

## Powell woman placed on probation for burglary spree

BY CJ BAKER  
Tribune Editor

A Powell woman has been sentenced to three years of supervised probation for committing a string of burglaries in 2017, while on probation for a meth-related offense. Prosecutors and Valorie Lamb-Harlan's probation agent had recommended that the 45-year-old be sent to prison. But Lamb-Harlan's apparent turnaround after she completed a drug treatment

program last year persuaded District Court Judge Bobbi Overfield to give the defendant an opportunity to prove that she's changed.

"I can pretty much guarantee you with this sentence that you're going to be under some pretty strict scrutiny for the next three years," Overfield warned Lamb-Harlan. "And if there



VALORIE LAMB-HARLAN

are violations of the terms and conditions of this probation, ... the state most likely won't hesitate to bring you back before this court — and most likely, this court won't hesitate to impose a sentence accordingly."

Deputy Park County Prosecuting Attorney Leda Pojman argued for a nine- to 10-year prison sentence, but

Overfield instead suspended eight to 10 years of prison time, which the judge could impose if Lamb-Harlan makes a misstep on probation.

During the two years that her cases were pending in Park County's court system, Lamb-Harlan served roughly a year and two months in jail.

She tearfully apologized for her actions at Friday's hearing.

"I know I have been, like, out of control because of drugs and

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## NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR



City of Powell IT Director Zack Thorington, who was selected for the city administrator position, has been working off and on in various capacities for the city since the early 1990s. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## Zack Thorington picked as next administrator

BY KEVIN KILLOUGH  
Tribune News Editor

On Tuesday, City of Powell officials selected Zack Thorington — the current IT director and longtime staffer — as Powell's next city administrator.

"I've had a connection to the City of Powell for a long time," Thorington said in an interview. "I've been moving toward this my whole life."

Thorington said his initial goals as administrator will

be to help the city maintain a balanced budget and continue providing utilities and other services at reasonable rates.

"I feel it's my time to take the city into the next decade," he said.

From an initial pool of about two dozen applicants, the city interviewed seven candidates over phone conferencing software to narrow it to four finalists, who had face-to-face interviews over the past week. Mayor John Wetzel said

**'I expect him to grow into the position, and he'll be a great asset to the staff.'**

Zane Logan  
Outgoing administrator

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Wyoming Game and Fish Commission President David Rael heads through the brush on a pheasant hunting excursion on his pheasant farm near Cowley Tuesday. Rael will serve in the position for one year. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

## THE HEART OF A PRESIDENT

### AMID TRAGEDY, DAVID RAE OF COWLEY CHOSEN TO LEAD GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

BY MARK DAVIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

When Wyoming Game and Fish commissioners voted unanimously to install David Rael as their new president last week, he found it hard to think about what it all meant.

Rael couldn't have dreamed of taking a leading role in the management of the state's wildlife when he first fell in love with the outdoors decades ago. Rael had been intimidated by Game and Fish redshirts approaching in the fields where he found solace after moving from a school of 3,000 kids in Los Angeles to his class of 13 in Cowley; he'd learned to hunt mostly on his own as a kid. When then-Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead appointed Rael to the Game and Fish Commission four years ago, it came as a surprise.

**'I don't know if I've ever met a more generous person.'**

Pat Crank  
Cheyenne commissioner

But as his peers elected him as president at their March 21 meeting, Rael didn't think about how far he had come in his 60 years, nor could he enjoy the moment.

Rael was heartbroken.

"I couldn't make myself be happy," he explained on Tuesday, fighting back tears from the front seat of his dusty Ford.

Rael quickly put on his sunglasses and stared straight ahead. There had been many tears in recent days.

#### A MEETING AND A FUNERAL

A week earlier, he and his wife Jennie were gearing up for the inevitable nomination as president. Rael had served a year as vice president of the commission and was in line for the top job. In addition, the couple was looking forward to the arrival of their 19th grand-

child, Ezekiel — due on the final day of the commission's meeting in Cody.

But on March 18, a couple days before the meeting, the phone rang. Rael immediately knew it was serious by the tone in his son Phillip's voice: Phillip's wife Becca was being rushed to a Casper hospital and it didn't look good. Soon David and Jennie were in the car, hurrying to Casper.

Arriving at the hospital room, they found Becca cradling Ezekiel in her arms after an emergency C-section. Her baby was wrapped in a blue blanket but lifeless, having been stillborn.

The Rael's stayed in the room for seven hours.

"We gave him all the love we could," he said.

Memories of his son and daughter-in-law's loss were still with Rael as the vote was finalized last week. After the commission's business was done for the day, Rael had planned an open house for the public. He pressed through, gracious as always, but on autopilot. Funeral services were planned at the end of the commission meeting the following day. There were

many tears. He knew there would be many more.

Tuesday was different, though, because he was heading out to hunt.

#### FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

Rael hadn't picked up a gun to hunt pheasant for many years, preferring to watch the fun as he guided his five children, other family members and friends through prime upland game bird habitat on his 1,200-acre Cowley farm. But on Tuesday,

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## Game and Fish working to increase hunter satisfaction

BY MARK DAVIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

Simply getting to the point of making proposals for hunting seasons are a monumental task. Game and Fish biologists rely on a litany of data, much of which means getting boots on the ground in rugged terrain and long hours at check stations, surveying hunters and analyzing data.

The coming season's proposals have included extra effort. With declining mule deer populations and tough decisions needing to be made, there's the

added and difficult task of earning trust from area hunters.

Game and Fish officials from the Cody region met with Powell area hunters Monday night to convey their message: We're committed to working together with you to bring back opportunity.

"Reservations [in support for proposals] are the result of a lack of trust in the Game and Fish," said Tony Mong, Wyoming Game and Fish Department wildlife biologist.

About three dozen hunters attended the annual season setting meeting at Heart

Mountain Hall. Very few were surprised by what they heard as Mong described the current situation with the Upper Shoshone and Clark's Fork mule deer herds. Not only have area hunters witnessed a decline in populations, they were brought in before the proposals were finalized, as the Game and Fish gauge the level of support for shorter seasons and lower tag offerings.

"Things are going to get worse before they get better," Mong said.

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## COLORFUL CRAWL



Landon Glenn makes his way through a tunnel during a recent Absaroka Early Head Start activity. The program serves local children from birth to age 3 and pregnant moms. For more about the program, see Page 14. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

# Administrator: Logan will work with Thorington over the next couple months

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the city received very strong candidates, and the decision for the hiring committee was not an easy one.

"Any one of the candidates would have made a good city administrator," the mayor stated.

Thorington's long experience with the City of Powell — which involved working with almost every city department in one capacity or another since the early 1990s — tipped the decision in his favor.

"In the end, Zack [Thorington's] extensive knowledge of the city departments was the push over the top," Wetzel said.

Thorington has worked in a number of capacities, he said, having done "a little of everything."

He began working part-time in the Parks Department while getting his degree in mechanical engineering in the early 1990s.

After college, he started his career at a Cody engineering firm and worked on the city's storm drain project. At the firm, he did engineering work on water infrastructure projects in Greybull and Basin, which he said gave him good experience for the Powell city administrator position.

"I had to work with the public a lot," Thorington said.

After working a couple years at a local startup, he took a position as Powell's building official.

Though he was never the city engineer, his degree gave him the skills that allowed him to help



Over the next couple of months, Zack Thorington will take over the city administrator position from Zane Logan, who is retiring. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

the engineering department during a time with a lot of commercial and residential development.

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*John Wetzel  
Powell mayor*

"That was a booming time for the city. ... I got a lot of good, hands-on experience with development," Thorington recalled.

Thorington moved into the IT department full-time around 2004, and a few years later he was promoted to the IT director position, where he's

been ever since.

During his time as IT director, he helped the city implement a \$750,000 renovation of the Powell Police Department's communications system. He called it a "humbling experience" and "a pretty proud moment of my life."

Thorington's family also has a history with the City of Powell: His mother, Annette, was finance director, and his father, Jay, worked as a dispatcher, first for the Powell Police Department and later Park County.

The city began recruiting a new city administrator late last year after the current adminis-

trator, Zane Logan, announced he'd be retiring in June. Logan was on the hiring committee, but didn't take a large role in selecting his successor. He said the city made a good decision, selecting among some very strong candidates.

Logan will be working with Thorington over the next couple of months to help him transition into the new position.

"I expect him to grow into the position, and he'll be a great asset to the staff," Logan said.

The city interviewed two other local candidates in the final round, while the other candidate, from out of state, had strong local connections.

# Burglary: Lamb-Harlan must pay at least \$150 a month toward restitution

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not being on medications and stuff," Lamb-Harlan said.

She suffers from mental health problems, including bipolar type schizoaffective disorder and lives off of disability benefits; Lamb-Harlan says she doesn't remember any of her crimes, which a therapist suggested could be due to using methamphetamine along with her prescribed, psychotropic medications.

As part of a deal with the Park County Attorney's Office, Lamb-Harlan pleaded no contest to four felony counts of burglary on Friday — three counts related to break-ins at Powell car washes and the fourth related to a break-in at a residence on Dutcher Springs Trail west of Ralston. The incidents took place between April 5-7, 2017.

Thanks to a surveillance system and an alert homeowner, the Park County Sheriff's Office and Wyoming Highway Patrol caught Lamb-Harlan red-handed. They found her inside the Dutcher Springs Trail home with items stolen from the residence — including a handgun — and other locations, including various car washes.

Cody police had compiled another six reports on Lamb-Harlan, but the county attorney's office agreed not to pursue them as part of the deal. No details about those Cody cases were disclosed at Friday's hearing, but prosecutor Pojman described them as being "similar in nature" to the other burglaries; the Park County Sheriff's Office previously said Lamb-Harlan was a suspect in additional break-ins at Cody car washes, along with a laundromat and vehicles.

At the time, Lamb-Harlan was already on felony supervised probation for helping a former boyfriend make small batches of methamphetamine in the summer of 2015 (specifically by purchasing cold medi-

cation). Prosecutors agreed not to revoke her probation in that case as part of the plea bargain.

In total, Friday's court hearing resolved 11 pending criminal cases or investigations against Lamb-Harlan. Last week's sentence had the net effect of extending her previous probation by one year.

Lamb-Harlan told the judge that, after serving more than a year in jail and completing treatment, she's determined to "stay on the right path."

But Pojman noted that Lamb-Harlan has previously undergone treatment and counseling.

"It didn't do anything," Pojman argued. "These crimes were still committed and you don't get a free pass two years later. That doesn't make up for what you did."

She also pointed out that, after Lamb-Harlan's arrest and subsequent release on bond on the burglary charges in 2017, she had violated her bond conditions by using meth again.

Pojman argued there was nothing more that authorities could do other than to send Lamb-Harlan to prison. That echoed the opinion of Lamb-Harlan's probation agent, expressed in a pre-sentence investigation report.

"Community supervision is not going to be able to provide the defendant with the help or resources she needs," Probation Agent Stacey Sapp wrote of Lamb-Harlan last year. "She also poses a safety risk to the community."

However, Lamb-Harlan's court-appointed defense attorney, Richard Hopkinson, stressed that the report was written before his client com-

pleted the roughly three-month treatment program.

Drawing on testimony from Lamb-Harlan's mother — and a clean record since she completed treatment in October — Hopkinson said there's been a significant change in Lamb-Harlan's lifestyle. He also argued that prison time would do no good, while costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"In my years of doing these cases, I've never seen ... where somebody's been sent to the prison for basically drug problems [and] they came back cured," Hopkinson said. "They came back with those same issues."

In contrast, the Worland attorney said he's seen a great deal of success with people who complete programs like the VOA and go on to change their lives.

"... This is exactly what Ms. Lamb-Harlan has done, in spite of the many disabilities that

she has," Hopkinson said.

Among various terms of probation, Judge Overfield ordered Lamb-Harlan to obey the law and her probation officer, to take her medications as prescribed and to either get a part-time job or complete 100 hours of community service.

The judge also ordered Lamb-Harlan to pay \$815 in court fees, \$2,292 in restitution for damage she caused at Coulter Car Care, Lil Spark Car Wash and Rocky Mountain Car Wash and hundreds of dollars for Hopkinson's services.

Lamb-Harlan must pay at least \$150 a month toward those obligations.

"Payment of restitution is only a slight beginning of most likely what they [the car washes] had to deal with in re-securing their businesses and ... to protect themselves going forward," Overfield said.

The judge concluded by telling Lamb-Harlan that "this is your opportunity, hopefully, to prove to everyone that you have addressed the underlying concerns that brought you before this court nearly two years ago now and [that] you've made the steps necessary ... to make sure it doesn't happen again."

**'This is your opportunity, hopefully, to prove to everyone that you have addressed the underlying concerns that brought you before this court ...'**

*Judge Bobbi Overfield*

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OBITUARIES

**ElRay Bridges**

(Sept. 23, 1939 - March 22, 2019)

ElRay Bridges was born to Octave Lynn and Melba LaRue Green Bridges on Sept. 23, 1939, in Murray, Utah. He was the first of three children and was raised with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

During his years at Riverton Jr. High School, he met the love of his life, Ann Butterfield. They graduated from Jordan High School in the spring of 1957 and married in September.

ElRay worked hard his whole life, but the work he loved the most was farming and working with animals. He raised ornamental pheasants for many years and always had birds and animals to care for.

The greatest joy of his life was the family he and Ann created together. He loved babies

and couldn't wait to hold them. He loved to tease his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. However, he taught his family to work together and look with satisfaction on a job well done.

With a strong testimony of Jesus Christ and his love for his fellow man, he served in many capacities in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He dedicated nine years of service to the Billings, Montana, temple each and every Saturday.

He appreciated his pioneer ancestry and strived to be a worthy son of such a heritage.

ElRay never met a stranger and loved to visit with people. He loved the outdoors, camping and hunting, with family and friends. He was a wonderful welder and machinist and loved to fix things, old and new. He

had a passion for antiques.

He was taken quickly on March 22, 2019, after being diagnosed with cancer only two weeks prior. He is survived by his wife, Ann, of 61 years; his children, Sherie (Dave) Monk, William (Jody) Bridges, DeAnna (Mike) Calvin, LaRae (Kurt) Dobbs, Joe Bridges (Jennifer); and his brother Sheldon (Bonnie) Bridges. He leaves a posterity of 23 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his mother Melba, father Octave, sister Lynette Brinkerhoff and great-grandson Tobias Houchin.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 in Cowley, Wyoming.



