Glen was an avid fisherman, and he also found enjoyment in computer

games, old movies and just plain visiting.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Sharon Althoff of Powell; daughter and son-in-law, Deb and John Van Valin of Powell; sister Gladys Nolan and husband Keith of Worland; son-in-law, David Karmann of Hernando, Mississippi; and six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; his wife Marion; daughter Tammy Karmann; brothers Roy Althoff and Ken Althoff; and sister Louise Cockburn.

Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Jan. 3 at Thompson Funeral Home with Kurt McNabb officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers include Don Barnes, Jack Geisler, John Gibson, Duane Caruthers and Del Karmann.



GLEN ALTHOFF

Jack Levandoski

(June 14, 1926 - Dec. 23, 2018)

World War II veteran Jack Levandoski died Dec. 23, 2018, at Rocky Mountain Manor in Powell. He was 92.

Jack had been a resident of Powell for just over two years, having moved to the community to be near a daughter, May Rekowski. He was born June 14, 1926, in



VETERAN

Wausau, Wisconsin, the son of Claude Nelson and Rose Wagner. He was the adopted son of Joe Levandoski.

Jack served in the United States Army between October, 1944 and August, 1946. He was a member of the U.S. Army

Ski Unit and took part in the decisive Battle of the Bulge (December 1944 - January 1945), in which allied forces defeated the Germans in the largest battle fought on the

western front in Europe during World War II.

Jack was a member of the Eagles, VFW and American Legion. Hunting and fishing were among his favorite pastimes.

Survivors include six daughters, June Fredrickson of Delavan, Wisconsin, May (James) Rekowski of Powell, Jackie (Dave) Brzezinski of

Ringle, Wisconsin, Joan (Dave) Weidner, Sonja (Steve) Maritan and Penny (Tom) Levandoski, all of Hazelhurst, Wisconsin.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life is scheduled at the American Legion Post 26 in Powell Saturday, Jan. 5 from 1 to 5 p.m.



JACK LEVANDOSKI

Gwendolyn Geraldine Purdy Beck

(Nov. 22, 1917 - Dec. 27, 2018)

Gwendolyn Geraldine Purdy Beck, 101, of Powell, died on Dec. 27, 2018, at the Spirit Mountain Hospice House in Cody.

She was born Nov. 22, 1917, in Hildreth, Nebraska, and was 101 years old. She was the daughter of Francis William and Gretchen E. Weinstock Purdy. Gwen was one of five children, having two brothers and two sisters.

She and her two sisters sang as a trio in their school years. They sang for many anniversaries, birthdays, funerals, amateur programs, and for the governor of Nebraska. During a family vacation in Sheridan, the girls gave a 15 minute program over the Sheridan radio station. They also sang with their brother Francis' dance band.

Gwen met and married Cecil

Henry Beck who had come to Hildreth to teach and coach. They were married Aug. 15, 1937, and were married for 54 years. Cec taught in Hemmingford, Nebraska, for six months and in Yoder, Wyoming, for six months. They moved to Wheatland, Wyoming, where he taught for nine years. In 1947 they moved to Powell where Cec taught Industrial Arts in the Powell High School.

Gwen taught piano until 1955 when she joined the Powell Elementary faculty. She taught third grade for 22 years and second grade for two years at Parkside. Gwen always focused on her students as well as her own family.

Gwen received her college education at Northwest Community College, Kearney State College in Nebraska, University of Wyoming, Guadalajara, Jal, Mexico, and her Bachelor of

Science degree in elementary education at Eastern Montana College of Education.

She loved to paint, draw, crochet, knit, and do crafts. She loved all sports with tennis and bowling at the top of the list. She was inducted into the Powell Women's Bowling Association

Hall of Fame in 1989. Gwen was a true Nebraska Cornhuskers football fan watching every game she could. Gwen enjoyed working at the Crosswalk Christian Library and she was one of the original board members. Gwen also taught Sunday School, directed Junior Choir, and sang in Senior

Choir for a number of years. She loved to teach the children about Jesus.

She also taught many adult Bible studies. Gwen's wonderful sense of humor helped her maintain a positive attitude. She will be greatly missed by her family

and friends.

Gwen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Cecil, sister Gretchen Johnson, and brothers Francis and James Purdy.

Survivors include her two sons, Cecil P. (Biff) Beck and wife Linda of Cody, Craig H. Beck and wife Hilma (Lou) of Riverton, sister Clarice Shuck of Thousand Oaks, California, and niece Marilyn Brastrup; grandchildren Beau Beck, Denra Tidball (Sean), Tara Posey (Ken), Clarissa Hurst, Laura Taylor (Stephen), and Rachel Depew (Sam); six great-grandchildren: Skyler, Christopher, Katelyn, Kyle, Keri, Gunnar and Xander. She is also survived by two great-great-grandsons, Riley and Reed.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. at New Life Church in Powell, with procession to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to New Life Church of Powell or a charity of choice.



GWEN BECK

Jerry Dean Burgess

(Nov. 5, 1957 - Dec. 24, 2018)

Jerry Dean Burgess died on Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, at his home in Powell. He was 61.

Jerry was born on Nov. 5, 1957, to Meridell Black and Delbert Dale Burgess. He graduated from Powell High School in 1977, and was a heavy equipment operator for the Park County Road and Bridge Department.

Jerry enjoyed spending time out-

doors hunting and fishing, as well as wood building. He also enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and his girlfriend Candis Thompson. He had a big heart and he was always willing to help others.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father Delbert Burgess, mother Meridell (Black) Burgess, and brother Rickey Burgess. He is survived by his sister Karen (Roy) Leshner, and girlfriend Candis.

Cremation has taken place, and services will be held at a later date.



JERRY BURGESS

Debra Anne (Dozah) Mefford

A celebration of life service for Debra Anne (Dozah) Mefford will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, at the Union Presbyterian Church, with Pastor George Pasek officiating. She died Dec. 19, 2018, at her home in Powell.

Ulmer, Dylan Ulmer, Jody Knox, Garrett Hall, Celine Hall, and Charlie Hall.

Rosary will be held at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell on Friday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 1 p.m. followed by a graveside service and luncheon at St. Barbara's Church.

In lieu of flowers or other donations, please send any monetary or food donation to Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes.

Becker, sister Madelyn Averett, and brothers Eugene, Howard, and Leslie.

Art passed away at the Spirit Mountain Hospice House on Dec. 28, 2018, at the age of 92.

Viewing will be Friday, Jan. 4, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at Thompson Funeral Home, with graveside services following at the Deaver Cemetery at 11 a.m.

If desired, memorials can be made to Spirit Mountain Hospice House in Cody.

Sylvia Iris Kier

(Sept. 29, 1942 - Dec. 26, 2018)

Sylvia Iris Kier of Powell, Wyoming, went to her eternal home with the Lord on Dec. 26, 2018. She was 76.

Sylvia was born in Riverton, Wyoming, on Sept. 29, 1942, to Robert E. Kier and Bonnylynn Kier (Wolfe). She lived most of her life in Wyoming where she began a career as a classical ballet instructor.

She was very creative and artistic in the arts of choreography, knitting, crochet, sewing, and beadwork.

She had a great love of music and the performing arts. Sylvia had a deep faith in Jesus which was apparent to all who met her. She was tenderhearted, nonjudgmental and accepting of all she met.

She was lovingly supported

by her three daughters Myrna Dawn Ulmer (John Ulmer), Audrey Hall (Todd Hall), and Bernadette Knox (Paul Knox). She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Roberta J. Leseberg of Thermopolis, Wyoming.

She is survived by her three daughters, her brother-in-law Jim Leseberg of Thermopolis, and

also six grandchildren: Dalton



SYLVIA KIER

Arthur 'Art' Anthony Becker

(Aug. 5, 1926 - Dec. 28, 2018)

Arthur Anthony Becker (Art) was born in Hugo, Minnesota, to Alphonse (Murphy) Becker and Iris Long. Art was raised in the Deaver/Frannie area and learned the value of hard work helping his family on their farm.

Art and his wife, Dorothy Henry, who was also born and

raised in the same area, were married for 67 years. Art's career with Conoco included transfers to Circle Ridge, Billings, Powell, Dubai, Cody, Cut Bank, Fort Morgan, and Thermopolis. Dorothy and Art moved to The Heartland in Powell in September of 2014.

Art is survived by sons Steven (Cheri) Becker, Wayne (Shei-



ART BECKER

la), and Mark (Nola); grandchildren Kyle (Willow) Becker, Kelly Becker, Monica Huth (Roger), Nick Becker, Neil Becker; and great grandchildren Abigail and Elyse Becker, Mark James Huth; and sister Margaret Heath.

Art was preceded in death by his parents Murphy and Iris Becker, son Carroll Becker, wife Dorothy

Wyoming State Fair officials consider eliminating concert in order to save money

DOUGLAS (WNE) — With budget issues still ongoing, the Wyoming State Fair could remove a big-ticket event from its schedule in order to save money.

"We're not sure about a concert," Wyoming State Fair Board Chairman Joe Rankin told the Converse County Commission Dec. 18.

The concert has been a financial albatross for the fair,

and removing it could save thousands of dollars, members of the new state fair board and staff said at a previous meeting.

"Even during the 100th, with a complete sellout, we lost money," Rankin explained to the commissioners.

The Wyoming State Fair has gone through massive shake-ups over the past few years.

Last year's truncated sched-

ule received mixed reviews at best, and at the first ever Wyoming State Fair board meeting, the new board members voted to tack a day back onto the fair.

The switch to a four-day schedule was made in an effort to save money, but it failed to reduce costs significantly. Additionally, the condensed week caused headaches for many participants and made it dif-

ficult for kids who wanted to show more than one species of animal, opponents have said.

Rankin also presented a tentative fair schedule to the commissioners, emphasizing that it could still change with eight months to go.

"I don't think it's going to be a problem budget-wise," Rankin said of the additional day. "I think the kids are going to like it a bit better."

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IN OUR OPINION

Northwest College's coaching carousel troubling

Northwest College has faced plenty of challenges over the past few years. Budget cuts, declining enrollment, the elimination of programs and the future of the campus' largest residential hall are just a few of the ongoing issues NWC administrators are working diligently to correct as the calendar turns to 2019.

But last week's resignation of women's head soccer coach Bobby Peters after just one season brings to the forefront another issue that affects not just the school, but a community of NWC sports fans: The Trappers have a coaching problem.

The last two years have been unprecedented in terms of turnover in the college's athletic department, and finding permanent replacements for outgoing coaches has been difficult. Potential students interested in continuing their athletic pursuits post-high school are exploring options outside of Park County. At the start of 2017, the head coach for each of the school's seven sports programs had been with the Trappers for at least five years, and the success of each team bore out that commitment.

But the departure of head men's and women's soccer coach Rob Hill in March of 2017 began a wave of coaches leaving for other opportunities. Volleyball coach Shaun Pohlman and women's basketball coach Janis Beal, both coming off successful seasons in 2017-18, left Powell for four-year schools, while men's basketball coach Brian Erickson stepped down last fall to become NWC's athletic director. Due to timing issues, all three programs entered the 2018-19 academic year with interim coaches at the helm, as initial coaching searches were unable to find suitable long-term replacements.

Things have been even murkier with the Trappers' soccer programs. Peters was hired last spring as the permanent women's coach, replacing 2017 interim coach Jessica Lum. With the sudden departure of men's soccer coach Stan Rodrigues just weeks before practices were to begin for the 2018 season, NWC asked Peters lead both programs, with the intent of opening a nationwide search at the end of the season. With Peters' resignation, the college will now have to conduct searches to fill both positions; when the soccer teams take the pitch in fall of 2019, it will be with their fourth head coach in as many seasons.

Three more searches are pending to fill spots on the volleyball and basketball teams — interim volleyball coach Bethany Conde chose not apply for the permanent position, and women's and men's basketball coaches Camden Levett and Dawud Abdur-Rahkman are coaching on an interim basis.

Longtime Trapper wrestling coach Jim Zeigler and rodeo coach Del Nose are the only two veterans on staff.

While coaching issues and operating costs within the athletic department may seem minor compared to budget cuts and student housing, sports continue to play a vital part in the college experience. Benefits such as regional and international exposure and added revenue, coupled with the sense of community and school spirit a student finds in the athletic programs of their chosen school, helps to solidify small schools like NWC as cornerstones of their respective communities. When prospective student athletes see a program in disarray, it should come as no surprise that those students might take their talents elsewhere.

NWC is not entirely to blame for the exodus of coaches — two-year schools are notorious for being a stepping stone for young, talented coaches as they begin their careers. NWC officials are also limited by the number of scholarships they are able to offer in a given year.

But at some point, a program needs stability. Winning cures a lot of ills, and NWC needs to show prospective athletes that they can attain what they are looking for as a Trapper, on and off the courts, mats and playing fields. Here's hoping the next group of coaches will make a commitment to making the Trappers a success.



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BOBBIE COLVIN
Guest columnist

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(Bobbie Colvin is the records/communications supervisor for the Powell Police Department.)



Wyoming is a state of insecurity

What's the difference between living and surviving? In a word: security. Our culture is filled with heroes from movies and novels who get by on the outskirts of society and are somehow nobler for it. The mythic Wyoming cowboy, for instance, roams the plains and sleeps where he lies, subsisting on the barest of rations. He occupies himself with occasional honest work, thwarting bad guys and seducing landowners' daughters.

In reality, malnutrition and hunger were rampant in the Old West, as were homelessness, sickness, and poverty. The same is true in Wyoming today.

Here's an introduction to three issues that prevent our friends and neighbors in Wyoming from living full lives, and instead force them to merely survive.

HOUSING: A CHRONIC PROBLEM

We begin with housing. The size of Wyoming's homeless population is unclear, because our state agencies have never been very good at counting them. At the same time, a "homeless" person in Wyoming is often not the stereotypical unwashed man beneath a bridge. Countless people in Wyoming who cannot afford a place to live sleep in their cars, in cheap motels, or "couch surf" in the homes of friends and relatives.

What is clear, however, is that unlike other states, Wyoming has failed to develop public infrastructure to coordinate anti-homelessness efforts and meaningfully confront the problem.

In 2015, Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead rolled out a 10-year comprehensive plan aimed at eradicating homelessness. But almost simultaneously, mineral tax revenues slumped and social services were cut across the board, neutralizing his effort.

Wyoming's unwillingness to fund anti-homelessness infrastructure also results in the state missing out on federal funding, as well as resources from the private sector.

So, the few programs across the state that do work against homelessness — even effective ones like Casper's "Housing First" — remain disconnected, dependent on charity, and ultimately inadequate.

FOOD: DISCONNECT AND WASTE

The problem of food insecurity looks a lot like the housing issue. We have a better idea of how many people in Wyoming don't know where their next meal is coming from — roughly one in eight — but we also lack a coordinated approach to fixing the problem.

Wyoming is the only state in the nation that does not have a "food policy council" — basically, an official group of people well-versed in confronting hunger who develop plans for the state to work against the problem in a systemic way.

So, the programs that do provide food for Wyoming's needy are mostly nonprofit, charity outfits that work alone and compete for resources. Some are more effective than

others. The Food Bank of the Rockies, for instance, is one of the biggest anti-hunger operators in the state. But much of the food the organization distributes comes from Colorado. So, whatever's not canned or freeze-dried ends up rotting before it can reach the far-flung people who need it.

