

REBATE DEBATE

County treasurer wants more residents to get property tax refunds

BY ZAC TAYLOR
Tribune editor

Park County Treasurer Barb Poley wants to reach more people this year than the 1,200 homeowners who saw a rebate for a percentage of their property taxes last year as part of the tax refund program.

In their winter Budget Session, legislators expanded the program to include more homeowners. Lawmakers almost unanimously passed a bill that pushed the eligibility level from 125% of the median household income to 165%, but Gov. Mark Gordon issued a line item veto that pared the cap back to 145%.

In Park County, a homeowner can't have had more than \$107,484 in household income to qualify. There is also an asset limit of \$156,900 per adult household member, excluding the primary residence and one car per household member.

Poley told Park County commissioners on Tuesday that the change will bring in a bunch more homeowners — and she wants to spread the word beyond last year's prime de-

mographic of 60 years old and older.

"I'm looking for outreach for the 30, 40, 50 age group," she said, adding that, "just because their taxes are escrowed in does not mean they don't qualify."

Poley said she has again set up times at the county

'There's a lot of people in the community that can qualify for this. We mailed applications on the weekend and I had 50 applications Monday morning. People lined up for help.'

Barb Poley
County treasurer

libraries to assist people, but since those sessions attracted mostly seniors, she expects to spend roughly \$1,000 to advertise in the county newspapers and radio stations to hopefully attract the younger demographic.

"This is for working people," she said, adding, "There's a lot of people in the community that can qualify for this."

Applications

were mailed out over the weekend, and she had 50 of the forms submitted by Monday morning.

"People lined up for help," Poley said.

While many Wyoming counties don't offer extra help for people trying to apply, Poley said her office makes it a mission to do what it can to both get the program more exposure and offer assistance.

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As grizzly bears recover in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, they will naturally disperse into other ecosystems. But that is a problem for wildlife managers, landowners and other stakeholders. Often the bears find themselves conflicting with humans outside of the protection of the recovery zone, often with lethal consequences. Photo by NPS/Jim Peaco

Grizzly bear killed near Ten Sleep

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune senior reporter

A sub-adult male grizzly bear euthanized Monday south of Ten Sleep is yet more evidence the species is spreading well beyond the boundaries of what is considered suitable habitat for the area's apex predator. Wyoming's top large carnivore expert said it's clear the species is fully recovered and looking for more room outside a crowded Demographic Monitoring Area in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Grizzly bears have not been documented in the area south of the Bighorn Mountains since long before the species was listed under the Endangered Species Act in the 1970s, according to the Wyoming Game

and Fish Department. But recently they've been close.

Last July a grizzly bear was

documented on video near Lysite and in May grizzly tracks were documented west of Kirby in the tiny town of Gebo. The sub-adult bear found eating calves near Ten Sleep earlier this week was unknown to the department before its capture and it's impossible to know how he traveled to Washakie County.

The capture occurred on private land on the edge of the Bighorn Mountains. Yet, some

people are jumping to the conclusion the traveler had made it to the Bighorn National Forest.

There still hasn't been a confirmed grizzly in the forest, yet.

'The Bighorn Mountain Range is not suitable habitat and the department is not interested in allowing grizzly bears to occupy this area.'

Brian Nesvik
Game and Fish director

Last year a grizzly bear was also discovered in the Pryor Mountains in July — not far from the Bighorns. It prompted officials to warn visitors to avoid traveling at dawn, dusk or night (when bears are typically most active) and to carry bear spray and "know how to use it."

In Ten Sleep, officials first investigated reports of an injured

cow with wounds consistent with a grizzly bear attack. Wildlife managers verified nearby tracks and signs of blood that suggested the bear frequented the ranch for about a week. Two calves were also missing.

The bear was euthanized by Wyoming officials after consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service due to its involvement in depredation and its behavior frequenting the ranch. The Service makes the final call on the fate of all captured grizzly bears due to protections extended to the threatened species by the Endangered Species Act.

Management authority for grizzly bears rests with the Service, but Game and Fish officials handle nearly all

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Case against murder suspect allowed to move forward

JUDGE FINDS JOSEPH UNDERWOOD COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune staff writer

A man accused of murdering a Cheyenne woman and dumping her body outside Cody in 2019 appears mentally fit to answer to criminal charges, a judge ruled last week. The ruling allows the prosecution of Joseph Underwood on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges to resume after a year-and-a-half on hold.

However, given Underwood's past brain damage and cognitive issues, multiple accommodations will be needed to ensure the 49-year-old can keep up with the court proceedings and participate in his defense, Park County Circuit Court Judge Joey Darrah wrote in his April 10 order.

Darrah said he plans to use simpler language at an upcoming preliminary hearing and slow down the proceeding — including directing attorneys and witnesses to speak clearly and slowly, pausing

between questions and answers, and repeating information when needed. The judge also said Underwood should be allowed to request breaks as needed, while both he and a third party — perhaps a second defense attorney — will monitor Underwood to ensure he's tracking the proceedings.

"... Despite defendant's cognitive deficits, the preponderance of the evidence shows that defendant's condition is not so severe as to render him incompetent to appear in necessary legal proceedings if proper accommodations are instituted ...," Darrah wrote.

COMPETENCY CONCERNS

Over the past four-and-a-half-years, questions about Underwood's competency have hung over prosecutors' attempts to hold him accountable for the November 2019 murder of Angela Elizondo. The Cheyenne resident and

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JOSEPH UNDERWOOD

Game and Fish fields comments on wolf abuse case

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune senior reporter

During Tuesday's Wyoming Game and Fish Commission meeting in Riverton, Department Director Brian Nesvik chose to save comments about the Sublette County wolf abuse case for last during his director's report.

He said the department had received significant amount of concern from the public "from all over our state, from all over the country from actually all over the world" and that the actions and behaviors of the individual involved in this case are not reflective of Wyoming's values for wildlife.

That individual is Cody Roberts, a Daniel resident who admitted to running down a sub-adult female wolf with his snowmobile, then took the still live wolf into his possession, allegedly binding its mouth with what appeared to be duct tape, putting a shock collar on the wounded animal, and dragging it into the Green River Bar in Dan-

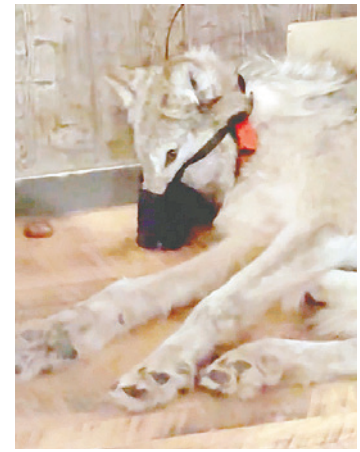
iel to show it off.

Nesvik said the incident "casts a shadow over the state's proven track record of successfully and responsibly managing our gray wolf population."

His statement was nearly identical to that which the department released to the public late last week. When finished, Nesvik said he would stand for questions. But none came. Unlike most director's reports, the moment was very somber.

After Nesvik stepped away, Commission President Richard Ladwig made a statement, starting with a denunciation of the actions revealed in the investigation.

"The actions of the defendant do not represent the value Wyoming people and our commission have for incredible and priceless wildlife resources. For over 100 years, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has successfully managed Wyoming's wildlife. Wyoming has proven herself to be the gold standard in wildlife management," he read from the transcript.



A screenshot of a video released by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department shows an injured wild wolf being held captive in a Green River bar. Courtesy WGFD

"This incident perpetrated by one individual doesn't represent a failure of wildlife policy or management. We wish to be clear, we support the investigation conducted by the department. We recognize and appreciate the work of the department and the work of

the wardens involved. We're satisfied that every tool we have available was used and used to the best of our ability," he said.

Roberts was fined \$250 by the Game and Fish Department, the full extent of the law allowed by state statutes for possession of a live wild animal.

According to an official in the governor's office, Gov. Mark Gordon arranged for a joint call with state officials and stakeholders shortly after the incident came to light to discuss what occurred in Sublette County.

"I want to make my position on this absolutely clear. Cruelty to any wildlife is absolutely unacceptable. This is not the way anyone should treat any animal. I am outraged by this incident, just like thousands of Wyoming ranchers, farmers, sportsmen and sportswomen, and others around the state," Gordon said on April 9.

Like most officials, he's disappointed in the way this has given Wyoming a black eye.

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Powell Valley Recycling is once again paying 25 cents per pound for the week of Earth Day, which is Monday, April 22. The recycling center is open Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday. Tribune file photo by Zac Taylor



Powell Valley Recycling expands acceptable items list

BY ZAC TAYLOR
Tribune editor

With another Earth Day approaching, the Powell Valley Recycling center is expanding the categories of acceptable recycled items.

That's in addition to once again paying 25 cents per pound for aluminum during the week of Earth Day. That week the center will be open April 23-25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and 9-3 p.m. April 27.

Marynell Oechsner, president of the nonprofit organization's board, said medicine bottles with caps and a wide range of electronics are being

accepted as part of partnerships with organizations or people who will then pick up the recycled goods.

Marsha Neubert recently approached PVR regarding becoming a collection point for over the counter and prescription pill bottles. Oechsner said she picks up the bottles that PVR collects, cleans them, takes off the labels, packages and ships them to Ohio where Matthew 25: Ministries send them to be reused for humanitarian purposes in underdeveloped countries.

The center's acceptance of electronic equipment such as desktops, laptops, TV's microwaves, stereo equipment, radios — but not large and

small household appliances — stems from a partnership with Wyatt Kruse of Omega Yellow Computing of Greybull. He picks up the electronics, refurbishes desktops, laptops and similar devices, and ships the rest to Green Tech Solutions in Billings.

Along with the new items, the center is finally seeing some higher prices for other commodities it accepts, such as cardboard, enabling more revenue to come in from selling bales. It's a needed change, because PCR had a difficult year financially in 2023.

"We've got some catching up to do,

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FREEZE FRAME



An overnight flocking of snow between Powell and Cody left an archway next to a pond on the LaFollette family property framed in snow. After unseasonably warm days around Powell, Wednesday's high was just 41 degrees Fahrenheit. Tribune photo by Toby Bonner

Rebate: Helped more than 9,000 families in 2023

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Commissioners said they would be open to approving a budget amendment for extra advertising costs, and recommended getting the word out on community social media sites.

Poley pushed the program last year too, and Park County had the highest per capita amount of homeowners who took advantage of the rebate.

The program is open to those who live in their home at least nine months out of the year and who have lived in Wyoming at least five years. This year the

Legislature appropriated an additional \$20 million to further expand the program and ensure more homeowners in need are eligible to participate. In 2023, the program helped more than 9,000 families, with the average refund being approximately \$938.

Homeowners can apply for a refund of up to one-half of the median residential property tax amount or 75% of their 2023 property tax bill, whichever is less.

The Department of Revenue anticipates an additional 2,000 taxpayers will qualify with the increased income level.

All taxpayers who applied for refunds last year will receive an application in the mail in mid-April. Taxpayers may also apply online at wptrs.wyo.gov or in person at the Park County Treasurer's office. All applications must be filed by June 3. Before applying for the refund, individuals must pay their 2023 taxes in full.

For more information about Wyoming's property tax refund program, visit wptrs.wyo.gov, call the Department of Revenue at 307-777-7320 or the Park County Treasurer's Office at 307-754-8630.

Bear: More grizzly bears moving outside the DMA

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grizzly bear conflicts and conduct significant levels of monitoring, research and public education in accordance with the department's Grizzly Bear Management Plan.

"Wyoming's grizzly bear population is managed and monitored where suitable habitat exists as designated by the USFWS and informed by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team," said Game and Fish Director Brian Nesvik. "The Bighorn Mountain Range is not suitable habitat and the department is not interested in allowing grizzly bears to occupy this area. Their expansion into unsuitable habitat leads to increased conflict potential between bears and humans, which impedes the success of grizzly bear conservation."

Ironically, the department is often accused of intentionally moving grizzly bears to the Bighorns, said Dan Thompson, large carnivore program supervisor.

"We've been accused of moving bears there, which is absolutely false. And we've been accused of hiding information, which is also absolutely false," Thompson said. "Promoting bears in historic but now inhospitable habitats isn't beneficial to grizzly bears."

Even if a grizzly bear was discovered that had not been feeding on livestock or involved in a conflict, the bear would be removed from the area because the Bighorns are not suitable habitat due to the potential for

conflicts, Thompson said.

"Talking about [grizzly] bears in the Bighorns 20 years ago was like science fiction," he said Tuesday in an interview with the Tribune while taking a break from the commission meeting in Riverton.

"But it's not like we weren't prepared for this. This is something we've talked about since bears started expanding within the Absaroka front." Thompson remembers talking with his bosses while doing some black bear work in the northern Bighorns. He asked his bosses what would happen if he caught

a grizzly bear instead of their smaller cousins. That began a long conversation that continues today.

"We already have contingency plans if we do have a grizzly bear in the Bighorn Mountains that, if we have the ability to capture it, we would move it back into the suitable habitat unless it was involved in a conflict. And that's a different situation," he said, meaning the bear would likely be euthanized.

The location of the conflict was more than 80 miles from the eastern edge of the DMA — the area considered biologically and socially suitable for grizzly bears in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Grizzly bears have been increasingly documented heading east in recent years, including a sow and two cubs that made it to Byron, passing through the Powell area before being captured and lethally removed.

