

'If it weren't for the donations, the interior of the park would be closed.' *Jody Lyle, park spokesperson*



The sun rises over the Gardner River in Yellowstone National Park last month. The park sees only a trickle of visitors in the winter months, which, combined with funding provided by Yellowstone concessionaires, has allowed the National Park Service to generally leave the park open to winter visitors during the partial government shutdown.

Photo courtesy Jacob Frank, National Park Service

## County votes to repair remote South Fork bridge

BY CJ BAKER  
Tribune Editor

Park County commissioners aren't interested in spending \$1.5 million to replace a little-used and failing bridge on the South Fork of the Shoshone River. But they are willing to pay up to \$200,000 to fix the dilapidated structure.

The bridge, on Road 6JM, is in such poor condition that it's unable to safely carry large loads, like delivery trucks or fire engines.

The roughly \$200,000 worth of repairs that commissioners unanimously voted to pursue last month would not improve the load rating — meaning heavy vehicles would still be barred from using the roughly 80-year-old bridge.

"That bridge is so old ... that anything we're doing is probably just keeping it from falling in the river," said Park County Engineer Brian Edwards.

Commissioner Joe Tilden requested at the board's Dec. 4 meeting that "we get this done as quickly as possible."

Tilden did add, however, that he'd be open to listening to any proposals for fully replacing

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## Partial shutdown brings mixed impacts for local federal employees

WHILE SOME HAVE EXTENDED HOLIDAY PLANS, OTHERS WORK WITHOUT PAY

BY MARK DAVIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

The partial shutdown of the federal government has affected many national parks and services in the Powell area. For some federal employees, it means being on furlough and living off savings, if available. Others are mandated to work without pay, still worrying about how to pay bills.

One example is the employees of the Transportation Safety Administration. While

many National Park Service employees are on furlough, TSA workers are mandated to work their shifts. Neither group receives paychecks, but

**'I'm chomping at the bit to get back to work. I love my job.'**

Todd Johnson  
Park ranger

information officers at the TSA are forwarded to an answering machine that says, "Due to the partial government shutdown, this line is not

being monitored."

There are 4,977 federal employees in Wyoming, according to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Most work for the Department of Interior at national parks and agencies like the Bureau of Land Management. Others work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture or Department of Homeland Security, including the Transportation Security Agency.

Hundreds of TSA employees across the country have been calling in sick in a suspected protest of working without pay; union officials representing TSA workers have said they believe the protests are likely to increase as the shutdown continues. Others have cited the inability of the lower

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Powell-Clarks Fork Conservation District Manager Ann Trosper heads into work on Monday, past three printed signs alerting customers to the Powell Farm Service Agency's closure due to a lapse in funding. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## Second payment made on beets

FACTORY CAMPAIGN RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Beet growers for Western Sugar Cooperative were mailed their second checks for the 2018 crop on Monday.

Initial payment was made in November on a sugar beet crop that set a Lovell Factory District record for sugar content at slightly over 18 percent. Yields in the Lovell district — which include the Powell area — topped 29 tons to the acre for the 2018 crop.

"All growers will be paid as usual and on schedule" in the Western Coop four-state region for 2018 beets, said Ric Rodriguez of Powell, vice

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## School board trustee Don Hansen undergoes double-lung transplant

BY TESSA BAKER  
Tribune Features Editor

For nearly two years, Don Hansen had been on the waiting list for a double-lung transplant.

"Every time the phone rang, your heart skipped a beat ... is this the call we've been waiting for?" said Lori Hansen, his wife.

On the night of Dec. 10, the call came. The Hansens had about half an hour to get ready before flying out of the Powell Municipal Airport on a medical flight just after midnight on Dec. 11.

Hansen soon underwent surgery at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado; the surgery spanned more than seven hours.

"I'm able to breathe," Hansen said on Friday. "I still have to breathe on a little oxygen. It's not a fast recovery."

Diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

(COPD) several years ago, Hansen's lungs were giving out.

"When they pulled my old lungs out, they figured I had 5 percent lung function," he said.

"They could also see some remote asbestos exposure," Lori added. "When asbestos gets into the lungs, it's basically like insulation — it crystalizes. So that was part of the problem also."

In recent years, the health problems forced Hansen to stop operating his farm equipment repair business. But he's continued serving on the Park County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees and was elected to a second term in November.

"He has worked hard to be an effective board member, and we admire him for those efforts," wrote R.J. Kost, a former administrator for the Powell school district. He's organized a fundraising effort called "A Breath of Life for Don Hansen."

Hansen had to carry oxygen with him to school board meet-



Don Hansen of Powell is recovering after surgery for a double-lung transplant last month. Hansen, who was elected in November to a second term on the Powell school board, must stay in Colorado for at least three months as he recovers. Courtesy photo

ings and couldn't attend any out-of-town functions, in case he got the call for a transplant.

"During this time, knowing you could die any day was a challenge both physically and mentally, but Don kept moving forward," Kost wrote on the fundraising campaign's GoFundMe page.

When the call finally came, the Hansens said it was scary, emotional, exciting and over-

whelming.

"It's hard to describe ... you prepare for it, but when you actually do get [the call], you don't know how to act," Lori said.

As Hansen recovers from the transplant surgery and adjusts to his new set of lungs, he and his wife are grateful.

"That was the best Christmas present we could have gotten,"

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## Man serving time for Cody auto burglary escapes from Casper facility

BY CJ BAKER  
Tribune Editor

A man serving time for his role in a Cody auto burglary remains at large after escaping from a work release program in Casper last month.

Richard Fountaine II, 29, went missing from the Casper Re-Entry Center on Dec. 28. Officials at the facility discovered he was missing around 9:45 p.m. that night.

At the time, Fountaine was on the tail end of a three- to five-year prison sentence he received in Park County's District Court for aiding or abetting auto burglary; Fountaine reportedly helped his wife break into a Cody woman's vehicle and then steal and misuse the woman's credit cards in 2016.

Although he wasn't due to be discharged until 2020, the Wyoming Board of Parole granted Fountaine parole back in August — contingent upon him completing his term at the re-entry center. Mark Horan, a spokesman for the

corrections department, said he wasn't sure how much time Fountaine had left to serve at the center, but said he was "close" to release.

While it might seem unusual for an inmate to go on the run toward the end of their sentence, "we've seen that happen before sometimes

with inmates that aren't serving that much time and just for whatever reason decide to leave," Horan said.

There have been instances, he said, where people have walked away from the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp outside Newcastle and the Wyoming Honor Farm in Riverton with only six months or a year of time left to serve.

"We don't know what causes people to make those decisions," Horan said.

Fountaine had been living at the Casper Re-Entry Center since February 2018, corrections records say. The Casper center is run by a private Florida-based company, The

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RICHARD FOUNTAINE II



Park County commissioners voted last month to spend up to \$200,000 to repair this bridge on Road 6JM on the South Fork. It is the lowest-rated bridge in the county, with several significant problems.

Photo courtesy Park County Public Works Department

## Bridge: As few as 14 vehicles use the structure each day

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the bridge if the private ranches that rely on it were to share in the cost of a new structure.

“... That makes more sense than putting \$200,000 [toward repairs] if we’re going to go three ways,” agreed Commissioner Jake Fulkerson.

The county has been mulling over what to do with the bridge for years, as it’s at the center of a complicated mess of public easements in the area.

As few as 14 vehicles use the structure each day, as it only serves a handful of private properties and a 160-acre island of state-owned land. The low usage is one reason why county officials have been reluctant to sink a large amount of money into replacing the bridge.

Road 6JM runs for 1.3 miles across the TE Ranch, whose prior owners agreed to turn the formerly private road and bridge over to the county back in 1992.

Commissioners acquired the easements with the hope of ultimately connecting Road 6JM to Road 6NS, which would create another route up the South Fork. However, the project was shelved after commissioners were unable to get the needed easements for the couple miles of land that lie between the two roads.

The county stopped maintaining Road 6JM beyond the bridge in 2001 — because heavy equipment like road graders cannot cross it — and then quit maintaining the route entirely in 2014.

The county has taken steps toward vacating the road and turning it back over to the TE Ranch in recent years, but that idea has drawn objections from neighboring landowners who say they would be harmed by the decision. A slew of claims

for damages were filed last year.

Most notably, the Hawks Hill Ranch, which currently uses Road 6JM for access, claimed it would suffer \$834,500 in damages. Kelly Bustos, another landowner, claimed \$100,000 worth of damages and the Castle Rock Ditch User Association demanded \$7,000 per year from the county, in perpetuity, to maintain the road.

About two dozen citizens — including some from out of the area — also filed objections, citing concern about losing access to the parcel of state land.

Additionally, TE Ranch representatives say they’d prefer to have the county maintain the road and bridge.

Commissioners indicated that they believed the claims for damages were either invalid or overstated, but they effectively put the whole issue on hold by voting to repair the bridge last month. The board also committed to resume county maintenance of Road 6JM up to the bridge.

Commissioner Lee Livingston, who made the motion, said his position is that “either ... we live up to what the county said we would do or we give it back [to the ranch].”

Tilden agreed that the county has an “obligation” to honor the deal struck in 1992 with the prior owners of the TE Ranch by providing maintenance.

The new plan appeared to win support from the area landowners, even though large trucks would still be unable to use the bridge.

“The way that ranch [Hawks Hill] is being operated, that shouldn’t create a problem,” said Ed Webster, an attorney for the operation.

As for the TE Ranch, “we’ve been using that bridge forever the way it is and we haven’t asked for a better bridge in the

sense of more capacity or anything else,” said manager Curt Bales. The TE’s main concerns with the current state of the bridge, he said, are its failing stringers and the decking, as cattle are currently stepping through parts of the wooden surface.

“I think it would satisfy our needs just by maintenance on that bridge,” Bales said — though he also raised the possibility of working with the county on a new bridge.

While the county has been unable to create a looped road, there are long-standing easements in place to build a so-called Road 54 through the area. However, the road has never been built and, along parts of the platted route, constructing a “useable” public road “would be difficult and most likely not feasible,” Edwards wrote in a report last year.

The county tried realigning Road 54 in the 1980s and 1990s by generally having it follow a private route that already exists in the area, Castle Rock Road. That road would then connect to Road 6JM to form a loop. But those negotiations over the easements failed in 1994.

County engineer Edwards and some of the landowners have recommended that commissioners vacate, or do away with, the old easements for Road 54 and another nearby route, Road 54b.

However, outgoing commissioners Loren Grosskopf and Tim French recommended that the board at least preserve Road 54 — keeping alive the possibility of one day creating the looped road.

“Some day, that may be a viable alternative, or it may be the main road,” Grosskopf said, adding, “Abandoning that concept, I think right now, there’s no interest in doing that.”

## Escape: Fontaine has connections to multiple states

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GEO Group, that has a contract to house state inmates.

The GEO describes the 342-bed facility as “a residential reentry center that supports successful participant community reintegration through a coordinated system of cognitive behavioral treatment methods, incentives, sanctions, case management and transitional services.”

Those held at the center generally are released during the day to work, but must return at night.

It was during a nighttime head count that Fontaine was found to be missing. The Department of Corrections notified media outlets of his escape hours later — around 2:40 a.m. on Dec. 29.

The crime that landed Fontaine in prison took place in August 2016 in the parking lot of Bubba’s BBQ restaurant in Cody.

Surveillance camera footage later viewed by Cody police reportedly showed Fontaine and his wife, Jennifer Wands, burglarizing the vehicle belong-

ing to one of the restaurant’s owners.

Charging documents from Cody police say Wands, 36, is seen on video breaking out the driver’s side window and stealing the owner’s purse. Wands is then quickly driven away by Fontaine.

A couple hours later, Wands and Fontaine were reportedly caught on surveillance cameras using the Cody woman’s credit cards in Thermopolis.

The couple’s Denali was eventually spotted in Natrona County and after a pursuit involving multiple agencies and spike strips, Fontaine and Wands were arrested in neighboring Converse County.

They both were eventually brought back to Park County to face charges for the break-in and theft at Bubba’s BBQ.

Wands made bail several months later, in December 2016, allowing her to go free while her case played out. It ultimately concluded last June, when she received a sentence of three years of supervised probation, with a five- to seven-year prison sentence suspended. Corrections records

say Wands remains under the supervision of probation agents in Cody.

Fontaine, meanwhile, never made bail. He technically remained in custody from his Aug. 26, 2016 arrest, through his June 2017 sentencing and up until his escape last month.

Authorities have indicated that Fontaine has connections to multiple states. At the time of his arrest, Fontaine said his home was in Huntsville, Texas, and a Converse County sheriff’s deputy told K2 Radio that investigators were looking into the couple’s actions in Texas, Montana, Washington, California, New Mexico and Missouri.

Fontaine is 5 feet, 8 inches tall and about 148 pounds, with dirty blond hair and hazel eyes. He has numerous tattoos on his neck, chest and arms.

Anyone with information about Fontaine’s whereabouts is asked to contact the Natrona County Sheriff’s Office at 307-235-9282. The Department of Corrections says Fontaine should be considered dangerous and asks that citizens immediately call 911 if they see him.

## Beets: ‘Currently, beets are storing well,’ Rodriguez says

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chairman of the cooperative’s board of directors.