ELRAY BRIDGES

**Janice Lea Fritz**

(June 3, 1939 - March 24, 2019)

Janice Lea Fritz, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, Montana.

She was born June 3, 1939, in Nebo, Illinois, to William and Hyla Keller.

She worked as a cook in several restaurants in Powell. Janice loved cooking for people and getting to know all her customers.

She enjoyed fishing, watching the Braves play ball, bingo, spending time with her grandchildren and trips to the casino

with her sister Pat.

She is survived by her daughters Candy Shanks of Powell; Pam (Tony) Casebolt of Panama City, Florida; Martha (Eddie) Wutzke of Powell; and Robbie Shanks of Powell; sister Pat McPherson of Powell; grandchildren Tiffany Wutzke of Powell, Stefanie Hill of Powell; Jason (Yelena) Schulz of Powell; Jessica (Says) Channavong of Ackworth, Georgia; TJ (Jeanne) Casebolt of Dallas, Georgia; Ethan Wutzke of Powell, Tyler Shanks of Powell, Taylor (Levi) Kerbs of Powell; 15 great-

grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Marge Wheeler and Shirley Kysar; brothers Jerry, Bob, and Kenny Keller; daughter Jill Keller; son Tommy Shanks and grandson Corey Keller.

Janice loved pastel colors so feel free to wear colors to celebrate her life. Services are scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the First Southern Baptist Church, 700 E. Madison in Powell. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.



JANICE FRITZ

**Melba I. Sweet**

(May 17, 1928 - March 24, 2019)

Melba I. Sweet, 90, passed away peacefully at the Powell Valley Care Center on Sunday, March 24, 2019.

She was born on May 17, 1928, in Greenfield, Illinois, to Douglas J. Cunningham and Erma Plogger Cunningham.

The family moved to Wyoming in 1937. Melba attended Powell schools and graduated from cosmetology school in Billings, Montana. Melba was a member of the Southern Baptist Church and enjoyed her time at weekly Bible study.

Melba married Richard (Dick) B. Sweet on June 4, 1946. They farmed north of Powell, where they eventually lived and raised their five children.

She owned and operated Sweet Beauty Salon until she retired in her late 70s. She also did hair at the Rocky Mountain Manor and Heartland Assisted Living for many years.

She was a member of the North End Club. In her free time, Melba enjoyed sewing, cooking, baking, gardening, canning and crochet. Everyone remembers the fantastic meals she prepared and the delicious baked goods she whipped up whenever anyone came to visit. Her family was her life. She was loved by everyone and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Kenneth Cunningham, and her husband of 51 years, Dick Sweet.

Melba is survived by her children Gary (Laura), Ron (Laurie), Steve (Linda), Doug (Jolene) and Judy (Bill) Banner, as well as 36 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Other survivors include her sister Doris Edgar and her brother-in-law and sisters-

in-law, Raymond and Alice Cooley and Ruth Cooley. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held Friday, March 29, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home, 111 W. 3rd St. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Southern Baptist Church, 700 E. Madison St. in Powell.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons Travis Sweet, Tracy Sweet, Chris Sweet and Kevin Sweet, and her great-grandsons Matthew Sweet and Alex Sweet. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, followed by a celebration of her life at the Elks Club on Clark Street in Powell.

Condolences may be sent online to thompsonfuneral.net or any family member. Memorials may be sent to your favorite charity.



MELBA SWEET

**Calvin Sanders**

Calvin Sanders passed away on March 27, 2019.

Thompson Funeral Home is assisting the family. An obituary will follow at a later date with further information on the date and time of services.

**More summer flight options coming to Cody**

It will be easier for travelers from Chicago, Denver and Salt Lake City to reach Cody this summer, thanks to additional non-stop flights on United Airlines and Delta Airlines.

After a hiatus last year, non-stop flights between Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Yellowstone Regional Airport will resume this summer on United Airlines.

United will also add two flights between Cody and Denver International Airport starting on June 6, for a total of four daily non-stop flights between the two airports.

Meanwhile, Delta will add a daily flight between Salt Lake City and Cody beginning May 24, with an additional flight on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer months.

"Our region has always

felt a strong connection to our midwestern friends, and these quick and easy flights are very much appreciated by visitors and residents alike," said Claudia Wade, director of the Park County Travel Council. "The Denver and Salt Lake markets have always been strong too, and the extra flights will significantly enhance the options for those travelers."

**Marijuana under hood nets jail time**

An oil change proved to be unusually costly for a Lovell man who had stashed a container of marijuana under his hood.

Earlier this month, Jacob J. Rooney, 38, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of possessing a controlled substance. Circuit Court Judge Bruce Waters ordered Rooney to serve a total of 45 days in jail, plus six months of unsupervised probation. He's being allowed to finish the last 10 days of his jail time by serving weekends.

Rooney's trouble began in August when workers at Coulter Car Care popped the hood of his 2000 Chrysler van and found a Mason jar containing

marijuana.

Powell police were summoned and, although Rooney protested that he was being set up, Officer Cody Bradley arrested him.

"I asked Rooney if he had any money on him, since he still needed to pay for the oil change," Bradley wrote. "Rooney got his wallet out of his back pocket and made a statement about paying for a 'felony oil change.'"

The Park County Attorney's Office initially charged Rooney with a felony count of possession, which can apply when someone has more than 3 ounces of a controlled substance in plant form; in this case, police alleged that Rooney had 3.28 ounces in the jar. As part of a



JACOB ROONEY

plea deal, however, prosecutors reduced the charge to a misdemeanor.

In addition to having to pay the bill at Coulter Car Care, Rooney was also ordered to pay \$655 in court fines, fees and assessments at his March 1 sentencing.

Although Rooney was arrested at the auto shop on Aug. 10, he was set free two days later, after police failed to get the required paperwork to Judge Waters. Prosecutors properly filed the case and obtained a warrant for Rooney's arrest days later, but authorities were unable to get Rooney back into Park County custody until late January.

While on probation, he must obey the law and avoid alcohol, illegal controlled substances and bars, among other conditions.

— By CJ Baker

**'Welcome Home' celebration for veterans set for Monday in Cody**

Gov. Mark Gordon and the Wyoming Veterans Commission plan to celebrate the state's veterans during a Monday event in Cody.

"All Wyoming veterans, especially those from the Korean War and Vietnam War who were not properly thanked upon their return home, are invited to attend and receive their welcome home and thanks from a grateful state," event organizers said in a release. Military members, surviving spouses of veterans and family members are also welcome to attend.

The ceremony begins at 8:15 a.m. at the VFW Post

2673, 808 12th St. in Cody. Gov. Gordon, Wyoming Adjutant Gen. Greg Porter, Wyoming Veterans Commission Chairman Keith Davidson and other veterans and local officials are scheduled to make remarks.

Several years ago, Wyoming lawmakers designated March 30 as Wyoming Veterans Welcome Home Day; it's the date that U.S. combat troops would have set foot on Wyoming soil after returning home from the Vietnam War in 1973.

With March 30 falling on a Sunday this year, this year's welcome home celebration is

being held on Monday, April 1.

State officials host an annual tour of the state in conjunction with Welcome Home Day, stopping in different locations each year; after visiting in Cody, the group will hold similar ceremonies in Casper and Cheyenne later in the day.

Other Wyoming communities are encouraged to host their own celebrations to honor Wyoming veterans who may not have been thanked for their service or welcomed home.

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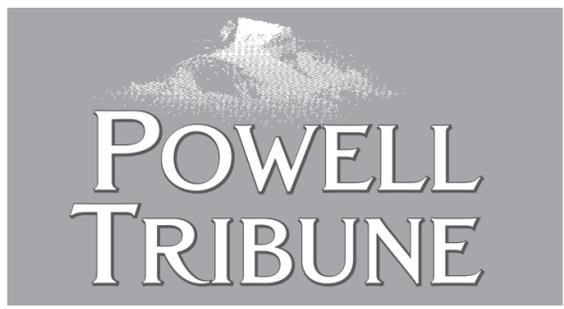
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IN OUR OPINION

# NWC proactive in addressing coaching issue

With the recent hire of Ben McArthur as its interim men's soccer coach, Northwest College has taken the first step in a proactive approach to resolving its issues with heavy coaching turnover.

McArthur, a Virginia native with nearly a decade of college coaching experience, will arrive on campus Monday, while interviews with prospective coaches for the volleyball, men's and women's basketball and women's soccer teams will be conducted in the next couple of weeks. NWC athletic director Brian Erickson said his department plans to be fully staffed by May.

"I think we're about a month away from having everyone we need on campus," Erickson said. "In two weeks, we could have a volleyball and women's soccer coach. We're a little behind of where I wanted to be due to scheduling, but I think we're in a good place."

That's good news for an athletic department that's had to deal with a steady stream of coaching changes, as well as questions of whether the college is fully invested in its athletics.

After a long period of coaching stability, the volleyball program is entering next season with its third coach in as many years, while McArthur will be the fourth men's soccer coach in four years; the women's soccer team will similarly open the fall season with a new coach for the fourth straight year.

A student athlete on the volleyball team aired grievances about the turnover to the NWC Board of Trustees in February. Shortly after that, administrators began unrolling a proactive approach aimed at shutting the revolving door and restoring confidence on campus among the college's athletes. Dropping a requirement that all coaches hold a master's degree has shown an increase in the number of applicants with solid coaching resumes, and the hiring of McArthur is the first result of that policy change.

Also encouraging are the recent successes on the recruiting trail of the wrestling and women's basketball programs. Both longtime wrestling coach Jim Zeigler and interim women's coach Cam Levett have signed a number of athletes in the past few weeks, including a handful of state champion wrestlers from Utah, the 2A Wyoming Player of the Year in girls' basketball and a couple of All-State selections from Colorado.

The bottom line is that athletes still view Northwest as a viable option to continue their athletic careers, hone their skills and continue on to four-year programs. We are not that far removed from some stellar seasons by NWC's athletic teams and we believe brighter days are ahead for Erickson and his department; we applaud the efforts made by the administration to address the coaching issue. In hindsight, questions may linger as to why something wasn't done sooner, but the willingness the college has shown to do right by its student athletes speaks volumes to NWC's commitment to its sports programs.

Like anything else, building a successful program relies on a number of factors, not the least of which is time. Here's hoping the recent steps taken by college leaders to get NWC athletics back on track will continue in earnest.

*Don D. Cogger*

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# Session brings success and disappointment

The 2019 Wyoming Legislative Session kept Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC) staff busy working with many partners in Cheyenne. Below is a summary of successes and disappointments with our perspectives.

HB0028 — Regulation of shed antler and big game horn collection, passed which expands the WGFD Commission's ability to regulate shed antler collection to minimize wildlife harassment throughout the state, particularly on winter range. Previously, antler hunting was only regulated by statute west of the Continental Divide.

GYC helped defeat HB0051 — Lawful fencing standards — county preemption, which would have usurped local control and regulation for wildlife friendly fencing. Teton County has regulations on fencing that support wildlife movements, which would have been impacted by this bill.

HB0099 — Wyoming Public Lands Day passed this year! This was the second year the bill was introduced, and we worked with a diverse group of Wyoming stakeholders, called Keep it Public Wyoming, to get the bill passed. This bill requires the governor to issue a proclamation encouraging the observance of the fourth Saturday in September as Public Lands Day in recognition of the value of public lands to the state's economy, wildlife, habitat, and recreational opportunities.

The Legislature passed two disappointing grizzly

bear related bills/resolutions. Unfortunately, these bills were symbolic responses to frustrations over grizzly bear management. We think both bills fail to address the actual conflicts between bears and humans, and GYC will continue its own efforts and support the efforts of the WGFD to help reduce conflict. Programs like improving

the safety of hunters and recreationists in bear country by increasing bear spray carry, using conflict prevention tools with livestock producers, and increasing community awareness and tolerance for grizzly bears are proven techniques that reduce conflicts with bears.

GYC has partnered with WGFD to put electric fencing around landfills, hosted conflict reduction workshops with landowners, and has partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to bear-proof Wyoming's campgrounds with funding in part through the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust.

The first, SF0093: Grizzly bear hunts, is a bill (now law) we opposed for several reasons. Much of the drive for this bill was the false narrative that a hunt would reduce conflicts and improve safety wholesale between hunters, livestock producers, and recreationists. We urged our legislators to support WGFD education efforts which truly can decrease conflicts and request a fully funded ESA that would give the agencies more tools to address conflicts as a way of expediting their goal of state management. The legal

concerns of this bill should have stopped its progression and it is now being challenged in court.

Next, (SS2) HJ001: Wyoming support for delisting the grizzly bear is a resolution that asks for two things from Congress. One we oppose: It encourages Congress to legislate Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections. This injects politics and divisiveness into what should be a thoughtful, science-based process. The other, we could support, asking Congress for more funding for Wyoming's grizzly bear management program. Because both requests were placed in the single resolution, we opposed this resolution. However, GYC has on its own supported and continues to ask our congressional delegation to fully fund the ESA to make it even more effective.

Looking into the future, GYC proposed an interim topic for the Joint Transportation Committee to explore ways to further fund safety measures on our highways for our wildlife and families. Every year thousands of elk, deer, antelope, and moose are hit and killed on Wyoming roads. This is a problem for both motorists and wildlife. It makes our roads less safe, results in injury to property and people, and can cause significant financial burden to individuals and the state. Wildlife populations suffer and our roads can act as barriers to wildlife movements. Wyoming is a leader in wildlife crossings, and GYC is proud of what WYDOT and WGFD

have already accomplished. We supported HB0228 — Highway and wildlife safety studies and improvements this session; however it failed. Our hope is that working through this topic during the interim, the committee will fund highway infrastructure that improves wildlife passage and safety on Wyoming's highways and implements the Wyoming Wildlife and Roadways Initiative efforts.