For many, the expansion of grizzly bears is troubling. And conflict resolution is a big

part of the job for the state's large carnivore biologists. Not only does the department deal directly with every bear in conflict, the department also pays for damage claims. The preliminary 2025 budget is now asking for more than \$2 million to pay landowners and ranchers making damage claims — more than four times the amount requested just six years ago.

Current population estimates show there could be as many as 1,100 grizzly bears inside the borders of suitable habitat, but with more grizzlies moving outside the DMA in search of their own piece of ground every year, their expansion often means they end up in harm's way.

Scientists can't count every bear in an ecosystem encompassing nearly 20,000 square miles in the three-state area bordering Yellowstone, said Frank van Manen, Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team (IGBST) leader. And that doesn't count the more than 6,500 square miles that the species occupies outside the DMA. Those bears are not included in the official estimates.

"Without someone throwing millions of dollars extra at [monitoring efforts], I don't see a way of being able to monitor [outside the DMA] into the future," van Manen said.

More than 50 grizzly bear mortalities were reported to the U.S. Geological Survey in 2023, with 28 of those deaths happening in Wyoming and 15 of those happening outside the DMA. Nearly half of all mortalities in the DMA last year were euthanized in management decisions, with 18 of 25 euthanizations happening in Wyoming.

The Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee is holding its Spring 2024 meeting April 24-25 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Bozeman, Montana.

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OBITUARIES

Samuel C Woods Jr.

(Feb. 7, 1959 - March 22, 2024)

On March 22, 2024, Samuel C Woods Jr. (Sam) died in Powell, Wyoming of cancer. He was 65 years old.

Sam was born on Feb. 7, 1959, in St. Helena, California. Sam spent several years working as a pressman for newspapers at "The Times Herald" in Vallejo California and "The Napa Valley Register" in Napa, California. He was also quite the handyman, having several jobs as an engineer, chief engineer and director of engineering in hospitality at Aegis Living and Andaz Napa (formally Avia). After

moving from Napa, California to Powell, Wyoming, he worked at Ace Hardware giving his knowledge to anyone in need.

Sam was known for being a father and guider to everyone who met him. He always kept the energy in the room light with his jokes and humorous personality. He was fun to work with and a favorite coworker to many. Sam loved working on projects around the home, especially his cars. He tried to share what he had learned in his life with his wife and children, making sure they could continue on when he no longer was able to. Sam was

deeply loved and will be missed dearly.

His absence will be felt for years to come.

Sam is survived by his wife, Anna Alley; his children, Christopher Woods, Adam Woods, Meishel Woods, Kira Woods and Rebecka Woods; and siblings, Michael (Mike) Woods and Patrick (Pat) Woods. He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel C Woods Sr., his mother, Dorothy Whalen, eldest sister



SAM WOODS

Nicky Jones and elder sister Sandy Silver.

No arrangements are planned per Sam's wishes.

Ronald Mickelson Morrison

(May 28, 1936 - April 11, 2024)

It is with profound sadness, yet gratitude for a life well-lived, that we announce the passing of a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Ronald Mickelson Morrison passed away peacefully on April 11, 2024. He was 87 years old.

Ron was born on May 28, 1936, to Francis E. Morrison and Cleo M. Morrison in Lovell, Wyoming. He was the second of nine children. Growing up in Lovell, he had an enjoyable childhood filled with adventure, and the camaraderie of his siblings and cousins. From an early age, he exhibited a natural talent for sports, especially basketball, spending countless hours honing his skills on the dirt court his dad made at their family home on Main Street.

One of the defining moments of Ron's youth was his participation on the first state championship basketball team for Lovell High School in 1953, a triumph that would forever hold a special place in his heart. Throughout his life, Ron learned the importance of patience, discipline, unity and hard work. Ron attended college at the University of Wyoming for a short time, and Northwest College in Powell. He was also in the National Guard.

Ron served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Australia Brisbane Mission in 1956. Upon returning from his mission, Ron attended Brigham Young University where he met his sweetheart, Beverly Taylor. They married in April 1963 in

the Idaho Falls Temple. After graduating with a degree in accounting, Ron moved home to Lovell to work with his dad and his older brother, Evan, in the family business.

Ron built his life where his roots ran deepest, raising his own family in the same hometown that had nurtured him. Here, he found fulfillment in watching his five children grow, imparting upon them the same values and principles that had guided his own life. As a father, he nurtured his children with unconditional love, guidance, and support, instilling in them the values of faith and integrity. Ron was also a loyal friend, always ready to offer a listening ear, a helping hand, or a word of encouragement.

Ron was deeply committed to his faith in God and his savior, Jesus Christ. He served in various leadership capacities within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints including bishop, stake president, and president of the Billings Montana Temple. He also served a mission in the Nauvoo Illinois Temple with his loving wife, Beverly. He especially cherished their time in the temple and the friends they made there.

In his leisure time, Ron enjoyed reading, spending time with Bev and their family, and finding joy and fulfillment in the simple pleasures of life. Whether gathered around the dinner table for Sunday supper, or cheering on the Lovell Bulldogs and BYU Cougars, he cherished every mo-

ment shared with loved ones.

Ron will be deeply missed by his devoted wife of 61 years, Beverly Taylor Morrison, with whom he shared a lifetime of love and companionship.

His legacy of love and devotion will continue to live on through their five children and their spouses Kelli (Mike) Steenbakkers, Jeffrey (Cindy) Morrison, Brett (Denise) Morrison, Wendy (Will) Winterholler and Todd (Evelynn) Morrison who were blessed to call him dad. Additionally,

Ron leaves behind 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought joy and happiness into his life. He is also survived by his siblings Beverly Thomas, Doug (Susan) Morrison, Ann (Allan) Kropf, Richard Morrison, Sue (Garry) Borders, Bruce (Linda) Morrison, brother-in-law Phil (Adele) Taylor and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Francis and Cleo, brothers Francis Evan and Joseph Arthur, his father-in-law and mother-in-law Keith and Rhea Taylor, and brother-in-law Darwin Thomas.

Dad, we hope your legacy of love, faith and leadership continue to inspire and uplift others, and may your spirit find eternal rest in the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father. Until we meet again.

Funeral services will be held at the Lovell Wyoming LDS Stake Center on Friday, April 19 at 2 p.m., with visitation beginning at 1 pm. Interment will follow at the Lovell Cemetery.



RON MORRISON

John Clayton Williams

(Feb. 25, 1935 - April 10, 2024)

John Clayton Williams was born on the family farm in Powell on Feb. 25, 1935. As he was growing up the family was into ranching and farming. When he finally graduated from high school he went into the U.S. Army on Oct. 19, 1954 and was deployed to Korea where he served and was honorably discharged on Aug. 9, 1956.

When he returned home he dated the love of his life Linda whom he married on Oct. 12, 1957. They then continued run-

ning the family farm and ranch until the late 70s when they started a construction business along with several other businesses. He loved the outdoors where boating, fishing and hunting were his passions. One of his favorite things to do was go to Yellowstone and take the boat across the lake and camp in the arms. For those of you who knew him well he always said to bury him with his lull machine because then he would have a machine to work with in heaven. He was always a hard

working man who was compassionate to all those around him. John was preceded in death by his dad, Rodger Williams; mom, Minnie; and wife, Linda. He is survived by his son, John R. Williams and his wife Angela; granddaughter, Victoria; grandsons, Benjamin and Stephen; brother, Stephen Williams and wife, Sandra; and many more nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial service with full military honors at Washington Park. The date and time have not been determined at this time.



JOHN WILLIAMS

Larry Yonts

Larry Yonts, 84, of Powell passed away on April 15, 2024. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home. A full obituary will follow.

Recycling: Funds needed to purchase glass pulverizer

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so it helps the markets have been better," she said, adding they also greatly appreciate the support from the city of Powell and other donors.

In the past year PVR has received \$950 in private donations.

Approximately 50% of people who use the recycling facility are from Powell and the other 50% is from people who reside in Park County and the Big Horn Basin.

"A big thank you to all those who recycle with us," Oechsner, said.

"In the past year, PVR also appreciates the nearly \$950 in private donations received from local patrons who help keep our doors open so recycling can continue in our community. A big thank you to all who recycle with us," she added.

Now the organization is looking for more funding to be able to purchase a machine that will enable the center to process recycled glass into sand.

A small local Powell group, apply named will gladly accept donations for the purchase of the equipment needed to recycle glass from the community.

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2. Aluminum foil	12. Scrap iron, copper and aluminum can still be placed in the center bins in the back yard
3. Tin cans	13. #3-7 plastic bottles
4. #1 clear bottles/pop bottles	14. Aluminum cans (not crushed)
5. #2 plastic bottles (opaque)	15. Ink cartridges
6. #2 plastic bottles (colored)	
7. Newspapers (no magazines)	
8. White paper (no colored paper)	
9. Plastic bags	
10. Corrugated cardboard (no pasteboard)	

recycling glass. All funds collected for this project will go towards the purchase of a glass pulverizer by Andela Products.

Estimated cost of the pulverizer and installation on site at PVR is approximately \$120,000.

Thus far Crush It has secured \$25,000 in grants with more grants pending. PVR

will gladly accept donations for the purchase of the equipment needed to recycle glass from the community.

"All of these new endeavors

for PVR mentioned above, are in concert with PVR's mission statement which is dedicated to conserving natural resources, reducing the flow of solid waste into our landfills and providing adequate opportunities for recycling materials throughout the Big Horn Basin," Oechsner, said.

PVR is always looking for people interested in serving on the volunteer board. The board at PVR manages all aspects of recycling business. The board relies on their great part time employees to assist the volunteer board to keep the doors open, help patrons with their recycling drop offs and process the materials collected.

'We've got some catching up to do, so it helps the markets have been better.'

Marynell Oechsner
Powell Valley Recycling

PUBLIC NOTICE

Elections are currently being held for the offices of Director of the Board of the NORTHWEST RURAL WATER DISTRICT. Three positions are up for election to serve a four year term beginning 1 June, 2024. Candidates seeking office include the following:

- Colleen Tippetts of rural Lovell
- Dave Burke of rural Cody
- Josh Shorb of rural Powell
- Mike Roney of rural Cody

Mail ballots have been sent to qualified electors based on county voter registration records. Mail ballots are due back in the District office at 526 Stone Street in Cody no later than 5:00 pm 7 May, 2024. Ballots are also available in the District office for electors entitled to vote in the election but who are not otherwise listed on county voter registration records if otherwise authorized to vote.

The District office at 526 Stone Street in Cody will also serve as a polling place 7 May, 2024 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the District office at 307-527-4426.

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IN OUR OPINION

If grizzlies are in Bighorns, where next?

When my family first moved to Cody in 2017, we made the most out of being close to Yellowstone, cruising the park and discovering the beauty of the North Fork.

We also ran into all the tourist traffic — and the signs noting grizzly bear territory.

So, when we decided to go camping the next year, we instead looked east to the Bighorns and wound up camping in our tent in the Leigh Creek Campground outside Ten Sleep. There are certainly still tourists that way, but it's not near the level. And, more importantly as I closed my eyes in a flimsy tent, no grizzly bears.

Of course, that was probably a naive thought. There has been anecdotal evidence through the years of grizzly bear sightings where only black bears are supposed to roam in the Bighorn Mountains.

Then, a few years ago, Game and Fish captured a griz near Byron east of Powell. That sure raised our eyebrows more — now we have a hard-sided camper.

So, while the news of Game and Fish killing a grizzly bear for cattle depredation near Ten Sleep is certainly big news — it's the clearest evidence yet of the bruins in the Bighorns — it's really only further confirmation of what we have seen in an easterly pattern of movement. After all, our Game and Fish has said time after time how the Yellowstone area population has expanded over the years — clear evidence the bears should not be on the Endangered Species Act list — and bears need a lot of space, so naturally they're expanding.

Actually, my first thought after seeing the department's report of a grizzly caught and killed near Ten Sleep was, if they're at the stage now where rumblings of griz sightings have turned into more concrete proof, the anecdotal evidence I've heard over the years of people spotting grizzlies down around our old family cabins in the Laramie Mountains near Douglas could be just a few years away from being verified as well. Now, I know grizzlies south of Casper would be a whole other level of spread, but if they're crossing the Big Horn Basin, why not?

All of this shows to me that it's time to take the same precautions in at least the Bighorns as are taken in the Absarokas and Beartooths — many of which should already be taken for black bears — and it's time to find a way to get Yellowstone area grizzlies once again delisted, and this time for good.

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If men would only listen

Starting many years ago, Gar would come home from work rubbing his right shoulder. I'd ask what was wrong and he'd say he didn't know, but his shoulder hurt. I'd say maybe he should go get it looked at and he'd say it would be better in the morning. This was a nightly conversation and did the shoulder worsen? Why yes it did. Did Gar go get it looked at? Why no he didn't. Instead, he'd take ibuprofen and suffer. I'd like to add again, just for clarification and in case there's a cross-examination, I knew for a fact he should go have someone look at his shoulder.

One night in December, I'd picked him up at the airport, and upon arriving home, as he took his suitcase out of the truck, it twisted as it dropped. It hurt him but he stayed mum, probably for fear I'd start an inquisition. Five days later we flew to our daughter's to help her move, and I'm fairly sure toting overstuffed chairs, mattresses, bed frames, boxsprings, bags, boxes and bundles was just the ticket for success with a bad arm. On the second night he mentioned his bicep hurt and

it did look odd. That's when he told me the suitcase story.