The other option for helping people get food, of course, is providing them public resources to simply go to the store and get it. But Wyoming's SNAP — or, "food stamps" — program has the lowest participation rate of any in the nation.

Even so, the Wyoming State Legislature continues to pass and pursue new laws aimed at "welfare fraud" and enacting "work requirements" that make it even more difficult for hungry folks to get help.

WAGES: TOO LOW TO LIVE

It might be shocking to learn that many people in Wyoming faced with housing and food insecurity are not unemployed. They simply work low-wage jobs, often part time, and almost always without benefits.

Of states that have minimum wages, Wyoming's is tied with Georgia's for the lowest. Even full-time workers who make minimum wage in Wyoming fall below the federal poverty line. The same is true for households with two full-time minimum wage earners, especially if they have children.

According to the Wyoming Bureau of Labor Statistics,



NATE MARTIN
Guest columnist

most people earning minimum wage in the state are over the age of 24, and many are seniors. Minimum-wage jobs tend to be those traditionally held by women. These include food service jobs that are "tipped" and therefore allow restaurants to pay an even lower minimum wage. Workers in these jobs are also exposed to wage theft.

The Wyoming State Legislature has repeatedly refused to raise the state's minimum wage. Despite the fact that higher wages would provide people more disposable income to spend in their communities, lobbyists for the convenience store and service industries have convinced lawmakers that higher wages would be bad for local economies.

But legislators might not be hard to convince, given their common derision of poor people. Legislative discussions about the minimum wage and other poverty-related topics are consistently peppered with lawmakers' comments characterizing the working poor as essentially losers and lowlifes looking for "handouts."

Until the people of Wyoming demand that our lawmakers have different discussions about poverty, hunger, housing, and wages, we are sure to remain a State of Insecurity.

(Nate Martin, of Laramie, is the director of Better Wyoming, an education and advocacy organization that highlights issues in Wyoming and proposes progressive solutions. Better Wyoming is publishing a series of articles called "State of Insecurity." This is the series introduction. For more, visit www.betterwyo.org.)

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Lt. Col. Michael Carlson of the Civil Air Patrol's Yellowstone Regional Composite Squadron prepares to lay a wreath on the grave of a veteran at Cody's Riverside Cemetery on Dec. 22. The squadron, joined by volunteers from Trinity Lutheran Church and the VFW Post 2673 Honor Guard, participated in the nationwide Wreaths Across America program with a ceremony and the wreath-laying. A similar event was held at Grace Point Church in Powell, with wreaths placed at veterans' graves at Crown Hill Cemetery. Powell and Cody were among more than 1,400 locations where wreaths were laid in December, all intended to remember fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve and teach children the value of freedom. Courtesy photo

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International students to present at AAUW meeting

The local chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will begin the New Year with a meeting today (Thursday) at the International Cultural House on the Northwest College campus.

The meeting starts at 5 p.m. with a presentation by two international students, who will share their experiences here in America and what goals they are

preparing for while at NWC. The public is invited to attend.

Inna Antonova is from Moscow, Russia, and first came to the U.S. as a winner of the scholarship from the YEAR program (Year of Exchange In America). She enjoyed Northwest College so much that after her year, she decided to come back the next year and changed her major to graphic design. Antonova's pas-

sion is nature and she frequently volunteers with Greenpeace in Russia and tries to follow a zero-waste ecological lifestyle.

The second speaker will be Tair Masharipov, an 18-year-old from Turkmenabat, Turkmenistan. Before coming to America, Masharipov volunteered at the Turkmenabat American Corner, where he conducted many activities and presentations about

American culture. Here at Northwest, he is majoring in general studies, but he is looking forward to studying civil/environmental engineering. Masharipov's hobbies include composing rap texts, acting and reading self-development books.

Before the students' program, at 4:15 p.m., AAUW members will have a short business meeting, followed by refreshments.

Rock club to meet on Tuesday

The Shoshone Rock Club's next meeting is set for Tuesday, Jan. 8 at the Powell Branch Library's club room. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served at the gathering, which begins at 7 p.m.

Featured speaker Gary Olson will demonstrate the use of an economical lapidary unit for grinding and polishing stones.

The officers and board members elected for 2019 for the Shoshone Rock Club are President Dorine Strom, Vice President Mary Vogel, Secretary Cresta Peterson and Treasurer Linda Thomas. Other board members are Nancy Ryan, Linda Dandy, Les Hunt, Stan Strike and Olson.

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 this 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, Jan. 7. 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 Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Schmidt can meet with veterans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veter-

ans 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.

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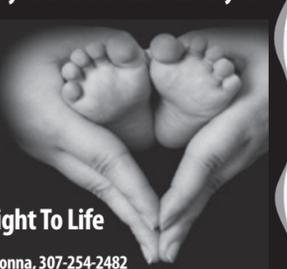
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Tribune photo by Mark Davis

WEATHER REPORT

Date	High	Low	Precip.
12.26	28.7	12.3	.00
12.27	22.8	5.1	.00
12.28	20.2	4.6	.00
12.29	22.4	4.4	.00
12.30	39	14.9	.00
12.31	14.7	-5.5	.00
01.01	13	-8.6	.00

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

NEW FACES

- Rhiannon Thompson and Cody Riser of Powell wish to announce the birth of a baby girl, Aaliyah Autumn Riser, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018. Aaliyah was born at 8:47 a.m. with a weight of 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Grandparents are Tammy and David Thompson and Kelly Lascano.
- Ashley and Rhyann Bonine of Powell wish to announce the first baby of 2019 born at Powell Valley Hospital. Teagan Buren Bonine was born on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, at 12:36 p.m. with a weight of 5 pounds, 9 ounces. He is welcomed by sister Sarah June Bonine, 5, and brother Isaac Rhyann Bonine, 3. Teagan's grandparents are Roger and Jennifer Miller, Gregory Bonine, and Rena Petersen.

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- Jeffrey D. Trigg of Waynesboro, Mississippi paid \$300, false report of driver's duty status and failure to stop at a port of entry with a commercial vehicle.
- Chad D. Bjerken of Billings paid \$195, vehicle over permitted weight.
- Amrinder S. Dhanju of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, paid \$170, vehicle over permitted weight.
- Aaron J. Gerber of Thompson, Iowa, paid \$170, vehicle over permitted weight.
- Jason R. Call of Rock Springs paid \$160, no valid proof of duty status in a commercial vehicle.
- Cameron Patrick Potter of Cody paid \$135, no valid license.
- Abraham F. Gausi of Deaver paid \$125, no valid driver's license.
- George R. Jones paid \$125, no valid registration.

- Hunter Middleton paid \$125, no valid registration.
- Tanner I. Wells of Deaver paid \$125, no valid registration.
- Randy L. Fischer of Glendive, Montana, paid \$121, speeding and no seat belt.
- Iain Richmond of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, paid \$120, vehicle over permitted weight.
- Nicolle R. Cruz paid \$85, driving on the wrong side of the road.
- Nicholas M. Schantle of Lovell paid \$85, violating an intermediate permit by driving without a licensed driver who's at least 18 years old.
- Trevor C. Denniston of Manderston paid \$75, driving too fast for conditions.
- Bryan N. Lee paid \$75, failure to display valid plates or registration.
- Gabriel Madrigal paid \$75, failure to drive within a single lane.
- Kenneth Mees paid \$75, improper U-turn.
- Brendan M. Quinn paid \$75, failure to drive within a single lane.
- David W. Hellyer of Cody paid \$25, no seat belt.
- Ronald R. Jones paid \$25, no seat belt.
- Thomas B. Jones paid \$25, no seat belt.
- Jordan T. Mann paid \$25, no seat belt.
- Logan T. Nunn paid \$25, no seat belt.
- Patrick L. Orbin paid \$25, no seat belt.
- Kalem C. Joy of Lovell paid \$10, no seat belt while a passenger.

SPEEDING

- Aaron L. Workman of Lovell paid \$215.
- John Q. Butler of Cody paid \$130.
- Paul J. Pedroncelli of Sonoma, California, paid \$120.
- Roger A. Smith paid \$120.
- Brian E. Rector of Rangely, Colorado, paid \$115.
- Brian Brazelton of Lovell paid \$110.
- Melissa O. Brazelton paid \$110.
- Clayton A. Watson of Townsend, Montana, paid \$110.
- Jason D. Getzfried paid \$105.
- Benjamin J. Tyner of Billings paid \$105.
- Ruger B. Thompson of Lovell paid \$100.
- Amber M. Mangus of Cowley paid \$90.
- Teresa C. Plekarski of Cody paid \$90.
- Tod Lee Smith paid \$90.
- Maxwell R. Mahn paid \$88.
- Michael John Stearns paid \$88.
- Wendy S. Arce paid \$86.
- Carol R. Fink of Lovell paid \$86.
- Don James Shuman paid \$86.
- Rick A. Olson of Billings paid \$15.
- Thomas J. Walsh of Worland paid \$15.

OTHER VIOLATIONS

- Antonio D. Rodriguez must serve seven days in jail, six months probation and pay \$855, driving while under the influence of alcohol for a second time in 10 years.
- Amanda Kay Smith must serve 10 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$855, two counts of using a controlled substance.
- Tabatha E. Stuebner of Lovell must serve 20 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$705, using a controlled substance.
- Cage P. Johansen served two days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$655, possession of a controlled substance and no valid registration.
- Michael D. Ashcraft served two days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$555, possession of a controlled substance.
- William Kenneth Parmer of Lovell must serve 10 days in jail and pay \$555, using a controlled substance.

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- Crystal Rosa Patina of Lovell served 29 days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$505, theft.
- Felisha L. Hanlon of Clark must pay \$455 and serve six months probation, careless driving, no valid license and no valid registration.
- Kailey J. Kline must pay \$355 and serve six months probation, underage drinking.
- Thomas Allen of Lovell must pay \$255 and serve six months probation, underage alcohol possession.
- Nicole Marie Gear must pay \$255 and serve six months probation for driving while under the influence of alcohol, with a finding of guilt deferred.
- John D. Henderson paid \$235, shooting from, across or along a road.
- Ricky D. Johnson paid \$205, must serve six months probation, reckless endangering.
- Austin J. Maddox must pay \$205 and serve six months probation, criminal trespassing.
- Thomas J. Donarski must pay \$120, taking wrong sex of animal while hunting.
- Courtney Justine Mabe must serve six months probation, selling or furnishing alcohol to a minor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

DECEMBER 9

- 8:44 a.m. Three horses were returned to their owner after getting out on Road 13 in the Powell area.
- 4:02 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on U.S. Highway 14-A/Wyo. Highway 114 in the Powell area.
- 5:29 p.m. A license plate was reported missing on Lane 10 in the Powell area. The caller said they thought the plate might have fallen off after their vehicle was hit.

DECEMBER 10

- 3:26 a.m. A caller reported that someone might have been trying to get into their house on Trotter Road in the Cody area. The sheriff's office found nothing.
- 8:17 a.m. The sheriff's office assisted Powell police with a report of a domestic dispute on West Park Street.
- 2:21 p.m. A man asked to speak with a deputy about someone trespassing on his property on Road 6 in the Powell area.
- 3:21 p.m. A toddler was reported to have gotten stuck in a bathroom on Sage Drive in the Cody area. The caller wanted a deputy to help get into the bathroom. The sheriff's office gave assistance.
- 4:10 p.m. Three goats with long hair were reported to be loose on Holland Road/Lane 11 in the Powell area.
- 5:06 p.m. A caller on Road 8 in the Powell area reported that a vehicle they'd reported as stolen last year was back in Cody. According to the caller, a male was trying to trade the vehicle in at a dealership.
- 5:45 p.m. A large dead animal was reported to be lying in the ditch on the east side of Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.
- 5:49 p.m. A vehicle reportedly hit a deer on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area. No injuries were reported and the caller did not know where the deer was.
- 5:51 p.m. Two horses were reported on Lane 14 in the Powell area, but the sheriff's office didn't locate the animals.
- 9:36 p.m. A cow was reported to

be lying on the side of Lane 10H in the Powell area.

DECEMBER 11

- 8:55 a.m. After a traffic stop on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody, for a vehicle that had no visible registration, the driver was cited for no insurance.
- 3:13 p.m. A motion alarm was reported at a ranch on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 west of Cody.
- 8:35 a.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on Wyo. Highway 291/Road 6WX in the Cody area.
- 9:55 a.m. A citizen on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area asked for a deputy to come look at some possibly drug-related stuff.
- 10:34 a.m. The ignition was reported to have been punched out of a black Ford Ranger parked on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area, with a screwdriver lying on the seat.
- 11:48 a.m. A set of keys was reportedly found near the recreation center in Cody, off Heart Mountain Street.
- 12:01 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted with a report of a female who had possibly overdosed on drugs and had fallen and was bleeding on Maddox Lane in the Powell area.
- 1:45 p.m. A 76-year-old man was reported to have fallen off a horse on Road 11 in the Powell area. An ambulance crew handled the call.
- 1:53 p.m. A woman on Cody Avenue in Cody reported that her landlord was harassing her about her eviction. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 2:21 p.m. A deputy checked on a vehicle that was parked on the side of the road near Lane 3/Wyo. Highway 295. He found the driver was resting before continuing on the rest of the way home.
- 3:17 p.m. Two horses were returned to their owner after running along the road on Lane 9/Road 3 in the Powell area.
- 3:28 p.m. A deputy assisted an EMS crew with a combative patient at a treatment center on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody.
- 3:40 p.m. A fridge was reported to be lying on the side of Road 2AB/Road 2BC in the Cody area.

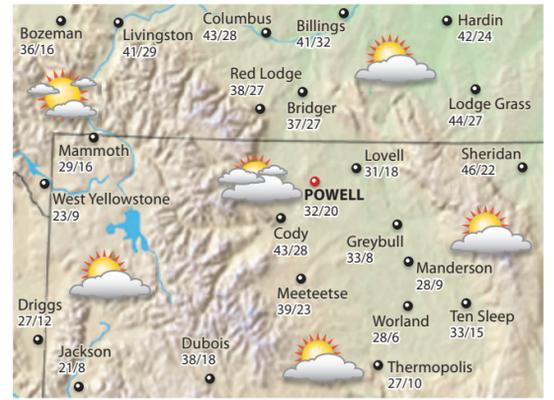
DECEMBER 13

- 6:17 a.m. A deputy assisted with a report of horses in the road on Road 5/Lane 9 in the Powell area.
- 8:36 a.m. A caller reported that two horses on state land, off Road 1AB in Clark, looked like they were not being fed.
- 10:58 a.m. A woman on Lane 11H in the Powell area asked to speak to a deputy about a contractor who was living on her property.
- 12:19 p.m. A deputy checked on the welfare of a resident on Maddox Lane in the Powell area for their family.
- 12:28 p.m. A deputy assisted Cody police in arresting a person on a warrant on Glade Court in Cody.
- 5:40 p.m. A smoking car was reported at a dealership on Big Horn Avenue in Cody, but the call was later canceled.

DECEMBER 14

- 3:54 p.m. Two people were reported to be trying to break into an abandoned house on Main Street in Ralston.
- 5:49 p.m. Elizabeth May Boluyt, 32, was served with a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
- 6:14 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted in looking for a 10-year-old boy on Road 9H in the Powell area. The boy, who was on his bicycle, had been missing since 1 p.m. The caller said she and her husband had driven through Powell and been unable to locate him.