Wildlife overpasses are proven to reduce collisions, improve safety, and keep our animal populations safe and able to move safely within their home range and from summering grounds to wintering areas. Wyoming has already

seen how well these structures work at Trappers Point and Nugget Canyon where collisions have been reduced by nearly 90 percent. GYC is committed to working during the interim with the Joint Transportation Committee to come up with an effective funding mechanism for these tools. We can protect wildlife, migrations, and our families by making it safer for wildlife to cross the road.

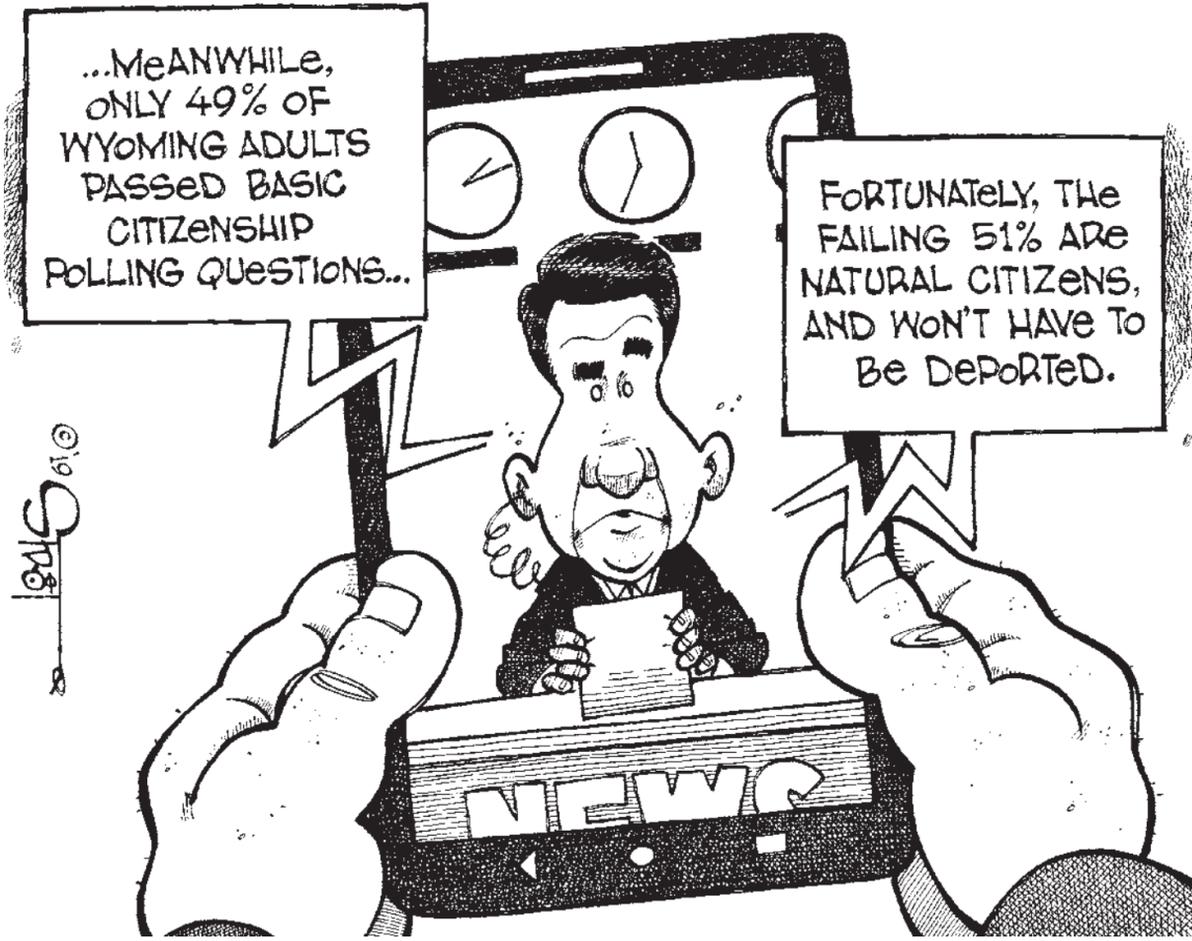
*(Chris Colligan is the wildlife coordinator for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, based in Jackson, while Jenny DeSarro, of Cody, is the group's Wyoming conservation coordinator. The coalition is a non-profit organization with a mission of protecting the lands, waters and wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem now and for future generations.)*



**CHRIS COLLIGAN**  
Guest columnist



**JENNY DESARRO**  
Guest columnist



# Act asks national corporations to pay their share

Why is it that a TV sold by national retail stores is the same price in Seattle, Washington, Morris Plains, New Jersey, and Casper, Wyoming, or, for that matter, how about a hamburger, a cup of coffee or a tube of toothpaste?

The brilliance of national retail is due in large part to the first genius who thought of uniform pricing of goods across the nation. We ordinary mortals would never have thought of it. Our thinking would be to have higher prices in New Jersey to cover their high taxes. We would look at Wyoming with its low taxes and, hopefully, we would drop our prices to give the folks a break, and maybe even consider moving there! But no, genius decided to set the price exactly the same in New Jersey AND Wyoming, keeping it simple by dumping all expenses, including taxes, into one big bucket and spreading the contents out evenly across the nation. That's how it came to pass that Wyoming consumers

began paying our share of Washington's gross receipts tax and New Jersey's property tax.

In a state that prides itself on being business-friendly, with no corporate tax other than on energy producers (but who's counting them), the discovery that we're part of the smoothing mechanism that makes all taxpayers across the country equal, well, let's say it's eye opening. Knowing this explains why national corporations have no incentive to move their headquarters to Wyoming. It's easier just to stay put and use Wyoming's low tax structure to average down their tax expenses using uniform pricing.

An honest look at ourselves reveals our love affair with national retail. I sense that none of you are too upset over hidden taxes, especially when they

are couched inconspicuously inside a low price guarantee. This love affair, however, comes with a cost. National retail means bigger government. It brings new and longer streets, more police and fire protection, more free education for their employees' children, and greater access to health and safety net programs. These costs, of course, are to be paid above and beyond the low price guarantee. So who should pay?

While everyone sits around short-arming the bill, the question is, does national retail have any specific responsibility to support the public burden their world creates?

I believe so. I proposed the National Retail Fairness Act during the recent legislative session. The goal of the bill was to recapture part of hidden taxes by



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This rendering shows how Gunwerks' new \$6 million facility will look once completed. The project is expected to add 52 new jobs. Courtesy image

## Gunwerks breaks ground on new facility

With the help of some state funding, a Cody-based firearm manufacturer broke ground on a new facility on Tuesday.

The building will house the manufacturing of Gunwerks' high-precision, long-range shooting systems — including the rifle, optics, rangefinder and ammunition. It will also include retail and warehouse space and a test shooting tunnel.

Gunwerks was founded in

2007 in Burlington and moved into Forward Cody's light manufacturing incubator in 2016. Then last fall, the Wyoming Business Council awarded the City of Cody a \$6 million grant and loan package for the construction of the new building on a 5-acre site north of Big Horn Cinemas. It's triple the size of Gunwerks' current quarters.

"The most significant impact of this project is getting us the

necessary space available to expand," said Aaron Davidson, the CEO of Gunwerks. "In the past three years, in our current facility in Cody, we've been able to add three significant product lines. In order to grow those product lines, we need to be better able to vertically integrate our rifle manufacturing, and this new space will allow that room to grow."

The proposed building will be deeded to Forward Cody, an

economic development organization, and leased to Gunwerks. Those lease payments will go toward future economic development projects.

"We're excited after a long planning process to be on the cusp of building something that has been a priority target for Forward Cody for many years," said James Klessens, the CEO of Forward Cody. "We're excited to get this project in the ground and for the benefits it will bring to the Cody community."

Gunwerks will nearly double its workforce — to 110 employees — over the next five years:

By 2025, Gunwerks has committed to creating more than 50 high-paying jobs and to purchase more than \$5 million in equipment for the facility.

The Business Council says it's assisted Wyoming's firearms industry through market expansion grants, technical assistance, recruitment and business expansion efforts. Perhaps most notably, the Business Council and economic development leaders in Sheridan put together a \$12.6 million grant package to help the firearm manufacturer Weatherby to relocate to Sheridan in 2018.

"I think the Weatherby project and this Gunwerks project represent a very strong backing by the State of Wyoming in the firearms industry for the state," Davidson said.



Multiple economic development and elected officials — including Cody Mayor Matt Hall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow, State Auditor Kristi Racines and Treasurer Curt Meier — helped Gunwerks break ground on its new facility on Tuesday afternoon in Cody. Photo courtesy Wyoming Business Council

## UW to get new president

Laurie Nichols' tenure as president of the University of Wyoming will end in June, as the UW board of trustees opted not to renew her contract.

UW officials announced Monday that Nichols will be moving down to a faculty position at the university when her contract expires on June 30.

No information was released about why the change is being made or how it came about.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve as president of the University of Wyoming these past three years," Nichols said in a statement. "I am proud of the progress we made."

The UW president listed successes

that included launching a comprehensive strategic plan and marketing campaign; elevating the Honors College; opening a Native American center; growing enrollment; and launching several new academic degree programs to meet state workforce needs.

"I wish the university and the state of Wyoming much success in the years ahead," Nichols said.

In the statement, UW Board Chairman Dave True thanked Nichols for her service and wished her and her husband well.

"The Board of Trustees is excited for future opportunities for the University of Wyoming, the state of Wyoming and its citizens," True said.



Laurie Nichols

## Meeting on Sheridan Avenue project set for tonight in Cody

Sheridan Avenue in Cody will undergo improvements in 2020-21, and the public can learn more about the project during a meeting tonight (Thursday). The public meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Cody Auditorium.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2020. The project will include improvements to curb, gutter, sidewalks, street concrete slabs and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps between 10th Street and Stampede Avenue. Two-way traffic will be maintained along Sheridan Avenue — with one lane in each direction — during the project.

Officials from the City of Cody and Wyoming Department of Transportation will be at tonight's meeting, and residents can provide input and learn about the improvement plans. Real-time public meeting and project updates are available on social media at #CodyImprovements.

For information, contact WYDOT public relations specialist Cody Beers at 307-431-1803.

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# DIGEST

## One-way traffic across Shoshone River bridge near Lovell

As a part of construction work, only one-way traffic is currently being allowed across the Shoshone River bridge between Lovell and Cowley on U.S. Highway 310.

"Drivers should expect one-way traffic 24 hours a day, with the use of a portable traffic signal, for the next couple of weeks," said Michael Miller of Basin, Wyoming Department of Transportation

resident engineer. "Please drive slowly and watch for workers on the bridge as this work involves removing the existing curb on the bridge."

Shoshone River bridge improvements will continue through the spring and summer. Chip sealing of the road, seeding and reclamation is also scheduled for this spring and summer, Miller said.

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.

Prime contractor is S&S Builders, LLC, of Gillette. Contract completion date is Oct. 31.

### WEATHER REPORT

| Date  | High | Low | Precip. |
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| 03.20 | 59   | 19  | .00     |
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| 03.25 | 59   | 36  | .00     |
| 03.26 | 66   | 32  | .00     |

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

### NEW FACES

**Danni Lucus and Andrew Blackshere** of Powell would like to announce the birth of a baby boy, Carter James Lucus, who was born at Powell Valley Hospital on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Carter was born at 1:37 a.m. with a weight of 6 pounds, 14.4 ounces, and joins brother Andre Lucus, 5, and sister Chloe Smith, 3. Grandparents are Kris and Rick Lucus.

### POLICE REPORT

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

#### MARCH 13

**12:36 a.m.** An officer contacted a subject who had been riding their bicycle at East Fifth/North Bent streets without lights after dark. During the interview, the officer determined the subject had a controlled substance; Mario Almodovar, 55, of Powell, was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance.

**5:04 a.m.** Officers attempted to check on the welfare of a resident on East Second Street but were unable to locate the person.

**7 a.m.** A caller on East Washington Street reported that they thought someone was looking through their window, but weren't sure. Responding officers checked around the house, but did not see anyone.

**1:25 p.m.** A resident on North Bent Street reported a theft from their residence. The case was placed under investigation.

**4:34 p.m.** A leather money clip wallet with a driver's license and a couple cards was reported lost on East Coulter Avenue four days earlier.

**7:43 p.m.** A caller on West Seventh Street reported a neighbor's van had been running since 5:30 p.m. A responding officer saw a van leaving when he arrived. He was unable to contact anyone at the home.

#### MARCH 14

**1:51 a.m.** Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on North Gilbert Street and placed the case under investigation.

**12:14 p.m.** A caller reported a buildup of dog feces in a resident's yard on South Clark Street. The dog's owner received a citation for the violation of manure/compost.

#### MARCH 15

**7:50 a.m.** After a traffic stop at East Seventh Street/Homestead Court, the driver received a citation for no proof of insurance and warnings for speeding in a school zone and no valid registration.

**1:02 p.m.** An officer found a Nike shoe at West Coulter Avenue/South Absaroka Street and the

item was placed in property.

**2:55 p.m.** A resident reported his computer was hacked; he brought in a piece of paper with the hacker's information. An officer was told the computer was being worked on by a local business.

**8:30 p.m.** A resident on North Division Street reported his daughter has been talking to a guy for the past year, but just found out he is a fake. Officers checked on the daughter and she advised that she was OK.

**9 p.m.** Barking dogs were reported on South Jones Street, but a responding officer was unable to contact the owners. The community service officer was going to follow up on the complaint.

#### MARCH 16

**10:25 a.m.** A caller asked police to check on a person on North Beckman Street who was not answering their phone or their door. The individual was located and the caller was advised that the person was OK.

**7:21 p.m.** Officers responded to a report of a red light flashing and alarm going off on East Coulter Avenue. The officers reported it was coming from a hydromantic monitoring system. The key holder was contacted to turn off the alarm.

**10:28 p.m.** A resident reported a very strong odor of marijuana emanating from individuals on North Division Street. A responding officer reported no marijuana odor but the smell of a sweet substance, as the individuals had been vaping. All three of the males emptied their pockets and allowed officers to check their rooms.

#### MARCH 17

**2:25 a.m.** A caller on Avenue H reported suspicious activity and wanted officers to be aware of the situation. Responding officers checked an extensive area but did not locate anything unusual; they planned extra patrols in the area.