Upon returning home, he had an MRI and a doctor visit. The nurse handed him paperwork to fill out, which he straightaway handed over to me, mostly because his handwriting appears to be hieroglyphics.

Gar read over my shoulder dictating what I should write. When we came upon, "Do you feel discouraged? Do you feel life has no purpose? Do you have marital problems?" I looked at him and we both raised our eyebrows. Of course he's discouraged. Of course, he feels life has no purpose. It's because of his marital problems. I wrote in the margin, "My wife is watching."

Over the years, of the four rotator cuff tendons, Gar had managed to tear two partially in half and one completely in half. The bicep had gotten tired of doing all the work and tore completely in two (with help from the suitcase). The injuries had gone on so long, the muscle

had atrophied so nothing could be repaired. Instead, he had to have a total reverse shoulder replacement, where they change the ball to the shoulder and the socket to the arm (the opposite of how we come into the world). It sounded a bit like science fiction.

When the doctor asked Gar how many years he'd had his pain, Gar looked at me and I could read his mind. He wanted to say, "Oh, she's been with me for a long time" but he didn't quite have the courage since I was lurking beside him reading his thoughts. He said he realized something wasn't right a decade ago when he couldn't lift chains up on the trucks' headache racks without his left arm's help. Since this was the first I'd heard that, I considered going for his jugular. The doctor cut his eyes to me. I squinted and enunciated, "I told him to have it looked at." Nodding, the doctor murmured, "These men are stubborn." I couldn't help



TRENA EIDEN
Remember Your Roots and Keep Them Colored

myself, "Or dumb."

The surgery was set and as we left the surgeon's office, we were handed orders with the following in red letters at the top of the form: 1. A responsible adult must be available to receive instructions. 2. A responsible adult will have to drive you home. 3. A responsible adult will need to stay with you for 24 hours after surgery. Before starting the truck, I read the information out loud, then turned to Gar, "We're gonna need to be praying for you. Where in the world are you gonna find that?" He shrugged, "Maybe I can announce it at church and someone will offer to help."

Two weeks later, he had surgery and I drove him home the next day. Settling him in the recliner, I checked his oxygen which had been low due to the nerve block in his neck, then I got a quilt, gave meds, beat ice cubes into submission as I hooked up to the polar cube, and packed in multiple parcels from the truck. I texted friends and family, "I haven't slept for two days so am slightly irritable, mostly because I was just informed what I'm being paid for this job. It's not great, but plan to stick with it. Will definitely eat all his chocolate. Might eat his donuts."



Looking Back: Sally Maca reads bedtime stories to children Monday at the Powell Library during National Library Week. Originally published April 12, 1984 in the Powell Tribune

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A solution in search of a problem

Dear editor:

I was reading the paper's coverage (Powell Trib. April 16, 2024) of Sen. Dan Laursen's efforts to initiate a hand count of ballots for elections in Park County. I was reminded (again) of Sen. Laursen's search for a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. My objection to all of this comes from several aspects of his commentary on this process.

On the face of it I feel offended by the implication that the effort to ensure election integrity in Park County is being impugned. Of course, one may assert that it's only the machines that are being questioned. The results of an election in Park County have never been questioned, or even doubted. The team of election officials and judges who conduct local elections here work hard, are proud of their integrity, and believe that the machines are selected because of their infallible accuracy. The issue of machine accuracy has been met with testing in every election cycle and they have

been found to be absolutely accurate.

So, what is behind this ill-placed effort to abandon them? Of course, it comes from the sensationalized nationwide effort on the part of our former president and the far-right members of the GOP to push an unfounded assertion that the last presidential election was stolen. The real question is, "How long can the nation be forced to endure this big lie without evidence?"

Laursen asserts that, "We don't know who programmed them (the tabulators). Are they connected to the internet?" County officials say they aren't connected, so who exactly doesn't know? Is Laursen then questioning the officials' integrity? Here, again, we see the process of attempting to discredit and undermine public confidence in elections, i.e. staff, and election judges and the tabulators they use to conduct fair and impartial county elections. And, without a shred of evidence. Sound familiar? Another (big) lie.

Also at issue is the "informal polling" that Sen. Laursen conducted to support his belief about the voting machines. In

general, polling falls into the category of "Survey Research."

This is difficult and serious stuff, even for the experts. Most polls are not easy to validate even by national polling organizations. They are often wrong and often dismissed. So, what makes a poll valid? The object of polling is to collect knowledge that can support or dismiss an assumption, in this case whether or not voters believe that our machines are accurate.

This makes it possible to generalize an assumption from the polled population to the general population. Therefore, there are certain controls that must be applied to the process to ensure that the generalized results will be valid. The first control is always aimed at representation. Does the poll provide a sample that truly represents the polled population? The pollster must try to ensure that every member of that population has an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. That means that the sample must be random.

Does any of this resemble what Sen. Laursen describes in his poll? Do you think something as serious as election integrity should be affected (or infected)

by what Mr. Laursen has produced?

I suggest that readers pay particular attention to the part of the Tribune article titled "CLERK'S VIEWS" if you are interested in truth.

Scott Feyhl
Powell

(Editor's note: The story Feyhl is referring to was written by the Greybull Standard and was republished with permission by the Tribune.)

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People vote during the 2022 general election. During the 2024 election season voters need to be aware of some new changes. Tribune file photo by Mark Davis

Wyoming's elections will look different this year

DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING AFTER LAWS AROUND POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING CHANGED LAST YEAR

BY MAGGIE MULLEN
WyoFile.com

How and when Wyoming residents can vote will look different this year.

Two election laws related to political party affiliation and absentee voting were added to the books in 2023, making the August primaries the first major election affected by the new regulations.

Under the new rules, May 15 is the last day registered voters can change their political party affiliation. The affiliation associated with a voter's registration determines which primaries — either Republican or Democratic — they are entitled to vote in. Previously voters could change their party affiliation at the polls on Election Day, and many are accustomed to doing so. Qualified voters who are not yet registered will still be able to register and choose their party the day of.

Meanwhile, the window for absentee voting — also known as early voting — is shorter than before for most voters. The previous 45-day time frame was reduced to 28 days.

Local election officials across the state have been trying to get the word out, but most are working with limited resources. When lawmakers passed the new regulations in 2023, funding for additional voter education was not included in either bill.

"We had hoped for a more robust educational component," Malcolm Ervin, Platte County clerk and president of the County Clerks' Association of Wyoming, told WyoFile.

"Due to funding, and not having a statewide approach, each county is taking it on their own in order to really educate their voters in a way that they see fit."

Laramie County, for example, held a voter registration pop-up event last month at the library in Cheyenne. Clerks in smaller counties, like Platte, have met with volunteer groups like the Kiwanis or Lions Club to get them to help inform the public.

While different counties are

taking different approaches, Ervin said their shared goal is to prevent voters from having to be turned away, but to also mitigate conflict in the event that occurs.

"For those that disagree with the policy decision, I beg for them to remember that it's not our [election] judges that made that policy decision," Ervin said. "They're just the ones carrying out the will of the policymakers."

The state's top election official says his office is gearing up to also inform voters.

"As the 2024 election cycle begins, our office is engaging in a voter awareness and education campaign according to what our budget allows and similar in size and scope of previous administrations," Secretary of State Chuck Gray told WyoFile in an emailed statement.

Gray also pointed to key election dates provided on his office's website, press releases dating back to the legislation's passage and op-eds.

PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES

For years, Republican lawmakers sought to limit so-called crossover voting — the practice of changing party affiliation in order to vote for a certain candidate. In Republican-dominated Wyoming, this most often occurs when left-leaning voters change their party so they can participate in GOP contests. The practice received greater scrutiny amid the high-profile 2022 congressional race between then-Rep. Liz Cheney and attorney Harriet Hageman, who ultimately triumphed.

The ninth time was the charm for crossover voting critics. In 2023, the legislation was enacted without Gov. Mark Gordon's signature after rising from the dead and passing both chambers.

Supporters said it was necessary to stop registered Democrats, minor party and unaffiliated voters from influencing primary election as Republicans.

Voters are now prohibited from changing party affiliation during the 96 days leading up

to the primary election. The law lines up with the candidate filing period, and opponents have criticized the regulation for effectively forcing voters to choose a party before even knowing the slate of candidates.

This year, the deadline falls on May 15.

The restriction will not apply to new voters registering after that deadline, such as someone who has turned 18 after May 15, according to the secretary of state's office. It would also not apply to voters who cancel their registration ahead of the deadline and then re-register sometime after May 15.

"Where we should be targeting our education are the unaffiliated and the minor party voters," Ervin said. "Because in years past, they were accustomed to going to the polls on Election Day and being able to change the registration and get a ballot based on whatever candidates they wanted to vote for."

During the legislative session, Rep. Karlee Provenza (D-Laramie) brought an amendment to the budget bill to allocate \$3,000 to each county clerk "for purposes of voter education regarding new voter registration laws."

While the House adopted the amendment, it was ultimately left out of the final budget bill. That said, the funding would not have been available until July, when the new fiscal budget goes into effect.

Still, Provenza said she's concerned that voters will be turned away because lawmakers kept them in the dark.

"I think it's dishonest of the state Legislature to change the laws in such a way and then not do its due diligence to ensure that hard-working community members know that that law has changed," Provenza said.

"People have lives. They're busy. They can't track everything that we do. And it's really unfortunate that we aren't being more transparent about what we've done."

Rep. Jeremy Haroldson (R-Wheatland), who was the main

sponsor of the crossover-voting ban bill, did not respond to WyoFile's request for comment.

Even if the clerks had a robust education campaign, Ervin said, it still wouldn't completely rule out someone "not getting the message."

"The good news is, I do feel like there's been enough conversation around the state that I do think large swaths — of at least the major parties — are aware," Ervin said. "It's that unaffiliated and minor party voters that I see there being more of an issue."

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

While the crossover-voting ban has commanded a lot of headlines, Ervin said the absentee ballot changes may actually be a bigger, more impactful change for voters.

In Wyoming, absentee ballots are used for both mail-in voting and early in-person voting. In 2023, lawmakers voted to shorten the absentee ballot window from 45 days ahead of an election to 28 days.

There is one exception to the restriction. Wyoming residents who live outside the United States, such as those who are serving in the military, are exempt under federal law.

But the change in timeline will mean voters need to be more prompt, Ervin said. That may be that much more important with the U.S. Postal Service's proposal to move Wyoming's mail processing out of state.

"If you're requesting [your ballot] by mail or returning it by mail, make sure you do so quickly," Ervin said. "Quicker than you've had to in the past."

After mailing their ballot, voters can always contact their county clerk to verify it's been received, Ervin added.

Absentee voting begins July 5 for those who qualify for the out-of-country exemption. For all other voters, it will begin July 23. Absentee ballots may be requested at any time in 2024.

The primary election is Aug. 20 and the general election is Nov. 5.

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DIGEST

Three more murders confirmed in Fremont County; Lander man arrested

BY SARAH ELMQUIST SQUIRES
The Ranger
Via Wyoming News Exchange

A homicide was reported on the Wind River Reservation over the weekend, an arrest was made in a second homicide on the same day, and the Fremont County Coroner's Office has confirmed a man was murdered outside Riverton in March, marking the county's homicide toll at six since the new year began.

According to Lander Police Chief Scott Peters, Michael Ray Vigil, 39, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder after a person was found murdered on Sweetwater Street in Lander on Sunday morning just before 7 a.m.

The original call reported an assault, and officials are not releasing the identity of the victim pending further notification of family and investigation.

Law enforcement was later called on a report of a second homicide at 9:24 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, according to the Fremont County sheriff's call log, which indicates the death is un-

der investigation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Wind River Police Department.

Unlike other local law enforcement agencies, the Wind River Police Department does not comment on investigations and only releases data when a person is charged with a crime in federal court.

All but the word "homicide" and the date and time were redacted from the sheriff's call log. This week the Fremont County Coroner's Office released the details in another homicide.

Law enforcement officials were called to a Riverton residence on Vine Street on March 17 at 5:45 p.m. on a report of a dead body. The 29-year-old man, Pete Ouray, was found dead in his home.

According to the coroner, his cause of death was homicide by blunt traumatic injuries of the head, and his blood-alcohol content was measured at .254%. His date of death was listed as March 15.

LANDER ARREST

According to the second-degree murder charge, Vigil told

investigators he beat his victim in the head with a metal bar after the two had been drinking together at Vigil's residence. Vigil claimed the man made sexual advances toward him.

The affidavit states the two were drinking on Saturday night at Vigil's residence on Sweetwater Street when the victim began "acting weird" and took off his shorts.

Vigil told investigators the man put his clothes back on and when Vigil, allegedly fearing a sexual attack, told him to leave, the victim laid down on Vigil's bed instead. Vigil retrieved a metal bar and struck the victim in the head three times, then dragged his body onto the patio, the complaint states. He then burned some things from the victim's wallet on top of his body, court documents allege.

When Lander police arrived at the scene at 6:46 a.m. Sunday morning, they reportedly found Vigil with blood on his clothing and feet, observed blood in the bedroom and dining room, along with blood around the body in the backyard. A metal bar was located in the dining room, the

complaint describes, along with signs that Vigil may have attempted to clean some of the blood.