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32° 20°	37° 21°	36° 21°	38° 21°	36° 24°

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

Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

High/low 36°/-6°
Normal high/low 32°/7°
Average temperature 13.5°
Normal average temperature 19.5°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week 0.01"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.01"
Year to date 0.00"
Snowfall for the week 0.1"
Snowfall month to date 0.0"
Snowfall season to date 6.9"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset 7:53am/4:46pm
Moonrise/Moonset 5:39am/3:13pm

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 5	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27

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The State	Today	City	Today	City	Today	City
Buffalo	48/34/pc	Green River	27/12/pc	Laramie	35/22/s	
Casper	35/25/pc	Greybull	33/8/c	Rocklows	30/21/s	
Cheyenne	47/33/s	Jeffrey City	26/15/s	Rock Springs	27/13/pc	
Gillette	41/27/pc	Kirby	27/9/pc	Shoshoni	20/6/pc	

The Nation	Today	City	Today	City	Today	City
Atlanta	59/52/c	Houston	51/36/r	Louisville	47/32/pc	
Boston	45/32/pc	Indianapolis	41/26/s	Miami	83/70/pc	
Chicago	39/28/s	Kansas City	47/25/pc	Phoenix	57/33/s	
Dallas	39/32/r	Las Vegas	51/34/s	St. Louis	46/26/s	
Denver	52/29/s	Los Angeles	66/44/s	Washington, DC	51/35/pc	

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Tuesday, January 8
HAMBURGER, Company Potatoes, Parslied Carrots, Tossed Salad, Pears.

*Lunch served at noon at the Rocky Mountain Manor on Saturdays

Returned: 'Obviously we weren't the only people targeted'

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took the gear. Garrett doubted he'd ever see it again, but suspected someone in the neighborhood, "probably kids," he said.

Garrett wasn't keen on them getting in trouble for grand theft larceny, but he was frustrated. He was forced to hunt without his gear if he wanted to fill the freezer before the end of the season in Hunt Area 54. He was hunting Bald Ridge and misjudged the distance without his rangefinder. The first shot hit the dirt in front of the elk.

"It was my first miss in six years," he said.

The next shot found its mark, but slightly off.

"He was more upset by the meat ruined by his shot than having his equipment stolen," Becky said.

Becky soon posted a picture of Garrett in his flannel pajamas, thanking everyone online for helping with the return of the gear.

"I love Powell. Seeing how many times [our post] was shared and having it returned on Christmas morning ...," Becky said.

As he went through the bag of returned gear, though, Garrett found a couple extra surprises. There was a second rangefinder and someone else's knife in the bag.

"Obviously we weren't the only people targeted," Garrett said.

The couple called the Powell Police Department to return items that weren't theirs. Sgt. Chad Miner came to the house, taking some fingerprint and DNA samples.

Miner indicated Wednesday that there may be a suspect in the case, and that case might be resolved soon.

"By and large, most thefts happen because victims failed to lock their homes and vehicles," he said.

Miner suggests removing the temptation by not keeping valuables in your vehicle or keeping them out of sight. He said complacency is common — even on occasion in his own family.

"Don't be a victim," he said.



Garrett Burbank opens his pack while in his jammies on Christmas morning. The pack was anonymously returned in a trash bag following its theft from Burbank's truck several days earlier. Photo courtesy Becky Burbank

Tow truck operator recovering after 'Christmas miracle'

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Getting pinned by a multi-ton tow truck on Christmas Eve dealt significant damage to a Cody man's leg that will take time to heal. But Darrin Martines knows it could have been much worse if some good Samaritans had not come to his aid that night.

"It was our Christmas miracle," said Martines' fiancée, Ari. "I mean, God definitely had the protection around him that night. There's no other explanation for it, because he shouldn't be here."

Martines, a 50-year-old employee of Eagle Recovery Towing and Repair, had been called to Lane 8 west of Powell for

a crash involving a deer. The driver of that vehicle suffered only minor injuries, but the car went into a ditch and needed to be pulled out.

Martines was working the winch from the back driver's side of the tow truck when it rolled backwards. Martines saw the heavy vehicle coming, but he was unable to escape, with his leg getting pinned under the rear wheels, Ari said.

Martines was stuck and alone along the rural road, as the other emergency responders had already cleared the scene of the deer crash.

Fortunately, Martines was spotted by a passing EMT. She helped summon authorities and nearby resident John Cooley, a former tow truck operator, who

got the vehicle off of Martines.

If it wasn't for them, Martines "would have had nobody there," Ari said.

According to both Martines and Cooley, something went wrong with the tow truck's brake.

An ambulance crew took Martines to Powell Valley Hospital for treatment around 7:30 p.m. He was released about an hour-and-a-half later, having suffered no broken bones.

However, "it was not pretty and it's still not," Ari said Friday. "We're not out of the woods."

The entire seam of Martines' Wranglers was embedded into his skin from the weight of the heavy truck, and other parts of his leg were torn up by the tire

tread. Ari said further testing will show the extent of the damage, and she suspects Martines tore some ligaments.

Martines wound up having to go into West Park Hospital on Dec. 27 for additional treatment and one leg was still numb the following day — four days after the accident.

Still, while Ari said the injuries were more serious than the "bruises" that an Eagle Recovery employee reported to the Tribune, "we're thankful he's alive and he's able to walk."

The couple is also very thankful for Cooley and the EMT.

"God puts the people in your path when they need to be," Ari said, adding, "It was the two people that needed to be there to save his life."

Powell lawmaker aims again to end time changes

CHEYENNE (WNE) — A local lawmaker will once again take up his battle against daylight saving time when the Legislature convenes this month.

Rep. Dan Laursen, R-Powell, is sponsoring a bill for the upcoming general session to take the state out of the Uniform Time Act, which created standard and daylight saving time. For the fourth time in as many years, Laursen will try to make Wyoming the third state to no longer require its residents to switch up their clocks twice a year; Arizona and Hawaii both ditched daylight saving time in the late 1960s after the system

was created.

"The main reason to bring it back is I don't like changing the clock," Laursen said. "I think it's tough on a lot of people, especially the elderly and the younger people. I know it affects me for a couple of weeks after we make the switch."

A state can ask the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to opt out of daylight saving time if it's situated within one time zone and if the entire state would take part in the switch.

Laursen's bill would direct Wyoming to apply for being removed from daylight saving time if three contiguous states

to Wyoming also apply to be taken out of the current system. The bill would technically move Wyoming into the standard time in the Central Time Zone, and designate it as Mountain Daylight Saving Time.

That would have the net effect of keeping Wyoming on daylight saving time throughout the year.

Laursen said that made sense because the current system keeps people in daylight saving time for around eight months. Standard time, meanwhile, only lasts for about four months — from November to March.

Lawmakers in Florida overwhelmingly passed a bill last year to put the Sunshine State on daylight saving time year-round, but it will take an act of Congress for the change to take effect.

"... So far, the required congressional approval to make it happen has languished in the U.S. Capitol halls," the Orlando Sentinel reported.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, introduced a "Sunshine Protection Act" in March that would make daylight saving time permanent across the country, but it failed to gain any traction last year.

Assault: Preliminary hearing tentatively set for Jan. 9 on charges

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doing the things that he did."

Larson had no objection to the \$8,000 figure, indicating it wouldn't be a problem for him to get the money. After his arrest, he filled out a form requesting a public defender — in which he indicated he had \$50,000 in cash — but Larson said in court on Monday that he would actually be retaining a defense attorney with his own funds.

"When I was booked, I was quite intoxicated," Larson explained to Magistrate Tom Keegan.

Sunday's incident reportedly began when a Powell Valley Hospital nurse heard banging in the hallway and found Larson standing in the door of an equipment room.

"Hey, a—hole, come on!" Larson reportedly yelled at the nurse.

According to what the nurse later told police, Larson then barricaded himself inside the equipment room with medical items before emerging with an IV stand and chasing the man back toward the nurse's station.

"[The nurse] said that he was fearful and felt as though Larson intended him harm with the metal rod," Powell Police Sgt. Chad Miner recounted in an affidavit filed in support of the charges.

Larson then ducked into an elderly patient's hospital room, which is where he was when Miner arrived on scene.

The sergeant found Larson had braced the door to the room. Miner forced it open and Larson emerged from behind

the door, holding the metal rod in his hands.

"The man screamed at me and I was certain he was about to strike me," Miner wrote.

The officer said he hit Larson in the upper chest with a palm heel strike, which knocked the 265-pound suspect down and into the wall.

After Miner put on handcuffs, Larson "indicated to me that he was done and no longer wanted to fight" and that his head hurt, the officer wrote. In the meantime, hospital staff "quickly removed" the elderly patient from the room, Miner said.

"I tried speaking with [Larson], but he wouldn't make [any] coherent statements and he claimed not to know where he was or what happened," Miner wrote.

The affidavit says the alter-

cation resulted in \$300 worth of damage to the drywall and blinds in the hospital room, apparently from Larson crashing backwards into them.

The damaged IV stand, meanwhile, reportedly cost \$200.

Miner indicated in his affidavit that he arrested Larson with a fourth charge in mind — that of felony assault on a peace officer — but prosecutors did not file it.

A preliminary hearing on the three pending charges is tentatively set for Jan. 9.

While he's out on bond, Magistrate Keegan ordered Larson to obey the law, to abstain from alcohol, to stay out of bars and, among other conditions, to stay away from Powell Valley Hospital unless he's seeking "legitimate emergency care."

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PHS LOOKS TO A STRONG 2019

PANTHERS, LADY PANTHERS HOST ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRIDAY

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

With the holidays in the rearview mirror, the Powell High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will begin their assault on 2019 with renewed focus. They host Rocky Mountain High School on Friday in the Panther Gym.

Panthers head coach Chase Kistler and Lady Panthers head coach Scott McKenzie agreed the games against Rocky Mountain will be an excellent way to begin 2019, against teams very familiar with one another.

PANTHERS

Kistler called the Class 2A Grizzlies a "well-coached team, really well disciplined," and Powell will have to stay disciplined, as well.

"The Rocky game, even though it's an inter-class game, it's still kind of a rivalry, because these guys have played against each other since they were kids," Kistler said. "They know each other, they know each other's ins and outs, so it gives it a rivalry feel. They just know each other so well, and you never know what's going to happen."

After starting the season 0-3, the 3A Panthers are on a roll of late, entering the holiday break with huge wins over 4A cross-county rival Cody on the road and over third-ranked 2A powerhouse Wyoming Indian at home.

"I think my team is playing really well right now, though there's still a lot of room for improvement," Kistler said. "But I like the energy and the hustle they've been showing, as well as their willingness to be coachable."

The Panthers have shown a willingness to play unselfish basketball, as well as a penchant for keeping their foot on the gas late in the game. Along with a talented group of starters — including seniors Carson Heinen, Kaelan Groves, William Preator and Dalton Woodward — Kistler has been getting good minutes from his



Current Panther Jesse Brown looks for an open shot against former Panther Marshall McArthur Tuesday during an alumni game held at Panther Gym. The Panther alumni held their own against their younger counterparts until late in the second half, falling 49-37. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

bench. Role players like Carson Olsen, Landon Lengfelder and Mason Marchant have made the most of their playing opportunities.

"I'm really pleased with our execution; we execute really well," Kistler said. "We get points out of most possessions, and that's been a big difference

from last year, when we had a lot of empty possessions."

An equal distribution of

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Trapper soccer standout signs with Adams State

SHRUM WILL REUNITE WITH FORMER NORTHWEST COACH RODRIGUES

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

After a 2018 campaign that saw the Northwest College men's soccer team advance to the semifinals of the Region IX tournament, one of the Trappers' key players is moving on to the next level.

NWC sophomore forward Jarrett Shrum has signed to play next season for Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado. The All-Region IX North selection will reunite with former NWC coach Stan Rodrigues, now entering his second season as the Grizzlies' head coach.

"Moving on to the next level and playing for coach Rodrigues

means a lot to me," Shrum said. "It validates all of the hard work that I have put in, and makes me feel like everything I have done has been worth it."

Shrum's top-end speed and ability to create scoring opportunities made him a valuable commodity to four-year schools looking for a dynamic playmaker. Rodrigues first recognized Shrum's potential when he recruited him to NWC out of high school. The coach is looking forward to working with the Gillette native again — this time on a larger stage.

"I'm really excited to have Jarrett [Shrum] come to ASU.

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NWC sophomore Jarrett Shrum, seen here during a game last fall, will continue his soccer career next season at Adams State University. Shrum, an All-Region IX North selection, will reunite with former NWC head coach Stan Rodrigues at ASU. Tribune photo by Don Cogger



Lady Trapper point guard Mikkel McIntosh looks for an open teammate during a game at Cabre Gym earlier this season. McIntosh and fellow Lovell native Shelby Wardell are making an impact on the hardwood for NWC this season.

Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Lovell natives Wardell, McIntosh bring talent, heart to Northwest

LONGTIME TEAMMATES CONTINUE BULLDOG TRADITION ON THE HARDWOOD

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Northwest College sophomore Shelby Wardell met her longtime friend and teammate Mikkel McIntosh on the basketball court, playing together on a 3-on-3 all-star team.

Even then, McIntosh showed signs of the scrappy point guard she would eventually become.

"I remember thinking I was lucky to have her on my team with the way she pushed the ball and played defense," Wardell recalled. "Ever since then, we've just been playing together, and I'm happy that I have the opportunity to play with her again."

Teammates from elementary school all the way through starring on the court for the Lovell High School Lady Bulldogs, the pair have reunited once again, donning Trapper red; Wardell started at NWC this fall.

"We grew up with the same coaching. We understand things the same way," Wardell said. "It's easy for our chemistry to bind, just because we have played together so much."

Both Wardell and McIntosh were

recruited by former NWC head coach (and fellow Lovell native) Janis Beal, and shared a lifelong dream of one day

suiting up for the Lady Trappers. Now in her second season at NWC, Wardell said she gave her friend the hard sell about where she should go for her freshman year following Beal's departure at the end of last season.

"I did want her [McIntosh] to come play here," Wardell said. "Her ball handling is incredible, the way she brings the ball up the court. But when we need someone to just go in there and get the ball up the court, I feel confident with her going in and getting the job done for us."

For McIntosh, joining the Lady Trappers it meant one more season with an old friend.

"We were always pretty good together [growing up]," she said. "I was a playing guard, she was a shooting guard. I knew to give Shelby [Wardell] the ball — I could trust her with the ball, and she could trust me to get it

to her. It was a Dynamic Duo kind of thing."

First-year head coach Camden Levett said having a Lovell player or two on the Lady Trappers' roster has become a tradition in recent years, and he's grateful to have inherited a pair for his first season.

"Looking back on teams in the past, there's always been a Lovell kid that makes it," he said. "I'm excited to have Shelby returning for her sophomore year, and Mikkel as a freshman. Not only are they a big part of the team, but they're contributing, playing minutes."

Wardell averaged 7.5 minutes and 3.5 points per game last season, highlighted by a 35-point performance against Little Big Horn College in which she hit nine 3-pointers. She's seen her minutes increase to 14.5 a game this season, averaging 4.5 points and shooting an impressive 40 percent from behind the arc.

"I expect her [Wardell] to play a

See NWC WBB, Page 12



WHO WILL BE THE OVERALL WINNER FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON?

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Shrum: 'He's really grown as a player'

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He really fits the bill in a lot of ways," Rodrigues said. "Not only is he a strong academic student, he's got an amazing amount of ability. He's got the ability that I always knew he had, and after he left to go play in Washington and Oregon over the summer, I was very impressed with his maturity and his game. He's really grown as a player."