**5:47 p.m.** Officers responded to a report of two females arguing on East Seventh Street, but were unable to locate the individuals or their vehicle.

**8:12 p.m.** An officer responded to a request to locate a subject on North Cheyenne Street who had violated their probation and now had an arrest and hold order. James Diekemper, 63, of Powell, was arrested on the charge.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

#### MARCH 11

**10:26 p.m.** A man reported hitting a large black dog on Road 8VC/Road 1AB in Clark about 10 or 15 minutes earlier. The caller said he stopped and looked around, but couldn't see the dog, so he didn't know if it was alive or dead.

**10:47 p.m.** A deputy assisted the Wyoming Highway Patrol with an overturned semi-truck on Wyo. Highway 120 north of Cody.

#### MARCH 12

**9:28 a.m.** A deputy was asked to stand by while a person was sentenced at 10 a.m. in District Court at the Park County Courthouse in Cody.

**10 a.m.** An injured whitetail deer was reported on Road 5 in the Powell area, but the sheriff's office was unable to locate it.

**2:22 p.m.** A caller reported that four horses on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area were having problems walking because their hooves were too long.

**2:40 p.m.** A citizen on Sleeping Indian Trail in the Cody area called with some questions about trespassing.

**3:31 p.m.** A citizen on Chalk Road in the Powell area called with some questions about an easement and possible trespassing. The sheriff's office assisted.

**6:21 p.m.** A dog was reported to be killing deer on Park Drive in the Cody area. The caller said the dog couldn't be controlled.

**6:42 p.m.** A black Trac phone was found in the Red Lake area outside of Cody and returned to its owner.

**8:33 p.m.** A motor vehicle crash, with no injuries, was reported on Road 3LD in the Meeteetse area.

**11:22 p.m.** A deputy assisted Powell police with a traffic stop on Third/Absaroka streets.

#### MARCH 13

**12:20 a.m.** A car reportedly hit a deer on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area. No human injuries were reported and a tow truck was en route.

**11:33 a.m.** A fairly new green Schwinn bicycle was found in a lateral ditch on Road 7/Lane 9 in the Powell area. The caller planned on bringing it to the Park County Annex in Powell.

**11:51 a.m.** A woman reported that she was held against her will at a facility on Safe Haven Road in Clark in either 2006 or 2007. She wouldn't provide any further information.

**1:03 p.m.** Someone was reported to have shot a window at a home on Road 2EC in the Cody area with a BB gun.

**2:11 p.m.** A dump truck was reported to have gotten stuck in an intersection on U.S. Highway 14/16/20/Wyo. Highway 120 in Cody. Hazard triangles had been placed at the scene, but the caller said they could barely be seen in the heavy snow. The call was referred to another agency.

**3:38 p.m.** A male reported sliding off Road 1AG in Clark and getting stuck.

**4:16 p.m.** A citizen on Cooper Lane in the Cody area reported losing a laptop. They said it might have been gone for several months.

**5:37 p.m.** A man on Idaho Street in Meeteetse asked to speak to a deputy about an incident his son had recently been involved in at school.

#### MARCH 14

**8:09 a.m.** An elderly woman was reported to have died on Wyo. Highway 294 in the Powell area.

**9:57 a.m.** A woman reported that her ex was threatening her with bodily harm via text on Nelson Lane in the Cody area.

**9:58 a.m.** Eight to 10 horses were returned to their owner after getting out on Nez Perce Drive/U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.

**4:25 p.m.** A wounded mule was reported on Road 6SU in the Cody area; the caller said she wanted to get the animal some help, saying it appeared the mule couldn't put any weight on an

injured rear left leg.

**5:26 p.m.** Dispatchers received a fax about threats at the Cody Middle School.

**6:17 p.m.** James Ross Gill, 24, was arrested on a warrant on Jr Street in the Cody area.

**7:26 p.m.** A deputy assisted a motorist on Wyo. Highway 120/U.S. Highway 14/16/20 east of Cody.

#### MARCH 15

**10:23 a.m.** The sheriff's office assisted another agency with administering a urine test at the Park County Annex in Powell.

**11:18 a.m.** A woman asked for the sheriff's office to check on the welfare of her brother on Henry Road in the Powell area. She said she hadn't heard from him since March 12 and was concerned. A body was reportedly found.

**2:42 p.m.** The sheriff's office assisted with a report of a structure fire on Lane 10 in the Powell area.

**4:26 p.m.** A caller reported that someone got into his truck and took a pair of gloves while he was working on a fire scene on Campfire Lane in the Powell area.

**5:02 p.m.** A woman reported that her neighbor's dogs were running around and agitating her dogs on Poplar Drive in the Cody area.

**7:47 p.m.** A woman reported that someone in a black Kia car came speeding into her driveway on Twilight Lane in the Powell area, hit her tree and drove away. There were reportedly pieces of the vehicle left in the driveway.

**8:59 p.m.** A deputy assisted a driver on Roger Sedam Drive in Cody.

**11:56 p.m.** The sheriff's office assisted Cody police with a report of a structure fire on A Street in Cody.

#### MARCH 16

**1:44 p.m.** A mailbox was reportedly stolen on Lane 13 in the Powell area.

**2:20 p.m.** A phone was reported to have possibly been lost at the Park County Annex in Powell.

**3:33 p.m.** A female said the driver of a black sedan wouldn't let her pass and then confronted her when they turned onto Meadow Road in rural Powell.

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| Day      | High/Low | Conditions                                    |
|----------|----------|---|
| Today    | 42° 28°  | Cloudy; colder with a little snow             |
| Friday   | 40° 24°  | Cloudy and cold with a couple of snow showers |
| Saturday | 47° 26°  | Partly sunny and chilly                       |
| Sunday   | 51° 30°  | Sunny to partly cloudy                        |
| Monday   | 49° 29°  | Cloudy  |

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

#### Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

High/low.....61°/28°  
Normal high/low.....52°/23°  
Average temperature.....44.5°  
Normal average temperature.....37.4°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week.....Trace  
Month to date......002"  
Normal month to date......024"  
Year to date......038"  
Snowfall for the week......0.0"  
Snowfall month to date......0.2"  
Snowfall season to date......13.5"

#### Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset.....7:04am/7:37pm  
Moonrise/Moonset.....3:10am/12:20pm

| Last   | New   | First  | Full   |
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| Mar 27 | Apr 5 | Apr 12 | Apr 19 |

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| The State | Today   | City         | Today    | City         | Today   |
|-----------|---------|--------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| City      | Hi/Lo/W |              | Hi/Lo/W  |              | Hi/Lo/W |
| Buffalo   | 44/30/c | Green River  | 48/29/sf | Laramie      | 54/27/c |
| Casper    | 54/27/c | Greybull     | 51/30/r  | Rawlins      | 52/28/c |
| Cheyenne  | 59/33/c | Jeffrey City | 49/28/c  | Rock Springs | 49/28/c |
| Gillette  | 47/31/c | Kirby        | 54/32/c  | Shoshoni     | 57/33/c |

| The Nation | Today    | City         | Today    | City           | Today    |
|------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| City       | Hi/Lo/W  |              | Hi/Lo/W  |                | Hi/Lo/W  |
| Atlanta    | 69/47/s  | Houston      | 74/63/pc | Louisville     | 71/54/pc |
| Boston     | 52/43/s  | Indianapolis | 59/51/c  | Miami          | 80/69/pc |
| Chicago    | 59/39/sh | Kansas City  | 65/50/r  | Phoenix        | 85/57/s  |
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**FEBRUARY 2019**

### Recognition for Academic Excellence

## Dylan McEvoy

Dylan McEvoy is Powell High School's student of the month for February.

He is the son of James and Susan McEvoy.

The PHS senior has achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA while also volunteering in community service projects, participating in a variety of activities and taking several classes at Northwest College.

Dylan ran on the Panther Cross Country team for four years, lettering his junior and senior years. He also ran on the PHS track team for three years.

As a member of SkillsUSA, Dylan was elected vice president of the PHS chapter. He has helped with several community projects through SkillsUSA. Dylan has helped Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes by transporting food from a state food bank to the local pantry. He also has helped collect donations for Loaves and Fishes food drives.

Dylan has served in leadership roles on the National Honor Society at PHS and has been involved with the group's different activities. He also helped PHS theatre students construct a set for a play.

Dylan has excelled in music, lettering two years in concert band. As a member of the Wyoming All State Marching Band, Dylan marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, in 2016. Last fall, he marched in the 6ABC Dunkin' Donuts Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also marched in various parades around the state of Wyoming during the summers before the two major parades. His experience with the Wyoming Music Ambassadors includes a trip to Europe, performing in London, Venice, Paris and several other cities.

Dylan also took flight lessons in Cody.

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**Intermediate Dance Lessons**  
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**Intro to Computers**  
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Artwork by Linda Burwick of Cody will be displayed in a new show at Plaza Diane. 'My paintings are always very quiet and hopefully invite people to come and enjoy the quiet beauty of our country,' Burwick said in an artist's statement.

Images courtesy Linda Burwick



## Plaza Diane show features artist Linda Burwick

A new show opening at Plaza Diane in downtown Powell will feature artwork by Linda Burwick of Cody.

Titled "Blue Roan Creations," the show opens with a reception tonight (Thursday) from 7-8:30 p.m. at Plaza Diane.

Burwick is a proud Wyoming native, grateful for the Western heritage that allows her to still enjoy her lifestyle the "cowboy way."

An artist at heart from an early age, Burwick's growth has been characterized by observation, dedication and perseverance. Her professional career that began with a "leap of faith" in 2008, now rests on solid ground.

Her goal is to create art that elicits an emotive response. Burwick says she strives to immerse viewers into the scene itself — with toes in the water, sun on their face and the

sound of aspen leaves rustling in their ears. The show will remain on display at Plaza

Diane through May 11. For more information, visit [www.plazadiane.org](http://www.plazadiane.org).



This photo, 'Accordion' by Randy Quarles, is among the photos that will be on display at the SinClair Gallery for the NWC Juried Student Photography Show. Photo courtesy Northwest College

## Photo show to open Tuesday

Northwest College's 2019 Juried Student Photography Show opens Tuesday with a 7 p.m. artists' reception in the Orendorff Building's SinClair Gallery.

The show is an annual event featuring work by students enrolled in the NWC Photographic Communication Program. It contains representative samples of the photography career options offered at NWC — including portrait, product and advertising photography, fashion photography and many others.

This year's winners of the Board of Trustees Purchase Awards will be selected by NWC alumna Julie Thompson. The works selected for purchase will become part of the college's permanent art collection. The winners will be announced at the opening reception, which runs from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Advising Center.

The photography show will hang in the gallery through April 18. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available. The SinClair Gallery in the Orendorff Building is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

## NWC student club hosts drag show

Northwest College's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will host a drag show Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Yellowstone Building Conference Center.

This year's event features professional drag queen Jamie Von D of Billings, Montana.

Admission is free; however, a donation of \$1 per person at the door for students with an NWC ID and \$2 for community members or those without an ID is suggested. Proceeds will benefit Wyoming Equality, an organization supporting gay straight alliances

and equality legislation in Wyoming.

For more information about this event, or for those interested in participating, email the GSA at [GSA@nwc.edu](mailto:GSA@nwc.edu). The participant who wins first place will receive \$100. Refreshments will be provided.

The GSA is a student club support group for any member of the LGBT+ community, any gender identity or anyone who supports the community.

To learn more about upcoming events at Northwest College, visit <https://nwc.edu/events/>.

## A timeless star circle: The Bighorn Medicine Wheel

Join the Draper Natural History Museum at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West for an upcoming talk about the Bighorn Medicine Wheel. The free Luncheon Lecture starts at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 4 at the Center of the West's Coe Auditorium in Cody.

Speaker Ivy Merriot now spends her time as an archaeoastronomy researcher and writer, but has had a diverse career and life experiences, including: professional musician, mother of four, ski host, immunology researcher, high school science teacher, solar physics researcher, outreach astronomy educator, and director of an astronomy-based online school.

She holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy, a master's in history of science, and a Ph.D with an American studies major and native studies minor.

Merriot's special interest is in ancient stone circles and their connection to cosmic cycles. Her first book is a copy of her dissertation, describing the cultural and scientific history of the Bighorn Medicine Wheel. It examines the wheel's use as an indigenous pedagogical instrument for learning about the sky.

Her second book, "Star Circle," is written for the general public, based on her dissertation research with added sections on "How to see the Sky at the Wheel!" plus some personal stories. Merriot is researching stone wheels around the world for their astronomical commonalities due to latitude, elevation, and sky conditions. Her next book will include a global perspective on stone wheels created circa 3,000 BC.

Of the Medicine Wheel, Merriot says, "Quiet to the night yet loud to the spirit, this ancient

wheel holds the stories of those now gone from these mountains. Not just a stone circle but a star circle, it has held knowledge of Earth-Sky relationships for millennia while those who travel to visit it, have changed in form and culture."

It has been 45 years since John Eddy's research confirmed the solstice alignment at the Bighorn Medicine Wheel, launching this stone circle to global status as an archaeoastronomical site. In the 1980s, Jack Robinson refined Eddy's work. Astronomy research then went silent for more than 30 years — until 2008, when Merriot began an odyssey that transcended science and culture. She discovered this high-altitude stone circle can act as a mnemonic device capable of transmitting ancient sky knowledge by mirroring the sky itself as the language of translation.

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# Rael: Extremely concerned about grizzly bear issues

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he pushed two shells into his Ruger Red Label over/under shotgun — nearly an antique — and headed out for a long walk in the unwelcome heat. His lack of practice wasn't apparent, knocking down three pheasants on three shots during a two-hour hike.

Afterwards, at lunch with his eldest son Greg, it was clear Rael is loved in his adopted hometown. Every table at the Bull Pub was filled with friends,

several who shared personal stories at his table. None seemed to be aware of his new position with the Game and Fish. For folks in Cowley, Rael is their neighbor and friend.

The Rael family has done a lot for their community. Beyond employing between 240-300 at his construction company, S&L Industrial, Rael puts on an annual Fourth of July celebration.

"He'll have 600 or 700 people on his lawn to watch the fireworks," said Pat Crank, commis-

sioner from Cheyenne.