VIOLENT DEATHS ADDING UP

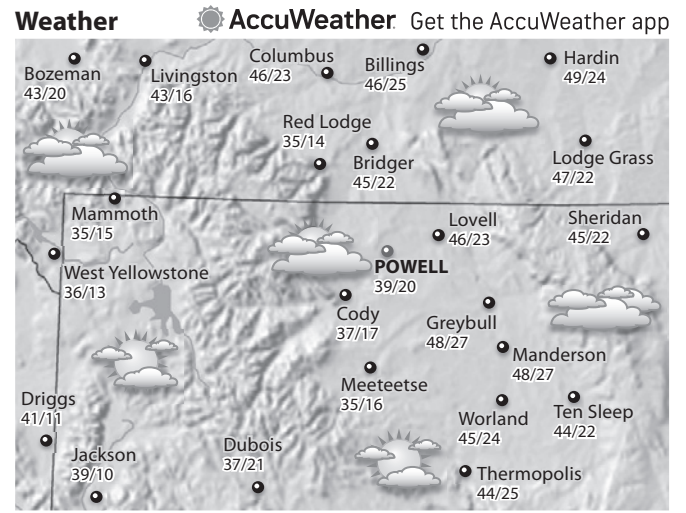
The new murders follow three earlier violent deaths in Fremont County.

On Feb. 25, Inez Whiteman, 37, died as a result of a stab wound to the chest. The BIA and FBI are investigating the death, which Fremont County Coroner Erin Ivie ruled a homicide.

Ivie also ruled the Feb. 19 death of William Yellowrobe Sr. as a homicide due to blunt-force traumatic injuries to the head and ethanol intoxication; his blood alcohol content was measured at .31% at the time of his death.

Riverton police were called for a welfare check at 9:30 a.m. that morning after Yellowrobe was discovered near St. James Episcopal Church bloodied with possible signs of trauma.

He was pronounced dead there; police are seeking information from anyone who may have heard a disturbance the day before, Feb. 18, between 3-9 p.m.



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Saturday
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44° 31°

Sunday
Partly sunny; a shower in the afternoon, breezy
58° 31°

Monday
Times of sun and clouds
57° 36°

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Powell for the 7-day period ending Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

High/low 75°/25°

Normal high/low 57°/29°

Average temperature 50.7°

Normal average temperature 43.2°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week Trace

Month to date 0.30"

Normal month to date 0.19"

Year to date 0.99"

Snowfall for the week Trace"

Snowfall month to date 1.1"

Snowfall season to date 13.6"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset 6:25am/8:05pm

Moonrise/Moonset 2:57pm/4:39am

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Casper	41/18/c	Greybull	48/27/pc	Rawlins	49/23/c
Cheyenne	39/29/c	Jeffrey City	46/24/c	Rock Springs	49/25/s
Gillette	43/20/pc	Kirby	45/25/pc	Shoshoni	47/27/pc

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Atlanta	88/65/s	Houston	86/72/pc	Louisville	87/62/r
Boston	49/40/c	Indianapolis	79/49/c	Miami	83/70/pc
Chicago	60/43/c	Kansas City	59/40/t	Phoenix	94/67/pc
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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

MARCH 30

12:38 a.m. A deputy assisted with an open door on Wyo. Highway 114 in the Powell area.

1:03 a.m. Deputies assisted with a verbal altercation on Sheridan Avenue in Cody that led to 17 people walking out back behind the business.

9:17 a.m. A caller on West Rocky Road in the Cody area said someone poured oil all over his picnic table down by the river. Deputies provided assistance.

5:47 p.m. Deputies completed a call regarding harassment on Scenic View Drive in the Cody area.

6:02 p.m. A silver SUV was reportedly all over the roadway at MP 30 on U.S. Highway 14/16/20W in the Cody area. Deputies provided assistance.

6:49 p.m. Deputies assisted with cows on the roadway at County Road 3JC in the Meeteetse area.

10:04 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist at Wyo. Highway 120S in the Meeteetse area.

10:40 p.m. A caller on Baker Drive in the Cody area said his neighbors are yelling at each other and banging on the walls. A case was opened.

MARCH 31

12:37 p.m. A driver was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign on Skyline Drive in Cody.

4:32 p.m. A case was opened after a caller said they had video surveillance of a person trespassing on property on Reesy Road in the Cody area early that morning.

9:35 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist at Road 18/U.S. Highway 14A in the Powell area.

7:30 p.m. Wendy Delong Coe was charged at the Park County Detention Center in Cody with unlawful contact: rude, innocent or angry touches.

8:10 p.m. Jennifer Louise Dumas was charged at the Park County Detention Center in Cody with simple assault.

POLICE REPORT

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

APRIL 4

6:56 p.m. A caller on North Division Street reported a deceased cat in front of a residence near

PLAYFUL PALS



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the street. An officer responded and disposed of the animal.

11:55 p.m. A resident on East Fourth Street reported damage to a vehicle. An officer responded and placed the case under investigation.

APRIL 5

7:09 a.m. A caller reported a white duck in the middle of the road by Homesteader Museum at South Clark/East First streets. An officer responded but did not locate any ducks in the area.

11:21 a.m. An officer responded to a report of a white duck in the street at West Park/South Bernard streets. The officer eventually located the owner, who was cited for restrictions for wild animals in the city limits.

11:41 a.m. A Ford truck key and a fob on a red and white Coca Cola lanyard were reported lost on North Ferris Street.

11:53 a.m. A caller reported seeing something white hover over a residence on Avenue G. Responding officers checked the area, but did not locate anything matching the description.

6:51 p.m. A resident on North Absaroka Street reported damage to a vehicle. An officer responded and placed the case

under investigation.

APRIL 6

No reports to list.

APRIL 7

3:03 a.m. A caller on Avenue H reported a suspicious male in the area. Officers responded but were unable to locate the described subject.

5:47 a.m. A resident on North Cheyenne Street reported hearing sounds like someone was throwing rocks at their window and then tapping on it. An officer responded and searched the area, but did not locate anyone.

9:21 a.m. Officers responded to a disturbance on East Fourth Street and mediated the situation.

11:35 a.m. A wallet was reported lost in the Powell area. Nothing matching was reported as found.

3:55 p.m. After a traffic stop on West Coulter Avenue/South Bernard Street, the driver was cited for speeding.

4:40 p.m. An officer responded to a report of a suspicious male seen on a caller's camera in the area of Avenue G. A responding officer contacted the reporting party, and extra patrol will be provided.

9:19 p.m. A caller at South Absarokak Street/East Coulter Avenue reported harassment. The case was put under investigation.

9:26 p.m. An officer initiated activity on Homesteader Court where property damage to a building was reported. The case was put under investigation.

APRIL 8

1:01 a.m. After a traffic stop at South Division Street/West Coulter Avenue, the driver was cited for no taillight, no insurance and driving under suspension. The vehicle was parked for the night.

10:28 a.m. A black pig was reported running at large on South Absaroka Street. An officer responded and contacted the owner, who claimed the pig.

10:56 a.m. A juvenile on East Seventh Street was cited for liquor law violation and the case was put under investigation.

1:26 p.m. A traffic stop at East Coulter Avenue/South Day Street resulted in the driver cited for expired registration.

3:25 p.m. A caller on East Coulter Avenue reported a female walking down the street who appeared to be impaired. Officers contacted the female about the concerning report they received.

6:53 p.m. A brown leather wallet with gray and black cow hair found on East Coulter Avenue was turned in at the law enforcement center. The owner could not be located and the item was placed in found property.

APRIL 9

8:09 a.m. After a traffic stop at East Second/North Clark streets, the driver was warned for improper left turn, failure to maintain lane x2, cellphone hands free violation, and left brake light out.

8:43 a.m. A resident on Avenue C reported a Social Security fraud. An officer contacted the resident about the report and placed the case under investigation.

8:44 a.m. A traffic stop at West Coulter Avenue/South Division Street resulted in the driver warned for excessive smoke fumes.

11:18 a.m. After a traffic stop on East Coulter Avenue, a driver was cited for speeding and warned for no proof of liability insurance.

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Underwood: All experts in consensus that Underwood has real brain damage and psychiatric issues

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mother was 40 years old at the time of her death.

Each psychiatrist who's evaluated Underwood in recent years has concluded that he understands why he's been charged and the potential penalties if he's convicted. But the experts have disagreed on whether Underwood can keep up with what's happening in court.

"Because of his neurocognitive impairments, it's very difficult for him to keep up with what's going on in court, to process hearing testimony in real time or hearing lawyers argue in real time, and then communicate that effectively to his attorney during trial," Dr. Daniel Martell testified at a hearing last month.

Martell, who was called by the defense, opined that the only way to know whether accommodations are working "is to go so slow and probe [Underwood's understanding] so frequently that it becomes pretty impractical."

However, Dr. Steven Nelson testified on behalf of the state that he suspects the defendant isn't as confused as he claims. Nelson said he believes the court can accommodate Underwood's cognitive impairments.

"There's obviously something wrong with Mr. Underwood," Deputy Park County Attorney

Jack Hatfield said, but "the fact that he's slow isn't any different than just about every other murder defendant in this country. You don't have to have 150 IQ to get tried for murder."

Nelson testified that Underwood appeared to have "borderline intellectual functioning," which would put his IQ in the roughly 71-84 range. That reflects a person who has below average intelligence, but doesn't have an intellectual disability. Hatfield said that's "good enough" for a person to be tried.

However, Underwood's court-appointed defense attorney, Sam Krone, argued that moving forward would run afoul of Underwood's constitutional rights.

Even if accommodations are attempted, "we can't guarantee that Mr. Underwood's constitutional rights would be protected," Krone said.

THE ALLEGATIONS

Elizondo's body was found in a remote area south of Cody weeks later and Underwood was caught at the scene. Following a flight from and standoff with authorities, Underwood was taken into custody, where he allegedly told agents that he might have fatally strangled Elizondo during an argument. He also admitted having sexual contact with the woman's corpse before transporting

the body to Cody, according to charging documents.

Then-Laramie County District Attorney Leigh Anne Manlove — who has since been disbarred — initially charged Underwood with first-degree murder and other charges. However, she dropped the case in 2022 after two experts found Underwood was not competent to proceed.

The Park County Attorney's Office then brought its own charges related to Underwood's alleged actions here — including attempting to hide Elizondo's body and illegally possessing a firearm despite prior felony convictions. That case has been on hold for the past year-and-a-half as medical experts and attorneys have again evaluated and debated whether Underwood is competent to stand trial.

A TRAUMATIC HISTORY

Given that Underwood had to repeat both two grades, it appears he grew up with some cognitive problems, Martell said.

Underwood also suffered a severe brain injury in a 1992 motorcycle crash; he was in a coma for days and had to re-learn how to walk and talk.

Criminal behavior and mental episodes have followed.

In 2004, he reportedly sprayed his then-girlfriend and two of her family members

with bear spray, then threatened to jump off a bridge when authorities sought to take him into custody.

Then in the summer of 2014, he choked his 15-year-old son and threatened his then-wife with a loaded gun. He then got into an hours-long standoff with Cody police that culminated in him shooting himself in the head. Underwood was released from prison in May 2018.

IS HE FAKING IT?

In both the 2014 standoff and the 2019 murder, Underwood has claimed to have no memory of the events in question. While at the State Hospital, Underwood allegedly credited his amnesia for his Laramie County case being dropped.

"He essentially advised other inmates to say that they couldn't remember ... what happened when they committed a crime, because it worked for him to claim that he couldn't remember what he had done ...," Dr. Nelson said of the account relayed to authorities by another inmate.

When in a courtroom or being interviewed by law enforcement, Underwood tends to blame his disabilities for his behavior, Nelson said. However, he said the defendant has also proven capable of taking care of himself and working a job as a commercial trucker.

"I have a strong concern that Mr. Underwood is either exaggerating or feigning some of the symptomatology that he's presenting," Nelson said. When someone does that in an effort to avoid responsibility, "then you have to question everything related to their presentation," he added.

As for Dr. Martell, he said Underwood's claimed amnesia is "certainly convenient," but irrelevant to the question of Underwood's competency.

Among all the experts, there's a consensus that Underwood has real brain damage and psychiatric issues, and Martell believes they limit his ability to process information in real time.

"Under the stress of trial in the real world, he's going to be at a disadvantage ...," Martell said.

MOVING FORWARD

While Martell felt accommodations would prove impractical, Hatfield said he'd take as much time as needed, even if the preliminary hearing took five days rather than the usual hour or two.

"I'll give Mr. Krone 50 bucks so that we can get some energy drinks for Mr. Underwood so that he can keep up," Hatfield said. "But what is not right is over four years later, the state is still being hampered in its ability to prosecute Mr. Under-

wood based on what he says is his problems and the inability of, so far, anybody willing to try what the [defendant's] own experts are saying."

Even if the accommodations prove inconvenient and cumbersome, Darrah indicated they should try to move forward. The exact nature of those measures will be determined at a future hearing.

Last month, Darrah expressed some concern about the process, asking how he'll be able to tell if the accommodations are working for Underwood and suggesting he'll wind up needing to rely on Krone's opinion.

"I don't know how you do that," Krone said of determining the efficacy, adding, "It puts the court in a very difficult position."

Before the start of the competency hearing, Elizondo's mother, Cecilia, read a lengthy statement in which she expressed frustration with the judicial process and with media coverage that she said has lacked empathy and focused on the rights of Underwood.

Cecilia also spoke lovingly about her daughter.

"It is through her beauty, love and contagious laughter that we will continue to fight even though the darkness he [Underwood] has caused," Cecilia said. "She has always been our shining light."