Shrum entertained several offers from other four-year schools before deciding on ASU, a DII school. After factoring in not only his familiarity with the coaching staff but what the school had to offer academically, he decided becoming a Grizzly made sense.

"I am looking forward to improving as a player, meeting new people, growing as a person and continuing my education at Adams State," he said. "I feel like this school is a good fit for me and I hope that I have success there."

Rodrigues said Shrum has a very clear picture of what he wants to accomplish on and off the pitch, and believes the young forward will be able to attain all his goals at ASU.

"He [Shrum] wants to test himself at the highest levels available to him," Rodrigues said. "In my opinion, even though there were some really good NAIA schools that were definitely on his radar, he'll find what he's looking for here. I think he's going to get that opportunity, and now that he's had two years of college play under his belt, he'll come in ready to face the RMAC [Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference]. This conference is a doozy. Man, it's

definitely no walk in the park."

Athletically, Rodrigues said Shrum will make an immediate impact on a team that went through a rebuilding process last season. The Grizzlies finished 1-11-2 in Rodrigues' first year at the helm, but now with a full year to recruit, and a talented group of returners, he expects the team to be competitive in 2019.

"We can only improve, I believe, next year," Rodrigues said of his team. "Jarrett [Shrum], in my mind, is one of those top-tier kids that can come in and make an impact quickly."

Several players Rodrigues coached during his season at NWC, most notably defender Ryan Tyrer, keeper Luke Holt and midfielder Robert George, have found success at four-year colleges, making Shrum's decision to join his former coach that much more special.

"It just gives me such joy when you see these kids flourish at the next level," Rodrigues said. "With Jarrett [Shrum], to be able to have a kid for one year, let him go, then all of a sudden be able to bring him into the next level, I'm really proud of that. And also, I know what kind of kid I'm getting. There's no surprises. That's why I wish I could have brought more [NWC players]."

For Shrum, his two seasons as a Trapper were memorable ones.

"I enjoyed meeting new people each season," he said. "I will miss being around my NWC teammates once I am gone because I felt that we became so close to one another. I have friends from NWC that I hope to stay connected with for the rest of my life."

'He [Shrum] wants to test himself at the highest levels available to him.'

*Stan Rodriguez
Former Trapper coach*

Lady Panther JV falls to Wyoming Indian 35-16

HYDE, WAGNER LEAD THE WAY ON OFFENSE

Coming off an exciting come-from-behind win against Cody the previous week, the Powell High School girls' JV basketball team was looking to ride that momentum into a home matchup against Wyoming Indian.

The Lady Chiefs had other plans for their hosts, however, outscoring the Lady Panthers 23-5 in the first half en route to a 35-16 victory.

"Unfortunately, we did not play well and after missing some good early

chances we really struggled in the second quarter as we were outscored 11-0," said Powell JV coach Troy Hildebrand. "Wyoming Indian really hurt us with their pressure and transition offense, which were two areas that we knew were a concern coming into this game. The girls continued to try to do the right thing, but we weren't able to get any positive momentum in this game and it is one that we will just need to learn from and work hard to avoid in the future."

The game was not without a few bright spots, however. Hailee Hyde and Michele Wagner each had six points to

lead Powell on offense. Kaylee Stewart was aggressive on the boards, and went 2-for-2 at the charity stripe. Kortny Feller was a spark off the bench with a number of rebounds and hustle plays, scoring two points in her first action of the season.

The Lady Panther JV is back in action Friday at home against Rocky Mountain. Tipoff is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Rocky Mountain's Grizzlies "were a young team last year that had a number of very strong players that are returning this season," Hildebrand said. "We will need to step up our game and execution in order to be successful."

Cowboys win over Dixie State, 65-63

YOUNG SCORES 16 POINTS IN HIS DEBUT

True freshman Trace Young hit a game winning 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds left to lift Wyoming to a 65-63 win over Dixie State on Saturday afternoon in the Arena-Auditorium. Making his collegiate debut on his birthday, Young scored 16 points and made the first and the last bucket of the contest. The 63 points allowed was the lowest by the Cowboys this season.

"The best thing was the game was in the 60s and not in the 80s, and that was the way we wanted to play," Wyoming head coach Allen Edwards said. "I think there are things we can learn from when we go back and watch this game."

With the Pokes down by four points with 1:45 left, free throws from senior Justin James and Jordan Naughton put

the Pokes within reach of the victory. Dixie State missed a pair of free throws with 12.9 seconds left giving Young the opportunity to win the contest, as his double clutched 3-pointer found nothing but net for the Wyoming win.

"The guys were looking at me on the floor before Dixie's last missed free throw wondering if I wanted a timeout, but I think in those scenarios, unless you feel confident about running a specific play, you put the ball in your best player's hands," Edwards said. "A timeout I believe would have given them time to set up their full-court trap, so to me it was better to put it in J.J.'s (Justin James) hands. We put J.J. and (Hunter) Thompson in the ball screen, and then Thompson got the ball from J.J. and the best part of the play was Thompson made the extra pass to give Trace an opportunity to get a good look. Trace obviously did a great job putting the shot in."

THE LINEUP

This Week in Powell Sports

* Home events in bold

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

- PHS Girls' Basketball v. Rocky Mountain, 5:30 p.m.
- PHS Boys' Basketball v. Rocky Mountain, 7 p.m.
- PHS Boys' Swimming v. Lander, Powell Aquatic Center, 5 p.m.
- PHS Wrestling at Bozeman Invitational, Bozeman, Montana, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

- PHS Boys' Swimming v. Gene Dozav Invite, Powell Aquatic Center, 10 a.m.
- PHS Wrestling at Bozeman Invitational, Bozeman, Montana, 10 a.m.
- NWC Women's Basketball v. Williston State, Cabre Gym, 1 p.m.
- NWC Men's Basketball v. Williston State, Cabre Gym, 3 p.m.

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The church must stand for life and against abortion

Dear reader, I am compelled to say something about abortion today. However, let me say that if you have had an abortion, there is forgiveness at the cross of Christ, and Jesus is able to restore you to your child or children in eternity. That is the plain truth, and don't ever let anyone tell you different.

That said, most of the evil in this world still comes from Satan's most pernicious and persistent lie. It always starts with "did God really say" (Genesis 3:1). Unlike the devil, God never tries to trick us. He has revealed his will plainly to us. Why do I say this?

It is because the church has often succumbed to the devil and questioned the plain will of God. As many pulpits and professing Christians, to their everlasting shame, defended the sin of slavery, many pulpits and professing Christians today are defending the sin of abortion. By the word of God, abortion is indefensible. Further, it is an affront and an abhorrence to God. It destroys both child and

mother. Abortion is not a political issue; it is a right versus wrong issue. Abortion is first and foremost a sin against the very nature of God. The scripture makes it clear that God is life and the giver of life. This truth is summed up in the church's ancient creed which states, "I believe in God the father, the Lord and giver of life."

Not only is abortion a sin against God's nature, it is a sin against his image as every single male and female ever born have been made in his image (Genesis 1:27). It is God who forms our inward parts and knits us together in the womb. It is God who has "fearfully and wonderfully made" every single one of his image bearers (Psalm 139). How dare we stretch out our hand to destroy the fruit of the womb that God calls a "heritage" and a "reward" (Psalm 127)?

Further, before someone says, "what about the Law of Moses?" Let's see how God legally defines the unborn child according to the Law of Moses.

Exodus 21:22-23 makes it clear that an unborn child has the same legal rights as any human being because it subjects the one who hurts an unborn child to the same punishment as the one who hurts an adult. The plain sense of the text makes it clear that a man who strikes a pregnant woman and causes her to lose her child will be put to death.

Contrary to what the children of the devil argue on the internet, God has made the value of an unborn child very plain to us. Further, if these things aren't enough for us, let us examine the fact that God utterly condemned child sacrifice (Jeremiah 32:26-35). Of course, some will say, "Pastor, you're comparing apples and oranges. Deliberately offering your child in pagan sacrifice is not

the same as abortion." I would say that you're right in a sense: The ancients were more honest about their sin than we are.

They had no delusions about what they were doing, while we lie to ourselves about the nature of what we're doing. The ancients sacrificed their children in the hope of gaining a material blessing from the hellish gods they worshipped. We sacrifice ours to the god of convenience in order to keep some material blessing that we imagine the child will cause us to lose. What is the difference? As surely as God called me to stand before him, he does not see any difference at all.

After Cain killed his brother Abel, the Scripture says that God heard his blood crying to him from the ground (Genesis 4:10). If God heard the blood

of Abel, what does the blood of over 60 million sound like to him? While commenting on slavery in America, President Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever." We forget that we paid a very heavy price in blood for the sin of slavery.

Of all our current national sins, abortion is the most odious. It is a stain on our nation and a stench that rises to heaven. Thus far, God's long-suffering nature, mercy, and grace, mingled with the hopes and prayers of past generations, have stayed his hand, but without repentance, judgment will surely come upon us for this evil. He will not relent forever. Therefore, I would invite you all to walk for life with me

from the Cody courthouse to the Cody cemetery on Jan. 19 and to stand for life with me in Washington Park in Powell on Jan. 26.

Both events begin at 11 a.m. These events are not simply about remembrance or the protest of evil laws; they are about hope and life. They are about taking back what hell has stolen. They are about the forgiveness and restoration available to all at the cross of Christ. They are about standing with Christ between those he died to rescue and the enemy of their souls, who would see them destroyed. If you say you are a Christian, read Proverbs 24:10-12 and resolve to do a Christian's work.

(Shane Legler is the pastor of Garland Community Church of God.)



SHANE LEGLER
Perspectives



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Faith Community Church

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First Southern Baptist Church

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- **SALLY'S BOUTIQUE** - clothing and more give-away - will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 at 555 South Fair Street (the old One Stop Shop/Polaris dealership) near Linton's Big R. The boutique will remain open every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Jan. 5. Spearheaded by Sally Montoya, the massive clothing give-away has been an annual event at Christmastime and is marking its final year.
- **HOMESTEADER MUSEUM** will be closed to the public during the month of January. The museum routinely uses the month for deep cleaning and exhibit restoration.
- **CHRISTMAS TREES CAN BE DROPPED OFF** at the Park County Fairgrounds. Use the Fifth Street entrance. Trees also are accepted at the Powell, Clark and Cody landfills during normal business hours. Remove all decorations.

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- **BABY AND TODDLER TIME** at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **BLOOD DRIVE** at Trinity Bible Church, 535 S Everts St. Time slots are from 1:45-6:30 p.m. There will be snacks, a movie and over \$200 of prizes. By age 70, 90 percent of people will need blood transfusions and only 10 percent will have given. People can sign up at <https://bloodhero.com> and click on "locate a blood drive" and search for Powell. You also can sign up by calling Callie Siggins (307-271-2394), Jordan Gibson (307-254-3420) or Frank Roth (754-7063).
- **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)** will begin the New Year with a meeting at the International Cultural House on the Northwest College campus. The meeting starts at 5 p.m. with a presentation by two international students, who will share their experiences here in America and what goals they are preparing for while at NWC. The public is invited to attend.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

- **SENSORY PLAY** for little ones ages 1-3 years old at the Powell Branch Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Time for baby to explore sensory toys and build confidence and social skills.
- **TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS** for high school speech and debate teams at Northwest College. Also on Saturday.
- **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** book sale from 1-3 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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MONDAY, JANUARY 7

- **BABY AND TODDLER TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **THE POWELL CITY COUNCIL** will meet at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** Josh Schmidt from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will offer community outreach services at the Powell Valley Clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7. 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 Tuesday, Jan. 8. Call Schmidt at 307-250-3890 for more information.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

- **STORY TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **SHOSHONE ROCK CLUB** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library's club room. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. Featured speaker Gary Olson will demonstrate the use of an economical lapidary unit for grinding and polishing stones.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- **ADULT SCRABBLE** at 10 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **STORY TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **THE POWELL ROTARY CLUB** meets at noon on Wednesdays at the Nelson Foundation House, 550 College Drive.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

- **BABY AND TODDLER TIME** at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- **READ TO A DOG** at 3:30 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Rusty and Pepper love to visit the library and listen to stories. Sign up at the children's desk for 15 minutes of canine companionship.
- **ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION** at 6 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

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NWC WBB: 'I think we're going to be a whole new team,' Wardell says of returning from break

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bigger role in the second half of our season," Levett said. "And one thing about Shelby [Wardell] is she always shoots the ball well. She's a shooter, and when she checks into the game and they know she's out there, they're going to try and get her some looks."

McIntosh said having a familiar face around in Wardell has made an already enjoyable experience even better.

"It makes it a lot easier, that's for sure," McIntosh said.

"I do have her [Wardell] to turn to when I have a problem. Playing with her in the past, she's known my strengths, and I've known hers. We know each other's weaknesses, and that helps us help each other out. It's good to know she'll always be there."

The fact that Wardell is shooting lights-out from behind the arc is also a plus.

"Shelby [Wardell] definitely has that 3-point shot," McIntosh said. "She plays really well under pressure, so when we're playing catch-up, she's the one to give the ball to. She hasn't disappointed this season."

McIntosh is averaging 11.7 minutes per game this season as a backup point guard, and Levett said she plays bigger than her stature through her aggressive style of play.

"What I like about her [McIntosh] is she's the smallest kid on the team, but she's fearless," Levett said. "She's got that bulldog in her. She's a tough kid."

Wardell agreed. "I think Mikkel [McIntosh] fits in really well with the dynamic we're putting together on the team," Wardell said. "She brings a lot of energy to the team, and a lot of time, that's what we're looking for. She can step right up and do that."

McIntosh can also distribute the ball, which plays to Wardell's strengths.

"I do not like handling the ball," Wardell said, laughing. "I would rather have it in her [McIntosh's] hands, bringing it up to the court, so she can pass it to me and I can shoot."

With just four players back from a squad that finished 25-8 last season, Levett knew this team would have some growing pains. He looked to his sophomores to help provide leadership and ease the transition for the incoming freshmen.

In Wardell, he's found a player who speaks softly, but leads by example.

"Shelby [Wardell] is a quiet kid, but when she speaks up in front of the team, everybody kind of listens," Levett said. "She's one of the few return-

ers, she knows what the experience is like — the grind of a long college basketball season. The leadership has been there for her teammates."

As is often the case with a young team, the Lady Trappers are off to a slow start, posting a 2-12 record for the 2018 portion of the season. The team has continued to improve with each game, however, and Wardell expects the second half of the season to be a lot more competitive.

"I think our chemistry is starting to click more and more — the more we play with each other, the more we learn what each other likes to do," Wardell said. "We're going to work until we're where we want to be, and keep pushing after that. We have the athletes — I just don't think our chemistry is quite there yet. But that's something we can fix, so that's nice."

McIntosh agreed. "I think we're going to be a whole new team," she said. "I feel like we're going to come out and work twice as hard as we did before break. It's going to be like we didn't even have



NWC sophomore guard Shelby Wardell keeps the ball out of the reach of a Dawson Community College opponent during a game at Cabre Gym earlier this season. Wardell and freshman teammate Mikkel McIntosh were both named Female Athlete of the Year at Lovell High School before joining the Lady Trappers. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

that slump."

As her final semester as a Lady Trapper begins, Wardell said the experience has been one she will never forget.