During the Independence Day party, Rael calls up and introduces every veteran in the crowd. He and Jennie will prepare a huge feast and every kid in the crowd leaves with a sack of goodies. The fireworks display is better than Casper's, Crank said.

"I don't know if I've ever met a more generous person," he said. "They are constantly sharing the blessings they have with all they meet."

The giving of time and love to the community doesn't stop when the party ends. When it snows hard in Cowley, Rael gets out his tractor and plows the driveways of those in need. He attends most local funerals. "He knows no strangers," Crank said. "He's a man of deep faith and that shapes and melds how he deals with all he meets."

And whether at commission meetings or on horseback, Jennie is always there — through thick and thin.

Crank and Rael met when they were both appointed to the commission in 2015. They became fast friends. The commission is all business; by statute the commission is the supervising body for the Game and Fish Department. Rael takes the job seriously, but even there he and Jennie share their blessings. He started the tradition of having an open house during the commission's meetings in Cody. At the meet and greet, Rael has a raffle for children in attendance, giving away lifetime fishing and small game licenses. If Rael had his way, he'd hand out the tags, worth about \$700, to every kid who made it to an open house.

"It's his way of recruiting youth to the outdoor sports — one of Rael's main missions," Crank said.



David Rael, president of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, leads the commission's recent meeting in Cody. Rael plans to hold an open house in Powell during the commission's meeting in November.

Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Other commissioners have followed his lead with open house celebrations in each town the commission schedules meetings.

"David deserves all the credit for the open house program," Crank said. "He's recruiting the next generation of hunters and fishermen; it never ends with David Rael."

### 'RESPECT AND ADMIRATION'

Rael hasn't thought much about specific goals for his one-year term as president. He knows he wants to help find funding for needed conservation projects, including research on chronic wasting disease, and to continue to encourage children to find joy afield. Rael has also joined game wardens and biologists on several trips, doing his own research to help guide his votes. He's gone deep on several

backcountry trips, learning the jobs of those his decisions affect. He's learned a lot and plans more trips, but his take so far is a better understanding of department employees.

The experiences have brought Rael full circle from the intimidation he felt in his teens.

"A lot of people think the Game and Fish is just another government entity sucking money from taxpayers — but we don't take any tax dollars — or that they're just out there driving around doing very little," Rael said.

However, "my experiences confirm everything they've been saying," he said. "I have nothing but respect and admiration for all of them."

Despite his lead position at the commission, Rael doesn't feel he's the leader and it's hard for him to take the kind words that

come with the spotlight.

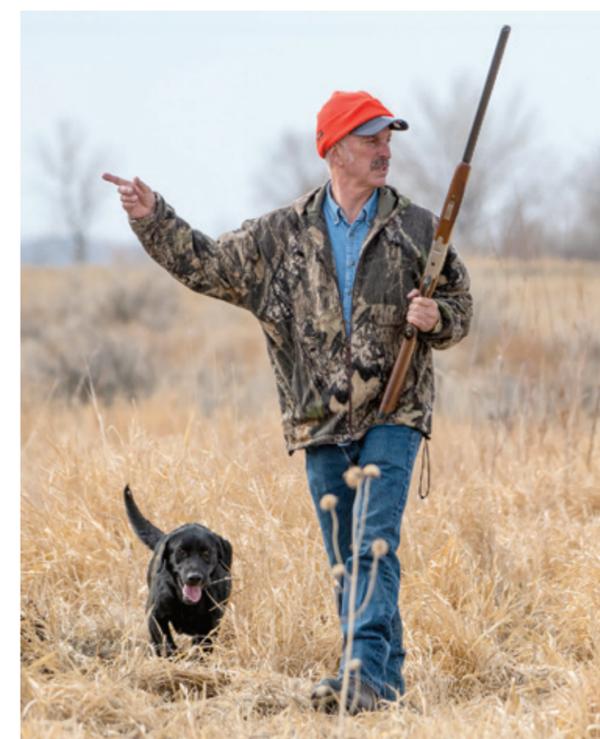
"We're all leaders on the board; I just help guide the process," he said. "Everybody's vote counts the same."

Rael bases every vote on controversial issues from the heart, on "what I feel is right," he said.

"I'm not the one who'll be throwing any stones," he added, referring to John 8:7: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone ..."

Rael is extremely concerned about issues with grizzly bears, wanting the state to have the right to manage its own wildlife. He's currently in favor of efforts to breed sage grouse in captivity. But he also wants to find more opportunities to research all the tough subjects further.

Rael hopes to ride into the Thorofare this coming summer, hopefully with Jennie at his side. "We're very blessed," he said.



David Rael follows the nose of a black lab while searching for pheasants on his game bird farm in Cowley. Rael usually leaves his shotgun at home and guides friends through the fields near his home.

# Proposals: Mule deer herds are as much as 50 percent lower than high-end objectives in the Cody region

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Mule deer herds are as much as 50 percent lower than high-end objectives in the Cody region, according to population estimates. A recent run of bad weather is the highest contributing factor to declines, Mong said. "A number of bad years in

a row have stunted the herd's ability to rebound."

Low fawn production and single-digit buck ratios have region biologists very concerned. So does a steady decline in hunter satisfaction rates. New regulations will mean fewer opportunities for resident and non-resident hunters as well as

shorter seasons. Mong said in past seasons nearly 70 percent of limited quota mulie harvests happened between Nov. 6-10. This season, the hunts will end on Nov. 3.

Despite the dismal forecast for mule deer numbers, there is scattered good news in hunt opportunities for other species

— including additional opportunity in elk and mountain goat hunt areas. Success rates have fallen in three of five bighorn sheep hunt areas, but quotas will see little change. Moose quotas remain the same but there will be fewer opportunities for pronghorn in hunt areas 78 and 80.

"The populations are below where we'd like to be," Mong said.

There is still time for public comment until April 1. After the deadline, proposals could be tweaked based on the comments. Then they'll be forwarded to the Game and Fish Commission for approval

during its April 23-24 meeting in Riverton. Commission meetings are open to the public.

The commission is planning to meet in Powell on Nov. 19-20, coming to town for the first time since 2011. A venue has yet to be announced and the meeting is subject to change, depending on weather.

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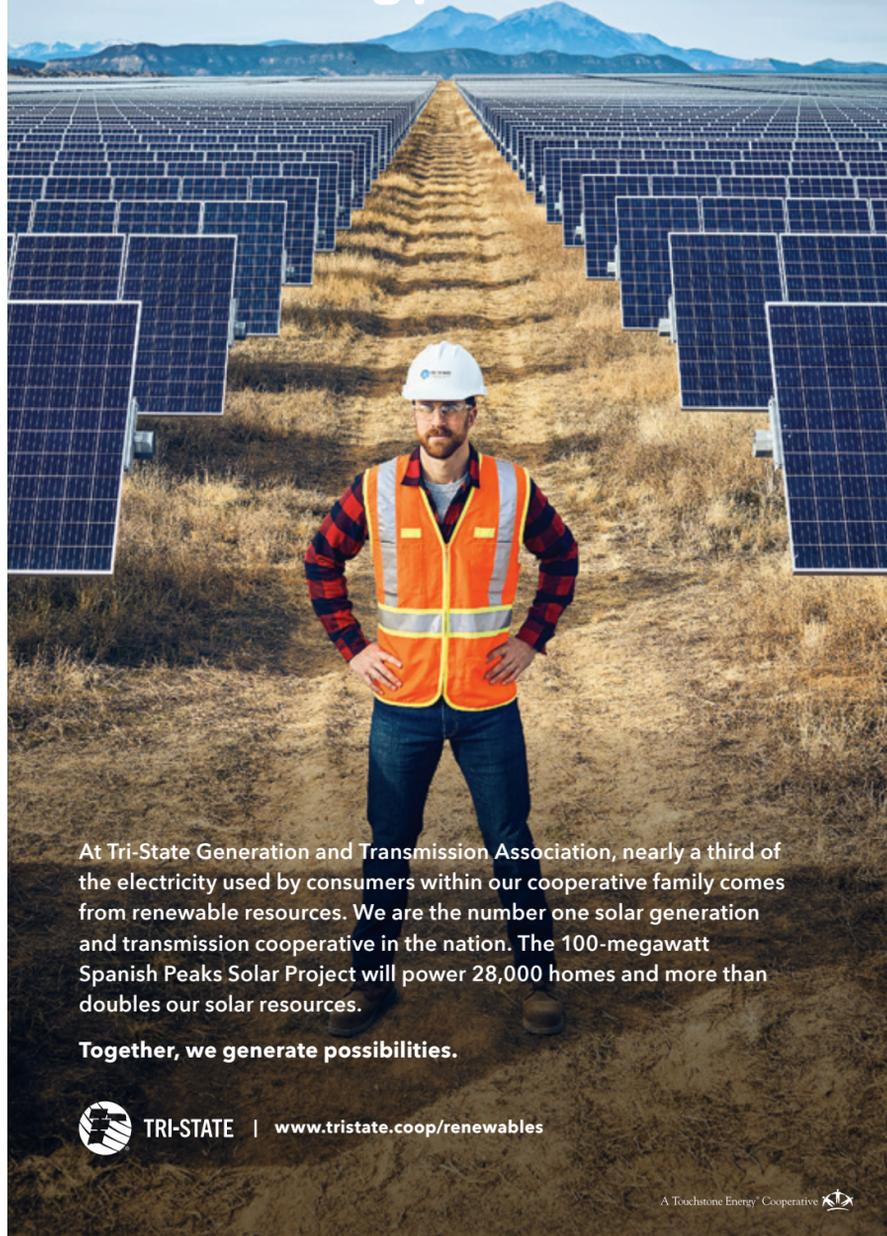


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## Northwest College hires new men's soccer coach



New NWC men's soccer coach Ben McArthur, left, works with a player during a Buena Vista University soccer practice last season. McArthur brings almost a decade of college coaching experience to the Trappers, including five seasons as head coach at BVU. Courtesy photo

### MCARTHUR JOINS TRAPPERS AFTER FIVE SEASONS AT BUENA VISTA

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports Editor

After five seasons at the helm of Buena Vista University men's soccer, West Virginia native Ben McArthur has stepped down from the DIII program to take over as interim head coach of the Northwest College Trappers. His first day on campus will be Monday.

"I'm excited to work with Northwest College," McArthur said. "Region IX is a tough region for junior colleges, so I'm looking forward to the challenge. Northwest College has a reputation for supporting its students for success, and that's important to me. I want to work at a college that is going to help students be successful."

McArthur was a four-year starter at Davis and Elkins College, a DII program in West Virginia, while obtaining his B.A. in hospitality management. After graduation, he spent time in Utah and Idaho, where he met his wife Janelle, a Cody native. Her familiarity with the area and having family in close proximity made the decision to apply for the NWC position an easy one.

"We've vacationed in Cody over the years, and spent time in Powell, so we know the area pretty well," he said. "For us, it's an opportunity to move closer to family. I think good things are happening at Northwest, and [athletic director] Brian Erickson's vision for the athletic department is awesome."

ment is excited to have McArthur on board, and with his familiarity with the area and family close by, the situation is a win-win.

"He [McArthur] was really interested in moving to this area, and we felt like he was a great fit for what we needed as a coach," Erickson said. "He wants to put his roots down. He has family, and he sees Northwest as stability. I think it's a great fit for coaching, as well as off the field."

Calling McArthur a "go-getter," Erickson said the young coach gave the impression during the interview process that he was ready to go to work.

"[McArthur's] not going to mess around, he's a hard-working guy ready to get after it every day," he said. "He's already started recruiting, and he's going to get it done in the classroom. [At Buena Vista] he always got it done in the classroom,

See McArthur, Page 10

## EMMA KARHU THIRD AT GIRLS FOLKSTYLE NATIONALS

### PHS SOPHOMORE POSTS 4-1 RECORD, EARNS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports Editor

Powell High School wrestler Emma Karhu matched up against some of the top female wrestlers in the nation last weekend, placing third at the USMC Girls Folkstyle Nationals in Oklahoma City.

Wrestling in the 117-pound weight class in the 16U division, Karhu posted a 4-1 record in a field of 29 wrestlers. She lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Jennifer Soto from California by a 9-1 decision. In the third-place match, the PHS sophomore shut out California's Lexy Beadles 5-0 to take bronze.

"The whole experience was a lot of fun," Karhu said. "It was good to get out and meet new people and wrestle new people. There was some pretty good competition there."

Jessica Brenton headed up Wyoming's contingent of athletes in Oklahoma City. Currently the women's director of the Wyoming Amateur Wrestling Association, Brenton was the first female wrestler on the Natrona County High School wrestling team a decade ago, and the first to qualify for state.

"She [Brenton] kind of led the way," said Rory Karhu, Emma's father. After her successful high school career, Brenton wrestled collegiately for four years up in Canada, then returned to Casper and took over the women's program with USA wrestling in Wyoming, Rory said.

Brenton took 15 Wyoming wrestlers to the Folkstyle Nationals over the weekend; eight of them returned as All-Americans, finishing in the top eight of their respective weight

**'Emma had a pretty heavy bracket, and she wrestled really well.'**

Jessica Brenton  
WAWA women's director



PHS wrestler Emma Karhu, right, shoots in on Buffalo's Mason Myers during the 3A State Wrestling Championships last month in Casper. Karhu finished third over the weekend at the USMC Girls Folkstyle Nationals in Oklahoma City, earning All-American honors. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

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Northwest sophomore Tayla Sayer, right, battles for a shot against Dawson's Alexius Foster during a game at Cabre Gym last season. Sayer recently signed her letter of intent to play basketball at College of Idaho next season, reuniting with former Lady Trappers' coach Janis Beal.

Tribune photo by Don Cogger



## NWC's Sayer signs with College of Idaho

### WILL REUNITE WITH FORMER COACH JANIS BEAL

BY DON COGGER  
Tribune Sports Editor

The 2019-20 women's basketball season will feel like deja vu all over again for Lady Trapper Tayla Sayer, who recently signed her letter of intent to continue her basketball career at the College of Idaho.

The move will reunite Sayer with former Lady Trappers' head coach Janis Beal, who recruited Sayer out of high school and coached her through her freshman season. After Beal left NWC following the 2017-18 season, she and Sayer kept in touch.