Wolf: Rewards offered for more evidence

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"I would be disappointed if anyone were to paint Wyoming with a broad brush and suggest that Wyoming citizens condone the reckless, thoughtless and heinous actions of one individual," he said.

Sublette County authorities have also opened an investigation into the incident.

Yet, the story is still fresh in the minds of wildlife advocates across the country and more is sure to be heard about the case. The Center for a Humane Economy has now issued a \$15,000 reward to any individual who can provide additional evidence to police and prosecutors that results in Roberts' incarceration for at least one year "for his appalling abuse of a young, female wolf," the organization announced Wednesday.

"Tens of millions of people are pleading with us to do all within our power to see that Cody Roberts is arrested for cruelty and sentenced to meaningful time in prison," said Wayne Pacelle, president of Animal Wellness Action and the Center for a Humane Economy.

Last week, the organization issued a legal analysis claiming there are no legal exemptions shielding Roberts from being charged under the state's animal cruelty statute, which allows for felony-level penalties.

Wyoming Wildlife Advocates is also offering a \$5,000 reward for addition footage of the incident, said Executive Director Kristin Combs.

"This egregious act of cruelty cannot be tolerated, and we will not rest until Wyoming enacts robust laws to prevent such atrocities from ever happening again. No animal should have to suffer such a fate, and we are committed to fighting tirelessly to ensure that Wyoming's wildlife are safeguarded and treated with the dignity and compassion they deserve," she said.

Meanwhile, the group is pushing for a ban on trapping, the use of snowmobiles to run down wildlife and allowing the taking of wolves in the predator zone without a license and by the use of any means to kill the predator.

At the end of Wednesday's meeting Ladwig opened up the meeting to the public.

So many people attempted to join the department's Zoom meeting that it caused technical difficulties as the meeting met its maximum online participants.

Many, some from states as far away as the East Coast, asked the commission to ban hunting by snowmobile and to eliminate the predator zone, which covers 85% of the state. Some asked the commission to increase fines. Others, including federal employees involved in wildlife management, said the prevailing culture of hate for the species stains the reputation of the Cowboy State and hurts the important tourism industry.

"[Tourists] speak with their wallets," said Mike Blissett, a professional nature photographer from Cody. "Truly the world is watching. With this wolf

torture incident, hashtags like #banWyoming are a very real thing," he said, adding "a drop in tourism revenue because of this incident means a drop in sales tax revenue for the state. Then the whole state loses."

All, including hunters and outdoors enthusiasts, were disheartened — some becoming emotional as they spoke — by the alleged capture and torture of the young wolf in Daniel.

"He [Roberts] needs to be hung by his toenails and beat with a cowboy bat, er, cowboy hat. It was an awful thing that happened," said Phil Pfister, who is the former president of the Wyoming State Trappers Association.

Many described Roberts as a terrorist or extremist and questioned why he hasn't been charged with felony animal abuse. Others blamed the department and the commission for allowing the use of snowmobiles or other unsporting means, like poisons, to kill wildlife deemed as predators without restrictions or limits.

"It's a blood sport," said Roy Pack, likening the killing of the wolf to the killing of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in 1998.

Yet one participant pointed a finger at activists. Jess Johnson said while wildlife advocates streamed into the Riverton meeting, few if any show up at public meetings during legislative sessions.

"Oftentimes I hear a pouring-out of emotion here. And then I show up at a legislative committee meeting and no [advocates] are in the room," said Johnson, who is the government affairs director for the Wyoming Wildlife Federation.

Director Nesvik spoke at the end of the public comment period, saying he would be following up the meeting by meeting with state leaders to discuss the meeting and thanking all those in attendance for maintaining proper decorum. It has been a tough couple of weeks at the department.

"Unfortunately, not everybody we've heard from followed the same standards that all of you followed here today," Nesvik said. "I have had my staff called names that I will not repeat here. I've had their folks call and threatened my staff's pets."

Ladwig followed, saying he "probably was going to say some things that I shouldn't."

"I can't believe there wasn't more uproar with the 14-year-old boy that was stabbed to death in front of the mall in Casper, Wyoming by two other teenagers. That's just as bad or worse than killing a wolf," he said. "I don't believe there has been the outrage that we've seen over this with that situation. That was a human being. And it just it tears my heart up. I lost a son years ago, and this whole thing is unbelievable."

Former Commission President Ralph Brokaw finished the meeting looking to the future.

"I'm anxious to lead and I'm anxious for us to do something," he said.



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Trey Stenerson swings through a pitch on Sunday as the Pioneers enjoyed a warm opening doubleheader against Lewistown, earning the sweep. Tribune photo by Seth Romsa

HOME OPENING SWEEP

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

PIONEERS WIN DOUBLEHEADER ON SUNDAY

The Powell Pioneers swept the visiting Lewistown Redbirds 10-3 and 9-1 on Sunday to open the home schedule and improve their early season record to 3-1.

POWELL 10, LEWISTOWN 3

A warm, sunny day greeted the Pioneers (3-1) to open their home campaign against the Redbirds (0-2).

Powell came out strong, with Brock Johnson leading off with a single. He advanced to second on a balk, before getting caught stealing third. Jhett Schwahn then got on via a walk, before a Cade Queen triple brought him in to make it 1-0.

Queen scored on a passed ball, before Trey Stenerson was walked. Stenerson advanced to second on a

wild pitch, and got to third after tagging up on a fly ball.

He then scored on a wild pitch, giving Powell a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Unfortunately for Powell, that was the only offense until the third inning.

Stenerson and Dalton Worstell both singled to get on before an error on Cole Fauskee's hit loaded the bases with no outs.

Aiden Greenwald grounded into a fielder's choice to score Stenerson before Ethan Welch singled to bring in Worstell and extend the advantage to 5-0.

Lewistown got on the board in the fourth, after a walk and a home run cut the lead down to 5-2.

Powell held off any more scoring in that inning, but Lewistown added one more in the fifth to tighten the gap to 5-3, ending Jacob Gibson's relief effort in his first action of the season.

Jason Borders
Manager

"I think if we give him a couple more outings he'll be back to his old self," manager Jason Borders said, noting that Gibson is returning after he recently suffered an injury.

After the lull in scoring, Borders

said the Pioneers need to figure out how to score more consistently rather than scoring in outbursts throughout the contest.

"I don't know if we put it into cruise control or what," Borders said. "We've always talked about winning each inning ... We need to figure it out and be better throughout the game."

In the sixth, Worstell got into a bases-loaded jam with only one out, but struck out the final two batters to escape with no damage done.

In the bottom half of the inning the Pioneers got insurance runs, starting with a walk to Greenwald and a sac bunt by Welch to advance him.

Johnson reached on an error to put runners on the corners with only one out.

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Eighth grade boys break relay record

SEVENTH GRADERS TAKE SECOND IN LOVELL MEET

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

Another dominant performance for the Powell Middle School eighth grade boys' track and field team was boosted by a new school record, breaking the 4x100 relay time and winning the Lovell meet, while the seventh grade boys placed second in a tough meet.

That 4x100 relay team was made up of Dylan DeBoer, Karcher Foley, Cobey Khan and Braxton Nelson, finishing with a time of 49.18 and breaking a 20-year-old record that previously sat at 49.36.

"The eighth grade boys came into this season knowing what they wanted to accomplish this season, and you can see the effort they

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Eighth grade girls continue to dominate

SEVENTH GRADERS LOSE CLOSE WEEKEND BATTLE

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

The eighth grade Powell Cub girls' track and field team secured another dominant victory in Lovell last Saturday, winning by 89.5 points while the seventh grade girls finished second, narrowly losing to the hosts by two points.

The eighth grade squad was led by a quadruple event winner, as Kindyle Floy won the 100 meters (13.44), 200 meters (28.22), 400 meters (1:02.61) and the high jump by clearing 4 feet, 8 inches. She added a new qualifying mark for the Best of the Best in the 400 meters, having already qualified in her other three events.

Abigail Visocky was a double event winner, earning the top spot in the 100 meter hurdles (18.73) and the 200 meter hurdles (34.63) to earn qualifying marks in both events.

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POWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS' CAGERS RUNNERS-UP

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

A strong season came to a close with a runner up finish in the conference tournament for the eighth grade

Powell Middle School boys' basketball team, finishing 14-3 with a 12-0 regular season conference record.

Powell started the season 5-0 including a buzzer-beater against Cody in front of the Cub faithful before the first loss of the season came at home to Rocky Mountain.

The Cubs then won four more before another loss at Rocky Mountain.

Powell then closed out the regular season with three straight

wins, before winning its first two tournament games before a loss to Cody in the championship in Cody.

"They notched road wins at Cody and at Lovell — both are extremely difficult feats at the middle school level," coach Chris Wolff said.

'They discovered that they were very difficult to beat if they shared the ball and played on the offensive end in a selfless manner.'

Chris Wolff
Coach

"Her presence and willingness to share her knowledge and experience with the boys and staff was incredible,"

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Braxton Nelson goes up for a layup against Lovell in February. The eighth grade Cubs finished with a 14-3 record and were runners up at the conference tournament. Tribune photo by Seth Romsa

Seventh grade hoopers grow in tough season

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

A difficult season on the hardwood led to significant growth for the Powell Middle School seventh grade boys' basketball team this season, with the Cubs improving each step of the way before seasons' end.

While the team only won two games, coach Eric Oram said they narrowed the deficit against each team by the end of the campaign.

"We won only two games this season but we narrowed the scoring deficit on many teams as we played them for a second time," Oram said. "Not all victories are won on the scoreboard."

Coming into the season he said that much of the team did not have a lot of experience in a five-on-five setting, but continued to give their best effort every time they stepped on the court while learning from the coaching staff.

"Our team was very coachable," Oram said. "They listened and tried to implement what the coaches were asking. They were



Wyatt Hill drives baseline for the Cubs, as the seventh graders showed improvement throughout the season after only earning two wins. Tribune photo by Seth Romsa

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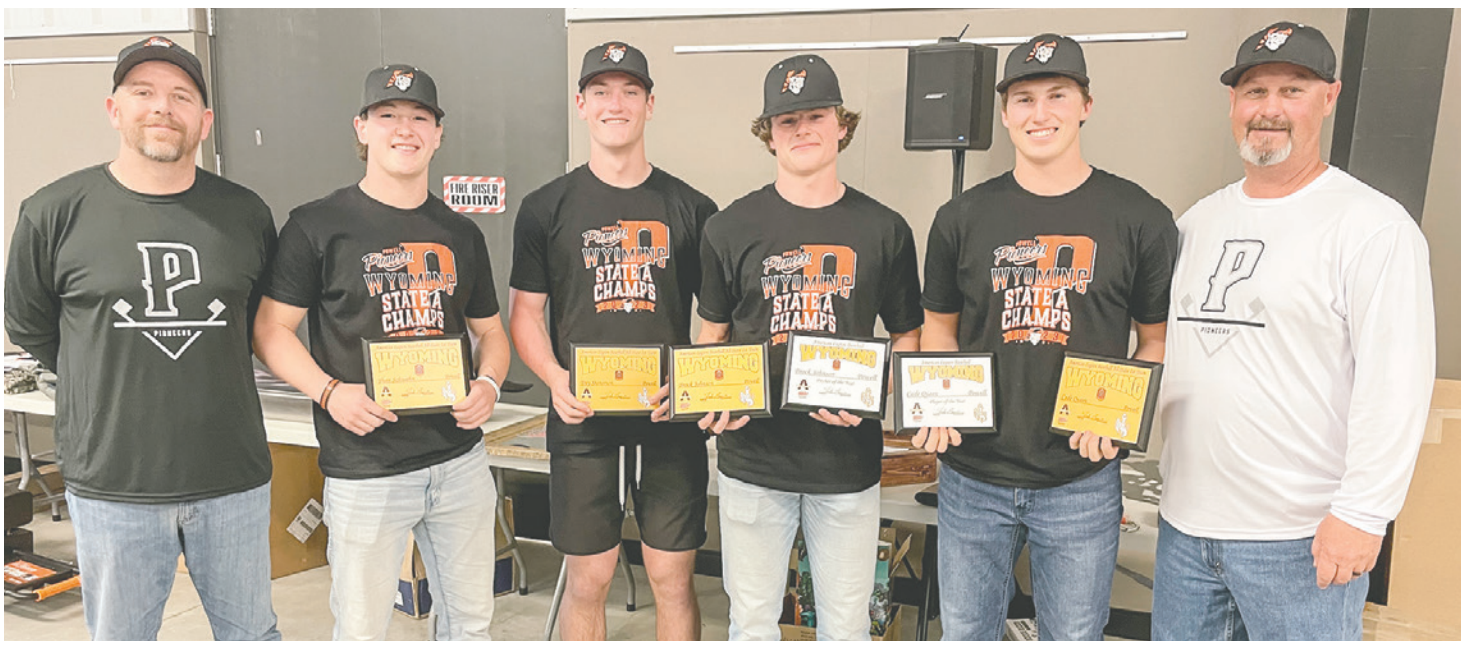
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The returning All-State Pioneers pose with their managers at the taco dinner fundraiser Saturday night. From left: Cory Ostermiller, Jhett Schwahn, Trey Stenerson, pitcher of the year Brock Johnson, player of the year Cade Queen and Jason Borders. Tribune photo by Toby Bonner

Pioneers: Schedule picks up with two doubleheaders this weekend

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He stole second before Schwahn hit a double to bring in the pair and push the lead back out to 7-3.

Queen doubled to score Schwahn, before Stenerson singled to bring in Queen and make it 9-3.