"Every time I lace up my shoes, I'm thankful that I get the opportunity to play for the Trappers and be a part of that," Wardell said. "And every time I step on that court, I don't

want to take it for granted. I always try my best."

For McIntosh, whose Trapper career is just beginning, this season will be a success regardless of the team's final record.

"It's definitely not how I wish it would be," said McIntosh of the team's start. "But the experience has lived up

to my expectations. The relationships I've gained through the team and with the coach, it's everything I had wished it would be."

And how does she feel about playing her sophomore season? "I do plan on continuing as a Lady Trapper," McIntosh said. "I don't want to be done with basketball just yet."

PHS BB: Coach believes tough schedule will pay off for Lady Panthers

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points has also been a pleasant surprise this season. More often than not, it's not just one player with the hot hand.

"You watch a lot of teams, and you see they have one or two guys that are scoring a lot of their points," Kistler said. "This last game [against Wyoming Indian], almost everyone in the

Lady Panthers aren't quite clicking like they want to, but based on the effort he's seen in practices over the holidays, that should change.

"I think our offense is getting ready to take off for us," he said. "We've talked about roles, and the girls really seem to be buying into those roles. We'll see how it goes this weekend."

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running, and he's been very impressed with how the team is playing defensively.

"We've held some pretty high-powered offenses to their lowest point totals of the season," he said. "We held Douglas and Wyoming Indian to their lowest output, so we're pretty pleased there."

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Current Panther Aidan Jacobsen, right, works his way past former Panther Kristian Stenlund during an alumni game Tuesday at Panther Gym. The PHS boys' and girls' basketball teams are back in action Friday, hosting Rocky Mountain. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

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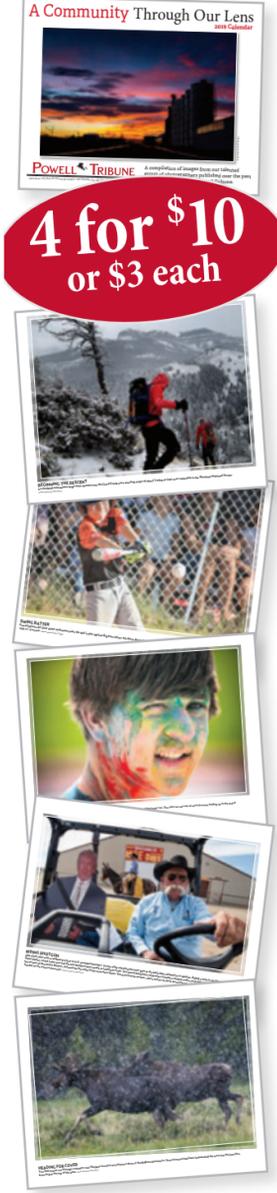
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From left Ann Sanders, Howard Sanders, Donna Putney and Mike Giese (Putney's husband), help Dave Blevins (second from right) pick out gifts for five families at Linton's Big R on Dec. 21.

Blevins, Carlson to step down from council

SEARCH FOR NEW LEADERS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMING UP EMPTY

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

The Friday before Christmas, Dave Blevins joined the crowds of shoppers frantically searching the shelves of local stores for last minute presents. He had a long list, and it was his own fault.

Blevins had extended the deadline for families to apply for Powell's Christmas Basket Program well into the evening hours on Thursday, Dec. 20 — the night before the items were to be distributed.

"He was still taking applications after 5 p.m. when we left for the day," said Nancy Stearns, office manager at Blevins' State Farm agency.

After helping five families complete their applications, Blevins got a short night of sleep before heading out early the next morning. Arriving at the loading docks behind Blair's Market at 5:45 a.m., Blevins shook off the cold to help 20 City of Powell employees who were volunteering their time to load pallets of food. The cargo was an assortment of Christmas turkey dinners with all the trimmings for 119 needy families.

Blevins was all smiles watching store employees and the volunteers moving the heavy boxes.

"It didn't always go this fast. We used to do most of this by hand," he said, between thanking everyone he met.

Blevins could have used the sleep, but he wouldn't think to stay in his warm bed.

"It's hard to ask someone [else] to give so much time a day or two before Christmas. It's a whole day affair," he said.

Once loaded, Blevins followed a caravan of trucks through the dark city to the Wyoming National Guard Armory. There, boxes of presents were already numbered and lined up in orderly fashion, taking up most of the space in the facility's gymnasium.

Coordinating with a team of volunteers, Blevins was back on the road as soon as the doors opened at Linton's Big R to find gifts for the final five families. Time was of the essence — Blevins didn't want

a single child to go without on his final year leading the seasonal push of the Powell Council of Community Services.

'He has a huge heart for this community. Dave has been doing this for 35 years, and all is on his dime.'

*Nancy Stearns
Blevins' State Farm
agency office manager*

COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION

Blevins would prefer to hide in anonymity behind the curtain of the council. Asked to define his part in the charity effort, he quickly points to all the volunteers who selflessly give hours of service to make the Christmas Basket Program and the council's year-round assistance program run smoothly. Yet, as he intends to step down after decades at the helm of the council, those who know him best are pulling back the curtain.



Shawn Russell, one of Sally Montoya's helpers, and Donna Putney, the new pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, talk with Dave Blevins while organizing distribution day of the Christmas Basket Program. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

"He has a huge heart for this community," Stearns said. "Dave has been doing this for 35 years, and everything goes through him, and all is on his dime."

Through the years, Blevins has been synonymous with the council. The service organization requires a lot of paperwork and supplies. Blevins has passed the tasks to his

staff at the insurance agency in recent years, paying them for their time. The staff puts in about 1,200 hours a year processing the paperwork, Stearns said.

"Replacing Dave's commitment and dedication to the program will be very hard. One person can't do it all," she said.

David Saucedo of Powell has volunteered his time to help with the Christmas Basket Program and has also been an unofficial adviser to Blevins through the years. Yet he knows the difficulty in getting Blevins to speak of his contributions.

"He's one of the most honorable men I've ever met. He's a very fair-minded, community-minded person — a real asset to Powell and the surrounding area," Saucedo said. "But he's very understated; he's not out to trumpet his own horn. That really speaks to his character."

At 69, Blevins' hair has thinned and turned white as snow. He's had many titles, from paperboy to Air Force fighter pilot to state legislator. But his favorite title is grandpa, the main reason behind his decision to pass the torch while still running his State Farm agency.

"It's time for me to spend more time with my family," Blevins said.

But it's still hard for Blevins to let go, especially without a replacement, said Jim Carlson, who has been the council's secretary and treasurer for many years.

Carlson is also stepping down from the council, and for the same reason. Since Carlson's wife, Kay, passed in 2010 he has been yearning for more involvement with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The council has been a two-man show in recent years, with Carlson

and Blevins taking the lead when the other is unavailable.

"When Dave [Blevins] is out of town, I take on both positions. He's a great guy to work for — a good communicator with a big heart," Carlson said. "He's always ready to help and feels community service is important."

The feeling is mutual. Carlson and Blevins aren't leaving the community, just hoping to pass the torch after a combined 56 years of volunteer service. Both men have fallen in love with Powell through many years of service.

"Any community worth its salt works together to help everybody, not just those in need," Carlson said. "It's a loving, giving community. That's why I love it here so much."

Most know Carlson as Santa and he's not giving up that gig anytime soon.

"I'll do it as long as they want Santa around," he said.

A YEAR-ROUND EFFORT

The Powell Council of Community Services is best known for the food and gifts it distributes through the holiday season. But while the Christmas Basket Program gets most of the press, it's just a small part of the effort to help those in need. Few know that the council leaders work all year long to help families in financial crisis — assisting when they get behind in rent, on utilities or when they can't afford food.

The program has changed a lot through the years.

"When we started we were often just helping those in need of food or a little gas to get down the road," Blevins said. "Now it's rent or to help pay their electricity."



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SUPPORT GROUP - Tues. at 6 p.m., 215 N. Ferris St., Powell. 254-2283. Reduce anxiety, depression, stress. Understand your strengths, eliminate faulty thinking, learn to flourish and enjoy life. Attendance free and confidential. (32TFThursT)

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THE POWELL TRIBUNE is seeking part-time employment for their Mailroom on Monday & Wednesday nights. Applicants must be able to stand for 3 - 4 hours and be able to lift 25 lbs. Applicants must also be able to follow directions and be punctual. Hours range from 5 pm to 10 pm. Please stop by the Powell Tribune Front Office to pick up an application. (01TFET)

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BEAUTIFUL Bob Carothers painting. \$6,000. May be seen on Greybull Swap & Sell, Make an offer. 307-899-2368. (11/1tfnB)

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THE TRIBUNE IS CLEANING HOUSE. For sale: 4-drawer filing cabinet and coin-op newspaper machines. Call Toby at 754-2221 for more information. (27TFET)

Hiring: Wyoming Conservation Associate
Competitive pay and benefits.
For details visit: greateryellowstone.org/careers
GYC is an EOE (104,01CT)

Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS
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Big Horn County School District #1
99 S. Division/P.O. Box 688
Cowley, WY 82420
307-548-2254
Burlington K-12 Re-Roof Phase I
109 North St.
Burlington, Wyoming
Bids will be received for a single General Contract by a certified prime roof contracting firm with 10-years (minimum) documented experience installing specified thermoplastic membrane with 3 projects of similar scope and size within the last 3-years; including architectural, all roofing materials as noted in specifications, Mechanical and Electrical work.
Sealed bids will be received by Big Horn County School District #1, 99 South Division Street, Cowley, Wyoming, until 2:00 PM, local time, February 7, 2019, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.
Bids shall be submitted on the form provided with the Contract Documents. Digital Contract Documents may be secured at Nelson Architects, LLC at 214 N. Broadway, Riverton, Wyoming. Phone: 307-856-6155, nelsonarchitects@wyoming.com.
Bids shall be accompanied by bid security in accordance with Instructions to Bidders in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish to Nelson Architects, LLC, within ten (10) days of the bid's acceptance, Performance, Labor and Material Bonds, each in an amount not less than 100% of the contract sum, and as authorized by Wyoming Statutes Section 16-6-112 (as amended).
Contractors shall comply with all fair labor practices and must meet the requirements of the Wyoming State Statutes.
Preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, equipment and machinery and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied or grown in Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the State, all as more fully outlined in W.S. SS16-6-106 and 107.
A five percent (5%) preference will be given to resident Wyoming Contractors in accordance with the applicable State Statutes. Resident contractors shall be certified as such by the Wyoming Department of Employment at the time of the bid opening.
No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instructions to Bidders.
The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, to evaluate the bids submitted and to accept the proposal which best serves the interest of the Owner.
A mandatory pre-bid walk through for all Prime Roofing Contractors of the entire project, will be held at **1 PM (local time), January 21, 2019, at the Burlington K-12 School, 109 North St., Burlington, WY 82411.** Attendance is required for all Prime Roofing Contractors & encouraged for all Subcontractors who are interested in bidding on this project. (13-17cL)

Help Wanted

The Powell Police Department is accepting applications for the position of
Police Officer
Benefit Package Includes:
-Competitive starting salary; more depending on experience, certification.
-Generous benefit package includes; paid vacation and sick leave, ten paid City holidays, retirement contribution, longevity pay, and excellent insurance plan that includes medical, vision, and dental.
Applications are available in person at 250 N. Clark St, Powell, WY 82435 or may be downloaded www.powellpolice.com. Questions may be directed to Powell Police 307-754-2212, or e-mail police@cityof-powell.com. **Application deadline to be eligible for the first screening is January 18, 2019 at 5 p.m.** Tentative testing date will begin February 8, 2019 beginning at 7:00 a.m.
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City of Powell, WY is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Powell Tribune is seeking a COMMUNITY JOURNALIST

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The Powell Tribune has an immediate opening for a dedicated **GENERAL NEWS REPORTER** to join its staff of award-winning writers. This position also includes the opportunity for advancement to a news leadership role. Preferred candidates must have a strong desire to report the news important to readers of a community newspaper, ranging from city council meetings to multicultural showcases at Northwest College. Reporters on a community newspaper staff are asked to juggle multiple beats and to assist with editing copy from staff and other sources. A knowledge of AP style would be helpful and photography skills are also preferred. Beginning salary range — \$28K to \$30K d.o.e. Health and retirement benefits package included.

Send resume, clippings and photo portfolio to **General Manager Toby Bonner** at toby@powelltribune.com.

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Help Wanted

Northwest College Men's Head Soccer Coach
Athletic Coach
 This position provides vision, leadership, and oversight for a NJCAA Division I Intercollegiate soccer program and student instruction. Includes teaching a course load of up to 6 credits/semester. Starting salary is up to \$46,880/year, contingent upon education and experience. To apply: <http://www.nwc.edu/hr/EOE>.
 BHB(104-02CT)

Northwest College Women's Head Volleyball Coach
Athletic Coach
 This position provides vision, leadership, and oversight for a NJCAA Division I Intercollegiate volleyball program and student instruction. Includes teaching a course load of up to 6 credits/semester. Starting salary is up to \$46,880/year, contingent upon education and experience. To apply: <http://www.nwc.edu/hr/EOE>.
 BHB(102-01CT)

RECREATION ASSISTANT II - The City of Cody is seeking applicants to fill a provisional Recreation Assistant position at the Paul Stock Aquatics and Recreation Center. Primary duties include administrative tasks, reception of guests, and cash balancing. Must be willing to work shifts including evenings, and weekends. Application available at City Hall, 1338 Rumsey Ave, on the website www.cityofcody-wy.gov or by emailing dscheumaker@cityofcody.com. Applications will be reviewed as received and position will remain open until filled. Base pay \$10.76/hr. The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (102-04CT)

RMRS IS ACCEPTING RESUMES for a full time account manager position. This position has no supervisory responsibility. Qualified candidates will have excellent verbal communication skills, strong organizational skills, and the ability to prioritize and meet deadlines in a high volume environment. This position requires that the candidate have the skills to take initiative and work independently as well as in a team environment. Send resumes to tammy@rsiwy.com
 (101TFCT)

Help Wanted

Northwest College Admissions Coordinator
 Position duties include administering and implementing recruitment and admissions processes such as coordinating communications; analyzing data; marketing and outreach messaging; planning and conducting recruitment events; supervising staff. Starting salary is up to \$52,823/year based upon experience and education. For more information and to apply: <http://www.nwc.edu/hr/EOE>
 BHB(101-01CT)

THE CITY OF CODY IS SEEKING applicants to fill a Police Officer position in the Cody Police Department. The primary duties include patrol activities, investigating crimes, responding to calls for service and ensuring public safety within the community. Graduation from high school or GED is required. WY P.O.S.T. certification is desired and a valid driver's license is required. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Application and job description are available at City Hall, 1338 Rumsey Avenue, by emailing dscheumaker@cityofcody.com or from our website www.cityofcody-wy.gov. Applications are due by 4pm January 11th 2019. Starting pay is dependent upon certification and ranges from \$21.54 to \$23.78 plus City benefit package. Current City of Cody pay scale for Police Officer III tops out at \$32.78. Successful applicants with no previous experience will attend the 13-week Police Officer Academy in Douglas, WY. Following completion of the Academy the officer will be required to complete the departments 12-week Field Training Program. Successful "lateral transfer" candidates with previous experience will attend a 2-week Criminal Law Course at the Academy in Casper and the length of their Field Training Program will be dependent in-part to their level of previous law enforcement experience. (100-03CT)

THE CITY OF CODY IS SEEKING applicants to fill a provisional Code Enforcement Officer position in the Cody Police Department. The primary duties include receiving and recording complaints and responding to calls for service from the public. These calls include but are not limited to, field inspection of city code or ordinance violations, parking violations, abandoned vehicles or other traffic hazards, and regulations relating to control of animals, disease control, public safety and education; (101TFCT)

Help Wanted

and nuisance complaints. Work involves performance of services and enforcement actions commonly provided by the police department that do not require arrest authority. Graduation from high school or GED and a minimum of six months experience working with the public or an equivalent combination of education or experience is required. After the initial training period, the work schedule will generally consist of Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and provide a 5-year driving record. Applicants may be subject to a background investigation prior to being hired. Application and job description are available on the website www.cityofcody-wy.com, City Hall or by emailing dscheumaker@cityofcody.com. Applications are due by 4pm January 11th 2019. This is a provisional position averaging 19 hours per week with a beginning salary of \$19.51. The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (100-03CT)

FULL TIME RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION worker, \$14-\$20/hr, depending on experience. Drug testing required. Must have valid driver's license. 899-1863. (101TFCT)

AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN, Powell, WY, 307-754-5117, apply at the front desk *** Position: Housekeeper *** BHB(32TFCT)

Garvin Motors in Powell, Wyoming is seeking a **Lot Attendant**
 This is an excellent opportunity to join our service team with possible future advancement for the right candidate. Must be reliable and detail oriented. Clean, valid drivers license required.