"She [Beal] had dropped hints last summer that she might recruit me, but I didn't know if it was a real thing,"

Sayer said. "We continued to talk throughout the year, and about a month ago, she called and asked me on a visit over our spring break. I just loved the place; the community and the students are all so supportive."

The opportunity to play for Beal again was too good to pass up, as Sayer was an integral part of Beal's final season as coach. NWC finished 25-8 that year and was a game away from a Region IX title game appearance; Sayer is looking forward to finding that kind of success again.

"Playing for coach Beal my first year was just a great experience," Sayer said. "She taught me more about the game of basketball than I thought was possible, so I'm really excited to play for her again."

The feeling is mutual, according to Beal. In her first season at the helm at C of I, Beal guided the Yotes to a 16-14 record — the team's first winning season since 2013-14. The team peaked at the right time, making an improbable post-season run to the Cascade Conference semifinals before losing to top-seeded Eastern Oregon in double overtime.

Beal said Sayer will be a great piece to bring as the College of Idaho program continues to build its culture.

"I had the opportunity to coach Tayla [Sayer] for a year, and she was a huge part of our success," Beal said, adding, "She works hard; she's that kid that's always going to do

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## THE LINEUP

This Week in Powell Sports

\* Bold denotes home events

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

PHS Track at Cody, 2 p.m.  
NWC FFA Competition, Agriculture Pavilion, Equine Center, Fagerberg Building, 9 a.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

PHS Girls' Soccer v. Pinedale, Panther Stadium, 3 p.m.  
PHS Boys' Soccer v. Pinedale, Panther Stadium, 5 p.m.  
NWC FFA Competition, Agriculture Pavilion, Equine Center, Fagerberg Building, 9:30 a.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

PHS Cheerleading Tryouts, PHS Commons, 4 p.m.



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# Karhu: 'Winning in general felt pretty good, to know that you're on a national level'

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classes. "They got to wrestle a high level of competition from different states," Rory said.

Previously, Wyoming had never had more than three wrestlers at the event — and Brenton said it's a great feeling to see that many girls compete and do well.

"Emma had a pretty heavy bracket, and she wrestled really well," Brenton said. "I think having that background of wrestling against boys helps a lot going into a girls' tournament; what sets Emma apart from the girls down there is there are girls that come from sanctioned states where they only wrestle girls. Being able to wrestle against a boy partner during the high school season is definitely an advantage."

In the first round of the tournament, Emma beat a wrestler from Kansas; the second round was a win against Beadles. She lost to Soto in the semifinals; Soto went on to win the title in a 2-1 thriller against Colorado's Cayden Condit, while Emma downed Beadle for bronze after winning another match in wrestle-backs. "It was pretty exciting," Rory said. "There were some tough girls in that tournament. It was a little better, too, that the girls she lost to went on to win it. The level of competition was crazy. Emma usually looks pretty strong; she has the muscle tone. But man, every girl down there had that. There were some



PHS wrestler Emma Karhu works to pin Buffalo's Mason Myers during the 3A State Wrestling Championships last month. Karhu earned All-American honors last weekend at the USMC Girls Folkstyle Nationals in Oklahoma City, taking third place at 117 pounds.

Tribune photo by Carla Wensky

amazing wrestlers down there."

Emma agreed, saying she was happy the only person she lost to became the champion. Emma also enjoyed getting to hang out with other female wrestlers from Wyoming. It's an event she definitely looks forward to competing in again.

"Getting to hang out with the other Wyoming wrestlers was pretty cool; it's crazy how much girl wrestlers have in common," she said. "We think the same way and find the same things funny. We have the same sense of humor. So it was

just fun to be able to hang out with them, we had so many things to talk about."

As for the wrestling itself, Emma said doing as well as she did will be something she'll always remember.

"Winning in general felt pretty good, to know that you're on a national level," she explained. "And to be able to win four matches on a national level is pretty cool."

For his part, Rory said he was glad he made the trip to watch Emma wrestle, though his decision to go was made on the fly. After dropping off his daughter in

Casper, Rory realized he was only about 14 hours away from Oklahoma City, so off he went.

"I took off in the old 4Runner she drives to high school, and it made it down there," he chuckled. "I slept in the truck and had a great time. It was really exciting. I had a feeling she might compete, and I didn't want to miss it."

"We had talked about her competing in this tournament since she was little and just never pulled the trigger," Rory added. "I'm glad we did this time around."

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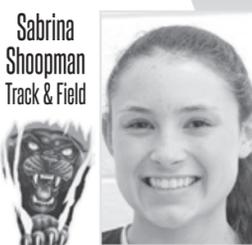
## PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



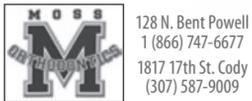
At last weekend's Pinnacle Challengers Cup in Worland, Brown had two goals and two assists to help lead the Panthers to a 3-1 record and a third-place finish. The freshman scored Powell's lone goal against defending 3A state champion Worland in a hard-fought 2-1 loss in the semifinals.



## PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Shoopman opened the 2019 track and field season with a strong showing in the hurdles at Saturday's Yellowstone Sports Medicine Invitational in Cody, placing first in the 100 meter hurdles and second in the 300 meter hurdles. The junior just missed prequalifying for state in both events.



# Sayer: Quiet leader

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the little things that sometimes don't even show up on the stat sheet. With recruiting, you don't always know what you're going to get. But with Tayla, I know exactly what I'm getting."

Sayer averaged 30 minutes and 5.4 rebounds a game as a point guard during her second season with the Lady Trappers.

NWC head coach Camden Levett called Sayer a quiet leader "who always did what she was asked without complaint and a smile on her face."

"Tayla did a great job for us," he said. "She struggled to shoot the ball a little bit, but still finished with decent numbers. She was second on our team in rebounding from her point guard spot — a lot of steals, a lot of defense. Just did everything well for us. I really enjoyed having her on our team. If I were a four-year coach still, I'd be recruiting her."

Though her sophomore season at NWC wasn't a successful one in terms of wins and losses, Sayer said the Lady Trappers always played hard and kept a positive attitude, something she'll miss about her teammates. She'll also miss the support of the community, which she said always came out to watch the team play, regardless of the team's record.

"We just needed one game to get over the hump, and we just couldn't quite get there," she said. "We never gave up; that's the thing I really enjoyed about this team is that we kept pushing, no matter what our struggles were. I made such great friends here; I'm going to miss them a lot."

Sayer will also go down in Lady Trappers hoops history as having made the shot of the season. Last November, she sank a buzzer-beating 3-pointer off the glass that gave Northwest a 69-66 home win over Rocky Mountain JV. Levett said Tayla's teammates began calling her the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time) after that shot — a memory that still brings a smile to Sayer's face all these months later.

"I just chuckled it up, and no one was more surprised than me that it went in," she said, laughing. "Everyone came running at me, and I was like, 'This is awesome!' But now my teammates call me the Yote instead of the GOAT."

As for what she's looking forward to the most at the College of Idaho, Sayer said the opportunity to play at a higher level with the Yotes, coupled with a quality education, are at the top of the list.

"C of I is known for its academics, which I'm really looking forward to," she said. "And I want to see at this next level how the competition will be."

# McArthur: New coach hits the ground running at Northwest

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turning the program around there. And I think he'll recruit the type of kids that can succeed at Northwest, athletically and academically."

After three seasons as an assistant coach at Waldorf University in Iowa, McArthur took over the reins at Buena Vista in 2014, compiling a 19-66-4 record in five seasons with the Beavers.

"The experience at BVU was positive. I grew so much as a coach there," he said. "My family and I just felt like it was the right time, that when the job came open at Northwest, it was just a no-brainer. I get to work with a little bit different demographic of students, especially working with the international students, who will be a big part of this program."

A father to five sons, ranging in age from 1 to 8, McArthur said he gravitated to coaching because of the competitive nature of the profession, as well as the relationships he's able to foster with players.

"I just resigned from my current position, and I got a message last night from a player that said, 'Hey coach, thanks for all you've done for me, you believed in me and gave me the opportunity to play college soccer and pushed me to be better in the classroom.' And he graduated two years ago," he said. "That kind of relationship means a lot to me."

As for his coaching style, McArthur said his team will be organized defensively, first and foremost. With the level of talent he hopes to have back from last year's squad, he expects the Trappers to be aggressive while able to maintain defensive integrity.

"You can't give up silly goals and expect to win a bunch of games," he said. "So we will be organized defensively, and we will attack. We want to put people under pressure and put the ball in the back of the net. It can be a fun way to play soccer when you defend as a group and attack as a group."

McArthur will hit the ground running next week, with a team meeting already scheduled for Monday and a practice on Tuesday.



New NWC men's soccer coach Ben McArthur poses with his wife Janelle and their five sons: Bendigo, 8; Mateo, 6; Jahzio, 5; Renzo, 3 and Kaleo, 1. Courtesy photo

**'The experience at BVU was positive. I grew so much as a coach there. My family and I just felt like it was the right time, that when the job came open at Northwest, it was just a no-brainer.'**

Ben McArthur  
Interim coach

journey.

"I have five boys, and they are awesome. I love being a dad," he said, laughing. "I want my players to look

"We'll have some spring practices this year, so that should be fun," he said. "I'll get to know the guys a little bit, and they'll get to know me."

With five kids, life can get pretty hectic, but McArthur said he wouldn't want it any other way. Family is important, and that's a message he's tried to instill in his players during each stop in his coaching

back and say coach McArthur was a loyal husband and an awesome dad. Those two things are very important to me, and I will continue to push that on my players ... Of course we want to win, but it's not all about that. I want them to be great at everything they do in life."

McArthur has already started recruiting for next season, reaching out to players in all the western states, as well as international students. And despite the interim tag, it's his hope to stick around for a while, if for no other reason than to have his five boys play for the new coach at Powell High School.

"Wait until coach Dave [Gilliat] at the high school gets ahold of my boys in a few years," he chuckled. "It's going to be a party."

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# What would it be like?

Maybe it's me, but does there seem to be more discord between folks these days? If I'm not correct, please let me know if you see me around Powell. But, what would it be like if we could mitigate this discord with open ears? What would it look like if our words were kind and positively responsive to each other?

Speaking of Powell, I love our town. We moved here in 2001 from Cheyenne and lived here until 2013, when we moved to the Bighorns for a little over three years and then moved back.

Before I lose you to thinking I'm already derailed from the topic of discord, let me explain. Powell is one of the only communities where we still give a quick wave as we pass in our cars. It is common to have some fun conversations as we pass on the sidewalks of Bent Street with folks we don't really know. We are a friendly town.

Unfortunately, the rest of our country and world don't seem to follow suit. My proof, you ask? We could possibly start with the growing chasm between our political parties and the very surly discourse

between them.

Or, how about the growing number of lawsuits in our world? And we have probably all had one of those conversations that didn't go well and certainly didn't end well. So, how do we turn this around?

Well, I have a little advice. More accurately, the Bible has a little advice that we could adhere to in order to assist us with the growing discord. In James 1:19-20, the brother of Jesus tells us, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak

and slow to get angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."

Do you see the progression here? First, quick to listen. It is no mistake that James starts with listening. In other words, hear what the other person is saying. I know I have the tendency to "know" what the other person is going to say before they even say it. And, on top of that, I am already forming my response to their words all before my friend can actually finish their sentence. Friends, this is not listening.



**JON ALLEN**  
Perspectives

What would it be like if we truly listened to what the other individual or "side" is actually saying? Following James' ad-

vice, that would make us slow to speak. Our responses would more accurately respond to what we actually hear and not what we think we're going to hear. This would quickly lead to less anger and less discord if we were to understand where the other person is coming from before we fire off a response. Slow to speak assumes time to think before we speak.

What would that look like? If we took time to consider the other guy's thoughts and words before we respond, would it reduce discord? Would it slow anger? I believe it would. We know what anger produces by looking at the world around us.

James says that anger does not produce righteousness. We don't use that word much anymore, but we do know that anger produces the opposite of righteousness. According to Merriam Webster, synonyms to righteousness would be words

like character, decency and goodness. Aren't these the traits that would reduce discord? If we had more decency between political parties or more character in personal relationships, would that change the way we treat each other and in so doing, reduce the discord and animosity that is all around us?

You know, we all want our words to be heard and understood. What if we employed the Golden Rule and treated each other as we would like to be treated and listen before we spoke? I believe it would naturally reduce anger and hence the discord.

So, again, what would it look like if we were quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger? Would it change the way we treat each other? I believe it would.

(Jon Allen is the associate pastor at Grace Point.)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

### ONGOING:

- "JOE NAKANISHI: PERSPECTIVE" exhibit showcases a series of paintings created by Nakanishi over the last 20 years, based on sketches and memories from his time at Heart Mountain. The exhibit is on display at the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center.
- THE POWELL AQUATIC CENTER will be closed for annual maintenance through Monday, April 1. For more information, call 754-0639 or visit [www.powellaquatics.com](http://www.powellaquatics.com).

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- BABY AND TODDLER TIME at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- FFA COMPETITION at Northwest College Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29. For an itinerary, visit [calendar.nwc.edu](http://calendar.nwc.edu).
- PARK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Cody library.
- SHERIDAN AVENUE PUBLIC MEETING at 6 p.m. at the Cody Auditorium. Officials from the City of Cody and Wyoming Department of Transportation will be there, and residents can provide input and learn about the improvement plans.
- PLAZA DIANE will host an opening reception for "Blue Roan Creations," a new show featuring work by artist Linda Burwick. The opening reception is from 7-8:30 p.m. at Plaza Diane in downtown Powell. Refreshments as well as appetizers and treats will be served. The show will be displayed through May 11.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS talent show from 9-11 a.m. at the PHS Auditorium.
- AARP VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARATION at the Powell Senior Citizens Center, 248 N. Gilbert St. Appointment times available from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free tax preparation will be offered every Friday until April 12. Call the Senior Center at 754-4223 to set up an appointment.
- ROBOT CHALLENGES at 1 p.m. at the Powell Makerspace for young adults (grades 6 to 12). A program with the Powell Branch Library.
- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY book sale from 1-3 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- EAST 2ND STREET GALLERY of Fine Art grand opening from 5-9:30 p.m. at 128 East Second Street, featuring premiere local artists. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
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- BAR BINGO every Friday at the American Legion starting at 6 p.m.
- COMEDY AND DINNER SHOW with Jack Willhite at the Powell Elks Lodge #2303. Dinner at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door. Call 754-2995 or Ashley at 202-2622.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- OPENING DAY AT THE POWELL GOLF CLUB. For more information, call 754-7259 or email [powellgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:powellgolfclub@gmail.com).