Factory problems that delayed and reduced anticipated payments in 2017 have been largely overcome.

Two months of the campaign remain.

“Currently, beets are storing well, and factories are processing much better this year,” Rodriguez said. “With better sugar prices, growers should see better payments

going forward. Right now, we have an estimate. Until the campaign is complete and the sugar is in the bin, it’s just an estimate.”

Western Sugar Cooperative does not release amounts of its payments to growers.

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## OBITUARY

## Carl Raymond Bechtold

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On Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, Carl Raymond Bechtold, passed away at the age of 86.

He was born April 6, 1932, in Shell, Wyoming, to Ethel (Collingwood) and John J. Bechtold, Jr. He graduated from Lovell High School in 1951.

In June 1956, he married Marjorie June Nelson and they had three children. He served in the U.S. Army from

1956-1958.

His career passions included farming and semi-truck driving. In 1981 he married Elizabeth Gariety.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters, Marjorie and Barbara.

He is survived by his brother Don; son Samuel; daughters, Joette (Daugherty), and Marlene (Steinberg); stepson, Greg



CARL BECHTOLD

McClure; and stepdaughter, Tonja Alexander; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services to remember Carl will be Jan. 9, 2019, at 10 a.m., with viewing to begin at 9 a.m. at Thompson Funeral Home, 111 W. 3rd St. in Powell. Due to severe family allergies, in lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Carl's church, Charity Baptist Church, 176 N. Day St., Powell, WY 82435.

## Legislature gears up for General Session

BY NICK REYNOLDS

Casper Star-Tribune

Via Wyoming News Exchange

Over the next 40 days, members of the Wyoming Legislature will consider between 400 and 500 bills.

Some of those bills will have been talked about, poked and prodded for months, originating in committees comprised of seasoned lawmakers with serious policy chops. Other pieces of legislation might be agenda-driven, or of dubious legal merit, and have no hope for passage. Others might attract enough attention to actually make it to the floor for debate.

"The good bills rise to the top, and the ones that aren't so good fall to the bottom and, if they're a good

idea but still need a little more work, they'll probably be put on pause and come back up in the next session," said Brett Moline, a lobbyist for the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation.

Some of the 200 or so bills written into law every year draw more debate than others, with the fight involving not just lawmakers, but savvy representatives for dozens of special interest groups. Every session, these groups descend on the state capital to represent a diverse range of causes for numerous competing interests — cities and counties, large industry and conservationists, free market groups and others — fighting to ensure their perspectives are given due consideration.

Lawmakers will begin their work Tuesday at the Jonah Business Center, as the Capitol continues to undergo renovations.

How the session will go this year is somewhat unpredictable. Though this year's Senate president — Sen. Drew Perkins, R-Casper — and the Speaker of the House, Rep. Steve Harshman, R-Casper, are both veteran legislators, insiders are curious how the significant turnover experienced in the Senate over the past two years will influence the pace of this year's deliberations.

"It's hard to make predictions until we see all the new folks in action," said Chris Merrill, the new executive director of the Equality State Policy Center.

State Sen. R.J. Kost, R-Powell, is among the new faces, as he defeated longtime Sen. Ray Peterson, R-Cowley, in last year's Republican primary.

Following two days of training in Cheyenne, Kost wrote on his campaign's Facebook page on Sunday night that, "I have learned a bunch and feel like I still have a huge bunch more to learn."

Kost said he'd heard there were more than 500 bills to start out this session.

"That in itself is overwhelming and there is a possibility we will run out of time before we can cover all, but we will give it our best effort," he wrote.

Beyond the obvious question marks concerning health care and economic development in Wyoming, battle lines are already being drawn on a number of key issues around the state. Many groups, already keyed into the work accomplished throughout the interim session, have helped to shape the direction of legislation relevant to their memberships and are generally pleased with what they've accomplished.

They also have a sense of where to push back.

The Wyoming Outdoor Council, for example, is gearing up to oppose several pieces of legislation, particularly a bill to prosecute crimes against critical infrastructure. That's considered to be one of the premiere fights anticipated this session.

"We don't see what the problem is in Wyoming," said WOC Program Director Stephanie Kessler. "It's overreach and intrusive government into our basic free speech."

"A bill like this is a distraction from many more important issues before the state right now, like the budget, school funding and adequate funding for state agencies," she added.

Revenue will be another area of focus this session. After the 2018 election resulted in many

tax-averse candidates becoming lawmakers and two new chairs overseeing the Appropriations Committee, opposition to new taxes is likely to be stiff. For groups like Moline's, several legislative attempts intended to raise money for the state — a new bill that would change the model for property taxes, another to index gas taxes to the price of inflation — are seen as flawed, with his group and others already planning opposition to both in the general session.

Even with the anticipation of a new earnings report in the coming weeks, groups looking for revenue-driven means to balance their budgets — like the Wyoming Association of Municipalities — see an upcoming challenge for new ways to generate funds.

"The one word I'd use is caution in what the revenue picture looks like, but I don't anticipate a lot of new tools at our disposal," said the group's director, Rick Kaysen.

There are numerous surprises in a typical legislative session and, while many outside groups have a general idea of what their playbook will look like, the lobbyists representing them will have their hands full each day as the new bills receive file numbers.

"The vast majority of bills we're going to deal with are not even up yet, so we've mostly dealt with the interim committee bills," said Kessler. "It's hard to anticipate what else is coming up."

The unusual nature of this year's Legislature — plus an entirely new executive branch taking over — should only serve to make things more unpredictable.

"It's not only a new legislative group coming in, but new members who are being sent through the firehose to make some tough decisions," said Kaysen. "The process is fluid, things will change, and we're going to see amendments to bills that have already gone through a lot of committee work. We need to remain flexible, listen and communicate with legislators throughout the process."

(Tribune editor CJ Baker contributed reporting.)

## Hansen: Must remain in Colorado for at least three months

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Lori said.

When Hansen first woke up from surgery, his medical team did reality orientation, asking him where he was at and what day it was.

"One of the questions that they asked Don was, 'Do you know what season it is?' They meant spring, summer, winter or fall," Lori recalled. "Well, without any hesitation, Don looked at them just as serious as he could and said, 'Yes, it's hunting season.'"

Hansen is looking forward to being able to enjoy the outdoors again.

"I hope to do some fishing or hunting — take those grandkids and do some stuff with them," he said.

The Hansens have three children and five grandchildren.

Through his transplant, Hansen said he gained more family.

"The way I describe it is, I have my original family with my brothers and sisters, then I have my family with my sons, daughter, grandchildren," he said. "And now I have a lung transplant family. So I've got three families now."

The Hansens have been thankful for all of the medical staff, from the Guardian Flight nurse who was a Northwest College grad to the transplant team in

Colorado.

"The people down here have been phenomenal, just phenomenal," Hansen said. "They're good people."

Hansen's primary care physician from Powell's 307Health happened to be with family in Colorado and also stopped by for a visit.

"Dr. [Mike] Tracy showed up at my room the fifth day I was in here; that is top-notch service," Hansen said, adding, "It makes you feel good about Powell, Wyoming."

Hansen faces a long road for recovery and must remain in Colorado for at least

three months.

He hopes to be back at school board meetings in April.

"We'll cross that bridge when we get there," Hansen said.

He was discharged from the hospital in late December, but had to go back a few days later due to complications, including an infection at the incision area and pleurisy around the left lung.

"It's common things that they see during transplants," Hansen said.

Doctors also are learning how his body reacts to new anti-rejection medications. When he's able to return home, Hansen will have to wear a mask in public to protect himself from germs.

His immune system is knocked

down "so he doesn't reject those lungs," Lori said.

Lori came home over the weekend so she could return to work this week as the bookkeeper for Blair's Super Market.

Blair's owner Brent Foulger "has been really good, doing as much of my job as he can," she said, adding, "He can't do without me for the full three months ... I need to get back to work, and I carry the insurance for us."

The Hansens' son, Bryant, who serves in the military, will stay in Colorado with Don until February, and other people will also help out. The Hansens are renting a furnished two-bedroom place through the Transplant Living Center.

All funds raised through "A Breath of Life for Don Hansen" will help with their expenses.

"Lori and Don started planning for expenses two years ago when Don was placed on the transplant list, but housing in the Denver area has doubled so the money they have saved is not going to cover such expenses," Kost wrote on the GoFundMe page.

People can donate to the Don and Lori Hansen Medical Account at the Bank of Powell, which Caroline Kost recommended since GoFundMe takes a small amount per transaction.

Hansen thanked R.J. and Caroline Kost for "going above and beyond."

"We've had some good friends step up to the plate ... it's just overwhelming; it's heartwarming," he said. "It makes you feel good about where you live."

## Legislative website provides up-to-date information on 2019 General Session

Wyoming residents are encouraged to use the Wyoming Legislature's website to track legislation and participate in policymaking during the 2019 General Session in Cheyenne. The site, at [www.wyoleg.gov](http://www.wyoleg.gov), is continually updated as each bill moves through the respective bodies.

A variety of resources can be found on the site, including all legislation and amendments; all bills in the House and Senate can be tracked by clicking on the "Browse 2019 Bills" link on the homepage. In addition, residents can also find information about how their elected officials voted by clicking the "Votes" tab located on each bill

page. The results are posted after each roll call vote is taken on the House and Senate Floor.

The times and dates of standing committee meetings and House and Senate daily floor schedules are also available on the Website. Calendars of floor proceedings in the Senate and House are posted in the late afternoon for the next day's activities which include the legislation under consideration and the general order of business. You can also sign up to receive the committee notices and floor calendars electronically through the Legislature's email subscription service.

The public can listen to live audio of the daily House

and Senate proceedings or listen to the recordings later on-demand. The audio can be found by clicking on the "2019 General Session Audio" link on the homepage.

The website provides a variety of ways for residents to contact their representatives including email addresses for all legislators. There's also an "Online Hotline," which allows the public to recommend support for or opposition to a piece of legislation and leave a comment regarding a bill.

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It's important to see a podiatrist if dry, itchy, inflamed or blistered skin continues more than two weeks, because it

gets harder to cure the longer it lasts. It might also be a more serious problem like eczema or psoriasis, which show similar symptoms.

Scratching may make the itching feel better, but it may also spread the fungus to other parts of the body, especially the groin and underarm areas.

Good hygiene is the best way to avoid athlete's foot. Wash your feet with soap and water and dry them every day, especially after playing sports or swimming. You should change your shoes and socks frequently, and use foot powder everyday. Walking barefoot may tickle your toes, but it's an easy way to catch athlete's foot.

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## POWELL TRIBUNE

IN OUR OPINION

### The 2019 legislative session is underway — pay attention

While the federal government shutdown drags on, the state government is rolling onward as the Wyoming Legislature convenes today (Tuesday).

As the 2019 General Session continues over the next two months, legislators will consider a wide variety of bills, from salamanders to more serious matters.

Here's a small sampling from the dozens of proposals introduced so far:

- House Bill 10 would create additional criminal penalties for people who impede "critical infrastructure" in Wyoming, such as an oil pipeline, cell tower or petroleum refinery. A previous version of the controversial bill died in the Legislature last year.

"Brought in various states following the Standing Rock pipeline protests in North Dakota, the legislation seeks to protect industry from protest that could stop progress on construction projects and block or damage infrastructure," explained WyoFile, a nonprofit news service.

- Under Senate File 32, voters would no longer be able to change their party affiliation on Election Day. The proposal comes after concerns were raised about "crossover" voting following a contentious GOP gubernatorial primary in August.

If Senate File 32 is approved, voters would be prohibited from changing their party affiliation between May — when candidates begin filing for the primaries — through the primary election in August.

In Park County, crossover voters made up less than 5 percent of the GOP vote in the 2018 primary.

- Senate File 33 proposes to increase fines for animal cruelty. Under the bill, maximum fines for a first-time misdemeanor would increase from \$750 to \$2,500; the maximum for a repeat misdemeanor or felony charge would double to \$10,000.

"Owning a pet or livestock is a responsibility," Rep. JoAnn Dayton-Selman, D-Rock Springs, told the Rocket-Miner. "The issue is irresponsible owners. Will increasing fines and prison time change human behavior? I would like to see an education component included in the bill."

- No one under the age of 18 could get married in Wyoming if House Bill 60 becomes law. Currently, the legal age for marriage is 18, but teens 16 or 17 years old can get married if they receive approval from their parent/guardian. A judge's court order is required for anyone 15 or younger to get married in Wyoming. House Bill 60 would eliminate any exceptions.

"Frankly, there are a lot of things people cannot do until they're 18 or 21. And I think getting married is one of the most important and life-altering decisions you can make," said Charles Pelkey, D-Laramie, the bill's sponsor, according to the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. "You ought to be an adult to make that decision."

- Rep. Dan Laursen, R-Powell, is once again leading the charge to stop changing the clocks in Wyoming. Under House Bill 14, Wyoming residents wouldn't change clocks back an hour in the fall or forward in the spring, but would keep daylight saving time all year long. As Laursen has noted in the past, the time change is tough on a lot of people, including the elderly and students.

- The blotched tiger salamander would be declared the state amphibian if Senate File 50 passes. The salamander would join other animals serving as state symbols in Wyoming, including the bison (state mammal), cutthroat trout (state fish), horned toad (state reptile) and triceratops (state dinosaur).