We offer a competitive wage and benefit package, in-house training and a great teamwork environment.
 Apply in person or email paulh@garvinmotors.com

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Help Wanted

North Big Horn Hospital District and NEW HORIZONS CARE CENTER
 1115 Lane 12, Lovell, WY 82431

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CURRENT OPENINGS ~

- Scrub Tech
- EMT-I/Paramedic
- Phlebotomist/Lab Aide
- Housekeeper/ Laundry Aide
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- Care Center CNA, RN/LPN
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Visit our website at www.nbh.com to apply or contact human resources at 307-548-5274. EOE. (12/27-1/3CL)

PACKER OPERATOR
 Wyo-Ben, Inc., a 64-year-old bentonite mining and manufacturing company, is accepting applications for **Packer Operators** at its **Greybull** facility. Benefits include a 401(k), an excellent health plan, paid vacation, paid holidays, etc.
 Our diverse work environment includes operating automated and semi-automated stationary and mobile equipment. Some lifting required. Ability to work rotating shifts a must.
Wyo-Ben boasts an excellent safety and environmental record and is recognized as a top-quality producer. Similar-minded individuals should apply at:

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 Wyo-Ben, Inc.
 PO Box 1072
 2700 Rd. 26
 Greybull, WY 82426
 307-765-4446
 Office hours Mon.-Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM

Applications may be accessed at:
WWW.WYOBEN.COM (12/26-1/6CL)



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Help Wanted

BGH2 Big Horn County School Dist. 2 Lovell, WY

VACANCIES
 Big Horn County School District #2, Lovell, Wyoming, has the following vacancies for the 2019-2020 school year:

- **LHS Head Football Coach**
- **LHS Head Volleyball Coach**

All applicants must meet Wyoming coaching certification requirements as per the Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) rules and regulations. Information regarding PTSB certification can be found on their website: <http://ptsb.state.wy.us>.

Applicants may request a classified application by contacting the office of Superintendent Rick Woodford, 502 Hampshire Avenue, Lovell, WY 82431 or by calling 307-548-2259 between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, emailing cbowers@bgh2.org, or downloading the classified application packet from the District's website at www.bgh2.org.

These positions will be open until filled. Only completed applications will be considered.
 Big Horn County School District #2 complies with equal opportunity and non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin. (12/20-1/3CL)

BGH2 Big Horn County School Dist. 2 Lovell, WY

VACANCY
 Big Horn County School District #2, Lovell, Wyoming, is accepting applications for the following position:

LMS Full-time Swing-shift Custodian
 • Motivated self-starter
 • Dependable worker who cleans well
 • Enjoys working around staff and students

This is a classified position with compensation as specified on the District Classified Salary Schedule.

This position is open until filled. Only completed applications will be considered.
 Applicants can download the classified application packet and the classified salary schedule from the District's website at www.bgh2.org.
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BGH2 Big Horn County School Dist. 2 Lovell, WY

VACANCIES
 Big Horn County School District #2, Lovell, Wyoming, has the following vacancies for the 2019-2020 school year:

- **Middle Social Studies Teacher**
- **Elementary Teacher**

Applicants must meet WY teacher certification requirements as per the PTSB rules and regulations and meet WY highly qualified requirements in Middle School Social Studies (World History and Geography). Preference will be considered for candidates with coaching endorsements.

Applicants must have or be eligible for Wyoming K-6 Elementary Teacher certification and be Highly Qualified as per the PTSB rules and regulations.

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Call for bids

Powell Valley Healthcare Retail Pharmacy/Lobby Remodel Project
 The Work consists of a 2,400 s.f. remodel for Powell Valley Hospital. The remodel area is in the hospital, east of the Pharmacy and adjacent to the main lobby, located at 777 Avenue H, Powell, Wyoming 82435. The work consists of a remodel of existing lobby, office space, creating an expansion of the existing pharmacy for new retail pharmacy operations. Constructing an easily recognizable interior retail service counter in the existing main lobby and constructing a drive-thru retail pharmacy service at the south exterior wall of the hospital. The general construction of the project will be phased and includes 2,400 s.f. of typical interior remodel construction including but not limited to concrete, metal studs, gypsum wallboard, acoustical ceilings, plastic laminate casework, solid surface counters and backslashes, various finishes, and modification of the mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems. Minor demolition and patching in the existing hospital in various areas. Exterior improvements consist of a new drive-thru lane, retail pharmacy dispensing window, reconfigured ADA parking spaces and access to the existing facility, which includes materials such as asphalt paving, new concrete parking curbs, landscaping and irrigation system modifications.

First copies of the contract documents will be on file after December 26, 2018 and open to public inspection in the office of Plan One/Architects, 1001 12th Street, Cody, WY 82414 or as posted to Quest Construction Data Network at www.questcdn.com. Paper plans and specifications will not be available, bidders must access the website listed above. Documents may be viewed and downloaded for a fee of \$25.00.

Deposits are non-refundable.
 A project walk-thru is Mandatory for all bidding prime general contractors. The mandatory walk through will be held on January 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at 777 Avenue H, Powell, Wyoming 82435.

All proposals must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount of the proposal. Successful bidder to provide a 100% Performance and Payment Bond.

The Owner reserves the privilege of rejecting any or all proposals or waiving any irregularities or formalities in any proposal in the bidding. Submit written proposals to:
 Sealed proposals marked "Powell Valley Healthcare - Retail Pharmacy/Lobby Remodel Project" on the outside of the envelope must be received by 2:00 P.M. January 24, 2019 at Powell Valley Hospital, 777 Avenue H, Powell, WY 82435 at the administration office. Bids will not be opened publicly but will be taken under advisement with the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to award the contract on a combined basis of bid amounts.

Dated December 17, 2018
 Powell Valley Healthcare
 Terri Odum, CEO
 First Publ., Thurs., Dec. 20, 2018
 Final Publ., Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019

City auction

The City of Powell has the following vehicles and equipment listed for auction: Toro large area mower, John Deere front mower with attachments, 2001 Chevy Impala, 1999 Isuzu FVR/Tymco 600BAH street sweeper, Plotter, Laser engraver and other Misc. items. Items can be bid on at: www.public-surplus.com
 First Publ., Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018
 Final Publ., Thurs., Jan. 10, 2019

Meeting notice

The Powell Hospital District Board will meet Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, in the Conference Room at the hospital for an annual organization. The District Board meets at 5 p.m.
 First Publ., Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018
 Second Publ., Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019

Gallogly estate

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF PARK, STATE OF WYOMING
 In Probate
 Docket No. 9886
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
 VERA JEAN GALLOGLY,)
 Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 20th day of December, 2018, an Application for a Decree of Distribution in the above-referenced matter was filed by Lyle R. Bjornestad in the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Park County, Wyoming, pursuant to the provisions of Wyoming Statute § 2-1-205, as amended 2011. This Application concerns the interests of Vera Jean Gallogly, deceased, in personal and real property.

Objections to the entry of the Decree requested are to be filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before the last publication of this notice. The allegations of said application are: (i) the value of the entire estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed \$200,000.00; (ii) more than thirty days has elapsed since the death of Vera Jean Gallogly; (iii) no application for appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction; and (iv) Lyle R. Bjornestad, Russell G. Bornestad, Howard L. Bjornestad, Sandra M. Graves, Allen B. Bjornestad and the State of Wyoming, Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing/Equality Care are the parties entitled to the estate of the Decedent. There are no other distributees of the Decedent having a right to succeed to any of the property of the Decedent under probate proceedings, and therefore they are entitled to payment or delivery of all of the Decedent's property.
 DATED this 20th day of December, 2018.
 By: /s
 S. Joseph Darrah for Lyle R. Bjornestad
 First Publ., Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018
 Final Publ., Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019

Christofferson estate

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

Docket No. 9881
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
 LIVINE IRENE CHRISTOFFERSON,)
 Deceased)
 NOTICE OF HEARING
 On December 12, 2018, KEITH CHRISTOFFERSON, filed herein his APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY pursuant to W.S. 2-1-205. The statute requires that the Application be set for hearing at a time and date certain and that a copy of this NOTICE be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Park County, Wyoming once a week for two consecutive weeks on days certain.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Application filed herein is set for hearing before the Court on 10th day of January, 2019 at the hour of 8:30 a.m. or as soon as the matter may be heard.
 DATED this 17th day of December, 2018.
 Bill Simpson
 District Judge
 First Publ., Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018
 Final Publ., Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019

Gas increase

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU or the Company) to pass on a wholesale natural gas cost increase for the month of November through its Commodity Balancing Account (CBA) in Docket No. 30013-342-GP-18, and an Application for authority to pass on a wholesale natural gas cost increase for the month of December through its CBA in Docket No. 30013-343-GP-18. The pass on Applications result in a cumulative wholesale gas cost increase of \$0.770 per dekatherm (Dth) to its Firm Residential, Firm General Service, Small Interruptible and Large Interruptible customers, and a cumulative increase of \$0.894 per Dth to its Optional Seasonal customers, through its CBA, effective on and after December 1, 2018. The proposed pass-on changes are attributable to increases in pipeline charges and the overall commodity price, as well as a reallocation of capacity in Wyoming. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund,
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Stepping down: A very big job

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"[The council] is one of the city's biggest utility customers," said Carlson.

The two don't just hand out cash, and they aren't the only ones involved. The Powell Police Department takes applications and does free background checks. "Amazing" donors foot the bill, Blevins said.

Carlson and Blevins sit down with families in financial crisis and help them negotiate what they can pay in bills. They spend hours counseling the families, looking at all aspects of their finances to help get them back on track.

"You need to learn about the people and what it will take to get them stable to truly help," Carlson said.

BIG SHOES TO FILL

Finding people to take over the council's year-round duties is tough. Names have been tossed around, but the commitment is weighty and a team has yet to step forward. There's a real fear the service to Powell's needy families could cease.

"We don't want it to end," Carlson said. "Whoever takes over needs to be known and trusted. That's important to us."

Sauceda said the team has been looking for replacements for the past two years. He

knows it's not an easy job and replacing them will be a monumental task.

"Sadly I expect [the search] to fail because the effort to find successors has not been fruitful," Saucedo said. "The chances are not good that it will continue — at least at its present level."

He thinks there's a possibility the programs will shrink, despite the generous support of the community.

"Half of the [donated] money comes in without being solicited. It's part of the community's annual giving,"

Sauceda said. "But it's a very big job despite a great need in this area for social services, emergency assistance. And I find it sad there are not more official resources to meet the demand. It falls to private individuals and there seems to be a waning of enthusiasm in young people."

Sauceda would like to see more emphasis on citizenship in public schools; the lack of young blood is not unique to the council.

"It's endemic of the way our culture is moving," he said.

Blevins refuses to give up on the search, but expects a new type of service to follow his and Carlson's retirement from the Powell Council of Community Services.

"The name will probably change," he said, "along with how it's administered."

'We don't want it to end. Whoever takes over needs to be known and trusted. That's important to us.'

*Jim Carlson
Powell Council of
Community Services*

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change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The average MDU residential customer using 15.2 in December 2018 will see a bill increase of approximately \$11.70 per Dth or 15.5%, before taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage.

The proposed pass-on results in a projected dollar-for-dollar increase of approximately \$303,100 in the Company's December 2018 revenues. The increase does not change the Company's authorized rate of return.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

MDU's Applications are on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before January 18, 2019. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 30013-342-GP-18 (Record No. 15112), and/or Docket No. 30013-343-GP-18 (Record No. 15136) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: December 20, 2018.
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City minutes

City Council Proceedings
December 17, 2018

The governing body of the City of Powell met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on December 17, 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, Floyd Young, Lesli Spencer Tim Sapp, Eric Paul and Scott Mangold. City Officials: City Administrator Zane Logan, City Clerk Tiffany Brando, Attorney Sandee Kitchen and Deputy Attorney Scott Kath

Approval of Agenda: Councilman Hillberry moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Mangold, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Approval of December 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Councilman Young moved to approve December 3, 2018 minutes, seconded by Councilman Hillberry, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Bills and Claims: Mayor Wetzel abstained #54. Councilman Mangold made a motion the bills be allowed and authorize the Treasurer to draw warrants for payment of the same, seconded by Councilman Hillberry, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Councilman Paul entered the meeting. Commissioner elect introduction – Lloyd Thiel and Dossie Overfield introduced themselves to Council and their excitement to start working with the commission and stressed the importance of open lines of communication between the cities, town and Park county. Elect Thiel stated they would begin in January to look at landfill fees. Councilman Mangold asked if the commission would look into hosting some meetings at the annex and Councilman Hillberry asked for support in the upcoming legislature for funding for cities and towns. Powell Country Club - Jerry Herweyer addressed the Council on request for

\$17,500 for purchase of pro shop items from the matching funds account. Mayor Wetzel asked for approval and a budget amendment would need to be approved at next meeting. Mr. Herweyer stressed the funds would be put back into the account after the season. Councilman Hillberry moved to approve request of \$17,500, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Committee Updates: Mayor Wetzel gave a WAM update. Resolution No. 14, 2018: A Resolution Notifying the Wyoming Department of Revenue and Park County Treasurer to Cease Collection of the (1%) Specific Purpose Excise Tax March 31, 2019 Based on Projection of All Funds Required to be Collected at that Time. The Original Resolution No. 9, 2016 was Dated and Approved August 15, 2016. Barb Poley, Park County Treasurer updated the Council on the tax collection and the process once the tax is collected. Ms. Poley stated the tax would be paid out 6 months earlier than projected. Councilman Mangold moved to approve Resolution No. 14, 2018, seconded by Councilman Paul, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Request for State Aid 2019 WYDOT Group Crack Seal at Airport. Administrator Logan explained this is 20% paid City and 80% paid by the State. Councilman Young moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Paul, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. General Announcements: Administrator Logan gave an update on the 1% specific purpose. Electric Dept. Steve Franck is here and the Electric Dept. has been working on updating the Clark Street lighting to LED. Administrator Logan stated they would have a budget amendment for the golf course at the next council meeting. Both Administrator Logan and Mayor Wetzel wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

There being no further business to be considered at this meeting, Councilman Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Paul unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Wetzel adjourned the regular meeting at 6:21 p.m.