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

- BABY AND TODDLER TIME at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.
- THE POWELL CITY COUNCIL meets at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- TECH TUESDAY AT 10 A.M. at the Powell Branch Library. Sign up for a free 15-minute session with a local IT tech. Bring your device and have it charged up. Sign up at the adult desk at the library.
- STORY TIME AT 10:30 A.M. at the Powell Branch Library.
- NORTHWEST COLLEGE'S 2019 Juried Student Photography Show opens with an artists' reception at 7 p.m. in the Orendorff Building's Sinclair Gallery.
- \*INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD at 6:30 p.m. in Fagerberg Building Room 26 at Northwest College. \*\*A PVCE class.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- GAME TIME AT 10 A.M. at the Powell Branch Library. Adults are invited to play Scrabble, Uno, Mancala, Risk and many other fun games. Bring your friends.
- STORY TIME AT 10:30 A.M. at the Powell Branch Library.
- THE POWELL ROTARY CLUB meets at noon on Wednesdays at the Nelson Foundation House, 550 College Drive.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- LUNCHTIME EXPEDITION on Bighorn Medicine Wheel starts at 12:15 p.m. at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West's Coe Auditorium in Cody.
- EDIBLE BOOKS CONTEST AND SILENT AUCTION from noon to 6 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Entries can be dropped off between noon and 5 p.m. Award categories include: Best Pun, Best Artistry, Best Look-Alike and People's Choice. Winners will be notified that evening. All proceeds will go to the Park County Library Foundation.
- \*REGISTRATION DEADLINE for "Build Your Own Cornhole Boards" class. The class will take place on Thursday, April 25, from 6-8 p.m. at the NWC Center for Training and Development. All materials will be supplied for you to construct your own boards to take home and enjoy. Space is limited so please register by April 4 by calling 754-6469 or visiting [www.nwc.edu/pvce](http://www.nwc.edu/pvce). \*\*A PVCE class.

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- JACKOLOPE JUMP at Powell High School. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the event at 1:30 p.m. Individuals and teams of the bravest souls will jump into freezing cold water to raise funds for Special Olympics Wyoming athletes.
- NORTHWEST COLLEGE'S GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA) will host a drag show at 7 p.m. in the Yellowstone Building Conference Center. Admission is free; however, a donation of \$1 per person at the door for students with an NWC ID and \$2 for community members or those without an ID is suggested. Proceeds will benefit Wyoming Equality, an organization supporting gay straight alliances and equality legislation in Wyoming.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- \*FOURTH ANNUAL BOOTS AND BOWTIES MUSIC GALA at the Cody Cattle Company in Cody to support the Northwest College Music program. Cocktail hour at 6 p.m.; dinner is served at 7 p.m. The evening also includes a raffle, silent auction and cash bar. Tickets are \$55 and all proceeds from the event will be used to support NWC Music activities and scholarships. Tickets can be reserved at <https://nwc.edu/sites/music/boots-bowties> or calling 754-6425.

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

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### Immanuel Lutheran Church

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### St. John's Episcopal Church

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

### Union Presbyterian Church

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

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**POWELL: AVAILABLE MAY 1:** 3 bdrm home, fenced yard. Walking distance to park, grocery, school, churches, downtown. Trailer parking, shed, washer, dryer. Must be willing to maintain yard, no smoking, provide references. Providing background check beneficial. \$800/mo., \$800 deposit. You pay utilities. Month-to-month lease. Approved pets \$25 extra. (307)272-6464.

**Parkview Village Apt.**  
One and two bedroom apartments. Utilities paid. Well Maintained!  
Rent based on income.  
**Call now! 754-7185**

## Yard Sale

# YARD/ESTATE SALE

**March 30 - 31 | 8 AM - 3 PM**

**89 Wyoming Street, Lovell**

24-27CT

## For Rent

**POWELL: 1 BED, 1 BATH HOME,** washer/dryer, recently remodeled, nice neighborhood. No smoking. Includes all utilities. \$725/mo. Call 202-0400.

**POWELL: LARGE 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH** apartment for rent, 3 miles south of Powell. Fridge, stove, washer & dryer. No smoking, no pets. References \$800/mo., \$800 deposit. Utilities paid. 754-1611 or 254-3044.

**POWELL: TWO VERY NICE,** clean, 2 bedroom apartments. The first one is \$725/mo. & \$725 deposit, the second is \$775/mo. & \$775 deposit, absolutely No smoking and No pets, w&d, dishwasher, all utilities paid. Agent interest, 307-754-8213.

**POWELL: 1 BED TO 4 BEDS** available, in-town, out-town, Pets maybe, \$400 to \$900, Wyoming Real Estate Network, Call Larry Hedderman 754-5500.

## Cars & Trucks

**BUYING SCRAP VEHICLES** with clear titles. Pete Smet Recycling, 342 HWY 20 North, Worland. 307-347-2528.

## Mobile Homes

**1999 AMERICAN, 3 BDRM,** 2 bath, 14x70 mobile home on rented lot. \$25,900. Contact 307-587-3738.

**MOBILE HOME LOT.** Scotts Granite Park, 333 S. Jones Street, #37. Onsite manager, great community. \$305 p/month includes water & sewer. 307-254-1114.

## For Sale

**COWBOY TIMBER**  
307-548-9633  
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POSTS, POLES, AND ROUGH CUT LUMBER

**BEAUTIFUL** Bob Carothers painting. \$6,000. May be seen on Greybull Swap & Sell, Make an offer. 307-899-2368.

## Lost & Found

**FOUND: MALE REDDISH BROWN** hound, yellow collar, no tags. Found at Homesteader Park. Call 754-1019.

**FOUND: CALICO CAT** at Southside School. Short haired & declawed. 754-2212.

## Pets

**PUPPIES FOR SALE.** \$50. Catahoula/heeler cross. Four males, two females. Tails docked, first shots given. 307-388-9705. Please leave message. Will call back.

**SERENITY BOARDING AND STABLES.** Dog and horse. www.serenityboardingandstables.com. 307-272-8497/307-431-0386.

## Yard Sale

(11/14tnB)

## Services Offered

**COMPUTER AND LAPTOP** repair. T3. 307-578-6467.

**AIR BUTLER HEATING** and Cooling and Appliance Repair. 307-254-8180.

**GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL** through Wyoming Auto Finance. Only available at Midway Auto Sales. Stop getting denied for a loan. 307-548-7571.

**CANYON SERVICES, HOME** Improvement service and repair, heating, A/C, plumbing, roofing, siding, windows, doors, remodeling, insurance repairs. No job too big, no job too small. Jeff Young, 45+ years experience. 307-250-7649.

**ALTERATIONS & MORE.** 1200 N. 7th Street, Greybull. One block from A&W. 307-765-2535.

**NEED YOUR ROOF** repaired or replaced? Stellar Roofing is licensed & insured. Free Estimates! You have options, so be sure to get a second bid. Call Tom at 307-431-9188.

**POWELL LAWN SERVICES** - Spring clean up and lawn mowing. Give me a call for your lawn care needs. References available. 307-254-1947.

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

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**AFFORDABLE PORTRAITS!** Call C.Wensky Photography. Affordable prices, experienced results. 202-0858.

## Motorcycles

**2013 YAMAHA SUPER TENERE** 1200 cc, 16,800 miles, immaculate condition, \$8,000. 307-899-4052.

## Announcements

(3/28cL)

## Farm Equipment

**2 JOHN DEERE 4020s,** one w/loader. Call 307-271-1000 or 307-754-4048.

## Feed & Seed

**CORN SILAGE & WHOLE** oats for sale. Regan Smith, 754-3130.

**BIG SQUARES ALFALFA HAY** for sale, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$120/ton. 307-272-4384.

## Real Estate

**FOR SALE: 2 BDRM 1 BTH AFFORDABLE** cozy home by the park. Fully remodeled. New appliances, fixtures, hardwood flooring, etc. Fenced in yard. 738 Lincoln Ave., Lovell. Call for walk thru. 307-272-9768.

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## Announcements

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS** on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Friday at 8 p.m. at 256 East Fifth St., Lovell Search and Rescue Building. Call 831-240-8984.

**YOGA - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,** Friday at 6 a.m. and Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m. at 380 US HWY. 20 South. www.yogabuffs.net. 307-431-0386.

## Announcements

**NA MEETS WEDNESDAYS** from 7 to 9 p.m., Grace Fellowship Church, Greybull.

**AL-ANON MEETS** at 401 S. 5th, Grace Fellowship, Greybull at noon on Mondays.

## Announcements

(88-88W)

## Announcements

**POWELL AL ANON** provides support for friends and relatives of alcoholics. Meetings: Tuesdays at noon and Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at 146 South Bent (Big Horn Enterprises/ north entrance off parking lot). For information, call 754-4543 or 754-5988.

**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.

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

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

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

**WELCOME TO POWELL!** Call us for a Free gift pack and coupons from area businesses. Wyoming Welcome- 754-9399 or 754-3206.

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## Announcements

(3/28-4/4cB)

## Help Wanted

**SECURITY STATE BANK** in Basin is accepting applications for a full time teller. Banking experience is preferred but not required, excellent communication and customer service skills are essential. Top industry starting wage. Benefits include health/ dental/ vision/ 401K/ generous PTO. Send resume to Security State Bank, Attn: Human Resources PO Box 531, Basin, WY 82410. Security State Bank is an equal opportunity employer of women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities.

**BIG HORN COUNTY** is seeking a land planner. This is a full-time position with a generous benefits package (e.g., medical, dental, vision, retirement, vacation, sick leave, paid holidays). The Land Planner reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners and may supervise one or more planning staff members. A detailed job description is available on the County website. Salary is dependent on experience. Ideal candidates will have experience with the following: Land Planning, GIS, Small Wastewater System Regulations and Permitting, Development and Floodplain Development Permitting, Wyoming State statutes pertaining to land planning, zoning, development, water quality and related topics. This position will remain open until filled with a first consideration date of Friday, March 29, 2019. Experienced candidates are strongly encouraged to apply by no later than noon on March 29. Resumes should be submitted to the Big Horn County Commissioners, P.O. Box 31, Basin, WY 82410 or to lori.smallwood@bighorncountywy.gov. Job Description can be viewed on the Big Horn County Website www.bighorncountywy.gov on the job tab of the announcements page.

**BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT.** QuickBooks and Excel experience required. Please call 307-431-0206 for details.

**ONE FT DETAILER POSITION** and one part time. Must work weekends - apply in person at Fremont Motors Powell.

## Help Wanted

**Help Wanted**

**S & L IS TAKING** applications for the following positions for the 2019 construction season: flaggers, CDL drivers, laborers. Must be willing to travel. Please email resume or letter of interest to kim@wysli.com or apply in person at 675 Road 7 1/2, Cowley. 307-548-2242.

(3/28-4/4cL)

**BIG HORN COUNTY** is seeking a maintenance department team member. This is a full-time position with a generous benefits package (e.g., medical, dental, vision, retirement, vacation, sick leave, paid holidays). This position will be responsible for a wide variety of janitorial and maintenance tasks and will require some weekend hours for snow removal or other time sensitive tasks. Successful candidates must be able to lift a minimum of 40 lbs. Applications are available on the county website [www.bighorncountywy.gov](http://www.bighorncountywy.gov) or can be picked up at the Clerk's office. Applications and resumes may be sent to Big Horn County Commissioners, PO Box 31, Basin WY 82410 or emailed to lori.smallwood@bighorn-countywy.gov. Starting salary will be \$14.00/hr. For questions about this opening please call 307-568-2358. This position will remain open until filled.

(3/28-4/4cB)

**BIG HORN COUNTY** is seeking a Prevention Specialist. Big Horn County is seeking a dedicated individual who is committed to helping make a difference in our communities to become the County Prevention Specialist. This position will administer and facilitate the activities of the County Prevention Grant issued by the Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and has excellent opportunity for professional development. This position will work closely with the Big Horn County Prevention Alliance and other stake holders to motivate and mobilize the community to build and sustain vital alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and suicide prevention initiatives in Big Horn County. The position will report to the County Commissioners and Wyoming Department of Health. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. This position is anticipated to require approximately 25 hours per week. A full job description can be viewed at the Big Horn County Website (jobs tab). [www.bighorncountywy.gov](http://www.bighorncountywy.gov). Resumes are to be submitted to the Big Horn County Clerk's Office, PO BOX 31, Basin WY 82410 or via email at lori.smallwood@bighorncountywy.gov. This position will remain open until filled.

(3/28-4/4cB)

**Help Wanted**

**THE BIG HORN** Basin Adolescent Program is looking for a responsible, trustworthy, and positive people to work at the group home as youth care workers for the overnight shift. Youth care workers provide care, supervision and positive role modeling for students in a safe, secure environment. If you are willing and able to be a positive member of our staff please respond to [bghrn@tctwest.net](mailto:bghrn@tctwest.net) or call us at 307-568-2222 or stop in at 965 N. 6th, Basin. Must be over 21 with a clear driving record. Pay will vary depending on experience. Hiring immediately.

(3/21-3/28cB)

**LOAN PROCESSOR NEEDED.** Security State Bank, located in Basin, Wyoming, is currently seeking a full-time loan processor to join our Central Loan Processing team. Salary is market competitive and commensurate with experience. Candidates should have at least two years of verifiable work experience in the financial industry with lending software and electronic document management experience preferred. Should be self-motivated, possess a high level of initiative, and be able to make deadlines, even under pressure. Must be able to handle daily job duties without constant supervision, work as part of an existing team, have above average organizational and time management skills, the ability to multitask and understand the importance of organizational confidentiality. Excellent communication skills, written and verbal, are required. Proven ability to learn computer software and should possess above average Excel and Word skills. Security State Bank offers exceptional retirement and insurance benefits. Submit a letter of interest including resume and references to Security State Bank, Attn: Human Resources, PO Box 531, 201 S.4th St, Basin, WY 82410. Security State Bank is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer of women, minorities, protected veterans and individuals with disabilities.