Stenerson eventually stole second and third before Fauskee hit a double to cap off the scoring outburst and secure the victory at 10-3.

Three Pioneers pitchers — Johnson, Gibson and Worstell — combined for 14 strikeouts compared to seven walks and five hits.

Powell finished with 10 hits in the contest, only committing one error compared to four for the visitors.

POWELL 9, LEWISTOWN 1

In the second game of the doubleheader the visitors started out strong, with the Pioneers seeking more consistent play throughout the contest.

The visitors got on the board first, scoring on a wild pitch, which ended up being the only run of the game for the Redbirds.

Powell responded in the bottom half, led by a Johnson double and a Schwahn walk to put two on with no outs.

Both advanced on steals, before Johnson eventually scored on a passed ball during Stenerson's at bat to make it 1-1 after the first.

Queen settled in on the mound, only allowing a walk over the next two innings before Powell took the lead.

Johnson and Schwahn walked,



Jacob Gibson got his first action on the mound for the season, shaking off rust against the Redbirds on Sunday. Powell will be in action in Billings on Saturday and at home on Sunday. Tribune photo by Seth Romosa

before Queen drove in the pair on a double to make it 3-1.

He then advanced to third on a wild pitch, before scoring after tagging up on a sac fly by Worstell to extend the lead to 4-1.

"We didn't really have the lulls in that game that we had from the first one," Borders said.

Gibson doubled to lead off the

fourth, and advanced to third on a sac bunt by Jordan Loera.

He scored on a passed ball to extend the lead to 5-1.

Powell put the game away in the bottom of the sixth, starting with Worstell being hit by a pitch and stealing second and advancing on a Fauskee bunt that did not lead to an out.

Greenwald was hit by a pitch to load the bases, before Worstell scored during Loera's at bat.

Johnson singled to reload the bases, and Schwahn was hit by a pitch to bring in another run to make it 7-1.

Queen singled to bring in a pair, capping off the scoring at 9-1.

Queen and Greenwald combined for 11 strikeouts on the mound and two walks, while only giving up three hits.

Powell committed no errors, while Lewistown committed one.

"We had one error on the day, our defense played great for both games," Borders said. "We just gotta keep working at things."

DOUBLE DOUBLEHEADER WEEKEND

Powell will now get into a busier schedule this weekend, playing four games over two days for the first time this weekend.

That will start on the road in Billings on Saturday, taking on the Blue Jays (0-0) at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in a doubleheader.

Powell then returns home on Sunday, taking on Green River (0-0) with tentative start times scheduled for 10 a.m. and noon, dependent on the forecast, which may push the games to early in the afternoon if weather is predicted to be colder.

"We are going to find out how good our pitchers are. We are going to have to stretch them out a little more," Borders said. "Should be a fun weekend, we get to see some more guys on the mound. It'll be nice to get four games in and see where our whole staff is at."

Girls' Track: Cubs head to Cody this week, host invite on April 27

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Sam Edgell was the final individual event winner, taking the top spot in the shot put (25-1), and earning a qualifying mark in that event alongside the discus (71-6) where she placed third.

Other qualifying marks came from Macie Velasco placing second in the 1600 (6:09.42); Vera Thomas placing third in the 100 meter hurdles (19.32) and Autumn Kidd taking fourth in the high jump (4-6).

The 4x400 relay team of Alaja Love, Grace Perry, Velasco and Alyssa Wantulok won with a time of 4:55.74.

Powell dominated with 42 top eight finishes, running away with 204.5 points compared to second placed Lovell with 115 as Wor-

land took third with 39 points.

"Repeating a strong performance boosts their morale and confidence. It showed how focused these girls are and how hard they work," assistant coach Amanda Haney said. "It sets the standard high for future competitions. These girls help motivate each other and push one another at practice as well as encouraging each other at the meet."

A close finish for the seventh grade girls saw the girls fall just short of host Lovell, narrowly losing 128-126 and finishing second.

On the bright side, the Cubs had several individual winners.

Anyston Keller earned a qualifying mark in the 1600 meters, after winning with a time of

6:08.56.

Lynea Christensen claimed victory in the high jump (4-4) and Zaphira Paul won the 200 meters (31.74) as the other event winners.

Paul earned a qualifying mark in the pole vault with her second place finish after clearing 6-0, and Kara Sanders was the other Cub to earn a new qualifying mark, after leaping 28-0 1/4 in the triple jump.

Powell earned two wins in the relays with the squad of Paul, Keylyn Knuth, Darby Mckee and Ann Trinh winning with a 59.72, and the team of Christensen, Keller, Sanders and Landyn Horsley won the 4x400 with a 5:02.31.

The Cubs had 21 top eight finishes, but were unable to claim

the top spot with some key point earners absent for the meet.

"Lovell is always going to be tough competition, no doubt about it," Haney said. "However, we were missing several point earners this weekend. It will be good to see how things go in Cody when we have almost our whole team. The girls who performed in Lovell showed a lot of grit and perseverance, and grew a lot in one week."

The Cubs will head out one more time this week, heading to Cody to take part in an invite starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Powell will then return home, to take part in its home invitational next weekend on Saturday, April 27.

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Seventh BB: Team improved

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great teammates too.”

He said that the group of 19 continued to show up every day with the intent of getting better together.

“We improved in so many ways from ball handling to shooting and passing,” Oram said. “The team got better working as a group to run plays, beating the other team’s defense and presses.”

“The coaches were very proud of how far this team came,” he added.

Oram said each player improved a lot over the course of

the season.

He said that the next step for this team is to continue playing and practicing their skills, as there is nothing that can replace consistent practice at a skill as the kids continue to get better at basketball.

“There were lots of fun moments and memories during the course of the season,” Oram said. “As a coaching staff, we hope that all of the kids had a lot of fun memories in their own way and fun team memories. We hope every kid that came out for seventh grade basketball wants to play the sport.”



The seventh grade Cubs pose for their team photo. Back row from left: Wyatt Hill, Tristan Snell, Wyatt Bost, Dylan Cameron, Wyatt Burns, Brady Kuenn, Finnegan Startin, Eli Bear, Treyton Schultz and Isaiah Camacho. Front row: KC Nelson, Joel Baxter, Levi Rogers, Karzten Carter, Huston Dearnorn, Axel Caro, Russell Goolsbey, Blake Wood and Karson Howe. Photo courtesy RJ Kost



Wyatt Burns finishes at the rim in a game against Lovell. The seventh graders displayed growth throughout the season. Tribune photo by Seth Romasa

Boys' Track: 'Very dedicated'

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put in during the offseason,” assistant coach Amanda Haney said. “The 4x100 team has been determined for over a year to break this record.”

A strong individual day came from Keaton Bennett, who won the 100 meter hurdles in 16.28 and the pole vault after clearing 10 feet, 6 inches.

Khan won the 200 meters in 25.35, earning a qualifying mark to the Best of the Best meet in the process.

Nelson won the high jump (5-4), and Foley won the triple jump (36-5) as the other two individual winners.

New qualifying marks came from Nelson taking second in the 200 meters (25.51) and third in the 100 meters (12.38); Alex Werner placing second in the 1600 meters (5:28.57); Khan placing fourth in the 100 meters (12.47) and Foley placing fifth in the 100 meters (12.6).

The relay teams earned three total wins on the day, as the 4x400 team of Orin Onstine, Landon McDonald, Michael Stensing and Werner won in 4:33.44 and the 800 sprint medley team of Bennett, Brayden Benander, Santiago Gutierrez and Cash Peterson won in 1:53.61 in addition to the 4x100 team.

Overall the Cubs had 33 top eight finishes, finishing with 169 points, well ahead of second place Rocky Mountain with 106 and Burlington in third with 39.

The seventh grade Cubs were runners-up, with a couple athletes earning first place finishes in a tough competition.

Blake Wood won the triple jump with a leap of 31-10 1/2 and Justin Marquez won the shot put with a throw of 34-9.

The seventh graders had one new qualifier, after Forest Kleinfeldt placed fourth in the triple jump (29-1).

One relay victory for the Cubs came in the 4x400 team of Mason Cheatham, Wyatt Hill, Karson Howe and Blake Wood with a time of 5:15.57.

Overall the seventh graders had 25 top eight finishes, but placed second with 87 points, behind winners Worland which had 153.5 points and just ahead of Greybull which had 74.

“These boys are very dedicated to improving not only at each meet, but each day in practice,” Haney said. “Many of them will stay late to fine tune a few skills. This is when it really gets fun for them because they are starting to really figure out what events they enjoy and what events they are most skilled at. Then the personal goals get set.”

Powell heads back out on the road this weekend to Cody to take part in its invitational at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

That will be the final road meet for the Cubs before returning home next weekend to host their own invitational next Saturday, April 27.

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TBD NWC rodeo at Miles Community College Rodeo

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

TBD NWC rodeo at Miles Community College Rodeo

TBD PHS golf at Buffalo

4 p.m. PHS JV boys' soccer vs. Lander

4 p.m. PHS girls' soccer vs. Lander

6 p.m. PHS JV girls' soccer vs. Lander

6 p.m. PHS boys' soccer vs. Lander

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

TBD NWC rodeo at Miles Community College Rodeo

TBD PHS track at Lovell Invitational

10 a.m. PHS JV boys' soccer vs. Pinedale

10 a.m. PHS girls' soccer vs. Pinedale

Noon: PHS JV girls' soccer vs. Pinedale

Noon: PHS boys' soccer vs. Pinedale

1 p.m. Powell Pioneers at Billings Blue Jays

3 p.m. Powell Pioneers at Billings Blue Jays

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

TBD NWC rodeo at Miles Community College Rodeo

10 a.m. Powell Pioneers vs. Green River

Noon: Powell Pioneers vs. Green River

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

4 p.m. PHS JV boys' soccer at Cody

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The eighth grade boys' basketball team poses for its team photo. Back row from left: Keaton Bennett, Gianreye D'Alessandro, Braxton Nelson, Dante Lauk, Karcher Foley, Knox Johnson, Kamea Wisniewski, Cabree Gates and Joriana Hine. Middle row: Malikai Godsey, Samuel Williams, David Stearns, David Ross, Damian Rakness, Tucker Muecke, Ryder Stewart and Bruce Preator. Front row: Alex Bradshaw, Orin Letherman, JoseLuis Villanueva, Carter Fauskee, Noah Young and Tanner Anderson. Photo courtesy RJ Kost

Eighth BB: Bright future ahead

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Wolff said. He said that the team formed its identity on the defensive end, helping keep opponents low in scoring throughout the season.

"Teams had a difficult time scoring against them all year long," Wolff said.

He said the team continued to improve as a group.

"They improved all season long with their willingness and ability to work together," Wolff said. "They discovered that they were very difficult to beat if they shared the ball and played on the offensive end in a selfless manner."

Some of the players on the team included Knox Johnson, who was the top scorer for the Cubs, with Wolff saying he improved his teamwork throughout the season.

He also said Braxton Nelson

was a very athletically gifted player who was a key rebounder for the team; Tucker Muecke was a tough player, who had one of the best shooting streaks at the end of the season Wolff has seen as a coach; Kamea Wisniewski was one of their leaders, a true student of the game and a great thinker; Gianreye D'Alessandro was the best defender on the team, and was versatile in his ability to play all the positions; Karcher Foley was a talented point guard for the group, with great ball skills and athleticism; and Keaton Bennett was also a tenacious defender, changing the outcome of games due to his hustle.

With this team heading to the next level Wolff sees a bright future for a group heading into a program that just won a state championship at the high school level.

"Our championship team and program is reloading," Wolff said.



Knox Johnson tries to maneuver past his defender during a game in February. The Cubs enjoyed a strong eighth grade year before heading to Powell High School next year. Tribune photo by Seth Romsa

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Isaiah Woyak won the high jump clearing 6 feet, 4 inches, while also winning the triple jump with a leap of 43 feet, 5 1/2 inches at the L.A. Kohnke Invite.

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Coy Erickson (right) reacts as she dribbles past Braxton Keller (left) and Finley Karst while Croix Kittle attempts to slide and steal the ball as the Panther girls' soccer team played with local youth last Thursday.



Above left: Ivy Agee (center) dribbles through a group of youth players who came to play with the Panthers, including Oakley Kidd (center-left) and Finley Karst (right).

Above right: Patricia Christensen takes a second to hang out with the future Panthers, including giving Bella Agee a piggyback ride during a break at practice.

At right: Ava Gilliatt (left) gives a high five to Bodi Cooley while Nayeli Esparza celebrates with another young player as their team celebrated a goal in their small-sided scrimmage.

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CHEYENNE — The Wyoming Veterans Commission announces the upcoming Veterans Resource Fair to provide essential support and connections for veterans across Park, Big Horn, Washakie and Hot Springs counties. The event will take place on Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds in Basin. The Veterans Resource Fair connects veterans with various organizations and re-

sources dedicated to their well-being and success, according to a press release from the department. Participating organizations include the Wyoming Veterans Commission, Sheridan Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Downrange Warriors, Northwest College, Veterans Taking to Veterans, the Wyoming Small Business Development Center, Trieven and Sungold Kennels, state representatives, AARP and more.