Legislators will consider hundreds of other measures in the coming weeks and whether the topic's serious or frivolous, it's important to pay attention to what's happening in Cheyenne. Even though Powell is on the other side of the state, don't let those hundreds of miles keep you from staying engaged during the legislative session.

Bills can be easily tracked online at [www.wyoleg.gov](http://www.wyoleg.gov). You can read bills in their entirety and follow votes and amendments. On the legislative website, you also can listen to live or on-demand audio of the daily House and Senate proceedings.

In addition, you can stay in touch with local legislators by emailing them throughout the session. Their email addresses are included on the legislative website under "Find my Legislator."

To send written mail, address it to Attn: Legislator Name, 200 W. 24th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002. To leave a phone message for a senator, call 307-777-7711, or for a house representative, call 307-777-7852.

Wyoming is fortunate to have a citizen Legislature, and in general, we have found state lawmakers to be accessible and engaged with the public. If you're following a specific bill and feel strongly about it, reach out to your senator or representative.

The decisions legislators make in coming weeks will have lasting impact on our state. We appreciate lawmakers' hard work and long hours — and we're also thankful for the citizens who keep them on their toes.

*Tessa Baker*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### McConnell needs to go

Dear Editor:

The following is a letter I've sent to our Wyoming senators, Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, expressing my displeasure at the recent behavior of Republican Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell:

The Democrat-controlled House recently passed a spending bill identical to the one Senate Republicans unanimously voted for just a few weeks ago, but now Mitch McConnell won't even bring that bill to the floor for a vote. Meanwhile, the government shutdown continues. Senator McConnell is not working with the best interests of the American public in mind, and he needs to go. Are you going to man up and say so?

Phil Anthony Powell

**O**K. We've got a pissing contest in Washington. We have a leader who has moved all of his chips onto one number and is challenging the croupier to make the ball drop into the right slot.

The "chips?" That's us, our neighbors who work for the federal government and the programs that affect us — ones that will remain dead in the water until (to continue mixing my metaphors) someone plays chicken.

Which isn't something new, now.

Government shutdowns were non-existent for most of our history and during the first half of my career. Even later, they were rare. When they did happen, I was one of those government employees considered "essential." You know — the ones who work 'pro bono' for the good of the people. And happy to do it.

Now? Government shutdowns and threats of shutdowns seem to have become addictive — the more our leaders use them, like opioids, the more they want to use them. And have, 21 times!

Perhaps we need to refer to this as a "shutdown epidemic." Like other epidemics, it has huge costs for us.

If this particular shutdown continues and our local federal

employees miss their Jan. 12 check, they — our friends and neighbors — will be dipping into savings and college/retirement funds to pay the rent or will be cutting back on purchases or will be doing both. Will anyone ever make it up to them?

Maybe, judging by past experience. Though, only at huge expense to all of us (higher taxes, anyone?).

But what about our merchants, banks, business and property owners whose livelihoods will be affected by a loss of custom? Do the feds come back in and say, "Oh, you're out of pocket, too? Let us reimburse you." And what about the farmers who miss loan deadlines and seed purchases?

Which brings us to the downstream effects on suspended farm programs, and on the loss of farm revenue and from farmers cutting back on local spending. Those negatives may not be seen for months and are as unlikely to be compensated as other hidden losses.

Do our leaders understand this or care? Here, I should point out that every one of the decision-makers is a millionaire

in his or her own right. Most have never had to worry about the next paycheck. And, even if they forfeited their own salaries, as our representative says she is prepared to do, would it be more than a gesture? A bit of window dressing?

If she and the rest of our lawmakers wanted to do something, they'd get rid of or amend the 1976 law that makes government shutdowns possible.

OK. We know they won't. They're addicted to shutdowns.

Thinking about the craziness of a system that allows its people to be used like pawns, I have to wonder how we would react if something similar were to happen at the county level.

What if one of our commissioners had the power to suspend salary payments to a hundred or so of our county employees, requiring the other hundred to work without pay? What if he/she suspended programs paid through the county (law enforcement, the jail, the courts, the libraries, landfill, museums, needy family assistance, etc.)? What if he/she did both because the rest of the

commission wouldn't approve funding for, say, a fence and security around the county to keep out bad elements?

No matter. Would anyone support that commissioner?

Some would, of course: the security companies that would get contracts to man the walls, the contractors who would make money building it ... you know the list.

The rest of us would be lobbying the other commissioners. We'd be yelling, "Vote the bum out!"

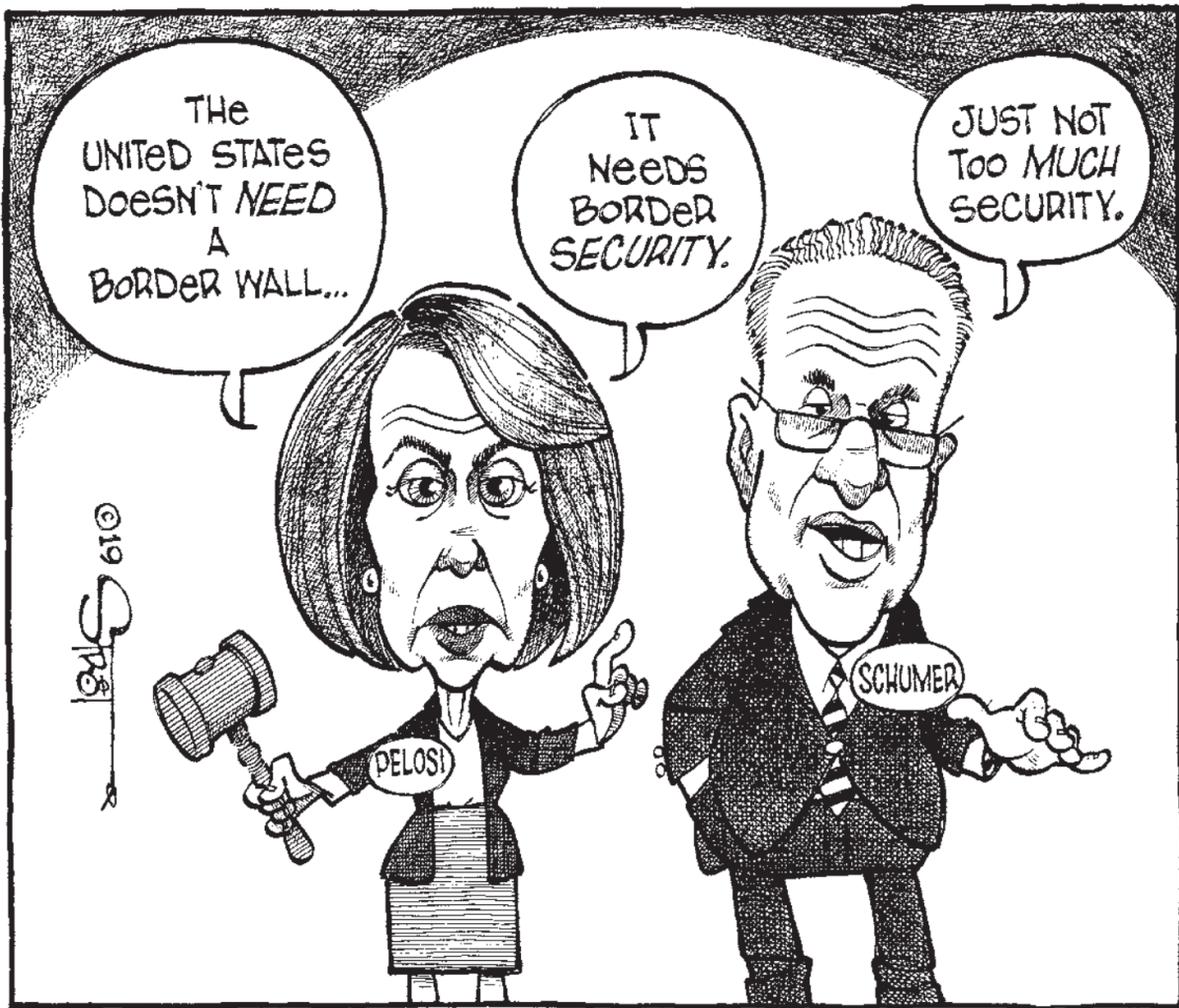
I'd be doing that, anyway — even though for me it wouldn't be so much about the silliness of anyone spending my money to build a senseless wall around the county, it'd be the idea that anyone's ego and ideas on brinkmanship (and now I'm talking about both the White House and Congress) could be allowed to shutdown essential services and use us, yes, us, as pawns.

The county analogy isn't exact, but it is illustrative and brings home the core truth. We know our best interests are a long way from anyone's mind in all of this. We know Washington is broken.

I think we're seeing in this shutdown how much we don't matter, how little those in power care about what we think and how broken our government is.



**PAT STUART**  
Around the County



## What 10,000 miles on the road has taught me

**W**hen I became Regional Administrator at the U.S. Small Business Administration, I never would have imagined the many positive experiences and challenges I've experienced during my visits across the Rocky Mountain Region. Twelve months, six states and nearly 10,000 miles later, I have taken the road less traveled and learned that the small business vitality of our local communities is getting stronger each day thanks to pro-growth economic policies that have been implemented over the past year. The small business climate has changed for the better with the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, a reduction in red tape and government bureaucracy, and a new positive outlook that has infiltrated both big and small businesses across the nation.

This positive outlook was verified during Small Business Saturday, held on Nov. 24, which kicked off the holiday shopping season for small businesses with record levels of participation. Total reported spending among

U.S. consumers who said they shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on that day reached a record high of \$17.8 billion, according to data released from the 2018 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey from American Express and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Based on this annual survey over the years, Small Business Saturday spending has now reached a reported estimate of \$103 billion since the day began in 2010.

Even though retail sales continue to be a bright spot this holiday season, there still are pockets of the economy that continue to struggle and need help. Rural communities represent more than just vast farmlands and mountain towns, they are the fabric of our country. Unfortunately, main streets in small town America have struggled in recent years. Negative forces including

demographic shifts, a lack of access to capital, and unreliable internet service have hampered many rural businesses' ability to grow and expand.

Moving into 2019, the SBA will focus its programs and services toward improving access to capital for small businesses in rural communities as well as a renewed attention to providing business training and access to federal contracts for businesses located in those same areas. To that end, the SBA recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the U.S.

Department of Agriculture to strategically align our investment, training, and support capabilities for rural markets. Ensuring that rural entrepreneurs have the same opportunities as their urban counterparts is a top priority for the Trump administration. I look forward to working with USDA, and all our federal partners, as we strive to create an environment

conducive to growth and prosperity for rural America.

My mantra remains that small business is big business in Wyoming. Wyoming's 66,000 small businesses continue to generate two of every three net new jobs and deliver essential goods and services to the state's population. As the voice of our nation's entrepreneurs, the U.S. Small Business Administration celebrates the United States' 30 million small businesses that still ignite our local economies and enrich our communities throughout the year. I look forward to the challenges the next 12 months have in store for me here at the SBA. All of us at the SBA are ready and willing to do what's necessary to help our rural neighbors prosper in 2019.

*(Based in Denver, Dan Nordberg serves as the SBA's Region VIII Administrator, overseeing the agency's programs and services in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Utah, North Dakota and South Dakota. For more information, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) and follow the region on Twitter @SBArockymtn.)*



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Most paving is complete, except for approaches, on the \$11.7 million U.S. Highway 310 project between Lovell and Cowley. A Jan. 15 public meeting in Lovell will review the 2019 construction schedule. Photo courtesy WYDOT

## Sage Creek highway/bridge project update

**RESIDENTS CAN LEARN MORE AT JAN. 15 MEETING**

During a Tuesday, Jan. 15 public meeting, residents can learn more about the \$11.7 million Sage Creek highway and bridge improvement project between Lovell and Cowley on U.S. Highway 310.

The 6 p.m. meeting will be held at the Lovell Community Center, 1925 U.S. Highway 310, just west of Lovell.

Following a short presentation at 6 p.m., there will be an open house to allow

people to ask questions and visit with the prime contractor and WYDOT.

Resident engineer Michael Miller of Basin said Shoshone River bridge improvements will continue through the winter, weather permitting, as well as removal of the old Sage Creek and railroad bridges.

“Drivers should expect traffic delays over the Shoshone River bridge when

girders are being set,” he said. “Chip sealing, seeding and reclamation is scheduled for this spring and summer.”

The \$11.7 million Sage Creek highway and bridge improvement project consists of road widening, bridge widening over the Shoshone River, replacement of the Sage Creek and railroad bridges, asphalt paving and other work.

The prime contractor is S&S Builders, LLC, of Gillette; the contract completion date is Oct. 31.

### BRIEFLY

#### Snowpack lagging a little

So far this winter, the Big Horn Basin has received a pretty normal amount of snow — though things have been a little drier than usual to the west and around the state as a whole.

As of Monday, monitoring stations pegged the snow water equivalent in the Big Horn Basin at 100 of median, indicating that the amount of precipitation has been in-line with the past 30 years’ worth of data.

The Shoshone River Basin, however, stood at 92 percent of the median, with the Yellowstone River Basin down at 85 percent.