(3/14-3/28cB)

**OVER ROAD DRIVER** wanted. Home every 3-4 days. Dan Brown Trucking. Call 307-765-4476.

(8/23tfnB)

**LOOKING FOR TRUSS BUILDERS:** Come to Diamond Truss, where the employees are great, the work day changes and the quality product speaks for itself! Must have high school diploma or equivalent, valid driver's license and drug testing required. Stop by 237 Main St., Ralston, WY for an application, call (307)754-3696 or email resume to: [gailf@tctwest.net](mailto:gailf@tctwest.net).

(24-27CT)

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**Help Wanted**

**FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT** No. 25, Riverton, Wyoming positions open for the 2019-2020 school year: LEARNING RESOURCE TEACHER at kindergarten level (Must have or be able to acquire Elementary Education and Special Education Certification via WY PTSE) SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER at K-3 Elementary Level (Must have or be able to acquire the appropriate Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board Certificate) If Interested In Obtaining Information Or Applying, Please Contact: Riverton Workforce Services, 422 E. Fremont, Riverton, WY 82501. 307-856-9231. Applications are received electronically at: <https://www.applitrack.com/fremontcountysd/onlineapp/> Fremont County School District #25 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

(25-25W)

**Buffalo Bill Center of the West 2019 Summer Seasonal Positions** Spring has sprung and it is that time again to hire for our busy summer season. Buffalo Bill Center of the West is looking for individuals to fill a wide variety of jobs to include; Admission Clerks, Food Services/Coffee Bar, Museum Store Sales Associates, Custodians, Gallery and Security Guards, Tour Guides, Ground Maintenance, Information and Membership Desk, PT Human Resources Assistant and more. The Center is such an exciting place to work no matter what department you choose. To learn more about each position and/or to apply, complete an application on our website, <https://centerofthewest.org/> or pick up an application at the Center. You are sure to have a fun summer if you join the team! EEO

(22-25CT)

**PIZZA ON THE RUN** now taking applications for part time and delivery drivers. Apply at 215 E. First in Powell - call Kyler 272-8890 or Apply at 1302 Sheridan Ave. in Cody - Call Brenda 202-3216.

(02TFCT)

**KING'S INN,** Powell, WY, 307-754-5117, apply at the front desk \*\*\* Position: Housekeeper \*\*\*

BHB(32TFCT)

**Help Wanted**

**Brush Creek Ranch HIRING RANCH HANDS** and other positions. Brush Creek Ranch is hiring Ranch Hands for our ranch operations in Saratoga, Wyoming. We offer free room and board and the opportunity to live and work on our beautiful ranch properties near the Medicine Bow national forest. Please apply at [brushcreekranch.com/careers](http://brushcreekranch.com/careers) or email your experience to [hr@brushcreekranch.com](mailto:hr@brushcreekranch.com) or call our HR office 307-327-2005. \*\*\*We are also hiring cooks, dishwashers, housekeepers, and many other jobs. Please see our website for a complete job description.

BHB(23-25ThursPT)

**SEASONAL HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT - PT** - Do you love people? Are you detail oriented? Are you computer savvy? Are you looking for work/life balance? If you say 'yes' to these questions, you may be the person for the job. The Center is actively looking for an individual to work in the Human Resources Department from April to September on a part-time basis. This position is a lot of fun for the person who likes to be the "face of the Center" to our new employees. Responsibilities include data entry, new hire orientations, ordering supplies, tracking volunteer hours, answering employee questions, and various other duties. Position pays \$12.50/hour. To apply complete an application on our website, <https://centerofthewest.org/> or pick up an application at the Center. EEO

(22-25CT)

**SUMMER SEASONAL POSITIONS** - The City of Powell is accepting applications to fill positions within the Parks Department. Specific job and pay information and applications may be obtained from City Hall, 270 N. Clark St., or by calling (307) 754-5106. Applications are also available online at [www.cityofpowell.com](http://www.cityofpowell.com), "Seasonal/Part Time Application for City Employment". Must be at least 18 yrs. of age and possess a valid driver's license. Starting salary is \$11.31/hr., 40 hrs/wk. Submit applications to: City of Powell, 270 N. Clark St., Powell, WY 82435. Open Until Filled. The City of Powell is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

(22-25CT)

**Park County Weed and Pest**

Control District is seeking applicants for summer seasonal employees for treatment of noxious weeds across Park County Wyoming. For complete job description or to apply: Contact Park County Weed & Pest Control District at (307) 754-4521, visit us at [parkcountyweeds.org](http://parkcountyweeds.org), or stop by our office at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY 82435. Applications due April 19th.

BHB(25-31ThursCT)

**Help Wanted**

**NOW HIRING**  
We are looking for caring and compassionate people who want to make a difference.

- Registered Nurse ER/ Hospital/Nursing Home
- Certified Nurse Assistant: Sign On Bonus Available
- Dietary Cook/Aide
- Pharmacy Technician

Competitive wages and shift differentials

Apply online at [www.southbighornhospital.com](http://www.southbighornhospital.com)

South Big Horn County Hospital District

**Summer Positions Available**

The City of Cody is seeking applicants to fill various seasonal positions within the City of Cody. Positions are available in the Parks, Recreation, and Aquatics.

Specific job and pay information and applications may be obtained from City Hall at 1338 Rumsey Ave, by calling 307-527-7511, emailing [dscheumaker@cityofcody.com](mailto:dscheumaker@cityofcody.com) or visit the website [www.cityofcody-wy.gov](http://www.cityofcody-wy.gov).

Submit applications to: Personnel, City of Cody, P.O. Box 2200, Cody WY 82414.

Positions will remain open until filled and will begin at various times dependent upon weather.

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**RADIOLOGY**  
**Ultrasound Technologist**  
1 full-time day position 32 hr/wk, on-call required. Candidate will have excellent patient relations skills, able to work in a team dynamic, willingness to go above & beyond for patients & organization. Able to perform General & Vascular Ultrasound scans & be able to perform General Radiology exams. High School Grad./GED, Associate's Degree, ARMDS certification required.

**Radiologic Technologist**  
1 full-time day/evening/weekend position 32 hr/wk (Fri. 11:30am-8pm; Sat. & Sun. 8:30am-7pm) on call required. Candidate will have excellent patient relations skills, able to work in a team dynamic, willingness to go above & beyond for patients & organization. Able to perform general x-ray & computed tomography (CT). Weekend position with call. Associate's degree & ARRT certification required.

**REGISTRATION**  
**Emergency Room Clerk**  
1 full-time day position, 38 hr/wk, (Tues.-Fri 7am-3:30pm, Sat. 8am-1:30pm). Accurately register patients for Emergency Services. Attention to detail is a must. Outstanding customer service skills & positive attitude required. High School Grad./GED required.

Powell Valley Healthcare offers a full benefit package to all full-time and part-time employees. These benefits include health insurance (medical, dental, and vision), a pension plan, long term disability insurance, life insurance (equal to your annual salary), and paid time off. EOE

Powell Valley Healthcare  
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**BGH2**  
Big Horn County School Dist. 2  
Lovell, WY

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

- LHS Dance Sponsor

Applicants may request a classified application by contacting the office of Superintendent Rick Woodford, 502 Hampshire Avenue, Lovell, WY 82431 or by calling 307-548-2259 between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, emailing [cbowers@bgh2.org](mailto:cbowers@bgh2.org) or downloading forms from the District's website at [www.bgh2.org](http://www.bgh2.org).

**This position is open until filled.**  
**Only completed applications will be considered.**

Big Horn County School District #2 complies with equal opportunity and non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**  
"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

**deHaan estate**

STATE OF WYOMING )  
 ) SS.  
COUNTY OF PARK )  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT )  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT )  
Probate No. 9914 )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF MARY ALICE deHAAN, )  
Deceased. )  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION )

**Help Wanted**

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

Come be a part of our dynamic team that takes pride in our Personal Service Excellence!  
**CURRENT OPENINGS ~**

- EMT-I/Paramedic
- Housekeeping/Laundry Aide
- Patient Care Coordinator or Manager
- Hospital CNA (CR) • Hospital RN
- Clinic LPN • B&B/Skin Nurse
- CNA Assisted Living (CR)
- Care Center CNA
- Dietary Aide • Respiratory Therapist

Visit our website at [www.nbhhs.com](http://www.nbhhs.com) to apply or contact human resources at 307-548-5274. EOE.

The Powell Police Department is accepting applications for the position of

**Police Officer**

**Benefit Package Includes:**

- Competitive starting salary; more depending on experience, certification.
- Generous benefit package includes; paid vacation and sick leave, ten paid City holidays, retirement contribution, longevity pay, and excellent insurance plan that includes medical, vision, and dental.

Applications are available in person at 250 N. Clark St, Powell, WY 82435 or may be downloaded [www.powellpolice.com](http://www.powellpolice.com). Questions may be directed to Powell Police 307-754-2212, or e-mail [police@cityofpowell.com](mailto:police@cityofpowell.com). Application deadline to be eligible for the first screening is April 26, 2019 at 5 p.m. Tentative testing date will begin May 17, 2019 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

City of Powell  
City of Powell, WY is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Big Horn County School Dist. Number One**  
Box 688, Cowley, Wyoming

**CERTIFIED VACANCIES**  
March 18, 2019

**Position:** Special Education Teacher - K-12 Burlington  
**Salary:** \$50,000.00 (Step One)

**Position:** Special Education Teacher 9-12 RMHS  
**Salary:** \$50,000.00 (Step One)

**Certification:** Candidates must have or be able to secure a current certification by the Wyoming PTSEB

**Position:** Para-professional Elementary Title I (28 hours per week) at Burlington.  
**Salary:** \$14.99 per hour Step One

**Qualifications:** Preference will be given to highly qualified persons with an associate's degree or equivalent.

**Closing Date:** Closes when a suitable candidate is found

**To Apply:** Visit the [bighorn1.com](http://bighorn1.com) website employment

**Contact:** Ben Smith  
Big Horn County School District Number One  
Box 688  
Cowley, Wyoming 82420  
Phone: 307-548-2254

Big Horn County School District #1 does not discriminate in relation to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission of, access to, or treatment, or employment, in its educational program or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Inquiries or complaints regarding affirmative action, discrimination, sexual harassment or equity should be directed to one or both of the following persons: Title IX Coordinator: Superintendent, 307-548-2254. Section 504 Coordinator: Special Services Director, 307-548-2238 or the Wyoming Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights Coordinator, 2nd Floor, Hathaway Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002-0050, or 307-777-6218.

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**Park County Weed and Pest**

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STATE OF WYOMING )  
 ) SS.  
COUNTY OF PARK )  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT )  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT )  
Probate No. 9914 )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF MARY ALICE deHAAN, )  
Deceased. )  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION )

Geraldine Bulkeley, Jeip Peter deHaan, Henny H. Newton, and Rudolf deHaan, as claiming distributees of Mary Alice deHaan, deceased, have filed with the District Court of Park County, at Cody, Wyoming, Probate No. 9914, an application for a Decree setting over to them the following described real property:

The South one-half of Lot 6 and all of Lot 7 in Dicks Subdivision of Block 76 of the Original Townsite of Powell, Park County, Wyoming.

Upon the 15th day of April, 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.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2019.  
/s/ WILLIAM SIMPSON, JUDGE  
First Publ., Thurs., March 28, 2019  
Final Publ., Thurs., April 4, 2019

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# COMMUNITY



Brandie Gann with Absaroka Early Head Start (far left) visits with families during a recent socialization time. The program serves 44 families in the area. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

## ABSAROKA EARLY HEAD START WORKS WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY

BY TESSA BAKER  
Tribune Features Editor

Learning begins long before a child enters a classroom.

To help babies and toddlers learn, Absaroka Early Head Start does weekly home visits for families, focusing on school-readiness activities.

"We're promoting that the home is the learning environment," said Andrea Mehling, director of Early Head Start.

The program serves pregnant moms and children from birth to age 3. Just like

Head Start, the federally funded program is available to income-eligible families, foster children, homeless families and kids with disabilities.

Early Head Start has been in Powell for about a year and a half, serving 44 families in Park, Big Horn, Washakie and Hot Springs counties. Staff members are based in Lovell, Worland and Powell, and travel to other communities for home visits.

During home visits, Early Head Start staff provide parents with the resources they need to teach their children.

"Parents are their children's best teachers," said Brandie Gann, a home visitor with the program.

All of the lessons for each child are individualized, and they work through a curriculum that's research-based, she added.

"We learn through play, so all of the activities are done with household materials," Gann said.

Parents can use items in their home rather than having to get new toys and gadgets.

The ultimate goal is for kids to be ready to transition to school.



Laila Scaggs enjoys a meal at Absaroka Early Head Start. The program focuses on school readiness, helping young children prepare for the transition to school.

"First and foremost, we're always talking about school readiness, so we want them, when they transition to the classroom, to be ready to go into preschool," Mehling said.

In addition to the home visits, Early Head Start also hosts socialization times at the Absaroka Head Start center, where kids and their parents can enjoy interaction and a meal.

Early Head Start also helps families make sure their children are up-to-date on well-child checks, dental exams when they're old enough, immunizations and screenings, she said.

"We're working with the whole family, the whole child," Mehling said. "It's not just the education piece."

For example, Early Head Start can help families connect with resources in the community, such as therapy services, food banks or the Children's Resource Center.

"We're trying to not enable, but teach them how to do all of these things for themselves and point them in the right direction to where those resources are," Gann said.

The program currently has openings available. Ninety percent of the families Early Head Start serves are at the federal poverty level and an additional 10 percent of slots available can be for over-income families.

For more information, call 754-5154 or stop by Absaroka Head Start at 883 E. Seventh St. in Powell.

**'We're promoting that the home is a learning environment!'**

Andrea Mehling  
Early Head Start director

### ACHIEVER

#### Tracy named to Dean's List at Hannibal-LaGrange University

Amanda Tracy of Powell was named to Hannibal-LaGrange University's Academic Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester. To qualify for the Dean's

List, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Hannibal-LaGrange is a four-year Christian university located in Hannibal, Missouri.

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