APPROVED:
/s/ John F. Wetzel
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Tiffany Brando
City Clerk

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Hearing appeal

NOTICE OF HEARING OF APPEAL

At 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming will hear Dan Latimer's appeal of the Park County Planning Director's decision as per the Park County 2015 Development Standards and Regulations, adopted September 15, 2015, regarding installation of a small wastewater system without a permit on the property located at 57 Wapiti Heights Drive, Cody, Wyoming. The legal description of the property is Lot 20, Wapiti Heights Subdivision.

The hearing on this matter will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Original Park County Courthouse, 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, Wyoming. Any person may appear at the hearing and offer either written or oral testimony. The appeal and subsequent hearing is pursuant to Chapter I, Section 6 of the Park County 2015 Development Standards and Regulations, adopted September 15, 2015.

For more information contact the County Commissioners' Office at 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, Wyoming, by calling 527-8510, or by e-mail to skohn@parkcounty.us

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4 Ascent Aviation	Airport	31.50	Monthly Communication Fees
5 Atco International	Aquatics	595.10	Gloves
6 Bailey Enterprises Inc	Various	8,574.63	November Fuel Purchases
7 BCN Telecom	Various	103.96	Monthly Long Distance Charges
8 Bighorn Coop Marketing	Waste Water	896.00	Tires
9 Big Valley Bearing & Supply	Parks, Water	194.20	Air Filter & Hydraulic Hose
10 Blair's Market	Admin	113.16	Supplies for Open Enrollment Meeting, Coffee & Creamer
11 Bloedorn Lumber	Electric	194.98	Screw Gun & Bits
12 Border States Electric & Supply	Electric	6,959.16	Meters & Electrical Supplies
13 Bradford Supply	Electric	36.63	3" Nipples
14 Carquest	Police, Shop	83.82	Filters & Thermostat
15 City of Billings	Sanitation	10,767.80	November Tipping Fees
16 City of Powell ~ Petty Cash	Various	114.51	Postage, Meals, Notary Fees & Recycle Bags
17 Cody Enterprise	Admin	55.60	Help Wanted Ads for Finance Office
18 Colonial Research Chemical Corp	Waste Water	1,093.80	Root Killer Chemicals
19 Custom Delivery Service	Waste Water	51.76	Delivery Fees on Waste Water Testing
20 Dick Jones Trucking	Sanitation	2,005.00	Cardboard Haul Fees
21 Drivepayments	Water	120.24	November Water Dock Credit Card Fees
22 Eagles Lodge	Council	1,195.00	Employee Recognition Meals
23 Energy Laboratories Inc	Waste Water	1,770.00	Waste Water Testing
24 Engineering Associates	Water, Cap Prjct	11,393.85	Engineering Fees for Absaroka Street & Water Dept
25 Fastenal	Various	277.10	Dust Masks, Cable Ties, Bolts & Hardware
26 Ferguson Enterprises	Water	1,055.94	Copper Fittings
27 Food Service of America	Aquatics	490.94	Concession & Household Supplies
28 Fremont Motor Powell	Streets	207.90	Clockspring Kit
29 Garland Light & Power	Airport, W Wat	2,911.73	November Electric Bill
30 General Distributing	Aquatics	214.00	CO2
31 Graybar Electric Company	Electric	915.98	Burndy Taps & Meter Can
32 Griffin, Allen D	Sanitation	120.00	Safety Boots
33 Hanson Chemical Inc	Sanitation	123.50	Truck Degreaser
34 Hawkins Inc	Aquatics	1,561.44	Pool Chemicals
35 Intermountain Sweeper Co	Streets	750.35	Sweeper Repair Parts
36 John Deere Financials	Various	138.82	Misc Purchases for Various Departments
37 Jolley Brothers Trucking	Electric	1,140.00	Hydro Vac Services
38 Leisure In Montana	Aquatics	130.48	Pulsar Part
39 Marquis Awards & Specialties	Finance	16.00	Desk Insert
40 Montana Dakota Utilities	Various	5,200.56	November Gas Billing
41 Mountain West Business Solutions	Various	302.81	November Copy Machine Fees
42 Mountain West Computer	Various	1,362.23	Office Supplies, USB, Computer, SD Card & Cables
43 Municode	Administration	1,016.02	Supplement No 3
44 Napa Auto Parts	Various	401.10	Lacquer Thinner, Tools, Oil, Oil Dry, Stabilizer & Sockets
45 National Merchant Alliance	Aquatics	189.06	November Credit Card Fees
46 Newman Signs	Streets	1,507.15	Street Signs
47 O'Reilly Automotive	Parks	11.37	Motor Oil
48 One Call of Wyoming	Elec, Water	31.50	November Dig Tickets
49 Park County Landfills	Sanitation	287.82	November Tipping Fees
50 Park County Treasurer	Various	34,523.34	Annual Property Taxes
51 Post & Associates	Police	400.00	Exam Fees
52 Powell Ace Hardware	Various	688.78	Misc Purchases for Various Departments
53 Powell Lock	Finance	120.00	Fees Charged to Change Combination on Vault
54 Powell Tribune	Various	6,115.60	Misc Publishing & Advertising Fees
55 Powell Vly Recycling Task Force	Sanitation	5,414.10	Monthly Fees Collected in November & Baling Wire
56 Production Machine Company	Sanitation	64.72	Hydrant Hose & Fittings
57 Quality Propane Service	Waste Water	133.56	Propane
58 Quill	Finance	1,359.92	Computer Monitors
59 RDO Equipment	Streets, Water	3,144.81	Transmission Cooler, Cooling Parts & Cutting Edge
60 Rimrock Tire	Sanitation	29.95	Flat Tire Repair
61 Sanders Plumbing & Heating	Various	7,937.50	Meter Installation, Urinal, Sink & Manhole Repairs
62 Shoshone Irrigation District	Various	3,771.16	Irrigation Tax
63 Shoshone Municipal Pipeline	Water	61,184.42	November Water Usage & Tap Fees
64 Spomer Construction	Electric	770.00	Topsoil & Red Scoria Rock
65 State of Wyo Dept of Revenue	Various	19,188.97	November Sales Tax Collected
66 TCT	Various	2,530.91	Phone, Fax, Internet & TV
67 USA Blue Book	Waste Water	384.43	Water Sample Equipment
68 Valli Information Systems	Finance	1,541.65	November Postage & Billing Fees
69 Warren Transport	Sanitation	3,857.04	Trash Hauling Fees
70 Wesco	Electric	19,451.77	15 KV Cable
71 White Ink Printing & Design	Water	74.82	Water Sample Shipping Fees
72 Womack Machine Company	Water	1,873.49	Dump Truck Cylinder
73 Woodward Tractor & Rental	Electric	429.00	Milwaukee Impact Driver
74 WPCI	Various	91.28	Monthly Drug Testing Fees
75 Wyo Association of Rural Water	Water	450.00	Voting Membership
76 Wyo Dept of Transportation	Airport	50.00	Airport Fuel License Renewal
77 Wyoming Fire Safety	Airport	108.00	Extinguisher Checks & Fills
78 Wyoming Municipal Power Agency	Electric	342,630.65	November Electrical Bill
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS FOR: 18-12-2018		585,313.86	

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Bridal EDITION

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Newlyweds Chris and Roxanna Harwood take a quiet moment for themselves during their evening reception last summer at the Lazy Spring Ranch, a new all-inclusive venue, located between Greybull and Shell. Photo courtesy Lisa Kunkel Photography

Tying the knot in 2019?

Couples invited to My Wyoming Wedding Expo Saturday, Jan. 5 in Cody

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

As the holidays wrap up, it's the middle of proposal season.

Nearly 40 percent of all engagements in America take place between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day, according to the wedding planning website The Knot.

For recently engaged couples getting married in 2019, now's the time to start making plans.

"I would say first and foremost, figure out where the wedding and reception is going to be, because they may not be available the dates that you pick," said Lynn Lampe, owner of Geysers on the Terrace in Cody.

She suggested couples choose two or three date options, then contact the venues they want most to see what's available.

To help couples plan their big day, Lampe is organizing My Wyoming Wedding Expo on Saturday, Jan. 5. During the expo from noon to 4 p.m. at Geysers on the Terrace, couples can meet with a variety of local vendors that specialize in weddings.

"This year's show will be amazing," Lampe said. "Great vendors will be there to help you with your wedding plans."

Lampe encourages couples to see what local vendors have to offer before going to out-of-state bridal fairs.

"I wanted to let the brides know that, hey, you don't necessarily have to go to Billings to get the latest and greatest," Lampe said.

Sometimes people have an "expert from afar" syndrome, she said, and think that local vendors can't do the same things as those in big cities.

"That's just ridiculous," Lampe said, adding, "We may have to pre-plan a little bit more, but it can be done."

It's important to book vendors as

early as possible, especially those that need to be at the wedding or reception, such as the photographer or caterer.

"The vendors that have to be on site for your wedding are the ones you need to corner and contract and sign on the dotted line with first," Lampe said.

While a florist may be able to do multiple weddings on the same day and have the flowers delivered, a photographer can't be two places at once, she said.

'This year's show will be amazing. Great vendors will be there to help you with your wedding plans!'

Lynn Lampe
Expo organizer

In the excitement of wedding planning, newly engaged couples may not want to talk about finances, but it's a conversation they need to have early on in the process.

"As a vendor, I think one of the most important things for brides and grooms to figure out and talk to their vendors about is a budget," Lampe said. "It's so, so important."

Couples should figure out how much they have to spend, what's most important for their wedding day and where they want to spend their money, she said.

"And then just be upfront with it," Lampe said. "For caterers, vendors or cake people, if they've got champagne vision on a beer budget, they need to understand that's what it is and be forthright with it."

A budget can help couples set their priorities as they meet with vendors.

"OK, you've only got this much money to spend — let's put our heads together and figure out how we can accomplish the vision that you want with the budget that you have," Lampe said.

That might mean trimming the guest list or making other modifications to your dream wedding.

If you're a guest invited to weddings, be sure to RSVP so the couple can plan accordingly. Lampe said she has seen weddings with a 300-person guest list, and only around 200 show

up. If you're attending a wedding this year, you may see coral-colored accents and features.

"That's Pantone's color for 2019,"

Lampe said.

For more information about this weekend's wedding expo in Cody, visit the My Wyoming Wedding Expo page on Facebook.



Avery Smith is all smiles while her big sisters dance around her while waiting for the start of their parents' wedding last summer at the D Bar K Ranch in the Shell Valley. Photo courtesy Lisa Kunkel Photography



Helping your event photographer catch iconic images of a wedding ceremony can be made easier if you invite the photographer to the rehearsal. It may cost a little extra, but the results are sure to be better with the extra planning. Photos by Mark Davis

Wedding Photography

For your big day, choose your photographer wisely

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Considering the vast amount of time and expense spent planning a big wedding, taking a little time to shop around for the photographer is well worth the effort.

Make no mistake, wedding photography is hard work. The day typically starts early documenting intimate morning rituals of perfecting hair and makeup, dressing and then moving quickly to the venue and reception. A good wedding photographer is often on duty for 12-16 hours the day of a large wedding.

Not only does the photographer need the proper camera equipment, but they need to be physically and emotionally ready for nonstop action. Photographers often feel as if they've just bussed a double shift at Denny's on a game day by the time they can clock out. And from the moment the job starts until the album is delivered, the pressure is on. Making mistakes can break a career.

Many consider the job easier since photography went digital. In many ways it is; the use of film did complicate the job. But considering each digital frame used must be hand toned, cropped and sharpened prior to printing, a photographer can spend as much as 40-50 hours taking and working images before they're ever sent to the lab.

The bride and groom should never have to worry about how the photographer approaches the job on the big day. They've planned the event and spent a truck load of cash so they and their guests can enjoy the big day. Stress only ruins memories. The following tips will help future brides and grooms avoid some of the stress, save some cash and end up with wedding photos that will bring smiles for a lifetime.

BEGIN BY LOOKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Online portfolios are helpful, but photographers only show their best work — not the mistakes. Ask recently married couples to share their album and their experiences. Did the photographer present themselves professionally? Does the contract make sense and protect both the couple and the photographer? Were they easygoing and content with a role in the background or demanding and unwilling to be flexible when schedules need adjusting (they always do). Did they show up on time and with more than a single camera body and lens?

Electronic equipment breaks. If they don't have a back-up camera and the single one brought crashes, the only photos you'll have to look at on your

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The bride is the star of the wedding. Make sure you schedule special time to capture photos that show her in the best light.

Photographer: Hire a pro

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golden anniversary will be from Aunt Margie's cellphone. Marg never could figure out how to keep her finger out of the frame.

When looking at your friend's albums, breeze through the daylight portion of the book, only checking to see if the photographer adequately caught the important candid moments, and head straight for the shots done at night. Does the photographer know how to use artificial light? Or does every photo from the reception look like well-dressed criminals caught in a spotlight? The use of flash is where the pros are separated from the posers. Effective lighting means the details in the white dress and black tux are both apparent and absent of harsh shadows.

DETERMINE YOUR BUDGET

Hiring a professional is expensive. You might get the impression they're laughing their way to the bank, but consider the facts: About 30 percent of a freelance photographer's income goes straight to taxes, a full kit of equipment can cost more than a new car and the photographer and their assistant(s) could spend 60 to 80 man-hours working on the project including post production work. They also usually have to pay their own health and equipment insurance. You should expect to pay at least \$100-150 per hour for time spent at the event for a decent pro. Highly talented photographers charge an unspecified premium.

If an event photographer charges you less, look for the hidden charges. Maybe you can get a photographer to be at the event for eight hours for \$600, but reprint prices might be designed to make up for the lack of upfront money and the shorter time at the event means missed memories. Or maybe this is the photographer's inaugural season in the business, has a second job or is a friend willing to defer costs as part of a wedding gift.

The problem with whittling down the price? Most event photographers will put the event in hold status while they search for a better paying gig. There are only 12 to 14 prime weeks for a wedding — eight weeks in spring and early summer and four to six weeks in fall. It might be better to schedule a Friday or Sunday wedding if you're looking for a deal.

Many couples opt for more hours spent with the photographer, rather than less. Having the photographer at the rehearsal will help them capture the right moments the next day. The relatively small additional cost will pay off in dividends the next day. Scheduling the

photographer to be there hours before the ceremony means you won't have to wait in the event of an "unavoidable delay." Instead of skimping on hours of service, look to a friend who loves scrapbooking to build the album and frame pictures. Opting to do your own post wedding busywork can save as much as 30 percent on the final price.

PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY

In the age of cellphones, it might be wise to have a polite suggestion on invitations and near the entrance of the ceremony asking all cellphones be turned off. Not only will it save on interruptions, you don't want to have your expensive pro photographer blocked or delayed by Aunt Margie with her flip phone.

Many photographers have competition stipulations in the contract. Having five soccer mom friends with kit cameras and eight friends in the aisle with cellphones can ruin opportunities for uncluttered pro shots. But then again, if you really want to save on wedding photos, suggest everyone take cellphone photos, provide an online service to deposit all the frames (like Dropbox or Google Drive) and offer prizes for the best photos.