Monday’s snowfall may help boost next week’s figures.

Across the state, the amount of snow stood at 90 percent of median, down from 107 percent a year ago.

The Belle Fourche Basin in the northeast corner of the

state was the wettest area on Monday, registering at 113 percent, with the Madison-Gallatin Basin in the northwest corner being the driest, with only about two-thirds (67 percent) of the usual amount snow recorded.

#### Commissioners treating lawmakers to dinner

County commissioners from across the Big Horn Basin plan to host (and lobby) local lawmakers at a working dinner in Cheyenne later this month.

At the annual event, commissioners from Park, Big Horn, Hot Springs and Washakie counties bend the ears of the basin’s legislators over a meal.

All 14 commissioners and the nine legislators who represent the four Big Horn Basin counties are invited to the Jan.

24 event at the Little America Hotel.

The total bill usually comes to between \$800 and \$1,200 (around \$30 a head), with each county paying \$200 to \$300, Park County commissioners said. The commission approved a contract to reserve the room at its Dec. 18 meeting.

#### System for easier access to lobbyist information

Just before the opening of the 2019 Legislative Session, the Wyoming Secretary of State’s Office has launched a new online Lobbyist Center.

Secretary of State Ed Buchanan says it’s part of an ongoing effort to streamline and modernize the services offered by his office. Lobbyists may register and renew their registrations online and their registrations and history are more easily accessible to the public —

now being digitally searchable.

“This new website will be extremely helpful for both Wyoming lobbyists and the public during the upcoming 2019 legislative session,” Buchanan said in a statement.

Under Wyoming law, any person who intends to attempt to influence legislation must register with the Secretary of State’s Office as a lobbyist 48 hours before doing. The Secretary of State’s Office is required by law to make a report of all those registered to lobby each year.

The new Lobbyist Center provides real-time, 24/7 access to a list of Wyoming lobbyists and associated filings. Lobbyists who have never been registered in Wyoming, as well as current lobbyists, can file a new registration or renew their registration online. In addition, the public, elected officials and other lobbyists can download a lobbyist’s registration and history.

For more information, visit <https://lobbyist.wyo.gov>.

Feeling lucky? It’s time for the 9th annual ...

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## A breath of life for Don Hansen

Powell farm equipment mechanic and current school board member Don Hansen is recovering following a double lung transplant in Denver, Colorado on December 11.

Things look positive following the surgery, but he’s required to stay in Denver for three months during the recovery period.

The family has been planning for the procedure and saving up for two years, but the expenses in Denver since they started saving have nearly doubled and they need help.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP ...

A Don and Lori Hansen Medical Account has been set up at Bank of Powell.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to give online as well. [www.gofundme.com/a-breath-of-life-for-don-hansen](http://www.gofundme.com/a-breath-of-life-for-don-hansen)

**Please show your support with a donation to a man who’s spent a lifetime supporting his community.**

Park County Public Health is seeking a **WYOMING LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE.**

We have a **Maternal Family Health grant position** available for a motivated, self-starting individual. This part-time, non-benefited position promotes flexibility, autonomy and a strong team environment. We will not accept applications after **5 pm on January 18**. This Position is in the Powell office.

Nurses with public health, pediatric or maternal health experience preferred. This nursing role involves working with pregnant women and young families providing education and access to services. The nurse filling this position must have the ability to develop trusting relationships and demonstrate strong problem solving skills. Strong computer skills a must.

This position is funded by a grant from the Wyoming Department of Health. If interested job applications are available on the Park County Open Position posting web page or at the Park County Public Health offices at the Old Courthouse or in Powell at the County Annex.

Applications and resumes will be accepted at either office. Contact Public Health at 527-8870 or 754-8870. *Park County is an EEO/ADA Employer.*

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# DIGEST

## Cody man imprisoned for fondling, secretly videotaping teen

BY CJ BAKER  
Tribune Editor

A Cody man has been ordered to serve five to seven years in prison for sexually touching a teenager and secretly filming her in a bathroom.

Mathew C. Melnar, 37, received the sentence from District Court Judge Bill Simpson in November after pleading guilty to one felony count of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor and another felony count of voyeurism. Melnar's pleas and the sentence were part of a deal with the Park County Attorney's Office in which another 11 counts of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor and seven counts of voyeurism were dismissed.

Charging documents say Melnar began abusing the girl in 2015 — when she was either 14 or 15 years old — and continued through mid-2017, when she was 16 or 17.

The girl later told Cody police that, when she tried telling her mother about the abuse, Melnar said she was lying to get atten-



MATHEW MELNAR

tion and she was punished.

"Hearing you plead guilty to things you have lied about was the best feeling in the world," the teen wrote in a statement read at Melnar's sentencing. "Because I finally had people who believed me, and I finally felt the relief I needed."

The teen supported the plea deal.

"I'm glad that you are going away," she wrote in her letter, "so that no other teenage girls in this town can be destroyed by you."

Court records say a church minister helped convince the girl to report the incidents to law enforcement in June 2017.

She told police that Melnar had touched her breasts in a sexual manner dozens of times. She also reported finding Melnar's phone secretly hidden in a bathroom, apparently set up to capture footage of her naked.

Cody police later obtained a search warrant for Melnar's digital data and found screenshots of the girl standing in the

bathroom, topless.

"In none of the images ... does she appear to be aware that she is being recorded," Cody Police Detective Justin Dollard wrote in an affidavit filed with the case.

The search of Melnar's data also turned up "an overwhelming amount of internet pornography searches," he said.

"To clarify 'overwhelming,' this file contains 150 printed pages of Melnar's Google search history; on almost every page, I located a search related to pornography sites," Dollard wrote, adding that the majority of them related to illegal sexual activity.

Some searches related to "shower porn" and another was for "date rape pills," he said.

When police questioned Melnar in late July 2017, he initially said that he might have accidentally grazed the girl's breast on a few occasions; Melnar said the teen was making up the accusations because she was mad at him, Dollard wrote.

However, after he was arrested and taken to jail, Melnar admitted to fondling the girl's breasts about a half-dozen times over a roughly two-year span, the affidavit says.

Melnar's bond was initially

set at \$70,000 cash by Circuit Court Judge Bruce Waters, then lowered to \$50,000. Judge Simpson later dropped the figure to a \$50,000 surety bond in September 2017 and Melnar was released.

However, the judge imposed a long list of conditions — one being that Melnar have no contact with anyone under the age of 18. That prohibition even included "incidental contact at public establishments such as Walmart, Albertson's and similar establishments," Simpson wrote.

Melnar was re-arrested in April and his bond was later revoked after he was caught on video arriving at Walmart with his girlfriend and her two juvenile daughters.

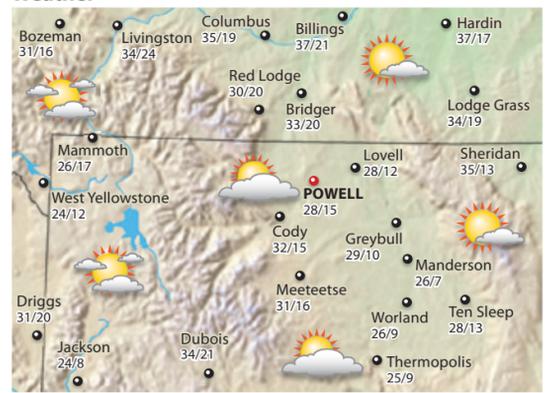
He's been jailed since then, having served a total of about nine months in jail at the time of sentencing.

In addition to being ordered to serve the prison time, Melnar must also pay \$475 in court fines and fees and \$1,380 in restitution to pay for counseling for the teen.

Melnar was transferred from the Park County Detention Center to the custody of the Wyoming Department of Corrections last week.

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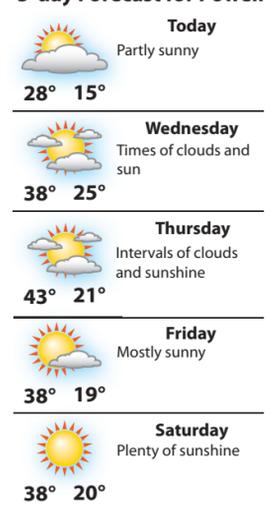


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TEMPERATURES  
High/Low ..... 45°/6°  
Normal high/low ..... 32°/7°  
Average temperature ..... 18.4°  
Normal average temperature ..... 19.7°

PRECIPITATION  
Total for the week ..... Trace  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.04"  
Year to date ..... 0.00"  
Snowfall for the week ..... Trace"  
Snowfall month to date ..... 0.0"  
Snowfall season to date ..... 6.9"

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset ..... 7:52am/4:52pm  
Moonrise/Moonset ..... 9:36am/7:32pm



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### NEW FACES

Alyssa and Steven Pickett of Powell are parents of a baby girl, Levi Nikole Pickett, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019. Levi was born at 10:56 p.m. with a weight of 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Daniel Thomas Sandlin, 20, and Kyleigh Estell Bonsell, 18, both of Powell  
Matthew James Coleman, 28, and Rebecca Rane (Hatfield) Thompson, 24, both of Powell  
Taylor Robert Francis Swan, 20, and Sierah Nicole Cherie Martin, 16, both of Powell  
Jason Ray Smith, 41, and Sarah Irene (Eckert) Zalenski, 41, both of Cody  
James Jeroy Paul, 53, Edith Georgena (Grinder) Yohn, 53, both of Powell

### DISTRICT COURT

Charges reaching the court are only allegations and the defendants are presumed to be innocent. Counts are felonies unless otherwise noted.

### CHARGES REACHING THE COURT

Eric S. Metzger, born 1971, of Laurel, Montana, charged with two counts of possessing a controlled substance (marijuana and methamphetamine) for a third time and a misdemeanor count of driving with a cracked windshield that impairs the driver's view.  
Chantell Lee McNeil, formerly known as Chantell Reel, born 1989, of Powell, charged with three counts of making false statements to obtain Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits valued at \$500 or more.  
Richard Allen Richter, born 1957, of Cody, charged with aiding and abetting the delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

### SENTENCES

Joy Barela-Vaughn, born 1974, of Cody, must serve three to five years in prison, five years of supervised probation and pay \$600 to the court and \$31,734.86 in restitution for three counts of theft totaling more than \$1,000.  
Shad Lee Carter, born 1986, of Lovell, must serve two to four years in prison and pay \$325 to the court and \$300 in restitution for delivering a controlled substance (methamphetamine).  
Harold Nels Johnson Jr., born 1962, of Cody, must serve three to five years in prison and pay \$325 for driving while under the influence of alcohol for a fifth time in 10 years. 5885  
Mathew C. Melnar, born 1981, of Cody, must serve five to seven years in prison and pay \$475 to the court and \$1,380 in restitution for second-degree sexual abuse of a minor and seven counts of voyeurism were dismissed.  
Jay Dee Newton, born 1973, of Worland, served six days in jail, must serve six months of unsupervised probation and pay \$200 for a misdemeanor count of interference with a peace officer. That was reduced from an original count of, as a sex offender, failing to report to the sheriff's office after establishing residence in a county for a second or subsequent time.  
Tryston Jordan Perez, born 1989, of Cody, served 44 days in jail, must serve two years of supervised probation and pay \$275 for taking a controlled substance into a jail. The probation will be unsupervised if Perez leaves the state. A misdemeanor count of possessing a controlled sub-

stance (methamphetamine) and two misdemeanor counts of using a controlled substance (methamphetamine and marijuana) were dismissed.

### CRIMINAL CONTEMPT (NEITHER A FELONY NOR MISDEMEANOR)

Samantha R. Martin a.k.a. Samantha Yates, born 1990, of Cody, must serve 90 days of probation for failing to comply with an order in a child neglect case.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

### DECEMBER 14

7:56 p.m. A dead deer was reported on Road 11/U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area. The sheriff's office assisted another agency with the call.

### DECEMBER 15

12:09 p.m. A deputy assisted a woman on Cody Avenue in Cody who wanted information about the eviction process.

4:10 p.m. A cow was returned to its owner after getting out on Road 2 in the Powell area

### DECEMBER 16

7:53 a.m. A deputy assisted an ambulance crew with a call on Road 12 in the Powell area.  
10:14 a.m. Kevin Eugene McGary, 62, was arrested on a Park County Circuit Court warrant on Road 8 in the Powell area.

10:29 a.m. A white Nissan with a white camper shell was reported to have parked on private property, at a ranch off Road 6WX in the Cody area.

11:40 a.m. Peter Edward Ferfes II, 36, was arrested on a Park County Circuit Court warrant on North Gilbert Street in Powell.

1:08 p.m. Goats were reported to be heading north on the Frannie Canal road near Road 11/Lane 6 in the Powell area.

1:20 p.m. A driver was cited for having no valid insurance and speeding on Wyo. Highway 120 south of Cody.

2:13 p.m. Shane David Williamson, 31, was arrested on a Park County Circuit Court warrant on Lane 9 in the Powell area.

4:20 p.m. Michael Edward Martin, 48, was arrested on a warrant on North Clark Street in Powell.

7:11 p.m. Leisha Cheville Clark, 29, was arrested on a warrant on Road 22 in the Powell area.

8:03 p.m. A great Dane was returned to its owner after getting loose on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 east of Cody at a campground.