"This event is about creating meaningful connections and providing our veterans with the support and resources they deserve," said Tim Sheppard, the Wyoming Veterans Commission executive director. "Whether it's accessing health care services, educational opportunities, or networking with fellow veterans, the Veterans Resource Fair aims to address diverse needs under one roof." Organizations interested in

participating are encouraged to reserve a free table for their organization. For more information or to reserve a table, contact Nicolle, the Veterans Commission District 5 commissioner, at 307-254-8563 or via email at imalwayslaffin@hotmail.com. The Wyoming Veterans Commission and the Department of Wyoming American Legion sponsor the Veterans Resource Fair.

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The 2024 Northwest College Juried Student Art & Design Exhibit will open in the Northwest Gallery located inside the Cabre Building on Tuesday, April 23 from 7-8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

The artworks on display are created by 2023-24 NWC art and graphic design students working in a variety of 2D and 3D media. Serving as this year's juror is Beth Korth, art education coordinator at Tippet Rise Art Center in Fish-tail, Montana. Korth has conducted painting and printmaking workshops across the country and in Japan, and previously visited Northwest College last October for an Artist's Talk and exhibition.

A small selection of artworks from the exhibit will be presented with Purchase Awards funded by the Northwest College Board of Trustees. The selected artworks will then become part of the college's permanent collection.

The exhibition will remain on display in the Northwest Gallery through noon on Saturday, May 11 following NWC's graduation ceremony. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Elaine DeBuhr, NWC associate professor of art, at elaine.debuhr@nwc.edu.



People check out the artwork on display at a previous Juried Student Art & Design Exhibit in the Northwest Gallery in the Cabre Building. Photo courtesy Northwest College

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Mining permit

Public Notice
Spomer Construction Co., Inc. of Powell, WY has applied for a Small Mining Permit from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming. The mining permit area for the mining of sand & gravel will be located in:
Section 15, Township 55 N., Range 98 W., Lot 53 I, Lot 53 J, and Lot 53 P of Park County, Wyoming.
The Small Mine Permit area is approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Garland, off of Road 3 south, and ¼ mile north of the Shoshone River. The proposed operation is scheduled to begin June 2024 and is estimated to continue until 2064. Information regarding this application may be reviewed in the Office of the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne or the Lander

District Office or the Park County Clerk's Office Cody, Wyoming. Written objections to the proposed mining operation must be received by the Administrator of the Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W. 17th Street, Suite 10, Cheyenne, WY 82002 before the close of business May 25, 2024 Objections may also be submitted by the same deadline via the Land Quality Division's electronic comment portal at <http://lq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/>. The Director shall issue a final written decision on the application within thirty days after the deadline to file objections. The applicant or objector may appeal the Director's written decision to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC). If a hearing is held, the EQC shall issue findings of fact and a decision within sixty days after the final hearing.

The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act (W.S. §16-3-101 through §16-3-115), and the right of judicial review shall be afforded as provided in that Act. All parties as given in W.S. §35-11-406(j) will be mailed a copy of this notice. The

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Public hearings

(Shoopman No. 5 Annexation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Powell, Wyoming, by Powell Planning and Zoning Commission and the Governing Body of the City of Powell, to consider the annexation of, and a proposed ordinance annexing the Shoopman No. 5 Annexation into the City of Powell, and to consider the zoning of all of said property as "RG" General Residential District as per Chapter 17.24 of the Powell City Code. The Public Hearings to be held are as follows:

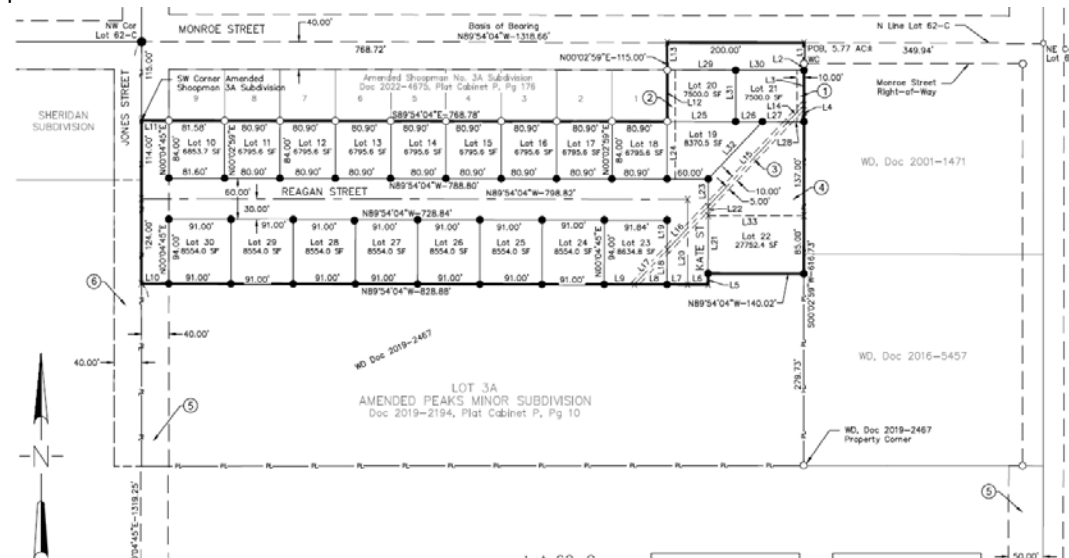
Powell Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.;
Powell City Council on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

The legal description of the subject real property is as follows:
A parcel of land located in Lot 62-C, Lot 62 (NESE, Original Section 14), T55N, R99W, 6th PM, Park County, Wyoming, and being a portion of the property described by the Warranty Deed recorded as Document 2019-2467, at the Park County Clerk and Recorder's Office in Cody, Wyoming, with said parcel of land described more particularly as follows:

Commencing at the 1 1/2 inch aluminum cap found at the Northeast corner of said Lot 62-C; thence, N89°54'04"W, along the north line of said Lot 62-C, 349.94 feet, to a calculated position being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this parcel of land description, from which a 2 1/2 inch aluminum cap set at the Northwest corner of said Lot 62-C bears N89°54'04"W, along said north line, 968.72 feet.

Thence, from said Point of Beginning S00°02'59"W, along the property boundary described by said Warranty Deed, 30.15 feet, to a 2 inch aluminum cap witness corner found; thence, continue S00°02'59"W, along said boundary, 306.85 feet, to a 2 inch aluminum cap set, from which a 2 inch aluminum cap found as property corner of said Warranty Deed bears S00°02'59"W, along said boundary, 279.73 feet; thence, N89°54'04"W, 140.02 feet, to a 2 inch aluminum cap set; thence, S00°02'59"W, 16.00 feet, to a calculated position; thence, N89°54'04"W, 828.88 feet, to intersect the west line of said Lot 62-C at a calculated position, from which a 2 1/2 inch aluminum cap found at the Southwest corner of set Lot 62-C bears S00°04'45"W, along said west line, 966.25 feet; thence, N00°04'45"E, along said west line, 238.00 feet, to a calculated position at the Southwest corner of the Amended Shoopman 3A Subdivision, with plat of said subdivision recorded as Document 2022-4675 in Plat Cabinet P, Page 176 at said Clerk and Recorder's Office; thence, S89°54'04"E, along the boundary line of said subdivision, 768.78 feet, to a 2 inch aluminum cap found; thence, N00°02'59"E, along said boundary, 115.00 feet, to intersect the north line of said Lot 62-C at a calculated position, from which a 2 1/2 inch aluminum cap set at the Northwest corner of said Lot 62-C bears N89°54'04"W, along said north line, 768.72 feet; thence, S89°54'04"E, along said north line, 200.00 feet, to said Point of Beginning of this parcel of land description, containing 5.77 acres, more or less, and subject to the Monroe Street and Jones Street rights-of-way and further subject to all easements, other rights-of-way and restrictions of record.

Basis of Bearing being Grid North according to the Wyoming State Plane Coordinate System, West Central Zone, with a bearing of N89°54'04"W, along the north line of said Lot 62-C, 1318.66 feet, between the 1 1/2 inch aluminum cap found at the Northeast corner of said Lot 62-C and the 2 1/2 inch aluminum cap set at the Northwest corner of said Lot 62-C.



Pursuant to Wyoming Statute 15-1-405(b), the following information is provided:
1. A vicinity map and legal description of the subject area is set forth above.

2. At this time, and until development begins upon the annexed property, the estimated cost of infrastructure improvements required by the landowner related to this annexation is \$650,000. The owner/developer will bear the associated costs of any infrastructure improvements at such time that development begins for sewer, water, telephone, internet, cable TV, electric, natural gas, paving, sidewalks and curb & gutter installation.

3. At such time the subject annexed property is being developed, basic and other services to the proposed annexed property include those services customarily available to residents within the City of Powell as follows: sanitary sewer, storm sewer, potable water, electric service, Powell Link, natural gas, telephone service, paved streets with curb, gutter and sidewalk, and cable television. Subject property will also have available to it street maintenance, police coverage, refuse collection and animal control services.

4. At such time the subject property is being developed and/or occupied, the projected service costs for services provided will be subject to the current rates then in effect for utility services and will be dependent upon usage. There are no annual utility fees assessed for service. The individual residential rates as of April 1, 2024, for utility services are as follows:

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5. The current and projected property tax mill levies imposed by the municipality are anticipated to be as follows: Currently the County levies a property tax of 8 mills on property located within the Powell City limits; 5 mills go directly to the City of Powell and 3 mills go to Park County Fire District #1 (74.377 total mills).

6. Cost of any additional infrastructure improvements needed for the development of the subject property will be the responsibility of the developer. The City is currently unaware of any additional improvements to the infrastructure that will be required within the existing boundaries of the City of Powell in order to accommodate the proposed development of this property at this time.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the above times and places.
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8 Big Horn COOP Marketing Association	Parks	123.00	Tire and Disposal
9 Blair's Market	Aqua, Council	75.43	Batteries & Retirement Lunch Supplies
10 Boone's Machine & Rental	Aquatics	57.30	Lift Rental
11 Border States Electric Supply	Electric	7,692.85	Hot Glove Testing, Transformers & Bases
12 Bradford Supply Company	Parks	637.19	Bushings, Pipe, Fittings & Glue
13 CardConnect	Aquatics	227.18	Credit Card Processing Fees
14 Caring for Powell Animals	Council	3,900.00	Special Funding FY 23-24
15 Carquest	Streets	15.83	Brake Hose for Sweeper
16 Charter Communications	Various	109.98	Backup Internet Service
17 Civil Air Patrol Magazine	Police	105.00	Wyoming Wings Advertising
18 Copenhagen, Kitchen & Kolpitcke, LLC	Attorney	4,000.00	Attorney Fees
19 Cross Petroleum Service	Shop	517.70	Oil
20 Crum Electric Supply	Electric	1,175.95	Photo Cells, Wire Boxes & Fittings
21 DBT Transportation Services, LLC	Airport	1,184.00	NADIN-AWOS Quarterly Service Fees
22 Dooley Enterprises, Inc	Police	3,006.10	Ammunition
23 DrivePayments	Water	141.72	Credit Card Processing Fees
24 Energy Laboratories, Inc	Water, W Wat	882.00	Water & Waste Water Testing
25 Engineering Associates	Insp, Shop	3,095.20	Engineering Fees
26 Fastenal	Various	1,933.00	Tie Wraps, Screws, Ladder, Bolts & Stack Ons
27 Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. #2697	Water, W Wat	1,201.66	Curb Box & Repair Bands
28 Fire Protection & Safety	Police	122.00	Fire Extinguisher Checks & Maintenance
29 FR Wear	Electric	359.86	FR Clothing
30 Fremont Beverages, Inc.	Aquatics	192.04	Gatorade, Water, Co2 & Cups
31 Garland Light & Power	Arprt, W Wat	3,093.93	Electric Bills
32 General Distributing Company	Aquatics	2,464.00	CO2
33 Graybar Electric Company	Electric	202.57	Lamps
34 Hartford, The	Various	1,503.22	Monthly LTD Benefit
35 Henry, Shelley	Inspection	120.00	P & Z Secretary Fees
36 HUB International	Parks	232.00	Additional Premiums on New Equipment
37 Intermountain Sweeper Company	Streets	1,191.52	Liners for the Sweeper
38 International Assoc of Chiefs of Police	Police	190.00	Membership Dues M McCaslin
39 John Deere Financial	Streets	9.99	SMV Plastic Sign
40 Keele Sanitation	Aquatics	125.00	Annul Grease Trap Cleanout
41 Mountain West Computer	Various	408.70	Toner, Stamp & UPS's
42 Nexgen Municipal Inc	Sanitation	517.34	Air Control Valves
43 O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	Sani, Shop	115.96	Sockets & Brake Hoses
44 Office Shop, The	Admin, PD	242.41	Copy Machine Fees
45 Park County Landfills	Sanitation	22,910.80	Solid Waste Tipping Fees
46 Pete De Haan Electronics	Airport	220.00	Test & Adjust Receiver
47 Powell Ace Hardware, LLC	Various	481.70	Misc. Purchases for Various Depts
48 Powell Tribune	Various	1,389.41	Publishing & Advertising Fees
49 Powell Valley Recycling Task Force	Sanitation	5,830.52	Recycling Fees Collected
50 Quadiant, Inc.	Finance	105.00	Quarterly Postage Meter Fees
51 Quality Propane Service, Inc.	Waste Water	29.77	Weed Burner Parts
52 Saber Pest Control, LLC.	Aquatics	100.00	Monthly Pest Control
53 Safariland LLC	Police	37.37	Reprint Tabs
54 Sapp, Tim	Council	17.42	Mileage Reimbursement SMP Meeting
55 Shoshone Municipal Pipeline	Water	67,572.60	Monthly Water Usage & Tap Fees
56 Smith Psychological Services	Police	400.00	Pre Employment Evaluation
57 State of Wyoming Dept of Revenue	Various	16,425.04	Sales Tax Collected
58 TCT	Various	741.63	Phone, Fax, Internet & TV
59 US. Foods	Aquatics	772.22	Concession Supplies
60 USA Blue Book	Water	796.36	Hach Colormeter & Supplies
61 Valli Information Systems, Inc.	Finance	1,713.48	UB Processing, Postage & Alert Fees
62 Visa	Various	9,849.45	WASCOF Conf Reg McCaslin
63 White Ink	Arprt, Streets	85.52	Business Cards S Long & Shipping Fees
64 Williams Inland Distributors	Aquatics	250.35	Ice-Cream for Concessions
65 Willow Creek Wholesale Nursery, LLC	Parks	3,501.00	Trees
66 WPCI	Various	91.28	Drug Testing Fees
67 Wyo Local Government Liability Pool	Waste Water	85.00	Deductible
Total Claims Due:		\$190,077.65	

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Salvation Mountain

Not long ago I came across a quirky song on a Lauren Daigle album called "Salvation Mountain." It is the kind of song I would never feel comfortable singing in public, but I am a great car duet partner! In this soulful gospel song Daigle sings of being "on her way to Salvation Mountain." I looked it up and this is actually a real location in Niland, California, and it is just as unique and beautiful as the song.