Try to remember that while a disaster is happening at the event, don't shut down your photographer. A stained dress, ruined cake, torrential downpour or Aunt Margie's inappropriate dance on a table may seem awful at the moment, but in 50 years those photos will perfectly illustrate your fond memories of Marg landing in the punchbowl for the 50th anniversary slideshow.

BE KIND TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

How many 12-16 hour days have you worked without a few short breaks? Build in down time for your photographer. If an assistant is employed, this should be easy.

Also, feed your photographer. A hungry photographer is bad for all involved. Tell the photographer to jump in line directly behind the head table so they can get done quickly for toasts and dinner kisses. If they have to leave to go to McDonald's or eat in the kitchen or a back hall there will be missed opportunities. Don't let your photographer drink. A true pro wouldn't think of getting buzzed on assignment.

And at all costs, don't plan your wedding party portrait sessions between noon and 4 p.m. You won't like the results of the harsh sun and, even with artificial light, the photos will lack warmth. This is a day when you want to look your best, so don't make it tough to show yourself and your spouse in the best light.



Humor can add excitement to your wedding album. Talk to your event photographer if you have an idea you might think will add a special dimension to the final selections. Photos by Mark Davis



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To get a marriage license in Wyoming, applicants both must be 18 years of age or older, or have signed consent from their parents if they are 16 or 17.

A judge's court order is required before anyone 15 or younger can obtain a Wyoming marriage license.

The applicants both need identification: A driver's license, birth certificate, military ID, passport, school ID, etc.

- Other required information:
- Social Security number
- Phone number
- Current residential address
- Date and place of birth
- Father's first, middle and last name and the state or foreign country of his birth
- Mother's first, middle and maiden name and the state or foreign country of her birth
- If divorced, state and the date of the last divorce
- If widowed, date spouse died
- Race and Hispanic origin

There is no waiting period for marriage licenses in Wyoming, and blood tests are not required.

If not used, the license expires one year from the date of issuance.

Park County Clerk Colleen Renner said her office gets many inquiries about getting married in Yellowstone. Before couples can do that, they must apply for and receive a special use permit from the Visitors Service Office in Yellowstone National Park in addition to obtaining a marriage license in Park County, she said.

The YNP Visitors Service Office can be reached by phone at 307-344-2109; by fax at 307-344-2014; or by mail at P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY, 82190.

"A [Park County] marriage license is good in any part of Wyoming, but they have to be in the boundaries of Wyoming," she said.

An online marriage application questionnaire is available at www.parkcounty.us under "County Clerk," then click on marriage licenses.

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2019 Wedding Trends

A wedding is a celebration of a couple's unique love story, and a chance to highlight their personalities and interests in details of their big day. The wedding website The Knot recently shared its annual list of the freshest wedding statements for 2019:

Eats with a twist: Think of the ultimate high-low mix — root beer floats in champagne flutes, or mac and cheese topped with fresh lobster. The possibilities are endless and totally Instagrammable. And watch out donuts, there's a new sweet in town — cinnamon rolls are taking center stage as a favorite dessert option.

Jewelry with a life of its own: Real blooming jewelry — from succulent cuffs to elegant orchid drop earrings — are trending for 2019. Real florals as jewelry are supplementing customary bouquets and making an exceptional style statement.

The cake is a work of art: Wedding cakes are here to stay — couples still love the tradition of cutting their cakes and sharing a sweet bite with one another — but the look is evolving. Sculptural is the name of the game, with couples hiring bakers to create unexpected shapes and varying sized tiers — so much so, it's hard to tell

if they're wedding cakes or art installations. Many cakes are finished with stunning designs rich in color and texture for added effect.

Moody hues and iridescent décor: The steady return to color continues, this year with uber-saturated hues in a moody palette: squid ink, midnight blue, emerald and rich burgundy, regardless of the season. Dark hues offer a rich look, add depth, and pair perfectly with natural textures often found in foliage and florals. The Pantone color for 2019 is coral. Beloved metallics aren't going anywhere, but they are

being upstaged by iridescent detailing, from glassware and geometric cutouts to bridesmaid accessories, it's all in the details.

Olfactory experience: The new way to brand your wedding can't be seen — it must be smelled. Custom blends of essential oils or perfumes are chosen for the special occasion: They're spritzed on invites, pumped through the venue, and even gifted in candle form as a party favor. This complete olfactory experience is exceptionally memorable since smell is the sense most closely linked to memory.

Relationships — how on earth do you stay married for 50 years?

Over the years, I have become convinced there is something about Wyoming that makes being married for 50 years easier here than in other places.

My wife Nancy and I celebrated that milestone in 2016. When you have celebrated an event like this, it does cause one to ponder.

We have spent most of those 50-plus years out here in frontier Wyoming and we give the people of the state and these 98,000 square miles of space a lot of credit for keeping us together.

Now before I get all wrapped up in how wonderful Wyoming can be (and has been for us), it is fair to point out that what happens here can also be a cruel catalyst that probably causes some couples to split up.

For example, Wyoming's suicide rates are surprisingly high for a place that prides itself on being a paradise.

Blame for those high suicide rates is often focused on our highest winds in the country, our bitterly cold winters, our inhumanly vast distances, our isolation and our boom-bust economy, among other things.

It might be easy to contend that such conditions can also be catalysts to keep couples together. I think in our case, it was the latter.

During our 50th, we had some family photos taken. We especially wanted one of Nancy and me toasting each other in front of a blown-up poster of the two of us toasting each other at our wedding 50 years ago. We used non-alcoholic punch for drinks back then because we both were under the legal drinking age! It made for a great photo and generated 63 comments on Facebook.

We have a number of friends who are in the second or third decade of their second marriages. Having failed once, they obviously found the right partner for the second time around and seem super happy.

Our four children and grandchildren put on a nice party for us. My 92-year-old mother was also there. She was married to

my dad for 58 years before he died in 2000.

There were lots of other folks there who had been married for over 50 years or were approaching that milestone.

I asked some of my friends who have been married for a long time to share with me some of their secrets. Here goes:

"How about a sense of humor, the capacity to forgive and ability to keep life interesting?" wrote Jim Hicks of Buffalo as he and his wife Mary celebrated their 60th anniversary.

"When we were married in 1957, we left the wedding reception in Story, Wyoming, early. As we approached Kaycee, I realized we had left so early we had only enjoyed one bite of cake. We stopped at the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon in Kaycee for a burger.

"I noticed an old high school classmate, Pat Garrett. I said, 'Pat, how the hell are you?' We had a lot to catch up on. In about 30 minutes the conversation

rolled around to the point where Pat asked, 'What are you doing in Kaycee?'

"That's when the light bulb went on for me. I looked over at the booth and I could see some steam rolling out of the area.

"Just got married today, Pat. Come on over and I'll introduce you to my bride."

Greybull native Diana Schutte Dowling writes that she and Tom are celebrating nearly 60 years.

"When my Tom was asked on our 50th what was the secret to a long marriage, he replied that I always give him the last two words in any conversation. Those words are, yes dear!"

Diana said it also helps to be raised by parents who also had a long marriage.

"My parents Art and Idell Schutte were married for 69 years. Before my mother died in 2005, I danced with my dad at our 50th. And he continued to dance until his death at age 96."

Tom Satterfield of Cheyenne thinks separate bathrooms have contributed to their 50-plus years of marriage.

After more than 60 years together, Doug

Osborn of Sheridan said: "Marry the right girl! Have common life values and do not dwell on the insignificant. Work hard and keep a positive outlook. It helps to have good kids and good dogs. Live most of your life in Wyoming but see the rest of the world, too."

Judy Legerski of Lander said after reflecting with her husband Don on their 50 years of wedded bliss, the following seemed most important: "Patience, a sense of humor, shared laughter, a faith in God, mutual respect, sharing much but allowing each the ability to bloom in his/her own way, trust, open honest communication, and a willingness to do things for each other."

Jean Mathisen Haugen of Lander recalled, "My folks were married 56 years at the time my father passed away and his parents and his mother's parents were also married 50 years, at a time when that was unusual. Since I didn't marry until I was 51 and Ron was in ill health, we only had eight years together — but it was worth every minute. It's nice to hear about couples that stay together."

U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi and wife Diana will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. Mike has a ritual he goes through every year on June 7, their anniversary. In Washington, D.C., the place is full of young people who are living together and postponing marriage. Mike says he always picks out some young man and goes and has a fatherly talk with him about the benefits and wonders of being married. And, "By golly, it's time you married this young gal you have been going with for so long!" He says it usually works.

He also made the sobering observation: "It seems the more expensive the wedding, the less likely the marriage will work out. Not sure why that is the case but it sure seems to happen that way a lot," he concludes.

(Check out Bill Sniffin's columns at billsniffin.com. He is a longtime Wyoming journalist from Lander who has written six books, which are available at fine stores. His latest is Wyoming at 125. His books are also available at wyomingwonders.com.)



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Bridal bouquets

DON'T FORGET TO STOP AND PICK OUT THE ROSES — OR OTHER FLOWERS

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

When choosing blossoms for your wedding, the possibilities can seem endless — bright dahlias, classic roses, trendy succulents and the list goes on.

To ensure the perfect flowers brighten your special day, enlist the help of a professional.

“Select a florist whose design style really speaks to you,” recommended Melissa Urick, owner/farmer-florist at Passiflora Farm in Cody.

If you’ve seen bouquets or centerpieces on Pinterest that you love, show photos to the florist.

“That shows me what their vision is and what their taste is — that helps quite a bit actually,” said Marla Fertig at McGlathery’s Back Porch Designs in Powell, who has been a florist since 1965.

A florist can help you determine what’s possible. Some bouquets featuring peonies or big bunches of lavender may look simple, but actually end up costing a lot more, she said.

As you choose your wedding flowers, Rayven Faxon, florist/owner of Rayven’s Flowers and Gifts in Powell, said to consider which colors are in style and what shades complement each other.

“Don’t be afraid of color!” Urick said. “Have fun when choosing your wedding colors.”

In the planning process, talk with your florist about how much you can spend.

“Flowers can be expensive, so make sure you have a budget the florist can work around,” said Faxon.

A florist can help look for creative ways to stay within your budget.

“You can save money by using your per-

sonal flowers on your reception tables,” Urick said.

As you’re selecting blossoms for your bouquets, florists also can give you suggestions for budget-friendly alternatives.

“If they’ve chosen something and it’s maybe a little pricey, I can give them some options of what we can do that looks very similar to that at a more modest budget,” Fertig said.

It’s also important to factor in availability.

“Some flowers are more available in the summer or the winter and if it’s off-season, they might be more expensive,” Faxon said.

Depending on the time of year, certain out-of-season blossoms may have to be shipped from Holland, adding to the cost, Fertig said.

“Buy locally grown flowers whenever possible and help bring American-grown flowers back into appreciation,” Urick recommended.

A florist can also help with a back-up plan. “Some flowers may not be available or the weather might affect them,” Faxon said, “so make sure you have a back-up plan!”

Sometimes, brides choose to assemble

their own bouquets with flowers shipped from out-of-state or internationally. Fertig said the problem is that flowers could arrive wilted or get lost in the mail — making

what is supposed to be a happy day much more stressful.

“It’s always good to trust the local florist,” Fertig said.

“Sometimes, if you’re trying to do it yourself, you order flowers from Costco, you don’t have that much to fall back on. ... It’s better to just have a professional take some of that worry off of you and do that part of it.”

Meet with the florist at least six to eight weeks before your wedding day, Fertig recommended.

“That way we can book the flowers for you and make sure we have them — then if you have any additions or changes, we still have time to do that,” she said.

Faxon said it’s good to talk with your florist about a month before the wedding — the earlier the better, she added.

Early on in the process, communicate with your florist about what you want.

“Be flexible yet specific on the things that really matter to you regarding your wedding flowers,” Urick said.



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A WINNING COMBINATION

Sports and adventure help carry couple into 58th year of marriage

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Through decades of a happy marriage, Al and Laurie Althoff have never argued. But that might be because they both root for the same football team.

The Powell couple loves the Seahawks. And when it's not football season, there's always college and pro basketball and baseball. They also like mountain and ocean views, adventure outdoors and long drives. But only if there's not a big game on the schedule.

They married on July 16, 1960, having met at Montana State University several years earlier.

"We always joke we met in bacteriology class," Al said with a grin. It's an inside joke — the two still giggle like young lovers.

Al was drafted and soon was serving in the Army. He spent 13 months in Korea and another 11 months on active duty at Ft. Leavenworth in Kansas. Al was still in the reserves when they married.

Neither remembers what they did on their honeymoon, but within six months were off on their first big adventure. They moved to a remote island, teaching Inuit children in Kake, Alaska. It was their first big test. Obviously they passed with flying colors.

"You're up there and you don't know anybody," Laurie said. "We had a horrible house the first year, but we were always together and worked it

out."

In their third year of teaching they had the first of their two children, Susan. The following year they returned to Powell, wanting to be closer to civilization. A tragedy in Kake, costing friends the life of their 4-year-old daughter, made them weigh the risks of teaching in Alaska. Their daughter's life was worth more than any job despite the struggle to make ends meet.

The two moved many times, almost losing track of their collection of wedding photos and friends along the way.

But despite a life of constant adventure, including adding their son, Scott, to the family, Al and Laurie reacted and acted to every move as one. Al took some advice offered during Catholic marriage preparation classes the couple attended before being married at Holy Rosary in Billings.

"He told us when you get married, it's not easy. There's a lot of ways things can go. But if the two of you get married with God, you stand a chance," Al said relating the story.

For Laurie, it was the simple fact they loved each other unconditionally. "Sooner or later you figure out you'd better like each other."

That they do. One of the biggest challenges in their marriage came when they gave up teaching and purchased a small business together. The Althoffs



Laurie and Al Althoff of Powell have shared 58 years of marriage together. One of their secrets has been watching sports together. They also have shared a lot of laughs through the years. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

owned the War Surplus store, on Bent Street.

Every day they worked together morning to night, rarely getting a chance to travel or enjoy a day fishing. When they did have a chance to take a break, they'd fly out to Washington to visit friends and spend time holding each other on sunset trips to ocean

beaches.

They decided to move to Washington, but then Al had health issues. The nearest hospital was in downtown Seattle and they didn't like the traffic.

"Laurie refused to drive downtown. Our roots were in Powell so we decided to settle down here," Al said.

So eventually they moved back to Powell — near their new grandchildren and traffic

they could bear. For the last 16 years, Laurie has had her own health challenges. She has a heart condition that has many times resulted in hospitalization. Laurie feels some guilt about the long days Al stayed at her side. But he wouldn't have had it any other way and, if anything, it brought the two closer, he said.

The inseparable friends are happy to share their secrets to a long marriage. They have always been honest with each

other. And when honesty didn't calm the waters they refused to argue.

"We might discuss something, but we never insist the other see our side," Laurie said. "I think that's a biggie."

It also helps that Al minds when Laurie asks him to do chores. "The older he gets the more I have to ask him, but he'll always jump in and help to get things done," Laurie said.

Laughter is also a big part of their secret. Both laugh openly

and honestly.

"I come up with the funny stuff a little easier, but we both laugh a lot. Or at least we did. We're getting kind of old," Laurie said, to which both laughed loudly.

Whatever they do, it's together. They're a team and trust each other. Like any winning sports team, it doesn't work unless you're on the same page, Al said.

"We're always together. Always," Laurie said.



A wedding photo and newspaper clippings from 1960 are part of Al and Laurie Althoff's collection of memories from 58 years of marriage.



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