### DECEMBER 17

9:17 a.m. Joe Fred Walker, 28, was arrested on a warrant on Road 22 in the Powell area.

9:52 a.m. After a traffic stop on 17th Street in Cody, the driver received a warning for having no valid auto insurance and all of the occupants were warned for littering.

11:38 a.m. The sheriff's office assisted with a report of a possible leak at a gas meter on Hills Lane in the Powell area.

4:29 p.m. After a traffic stop on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody, the driver was cited for following too closely and no insurance and warned for no proper display of registration.

4:54 p.m. A person not named in sheriff's logs was served a warrant

at the Park County Courthouse in Cody.

4:56 p.m. Five horses were reported to be running at large on a citizen's property on Arrowhead Drive in the Cody area. The call was referred to another agency.

9:10 p.m. A caller on Range View Drive in the Cody area asked to speak to a deputy about a foster child situation.

9:11 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on U.S. Highway 14-A/Wyo. Highway 114 in the Powell area.

10:03 p.m. A man reported that his wife was drunk and had discharged a weapon on Road 6SU in the Cody area.

### DECEMBER 18

7:43 a.m. A black cow was returned to its owner after getting out on Road 6WX in the Cody area.

8:21 a.m. The sheriff's office assisted the Wyoming Highway Patrol in looking for a vehicle on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

9:19 a.m. A woman on Sunburst Drive in the Cody area reported being threatened by her ex, who she'd left in Montana after a domestic situation.

10:03 a.m. Multiple callers reported deer horns were reportedly stuck in the railing of a bridge on U.S. Highway 14-A.

3:57 p.m. A possibly intoxicated woman was reported to be lying in the road with a bloody nose on 19th Street in Cody. She had then reportedly gotten back into her Pontiac. The sheriff's office assisted Cody police with the call.

6:26 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted with a report of a chimney fire on Wapiti Heights Drive in the Cody area.

8:50 p.m. A suspicious vehicle was reportedly driving around a neighborhood on Road 3N in the Deaver area, with the driver turning his headlights on and off. It was gone when the sheriff's office arrived.

### DECEMBER 19

10:59 a.m. Two males and a puppy were reported to be sitting on a ledge below a residence on West Rocky Road in the Cody area. The caller said a female was walking on the road. The caller was not sure what the people were doing near the river, saying he'd never seen those individuals in the area before. The concern was determined to be unfounded.

11:23 a.m. Someone was reported to have hit and damaged a fence on Road 4 in the Powell area.

12:30 p.m. A person not named in sheriff's logs was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

2:15 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist near the entrance to the Cody Law Enforcement Center.

5:53 p.m. A caller reported suspicious activity on Lane 10H in the Powell area.

6:18 p.m. A driver was cited for speeding and warned for not having a driver's license in their possession after a traffic stop on Road 8 in the Powell area.

7:57 p.m. A silver truck, towing a big trailer with tinsel on it, was reported on Road 17 in the Powell area. The caller said it appeared

the driver was looking for places to steal from. The sheriff's office didn't locate the vehicle.

### DECEMBER 20

9:08 a.m. After a traffic stop on Big Horn Avenue in Cody, the driver was warned for having an obstructed view and no front license plate.

11:25 a.m. A citizen asked for extra patrols on Lane 11 in the Powell area, reporting speeders and noise from possible racing.

12:31 p.m. A deputy assisted with a request to contact the registered owner of a vehicle and trailer on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area and to ask them to contact the Stillwater County, Montana, Sheriff's Office. The incident reportedly related to a stolen vehicle.

1:52 p.m. After a traffic stop on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody, the driver was cited for unsafe passing.

6:53 p.m. A vehicle reportedly rolled over on Road 1AB in Clark, with unknown occupants or injuries. The Wyoming Highway Patrol took the call.

7:38 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted Powell police with a call on Monroe/Division streets.

9:22 p.m. A woman on Baird Court in the Powell area reported that someone knocked on her door and jiggled the handle.

### DECEMBER 21

4:40 p.m. A vehicle reported being hit by another vehicle in front of a gas station on Big Horn Avenue in Cody. The call was referred to another agency.

### DECEMBER 22

12:07 p.m. A woman reported that her dog fell into her irrigation pond on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody.

5:43 p.m. An 84-year-old man was reported to have possibly suffered a heart attack on Road 6WX in the Cody area.

6:46 p.m. A caller reported that a family member stole some items on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.

6:56 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted the Wyoming Highway Patrol with a motor vehicle crash on Wyo. Highway in the Meeteetse area.

10:17 p.m. A male was reported to be walking next to the road on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area.

11:03 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Powell area.

### DECEMBER 23

12:04 p.m. A ram was reportedly out near the road on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area

### DECEMBER 24

9:37 a.m. A woman reported problems with her neighbor's nuisance dogs on Sunburst Drive in the Cody area.

3:28 p.m. A horse was returned to its owner after getting out on Road 2AB/Gerber Lane in the Cody area.

5:35 p.m. A car reportedly hit a deer on Lane 8 in the Powell area.

7:33 p.m. A man was reported to be underneath a truck on Lane 8/Road 11 in the Powell area.

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With wife Jennie Gordon holding the family Bible and Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Davis administering the oath of office, Mark Gordon (at left) is sworn in as Wyoming's 33rd governor during a Monday morning ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. Speaker of the State House Steve Harshman, R-Casper (center), and Senate President Drew Perkins, R-Casper, are seen capturing the moment with cellphones in the background. The Capitol is currently under construction, which is why only a small group (wearing safety vests) was allowed to witness the ceremony. Photo courtesy Rachel Girt, Gov. Gordon's office

## Gordon sworn in as next governor

Mark Gordon wore a yellow safety vest for his swearing-in as Wyoming's 33rd governor, which happened in a well-known yet unusual setting.

The Republican took the oath of office early Monday morning in the Rotunda of the Wyoming State Capitol in Cheyenne. What's unusual is the more than 128-year-old building has been closed for three years for renovations.

Because of safety restrictions in the active construction zone, only a small crowd of relatives, officials and an Associated Press reporter witnessed the 6 a.m. ceremony under the glare of construction lights.

During the 15-minute ceremony, Wyoming Chief Justice Michael K. Davis administered the oath of office to Gordon on the family bible, with Gordon's wife Jennie at his side.

Justice Davis also administered the oath of office to Secretary of State Edward Buchanan, Auditor Kristi Racines, Treasurer Curt Meier and Superintendent Jillian Balow. For

Racines and Meier, Monday was their first day in office.

Their oath were administered in the Rotunda, with an American flag draped over the scaffolding.

Among those looking on were State Senate President Drew Perkins and Speaker of the House Steve Harshman.

Most of Wyoming's governors have taken the oath of office in the Capitol and Gordon wanted to do the same.

"Being sworn in the Capitol, the people's house, holds special historical significance to me as I represent the entire state of Wyoming as governor, following a long line of pragmatic, effective and strong leaders," Gordon said in statement. "As treasurer, I was sworn in the Capitol and it was important to me to have this ceremony with the other constitutional officers in the people's house."

The more than \$300 million project to renovate the Capitol and the nearby Hathaway Building is nearing completion.

A public ceremony with more pomp and circumstance followed mid-morning Monday at the Cheyenne Civic Center.

In his inaugural address, Gordon spoke of the need for a "reliable and fiscally prudent future." He said the state must not deplete its savings to avoid tough decisions, must become more efficient and should work to grow its economy — including through diversification.

"Looking back at the wisdom and prudence of those that came before us, and reflecting on the potential of future generations, I believe more than ever that Wyoming is in a position to develop solutions to global challenges," Gordon said. "Those solutions will be rooted in our sense of place, our home, and the things we hold dear. Wyoming will continue to be a place that unleashes the ambition and potential of her people."

Gordon prevailed in a contentious Republican primary in August, then handily beat Democrat Mary Throne in November's general election to succeed two-term Republican Gov. Matt Mead.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

**'Wyoming will continue to be a place that unleashes the ambition and potential of her people.'**

Mark Gordon  
Governor

## Feds claim restaurant laundered money

BY SHANE SANDERSON  
Casper Star-Tribune  
Via Wyoming News Exchange

Authorities are looking to force fast-food restaurants in southern Wyoming and northern Colorado to forfeit hundreds of thousands of dollars, which federal prosecutors say are drug trafficking proceeds.

Among the restaurants named in federal court documents is Rodolfo's Mexican Grill in Cheyenne.

In his response to the government's filings, Hilario Montejano-Aleman, the restaurant's owner, states his bank accounts have not been used in drug money laundering.

Montejano-Aleman also operates Viva El Taco, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. One of his bank accounts associated with the Colorado restaurant was also frozen and he likewise denied that account's use in drug money laundering.

"Hilario Montejano-Aleman

was engaged in a legal business enterprise that did not involve money laundering activities," his lawyer, Dion Custis, wrote in a Dec. 4 response to prosecutors' filings.

In November, prosecutors filed forfeiture paperwork under seal in federal court, naming 13 defendants. Because the prosecutors' complaint is sealed, specific allegations are not directly visible to the general public, including the Star-Tribune.

Among businesses implicated in the case are a Greeley, Colorado, restaurant, and at least five more Colorado Springs restaurants.

Public court records do not indicate why the complaint was filed under seal. However, online court records indicate the filing is for a drug-related property seizure, and defense responses to the prosecutors' action shed some light on the nature of allegations made by the government.

Although the total amount of

money seized is not made clear by the documents, 17 bank accounts were frozen.

According to the documents, at least two of those accounts were safe deposit boxes, containing \$428,896 and \$376,230 cash.

Over the course of December, attorneys for five of the claimants filed responses to the government's allegations. Those responses, which were filed separately by Cheyenne attorneys Custis and Tom Fleener, indicate that prosecutors allege their clients used fast-food restaurants to engage in the laundering of drug money. All five responses deny the allegations.

Custis and Fleener both declined to comment for this story.

Stephanie Sprecher, the federal prosecutor heading the case, referred comment to a U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman. He did not immediately return a Thursday afternoon request for comment.

## Plague confirmed in Johnson County cat

WORLAND (WNE) — Laboratory testing at the University of Wyoming has recently confirmed a cat in the Kaycee area was infected with plague.

No human cases have been identified.

It was the third plague-infected cat identified in Wyoming over the past six months; the others were in Sheridan and Campbell counties.

Only six human cases of plague have been reported in Wyoming since 1978 with the last one investigated in 2008.

There is an average of seven human plague cases each year in the United States.

"While the disease is rare in humans, plague occurs naturally in the western United States in areas where rodents and their fleas become infected," said Dr. Alexia Harrist, state health officer and state epidemiologist with Wyoming Department of Health.

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# Shutdown: Third-longest

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pay scale employees to afford childcare expenses or taking cash jobs to pay rent as reasons for the "sick out."

No such protests have been reported in the airports in Cody and Billings.

## NATIONAL PARKS

At Yellowstone National Park, the gates are open for oversnow travel thanks to the park's concessionaire, Xanterra Travel Collection, and dozens of businesses with commercial use permits. They're all providing funding to keep the Park Service's road crews working.

"If it weren't for the donations, the interior of the park would be closed," said Yellowstone spokesperson Jody Lyle.

Walkways aren't being shoveled, but several restroom facilities are being cleaned by local volunteers, as the park operates on one-third of the usual winter staff, Lyle said. But Yellowstone is different from many National Park properties. Winter travel is limited and relatively few visitors make it to the park compared to millions who travel to the nation's first national park in the summer.

"Life safety personnel (ambulances and law enforcement) are still working in case someone has a snowmobile accident or other emergencies," Lyle said.

Law enforcement is busy in the park because some visitors assume the shutdown means there are no rules, Lyle said. Some have tried to enter the park on snowmachines not allowed under the park's best available science rules. Others feel travel off of the groomed roads is allowed. Last year, during a brief shutdown, evidence was found of snowmobiles traveling on walkways at some of the park's popular attractions.

"Despite the fact we're technically closed, we're still enforcing all the rules," Lyle said.

Gary Fales Outfitting and Snowmobile Tours, which leads trips through the park's East Entrance, reported a few calls inquiring if the company was still offering tours (it is), but business has otherwise been unaffected by the shutdown. One bonus for those on the tours: park rangers aren't on duty to collect entry fees, so riders are saving the price of a daily entry into the park.

Save for essential positions, employees at the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area are all on furlough. While the park doesn't charge admission and roads are still open, the shutdown affects planning for 2019 projects and has closed the visitor center in Lovell.

Not being able to work is frustrating, said Todd Johnson, a park ranger and Powell resident.

"I'm chomping at the bit to get back to work," Johnson said last week. "I love my job,"

## OTHER OFFICES

Employees at the Natural Resources Conservation Services in Powell are still working and getting paid.

"We're feeling really blessed to have a job," said Rory Karhu, district conservationist.

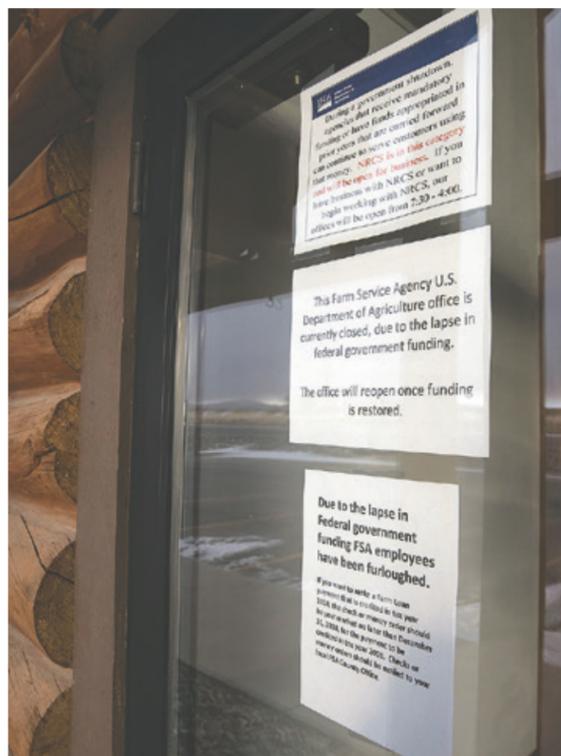
The NRCS allocates their yearly budget through legislative allocations the previous years. Karhu said the office has enough in the budget to get through multiple pay periods before the shutdown would be an issue.

Should local NRCS employees go on furlough, it could shut down many construction projects that require frequent inspections. The agency will have to wait for reimbursement for expenses and general support costs, but it's otherwise unaffected — as long as the shutdown doesn't drag on for months, Karhu said.

However, employees at the Farm Services Administration, who share office space with the NRCS, are all on furlough.

On Friday, President Donald J. Trump said the shutdown could go on for "months or even years." At issue is border security and billions of dollars of funding to build a wall along the southern border of the United States with Mexico.

The shutdown is the third longest in U.S. history. The longest shutdown (21 days) ran between Dec. 15, 1995 and Jan. 6, 1996, when Bill Clinton was president. The government shut down two other times in 2018, although the first lasted less than three days and the second shutdown persisted for just nine hours, with no federal employees furloughed. Since 1976, when Congress revised the budget process, the federal government has had 22 partial or full shutdowns after funding lapsed.



Signs posted at the Farm Service Agency outside Powell notify visitors that the employees have been furloughed and the office closed during the partial government shutdown, while the Natural Resources Conservation Service remains open. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

# EAGLE EYES



A mature American bald eagle keeps an eye on the landscape, while patrolling the North Fork near Wapiti on Saturday. Bald eagles frequent the area and the Big Horn Basin, following flocks of waterfowl near open water, roadkill and local sheep herds in search of a meal. It takes five years for a bald eagle to get its full white plumage. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

# Jackson-area parks avoid shutdown-related problems

BY TOM HALLBERG AND CODY COTTIER  
Jackson Hole News&Guide  
Via Wyoming News Exchange

After the federal government partially shut down in December, Audra Warburton and other Double H Bar employees packed up brochures for the National Elk Refuge sleigh rides they offer, along with a couple of cash registers, and moved into a corner of the Home Ranch Welcome Center to register tours there.

Despite the change in location from the shuttered Jackson Hole and Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center, Warburton said the sleigh ride concession has easily adapted to its temporary digs.

"We've been able to run during the busiest time of the year," she said. "It's actually going pretty smoothly."

Warburton said signs outside the visitor center, as well as news coverage and social media shout-outs from businesses, have directed people to the two folding tables they set up at the welcome center, where the town of Jackson greets its tourists.

"We just really appreciate the town letting us be here," office manager Patricia Schiess said.

The move down the road from the visitor center to the Home Ranch lot is relatively benign on the scale of effects felt across the country. Huffington Post reported last week that visitors to California's Yosemite National Park were dumping trash and using campgrounds as open-air bathrooms. Other areas, like the Mariposa Grove, were also closed to avoid "pedestrian-vehicle conflicts and additional human waste issues." A similar story has played out in parks across the West, as national park visitors were suddenly free to roam the preserves with little oversight.

CNN reported Wednesday that Joshua Tree National Park, also in California, was forced to close some areas because of the lapse in funding and overflowing toi-

lets. The park remained almost fully open during the first days of the shutdown, but after nearly two weeks without staff cleaning bathrooms and policing visitors, it faces increasing impacts that threaten its wilderness quality.

"The park is being forced to take this action for health and safety concerns as vault toilets reach capacity," the National Park Service said. "In addition to human waste in public areas, driving off-road and other infractions that damage the resource are becoming a problem."

Though visitor services are limited in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, their inaccessibility in winter has spared them from the deleterious effects seen in California.

"There's not a lot of formalized activity in winter," said Grand Teton National Park Foundation Vice President Mark Berry.

Even so, Teton Park's Bradley-Taggart trailhead is a popular starting point for backcountry and Nordic skiers, meaning hundreds of people per day still visit the park. And many want to use the bathroom, throw away coffee cups or drop their dogs' poop in the proper receptacle.

To alleviate visitor damage until the shutdown ends, the foundation is helping with an alternative to the trailhead's vault toilets.

"Those get overused so we've helped the park secure porta poties," Berry said.

Trash is another matter: Huffington Post reported that Yosemite visitors had been seen dumping trash bags from cars. The dumpster that usually sits at the Bradley-Taggart trailhead has been removed, so the foundation and Teton Park hope that visitors will police themselves.

"It's kind of on people to pack everything out," Berry said.

As with Teton Park, the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center is relying on nonprofit funds to squeak by during the shutdown. Its forecasters are deemed "essential," which means they are part of

about 420,000 federal employees forced to work without pay.

Though backcountry users will still be able to check the Avalanche Center's daily bulletins, its operations may be hampered.

"As time goes on in a shutdown like this the resources we use at the forest aren't available, like technical support and vehicles," Avalanche Center Director Bob Comey said.

Because federal money isn't available, the nonprofit Friends of Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center has to step up and cover incidental operating costs that cannot be deferred until funding resumes.

"We're very fortunate to have our nonprofit," Comey said. "The very reason why they exist is to enable us to overcome these obstacles."

With no end in sight, nonprofits may have to continue supporting federal agencies for the time being, though they would likely enjoy a return to normalcy.

"This is not the sort of thing we want to do long term," Berry said.

Amid the gloom of overflowing toilets and illegal trash dumping, there's one bright spot for a Jackson company: Togwotee Adventures, which runs snowmobile tours on the neighboring Bridger-Teton National Forest, has seen an uptick in trips.

Front desk agent Erica Leduc estimated that a quarter of customers the company had seen since the shutdown complained about being unable to find a concessionaire to take them into Yellowstone. She said Togwotee Adventures was operating at full capacity.

"We've had to turn people away," Leduc said.

Even though the company's bottom line has benefited from the shutdown, Leduc shared a sentiment likely felt by lawmakers, gateway communities and federal employees across the country.

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PHS senior Aubrie Stenerson scores two of her game-high 16 points over a Rocky Mountain High School defender Friday at Panther Gym. The Lady Panthers routed the Lady Grizz 42-20 to start 2019 in the win column. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

## LADY PANTHERS ROUT ROCKY 42-20

**STENERSON, BONANDER FINISH IN DOUBLE DIGITS**

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports Editor

Ending 2018 on a loss to a talented Wyoming Indian team, the Powell High School girls' basketball team was hoping to start 2019 on a winning note.

Behind double-digit scoring performances from seniors Aubrie Stenerson and Rachel Bonander, the Lady Panthers did just that, welcoming in the New Year with a 42-20 home win over Rocky Mountain.

"We rebounded pretty well from when we headed into break," said Lady Panthers head coach Scott McKenzie. "I was very happy with our performance."

Powell (3-3) executed well offensively from the start, jumping out to an early 15-6 first quarter lead. Up 28-11 at the half, the Lady Panthers' defense held the Lady Grizz (4-6) to just nine points the rest of the way to secure the 42-20 win.

Stenerson paced the Lady Panthers with 16 points, to go along with seven rebounds, two assists and three steals. Bonander followed with 12 points on top of five rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots.

"We got out there and just did

our thing; Aubrie [Stenerson] and Rachel [Bonander] both got going this time," McKenzie said. "They combined for 28 points, and Aubrie got to the free throw line 10 times and made eight of them, which is fantastic."

Jasmyne Lensegrav netted five points, while Michele Wagner, Brea Terry and Devon Curtis rounded out the scoring for Powell with three points apiece.

**'We went from 31 to 11 turnovers, and we just really played unselfish basketball.'**

Scott McKenzie  
Head coach

"I'm very proud of our bench, very proud of Brea [Terry], Devon [Curtis], Jasmyne [Lensegrav] and Michele [Wagner]. They roll in there and combined for 14 points," coach McKenzie noted. "They did a great job defensively as well — we didn't miss a beat when we subbed. That's our ultimate goal as we work toward tournament time, is everyone learning their role and doing their thing. It just went really well for us."

Though neither scored a point, seniors Karlie and Katie McKenzie contributed greatly to the cause. Karlie McKenzie led the team in steals with five, and finished with five assists and one block. Katie led the team in assists with six.

"Karlie [McKenzie] did a good job of running things for us," coach McKenzie said. "Katie [McKenzie] didn't score for

us either, but she comes up with six assists. I thought they both did a nice job of really feeding Rachel [Bonander] and Aubrie [Stenerson] in that game. They really had that clicking."

The Lady Panthers committed 31 turnovers against Wyoming Indian last month, a stat that factored heavily into that game's outcome. It was a different story against the Lady Grizz, as Powell lost the handle less than a dozen times — much to the relief of their head coach.

"We went from 31 to 11 turnovers, and we just really played unselfish basketball," coach McKenzie said. "And we put some points on the board. This group should be 40-plus every game, so it was nice to get there."

Asked what he'd like the team to improve on before this weekend's Big Horn Classic, coach McKenzie said he'd like to see a bit more accuracy from behind the arc.

"I'd like to see us start hitting some threes," he said. "I think we were 2-for-15 against Rocky Mountain. We're better than that, I think. We just need to encourage Karlie, Katie and Ashtyn [Heny] to keep shooting them. They're going to fall at some point. When that part clicks with everything else that's starting to, that's going to make us tough to beat."

The Lady Panthers will

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Freshman Panther swimmer Josh Wright swims the 500 freestyle during the Gene Dozah Invitational Saturday in Powell, finishing sixth. The Panthers will travel to Worland Saturday to compete in the Worland Invitational. Tribune photo by Steve Johnston

## Panthers second at Gene Dozah Invite

**QUALIFY TWO MORE SWIMMERS FOR STATE**

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports Editor

The Powell High School boys' swimming and diving team entered 2019 in fine fashion, giving defending state champion Lander some stiff competition in a dual meet on Friday before placing second at the Gene Dozah Invitational on Saturday. Both events were held at the Powell Aquatic Center.

"We had a good weekend, considering that as a team we've been battling some sickness issues," said Panther head coach Stephanie Warren. "I'm hoping it's getting better — it got pretty bad over break. But we had a pretty good weekend, considering."

Junior Ben Cannizzaro and sophomore Mathew Hobbs were added to the state qualifying list, bringing the total number to 10 swimmers so far this season. Cannizzaro qualified in the 100 butterfly, while Hobbs

punched his ticket to state in the 200 freestyle. Freshmen Francis Rogers and Nate Johnston each added another event to their state-qualifying totals — Rogers in the 500 freestyle and Johnston in the 100 freestyle.

**LANDER 101, POWELL 84**

At Friday's dual against powerhouse Lander, the Panthers were hampered by the absence of several leading point-scorers, who were unable to compete. Junior Jay Cox missed the entire weekend of competition, and his loss was felt.

"For the most part, the guys swam really well outside of that," Warren said. "We had to change up some relays, things like that, but they all did really well. A lot of our swimmers, because of Lander being

here, had a lot of their best performances and their best times. There is that push to race at your best against [Lander], and we had some great performances."

**'We had a good weekend, considering that as a team we've been battling some sickness issues.'**

Stephanie Warren  
Head coach

Junior Richard Spann swam a 4A state qualifying time of 1:00.68 in winning the 100 butterfly, while teammate Cannizzaro qualified in the same event with a time of 1:12.42. Spann also won the 500 freestyle in a 3A qualifying time of 6:15.48.

Bryce Hogen finished first in diving with a 4A qualifying score of 190.40.

"Bryce [Hogen] had a great diving meet on Friday night, and his Saturday dives were still pretty good," Warren said. "He's diving really, really well."

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Panther senior Kaelan Groves muscles past Rocky Mountain's Ethan Price for two of his 13 points Friday at Panther Gym. The Panthers came up short against the Grizzlies 65-56. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

## Powell cagers fall to Rocky Mountain 65-56

**GRIZZLIES OUTLAST PANTHERS IN CLOSE CONTEST FRIDAY AT HOME**

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports Editor

The Powell High School boys' basketball team began 2019 with a hard-fought contest against some Big Horn Basin rivals Friday, losing 65-56 to the Rocky Mountain Grizzlies at Panther Gym.

The Panthers (2-4) didn't play poorly, but never quite found their rhythm, ending their two-game win streak.

"It was close, but it was kind of self-inflicted," Powell head coach Chase Kistler said of the loss. "It was kind of a stop-and-go type of offensive night,

we just couldn't get into any rhythm. Every time we started going on a small run, something would happen that would slow us back down and put us back behind the 8-ball."

The Grizz (7-3) led 14-12 after the first quarter, and went into the half with a 29-24 lead. The second half was much of the same, with Rocky doing just enough in the final two quarters to hold on for the win. The Panthers continued to show they can score points and spread the ball around, but struggles with making defensive stops ended

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## Lady Panthers JV outlast Rocky Mountain 30-22

**GRAFT LEADS WAY WITH EIGHT POINTS**

The Powell High School JV girls' basketball team overcame a slow start against Rocky Mountain on Friday, outscoring the Lady Grizz 14-6 in the second quarter en route to a 30-22 home win.

"This game got off to a fairly slow start for both teams, but we were able to use our press and create some easy buckets

in the second quarter," said Powell JV coach Troy Hildebrand.

Rose Graft provided a spark in the second period, scoring all of her team-high eight points in that frame. Sabrina Shoopman, Paije Johnson and Madison Fields also each added two points that quarter, and the Lady Panthers went into the

half with an 18-11 lead.

The second half was back-and-forth, with Rocky trimming the lead to 25-22 in the fourth quarter. However, a clutch 3-pointer by Tenna Desjarlais put the Lady Panthers back in front 28-22, and Powell was able to hold on for the win.

"I thought this was one of the better games in terms of energy and taking care of the ball," Hildebrand said. "We

hurt ourselves at times with missed layups and didn't shoot free-throws as well as we have been, going only 2-of-12 in this one."

Sidney O'Brien and Hailee Hyde were solid defensively and on the boards for the Lady Panthers. Behind Graft's eight points, Shoopman added six, Johnson chipped in four,

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Left: Kolten, Bethany & Kristi Hunter — Center: Sandy & Eric Varney — Right: Auston holding Maren & Alyssa Hunter holding Nora

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**Powell's Dalton Woodward puts up a shot against Rocky Mountain Friday in a losing effort at Panther Gym. Woodward finished the game with six points, and led the team in rebounds with seven.**

Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

## PHS BB: Head to Thermop next

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up being the deciding factor, according to Kistler.

"I don't want to take anything away from them [Rocky Mountain], but we definitely made things difficult on ourselves," he said. "Defense was definitely a problem. Offensively you're going to have those games where you don't find that rhythm, but defensively we couldn't get stops when we needed to."

"We gave up some easy shots, just because we were out of position or we didn't close out low," Kistler said. "We get up and down the court well, but the effort of when we're playing defense — keeping your butt low and boxing out, making that extra step — those are the things that were glaring to me after that game."

William Preator led the charge for the Panthers offensively, knocking down five 3-pointers on six attempts and finishing with 19 points and five boards. Kaelan Groves followed with 13 points, to go along with four rebounds and a pair of assists.

Carson Heinen finished with nine points, six boards and six assists, and Kistler expects the senior post to continue adding to those numbers.

"I'm waiting for Carson [Heinen] to have a breakout kind of game," the coach said. "He's due for it. He doesn't shoot much, and I'd like to see him shoot a few more shots posting up around the basket. We have to get a few more shots out of him."

Dalton Woodward led the team in rebounds with seven, to go along with his six points.

Rocky's Ethan Price led all

scorers with 23 points, followed by Taylor Winland with 16 points and Jess Wambeke with 11.

"It was a great game from [Ethan] Price, which we kind of anticipated. We knew what kind of player he is," Kistler said. "The Winland kid, we knew what he was about. We knew what their offense was going to predominantly be."

The Panthers head to Thermopolis this weekend for the Big Horn Classic, squaring off against Class 2A Wyoming Indian (6-4) and 1A Burlington (6-2) on Friday. Powell beat the Chiefs to close out 2018, but Burlington is a question mark — though Kistler said they always field a strong team.

"We know exactly what Wyoming Indian is going to be about," he said. "Burlington is another good team in their division. It's tough for us as a higher division playing a lower division, because if you win, you're supposed to; if you lose, everyone is pointing the finger. But a lot of people that know high school basketball know that both those teams are strong programs who consistently win at their division."

The classic will be a good opportunity for the Panthers to work out a few kinks before the start of conference play, according to Kistler. Practices will be geared toward shoring up the defense this week, concentrating on getting more stops.

"When we share the ball offensively, and then our defense turns into offense, that's usually when we're playing our best," Kistler said. "When we can get a stop or a rebound, get the ball up the court quick, that tends to be our best style of play right now."



**Freshman swimmer and diver Ben Hawley competes in the 100 freestyle during the Gene Dozah Invitational held in Powell Saturday. Hawley also competed in diving, finishing seventh.** Tribune photo by Steve Johnston

## PHS swim: Worland Invitational Saturday next on busy schedule

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Johnston won the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, swimming state-qualifying times in both. He also swam legs in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams, which finished second and first, respectively.

Hobbs finished third in the 200 freestyle in a state-qualifying time of 2:15.40. Francis Rogers qualified for state in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:21.76, good for third place.

"The overall dual was great," Warren said. "It's always fun to see Lander and how strong they are, and see how our kids do up against them."

### GENE DOZAH INVITATIONAL

Still battling illness, the Panthers swam to a second-place finish at the eight-team Gene Dozah Invitational Saturday at the Powell Aquatic Center, scoring 243 points. Lander topped the field with 333 points, Riverton was third with 183 and Sublette County rounded out the top four with 171 points.

"Even though it was about 100 points behind Lander, it was a good showing for us," Warren said. "It was nice to see all of the teams — there are only a couple of teams [in 3A] we haven't seen yet, and hopefully we'll see them next weekend. It was a good way for us to get a look at what our overall competition is going to be."

Hogen had a solid meet, qualifying for state in the 50 freestyle, and placing second in diving with a 4A state qualifying score of 182.45.

Spann had a pair of second-place finishes, swimming state-qualifying times in the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle. Johnston was third in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:07.06, while Cannizzaro was fourth in the 100 butterfly. Francis Rogers finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:17.48.

"Out of all of the swimmers

that have already qualified, almost every single one of them had a personal best time in the events that they swam, whether it was Friday or Saturday," Warren said. "Looking at our general time cuts, between Friday and Saturday, I would have to say every kid has taken off some time somewhere."

The Panthers are on the road this weekend, traveling south for the Worland Invitational. Now just about half-way through the regular season, Warren said if she can get everyone healthy, the team will be in good shape.

"It's going to pick up pretty quick, but I think that will help keep them going," Warren said of the remaining schedule. "They'll have meets every weekend ... so I think that keeps them motivated. The goal this week is to get everyone back into tip-top shape so we can go to the Worland Invite Saturday."

### PANTHERS V. LANDER DUAL

Lander 101, Powell 84

### 200 Medley Relay

2. Nate Johnston, Bryce Hogen, Richard Spann, Joe Rogers 1:58.98, 3. Mathew Hobbs, Kyler Warren, Ben Cannizzaro, Tarren Blackmore 2:11.91, 4. Josh Wright, Francis Rogers, Pedro Teixeira, Ben Hawley 2:18.93

### 200 Freestyle

3. Mathew Hobbs 2:15.40, 4. Josh Wright 2:31.11, 5. Riley Schiller 2:35.39, 6. Dallin Allred 2:37.21

### 200 IM

1. Nate Johnston 2:21.09, 3. Tarren Blackmore 2:51.17, 5. Joe Rogers 2:55.08

### 50 Freestyle

6. Trenton Wilson 26.75, 7. Bryce Hogen 27.74, 8. Ben Cannizzaro 28.94, 9. Kyler Warren 29.33, 11. Pedro Teixeira 32.04, 14. Caiden Gerhts 32.41, 15. Cole Howard 36.53

### 1 Mtr Diving

1. Bryce Hogen 190.40, 3. Cole Frank 143.80, 5. Ben Hawley 123.45, 6. Caiden Gerhts 82.80

### 100 Butterfly

1. Richard Spann 1:00.68, 2. Ben Cannizzaro 1:12.42

### 100 Freestyle

6. Trenton Wilson 1:00.23, 7. Tarren Blackmore 1:03.01, 8. Dallin Allred 1:07.64, 9. Riley Schiller 1:10.53, 10. Ben Hawley 1:13.70

### 500 Freestyle

1. Richard Spann 6:15.48, 3. Francis Rogers 6:21.76

### 200 Freestyle Relay

3. Joe Rogers, Mathew Hobbs, Trenton Wilson, Bryce Hogen 1:50.78, 5. Cole Frank Pedro Teixeira, Riley Schiller, Dallin Allred 1:59.38

### 100 Backstroke

2. Josh Wright 1:09.69, 4. Mathew Hobbs 1:12.93, 5. Kyler Warren 1:24.20

### 100 Breaststroke

1. Nate Johnston 1:08.39, 3. Francis Rogers 1:19.31, 5. Cole Frank 1:25.27

### 400 Freestyle Relay

1. Joe Rogers, Trenton Wilson, Richard Spann, Nate Johnston 3:57.71, 4. Tarren Blackmore, Cole Frank, Riley Schiller, Dallin Allred 4:35.13

### GENE DOZAH INVITE RESULTS

1. Lander 333, 2. Powell 243, 3. Riverton 183, 4. Sublette County 171, 5. Worland 140, 6. Douglas 110, 7. Newcastle 86, 8. Cody 56

### 200 Medley Relay

4. Nate Johnston, Francis Rogers, Richard Spann, Trenton Wilson 2:00.41, 8. Josh Wright, Pedro Teixeira, Bryce Hogen, Ben Cannizzaro 2:10.16, 12. Dallin Allred, Kyler Warren, Riley Schiller, Cole Frank 2:22.28

### 200 Freestyle

3. Nate Johnston 2:07.06, 9. Josh Wright 2:24.26, 13. Tarren Blackmore 2:29.96, 15. Riley Schiller 2:40.34

### 200 IM

2. Richard Spann 2:16.04, 4. Mathew Hobbs 2:34.10, 5. Francis Rogers 2:34.39

### 50 Freestyle

7. Bryce Hogen 25.45, 15. Joe Rogers 27.41, 18. Cole Frank 29.57, 19. Dallin Allred 29.60, 22. Pedro Teixeira 30.65, 29. Cole Howard 35.74

### 1 Mtr Diving

2. Bryce Hogen 182.45, 7. Ben Hawley 122.90, 8. Cole Frank 117.90, 10. Caiden Gerhts 87.85

### 100 Butterfly

4. Ben Cannizzaro 1:11.47

### 100 Freestyle

7. Nate Johnston 58.48, 10. Joe Rogers 1:00.94, 12. Tarren Blackmore 1:03.20, 18. Kyler Warren 1:06.63, 25. Ben Hawley 1:08.66

### 500 Freestyle

2. Richard Spann 6:00.95, 3. Trenton Wilson 6:05.13, 6. Josh Wright 6:34.50, 7. Ben Cannizzaro 6:36.40, 11. Dallin Allred 7:06.09

### 200 Freestyle Relay

4. Joe Rogers, Mathew Hobbs, Bryce Hogen, Tarren Blackmore 1:47.41, 6. Dallin Allred, Josh Wright, Riley Schiller, Cole Frank 1:56.99

### 100 Backstroke

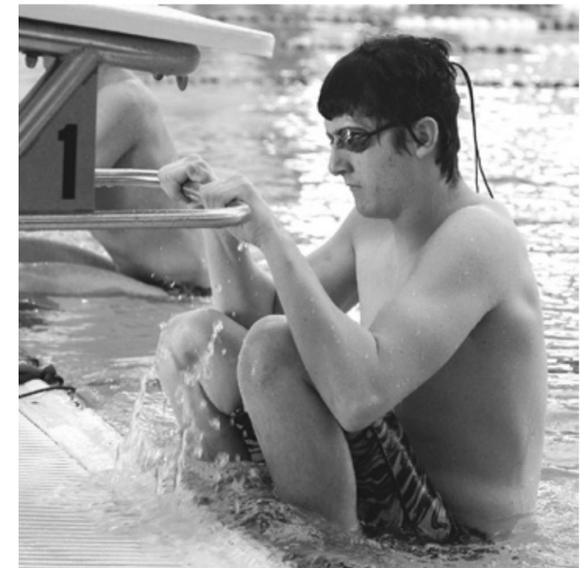
6. Mathew Hobbs 1:12.17, 7. Trenton Wilson 1:12.88

### 100 Breaststroke

4. Francis Rogers 1:17.48, 16. Kyler Warren 1:28.27, 17. Pedro Teixeira 1:29.01, 19. Cole Howard 1:40.61, 20. Riley Schiller 1:46.26

### 400 Freestyle Relay

4. Richard Spann, Trenton Wilson, Nate Johnston, Mathew Hobbs 3:54.44, 6. Joe Rogers, Tarren Blackmore, Francis Rogers, Ben Cannizzaro 4:19.60, 7. Ben Hawley, Kyler Warren, Pedro Teixeira, Caiden Gerhts 4:21.64



**Panther senior Trenton Wilson readies himself for the start of the 100 backstroke at the Gene Dozah Invitational held in Powell Saturday. Wilson went on to finish seventh in the backstroke and also competed in the 500 freestyle Saturday, finishing third.**

Tribune photo by Steve Johnston

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### Wiertzba estate

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF PARK )  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT )  
Probate No. 9871 )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF TINA S. WIERTZBA, )  
 )  
Deceased. )

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Keith Wiertzba and Frank Wiertzba, as claiming distributees of Tina S. Wiertzba, deceased, have filed with the District Court of Park County, at Cody, Wyoming, Probate No. 9871 an application for a Decree setting over to them the following described real property:

The west half of Lot 16 and the east half of Lot 15, Block 4, Cary Addition to the Town (now City) of Powell, according to the plat recorded in Book "E" of Plats, Page 26, Park County, Wyoming.

Upon the 12th day of February, 2019, at 8:30 o'clock A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at the Courtroom of the District Court in the Park County Courthouse in Cody, Wyoming, the Court will consider the application and may enter a decree establishing the right and title to the property.

Objections to this application must be filed on or before February 8, 2019.

DATED this 4th day of January, 2019.

/s/ William Simpson  
WILLIAM SIMPSON, JUDGE  
First Publ., Tues., Jan. 8, 2019  
Final Publ., Tues., Jan. 15, 2019

### Kromrey hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
KROMREY MAJOR SUBDIVISION  
On Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the Sketch Plan for the Kromrey Major Subdivision (Applicants Cody & Dawn Kromrey). The proposed subdivision is comprised of 2 lots, each containing 1.03 acres, to be designated for residential use. This parcel is located along Ridge Road in Westridge Estates, S1/2 Lot 5, T55N, R100W of the 6th P.M., Park County, Wyoming, in a GR-P (General Rural Powell) zoning district.

The hearing will be held in the Alternate Emergency Operating Center (EOC Room) located in the basement of the Courthouse Addition, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter is encouraged to attend, or submit comments to the Planning & Zoning Department, Suite #1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody 82414. For more information call 527-8540 or 754-8540.  
First Publ., Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018  
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### P&Z meeting

PARK COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
Meeting 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in

the Alternate Emergency Operating Center (EOC Room), basement of the Courthouse Addition 1002 Sheridan Ave. Cody, WY.

This is a regular meeting of the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission open to the public. For more information please contact the Park County Planning & Zoning Department at 527-8540, 754-8540, or 1-800-786-2844.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Approve minutes from December 18, 2018 meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA  
PUBLIC HEARING – Kromrey Major Subdivision Sketch Plan

PUBLIC HEARING – Shumard MS-26 Sketch Plan  
PUBLIC HEARING - Tri-State Iron Creek SUP-174 OTHER BUSINESS

1. Chair's Report  
2. Planning Director's Report  
ADJOURN  
Publ., Tues., Jan. 8, 2019

### Special use hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TRI-STATE IRON CREEK SUP-174

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00pm, the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the Special Use Permit Application of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. for a Major Utility Use. The proposed project consists of a substation to be placed on Lot 2 of the LaFollette Simple Subdivision (currently owned by Christopher K. Cooley), located south of State Highway 14A, T55N, R100W of the 6th P.M., Park County, Wyoming, in a GR-P (General Rural Powell) zoning district. Associated with this use is the construction of a transmission line

approximately 3.3 miles in length covering 40 acres within a 100-foot right-of-way.

The hearing will be held in the Alternate Emergency Operating Center (EOC Room) located in the basement of the Courthouse Addition, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter is encouraged to attend, or submit comments to the Planning & Zoning Department, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Suite #109, Cody, WY 82414. For more information call 307-527-8540 or 307-754-8540.  
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### Shumard hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
SHUMARD MS-26 SUBDIVISION

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00pm, the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the Sketch Plan for the Shumard Minor Subdivision-26 (Applicant Brian K. Shumard). The proposed subdivision is comprised of 3 lots: one 9.45-acres; one 7.18-acres and one 10.37-acres, to be designated for residential use. This parcel is located at 812 Road 19, Powell, WY, in Lot 12, Sec 7, T55N, R100W of the 6th P.M., Park County, Wyoming, in a GR-P (General Rural Powell) zoning district.

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# Cowboys battle San Diego State in Tuesday night clash

GAME WILL BE TELEVISED ON CBS SPORTS

The Cowboys wrap up their brief road swing on Tuesday evening, clashing with the Aztecs of San Diego State inside Viejas Arena in San Diego, California. It marks the 83rd meeting between the two schools with the series tied at 41-41.

Fans can listen to the contest and follow stats on GoWyo.com. The game will be broadcast live on radio over the 25 affiliate stations of the Cowboy Sports Network, as Dave Walsh and Kevin McKinney will call the action.

Wyoming heads to San Diego State with a 4-11 overall record and a 0-2 mark in Mountain West play. Wyoming fell to UNLV on Saturday, as the Runnin' Rebels rallied in the second half for the 68-56 win.

The Cowboys have been defensive lately, holding teams to under 70 points' three-straight games for the first time since the first four games of last season. Wyoming has also slowed the pace of the game down, as Wyoming averaged 58 shots per game under Edwards, but have had less than 50 shots in the last three contests.

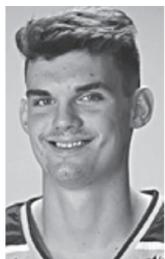
San Diego State enters the game leading the Mountain West in three-point percentage at 38 percent. The Aztecs have hit 118 threes on the season for 8.4 per game for third in the conference. SDSU is shooting 45 percent from the field for the season, while the

opposition are shooting 42 percent. The Aztecs also distribute the basketball at a high rate averaging 15.5 assists per game on the season.

Wyoming is led in scoring, rebounding and assists by senior Justin James. He adds 20.9 points per game to lead the MW and ranks No. 29 in the nation. He also ranks third in the MW grabbing 9.5 rebounds per game. He adds 4.3 assists per night. He leads the nation in free throw attempts at 139 and ranks second in makes with 106. He also ranks third in the nation in minutes played.

Redshirt freshman Hunter Thompson adds 12.3 points per game to go along with 4.0 rebounds. True freshman Trace Young averages 14 points per game through three contests. He also adds 6.8 rebounds per game. He grabbed a career-high eight rebounds at UNLV. He has hit nine three pointers in his three games.

The Aztecs are led by Devin Watson at 15.9 points per game. He also leads the team adding 73 assists on the year, which ranks second in the MW. He leads the team with 37 three pointers. Jalen McDaniels adds 14.7 points per game and leads SDSU grabbing 7.3 rebounds per game. Matt Mitchell adds 12.2 points per game and 3.6 rebounds. He is shooting 47 percent from the field on the season.



HUNTER THOMPSON



Lady Panther senior Karlie McKenzie looks for an open teammate on Friday against Rocky Mountain at Panther Gym. Powell won the contest 42-20. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

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square off against Class 2A Shoshoni in the opening round of the Big Horn Classic Friday afternoon at Panther Gym, followed by a game against Class 2A Thermopolis Friday evening. McKenzie said playing both teams will be a new experience for Powell.

"In 30 years of coaching here, I don't think we've ever played Shoshoni," coach McKenzie said. Praising the work of Coach Max Mills, he noted that Shoshoni also beat Rocky Mountain before the Christmas break.

"They've had some good success, so it will be good for us to play someone completely brand new," coach McKenzie said. "With Thermopolis, we always drive through their town to play other places, so we're looking forward to playing them as well. We're looking forward to playing some new faces."

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Desjarlais and Michele Wagner each added three and Madison Fields, Gabi Metzler and Hyde each had two apiece.

Up next for the Lady Panthers JV is this weekend's Big Horn Classic, with games against Shoshoni and Thermopolis scheduled for Friday.

"We should get a third game Saturday based on the varsity results from Friday, so it will be nice to get in three games this week," Hildebrand said.

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(09TFET)  
**AMERICAN LEGION MEETING**, 7 p.m., first Tuesday of every month at Post 26.

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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** Meets at 146 S. Bent, Powell (Big Horn Enterprise building) Tues., Thurs., Sun., at 7 p.m., Sat. at 10 a.m. Call 307-213-9434 for more info.

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

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

(16TFET)  
**AA MEETINGS**, 146 S. Bent St., use north door, 7 p.m. Mon., Fri., Sat. closed. Wed. open. 764-1805 for further info.

(103TFET)  
**POWELL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meetings: Are you a real alcoholic? Meetings are Monday noon, Friday noon. St. Barbaras Catholic Church, north end of Parish Hall, up the steps and once inside, 3rd door on the left. Call 307-272-4529 or 208-290-8460.

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(37TFET)  
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(102-04CT)

**APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR PART-TIME CUSTODIAN** for the Park County Courthouse in Cody, Wyoming. This is a non-benefitted position. Applicants must be able to pass a complete background check. Nights, Monday through Friday, 25 hours/week, 6pm-11pm. Starting wage is \$11.92 per hour. Park County Application form is required and available at the Park County Commissioners Office located in the Original Courthouse at 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, or online at www.parkcounty.us. Applications need to be submitted to the Commissioners Office no later than 3pm on Friday, January 18, 2019. Park County is an equal opportunity employer.

(02-05CT)

**Registrar/ Collections Manager of Homesteader Museum**  
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Park County Museum Board; 324 East 1st St.; Powell, WY 82435  
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(100-03CT)

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT VACANCY

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Technology Department/Support Services Building  
Serve as a member of the technology team. Contribute to a positive office and School District atmosphere by offering pleasant, accommodating services from the technology department and Support Services Building to parents, students, staff, and community patrons. Serve as the webmaster for the Park County School District #1 website. Serve as the greeter for the Support Services Building.

**Requirements include** high school diploma or equivalent, proficiency in the use of personal computers required; knowledge of Microsoft software, Windows, Excel spreadsheet, SQL data bases, Microsoft Word, SharePoint, Exchange email, etc. Excellent secretarial, organizational, and public relations/communications skills required.

**Salary:** Support Staff Wage Schedule (2018-19) Base-\$13.75

# COMMUNITY



A new banner produced by the Wyoming Department of Transportation encourages Powell High School students to buckle up. Pictured (from left) are PHS seniors Carson Heinen, Shayla Shoopman, Rachel Bonander, Dylan McEvoy, Hartly Thorington and Sawyer Mauthe. Image courtesy Rick Carpenter, WYDOT

## PHS BANNER PROMOTES BUCKLING UP

New banners going up at area high schools feature portraits of student athletes with a reminder to wear a seat belt. "Go Panthers!" reads the banner for Powell High School. "Stay in the game! BUCKLE UP!" The "peer-to-peer messages" represent the Wyoming Department of Transportation's latest effort to encourage teenage drivers to wear their seat belts.

"These are one of the ways we are engaging with the youth of Wyoming to help spread vital safety messages," said WYDOT Director Bill Panos. "It's important to impress upon our kids safe driving habits and these banners are the perfect platform for us to do that. Plus, it's a lot of fun to work with these Wyoming kids." Rick Carpenter, a public affairs photographer for WYDOT,

has been traveling the state over the past few years, getting photographs of the students and creating the banners. Carpenter has photographed students at most Wyoming schools. Beyond Powell, WYDOT has already compiled banners for the Big Horn Basin's other high schools: Cody, Meeteetse, Lovell, Riverside (Basin), Greybull, Rocky Mountain, Burling-

ton, Worland and Ten Sleep. A school's athletic director or administrator selects the students Carpenter photographs. The students are most often athletes, but can also be from band, choir or other clubs. Academic achievers have also been featured. Powell High School's banner features PHS basketball players Carson Heinen and Rachel Bonander, volleyball player

Hartly Thorington, tennis player Shayla Shoopman, cross country runner Dylan McEvoy and football player Sawyer Mauthe. School officials hang the banners in common places in a school, such as the gymnasium. Carpenter also creates posters for the students, who can then give them to family and friends. "This program enables us to get an important safety message

about buckling up in Wyoming schools where there are young drivers," said Cody Beers, public relations specialist for the northwestern corner of Wyoming. "It's their friends and classmates who are delivering this message. Peer-to-peer is much more effective because it's someone their own age delivering this message." WYDOT says its goal is to work with every school in the state.

## ACHIEVERS

### Kidder named to President's List at Minnesota State

Gabrielle Kidder of Lovell was among 636 students to make the Minnesota State Community and Technical College President's List for the fall 2018 semester. To earn this award for scholastic achievement, students must complete

12 or more college-level credits with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. M State, based in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, serves more than 8,000 students.

### Students make Black Hills state honor roll

Several local students made the Dean's Lists at Black Hills State University for the fall 2018 semester.

To make the lists, a student must maintain a grade point average of at least a 3.5. More than 700 full-time and 150 part-time students did so last semester.

Earning the honor as full-time students were Matthew Walsh of Powell, who's studying early childhood education with an emphasis on special education, and Leighton Blanchard of Cody, who's studying elementary education.

Part-time students Raven Johnson of Cody (applied health sciences) and

Corwin Meinecke of Cody (psychology) also made the Dean's List. Black Hills State University, in Spearfish, South Dakota, has more than 4,000 students.

### Shreve makes Union University Dean's List

Parker Shreve of Cody was among 392 students named to the Union University

Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester. The Dean's List includes full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average at the college in Jackson, Tennessee. Union University is affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, offering Christ-centered teaching and learning. About 3,300 students are currently enrolled.

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