Imagine my surprise to find out that Daigle's song was based on her own visit to Salvation Mountain.

Though I have never been there, in the pictures I found online it looks to be a rather hodgepodge, eclectic, artsy creation made from adobe and painted with gallons and gallons of vivid hues of paint.

The creator of Salvation Mountain, Leonard Knight, at age 35 encountered the risen Christ as one day, out of the blue he prayed the sinner's prayer, "Jesus, I'm a sinner, please come upon my body and into my heart."

From that moment on, he felt the incredible love that can only be given by God. As he began to explore ways to express just how much love God had given to him, Salvation Mountain began to take shape.

What a gift! What a witness! What a testimony!

It was in the midst of this search, the song and our recent walk to the empty cross of Easter, I began thinking about salvation.

As a United Methodist, the official stance of our denomination is that salvation is God's response and offer of love which is freely offered to all ... but not all will choose to accept it. United Methodists affirm that through the death of Jesus Christ, God has made salvation available to all persons. That does not mean we believe that all persons will be saved. God does not force or choose certain people to receive the gift of salvation, rather we have free will ... a choice. It is in choosing love, we choose to live in the love of God, and it is amazing and beautiful. We should want to choose that love, not walk away from it. Just as the song suggests, we are on the way to Salvation Mountain.

Do you remember when you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? For me, I was the tender age of 8 years old, as I walked forward to the altar rail at Pleasant Hill Congregational Christian Church in Roberta, Georgia. Just as the lyrics in the Daigle song, I had walked alone down that aisle, I had taken that walk in the hopes I would be changed, in the



Salvation Mountain located in Niland, California.

Courtesy photo

hopes I would be free from the fear and sadness that weighed me down. I remember crying, not tears of sadness, but tears of joy, as I realized what Jesus had done for me ... me! When I left the altar rail and returned to my pew, I knew I was no longer walking the journey alone. I had found my own Salvation Mountain.

It is in climbing the mountain where we can choose to receive the free gift of grace and forgiveness given to each of us, but that is not where it ends. Just as Leonard Knight will never be able to show the magnitude of God's love for him on "Salvation Mountain," when Jesus truly does come into our hearts, our lives, our souls, there is no going back to the way it was. There is no keeping it under wraps. Instead of art, my expression of God's love was first through singing, then teaching and ultimately preaching; but no matter how loudly or how extravagantly I proclaim God's love for me, all I say and all I do, can never fully express the breadth and the depth of God's love for me ... and God offers that same kind of love to you.

Perhaps you are reading this column and have never once taken the chance to walk up that mountain to receive God's love. Perhaps you have traipsed up that mountain once, a long time ago and you feel like you have fallen out of love with God. The choice is and always has been yours, but I invite you to choose to come with me on a little road trip. Where are we going? You guessed it ... Salvation Mountain!

(Janita Krayniak is the pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Powell and United Methodist Church in Lovell.)



JANITA KRAYNIAK Perspectives

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
■ BABY AND TODDLER TIME will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Library.
■ A BUSINESS BOOTCAMP Entrepreneur Workshop will be noon-4:30 p.m. at the Yellowstone Building Conference Center on the NWC campus. Registration is free and lunch is included.
■ ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: Button Bouquets will be at 6 p.m. in the Powell Library. All materials are provided.
■ *A SOUND BATH JOURNEY will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102 of the FAB Annex at NWC. Admission is \$45 for more information or to register visit nwc.edu/learning/community/class.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
■ FITNESS CLASS will be from 10-11 a.m. at the Powell Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 307-754-4223.
■ CRAFTS AT THE POWELL SENIOR CENTER will be from 1-3 p.m.
■ YOUNG ADULT CRAFT: Soap Carving will be at 2 p.m. in the Powell Library.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
■ CHAIR YOGA FOR SENIORS will be at 10 a.m. in the Powell Library. Participants are encouraged to wear something comfortable for the hour long class.
■ NORTHWEST COLLEGE and UW Drone Flight Training, Racing and Drone Film Festival will be 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Yellowstone Building Conference Center. Admission is \$10. Participants should register at caperteam.com/stub/idrone-240420.
■ THE NORTHWEST CIVIC ORCHESTRA will perform at 7 p.m. in the Nelson Performing Arts Auditorium on NWC campus. General admission is \$12 and seniors 62 and up pay \$8.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
■ RYAN AND FRIENDS will present comedy and ventriloquism shows throughout the day. First at 9 a.m. in the Lovell Bible Church, then at 11:15 a.m. at the Bennett Creek Church in Clark and finally at 6 p.m. in the Holiday Inn ballroom in Cody. Admission is free; for more information call or text 307-899-5988.

MONDAY, APRIL 22
■ BABY AND TODDLER TIME will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Library.
■ FITNESS CLASS will be from 10-11 a.m. at the Powell Senior Citizens Center. For more in-

formation, call 307-754-4223.
■ *OPEN CLIMBING will take place at the indoor climbing wall at Cabre Gym from 6-9 p.m. Admission is \$5.
■ HOMESCHOOL HOUR will be at 2 p.m. in the Powell Library. This month's hour will focus on writing with local author Cathy Ringler. This time is for students in kindergarten-12th grade and their parents to connect.
■ READ TO A DOG will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Powell Library. Come meet the new library listener, Kai. Sign up for 15 minutes of canine companionship at 3:30 p.m. in the Powell Library.
■ *SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY for Small Business will be at 6 p.m. at 1397 Ft. Drum Drive on NWC campus; admission is \$25. For more information or to register visit nwc.edu/learning/community/class?id=48227bbe-7395-41d6-8b15-79c6e2952ad4
■ POST 26 BIG HORN BASIN BOXING CLUB will hold class every Monday from 4:45-6:30 p.m. at the American Legion on 143 South Clark Street. Class is free for K-12 students. Adults pay \$6 per class. For more information contact David at 505-385-5623 or email Post26boxing@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23
■ CRAFTS AT THE POWELL SENIOR CENTER will be from 9-11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
■ THE ROTARY CLUB of Powell meets every Wednesday at noon in the NWC Nelson House on 550 College Drive. Visitors are welcome.
■ FITNESS CLASS will be from 1-2 p.m. at the Powell Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 307-754-4223.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
■ FITNESS CLASS will be from 10-11 a.m. at the Powell Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 307-754-4223.
■ CRAFTS AT THE POWELL SENIOR CENTER will be from 1-3 p.m.
■ THE SECOND ANNUAL STUDENT ACADEMIC SHOWCASE will be 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Yellowstone Building Conference Center on the NWC campus. President Lisa Watson will give opening remarks at 9:15 a.m. For more information visit nwc.edu/showcase.
■ THE LITTLE RED TRUCK COTTAGE MARKET will be from 5-8 p.m. at Heart Mountain Hall at the Park County Fairgrounds and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information visit LittleRedTruckVintageMarket.com.

HOSTING A PUBLIC, LOCAL EVENT? Send your event details (date, event, location, time and contact information) by Tuesday at noon to braden@powelltribune.com, call 307-754-2221, mail to P.O. Box 70, Powell, WY 82435 or bring it to the Powell Tribune at 128 S. Bent St. * Before a listing denotes there is a fee for the event



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 Lovell, 310 Idaho; Rev. Daniel R. Jarvis;
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 11 Road 8WC, Clark, Wyo.;
 10 a.m. Bible study; 11:15 a.m. Kids' Church, 11:15 a.m. Worship.

Charity Baptist Church
 Pastor Kevin Schmidt, 754-8095,
<http://kcschmidt.wix.com/charitybaptistchurch>, 176 N. Day St.
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. morning service, 6 pm evening service. **Live Stream access also available through the webpage.

Church of Christ
 1/10th mile east of Hwy 14A.
 Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m. Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m. If we can help, call 754-7250.

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Powell 1st Ward 1026 Ave. E
 Steven Hultgren, Bishop 307-272-0356
 Sacrament, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 1st & 3rd Sundays, noon; Primary, noon; Priesthood, 2nd & 4th Sundays, noon; Young Women's, 2nd & 4th Sun., noon; Relief Society, 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wednesday: Mutual, 7 p.m.

Powell 2nd Ward 525 W. 7th St.
 Neil Waite, Bishop 307-254-5293
 Sacrament, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 10 a.m.; Primary 10 a.m.; Priesthood, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10 a.m.; Young Women's, 2nd & 4th Sun. 10 a.m.; Relief Society, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10 a.m.; Wednesday: Mutual 7 p.m.

Powell 3rd Ward 1026 Ave. E.
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 Sacrament, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 10 a.m.; Primary 10 a.m.; Priesthood, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10 a.m.; Young Women's, 2nd & 4th Sun. 10 a.m.; Relief Society, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10 a.m.; Wednesday: Mutual 7 p.m.

Powell 4th Ward 525 W. 7th St.
 Scott Williams, Bishop 208-705-0559
 Sacrament 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11:30 a.m.; Primary, 11:30 a.m.; Priesthood, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 11:30 a.m.; Young Women's, 2nd & 4th Sun. 11:30 a.m.; Relief Society, 2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mutual 7 p.m.

Heart Mountain Young Single Adult Ward 525 W. 7th St.
 Barry Welch, Bishop 307-587-9683
 Sacrament, noon; Sunday School, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 1 p.m.; Priesthood, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 1 p.m.; Relief Society, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 1 p.m.

Deaver United Methodist
 Regular worship, first and third Sundays at 9 a.m. 380 First Street, Deaver.

Faith Community Church
 "Love God - Love Others" 1267 Road 18 (Hwy 294), Powell - Church located 3 miles SW of Ralston, 1/2 Mile N off 14A, Pastor Dave Seratt 307-272-7655. Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Faith Kids Church will be during the 10:15 a.m. service. Services available at: www.faith-community-church.org, Powellfaithcommunitychurch@gmail.com

First Southern Baptist Church
 Corner of Gilbert & Madison. 754-3990, fsbcpow@gmail.com, Facebook.com/FSBCPowell; Bill Harvison, Pastor. Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
 We love our neighbors at 2nd & Bernard Sts. Union Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church congregations will be meeting together led by Reverend Janita Krayniak in April, May and June at UPC. Worship service will begin at 10:45am. Children's Sunday school in April and May at 9:45am. Please contact UPC at unionpcpowell@gmail.com or by phone (307)754-2491.

Garland Community Church of God
 Garland, Shane Legler, senior pastor, 254-423-2213; Located in the historic Garland schoolhouse. Everyone is welcome. ** Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m.

Glad Tidings Assembly of God
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Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene
 Pastor: Jeriah Horsley, 364 W. Park St. (behind Blair's); 754-4842. www.harvestcomchurch.net **Facebook Live Sundays at 11 a.m. Like us on Facebook: Harvest Community Church (HCC).

Hope Lutheran (ELCA)
 588 Ave. H (corner of Cary & Ave H) 307-754-4040 www.hopelutheranpowell.org Worship is at 9:30 with a fellowship time immediately following. Worship is livestreamed on our facebook page: Hope Lutheran Church as well as YouTube. Contact the church office for information on Bible Studies and youth opportunities. All are welcome.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
 (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.) 754-3168, Kenneth Mars, Vacancy Pastor, 675 Ave. D. ** Sunday, morning services, 11 a.m. at the church followed with Bible Study at 12:15 p.m.

Jehovah's Witnesses
 Cody - 2702 Cougar Ave. - Sunday, 10 a.m.; 10:40 a.m. Watchtower study; Midweek meeting, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

New Life Church
 185 S. Tower Blvd.; Tim Morrow, Pastor, Miles McNair, connection pastor, 754-0424. ** Sunday Worship, 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

St. Barbara's Catholic Church
 Fr. James Schumacher, Pastor, 3rd Street & N. Absaroka, 307-754-2480 Mass Schedule: Sat., 5:45 p.m., Sun., 9 a.m. & 5 p.m., Daily Mass: Mon., 7:30 a.m., Wed., noon, Thu. & Fri., 7:30 a.m., Sat., 8 a.m. Parish Office 115 E. Third St., Office Hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Check stbarbaracatholic.org for bulletins and more details.

St. John's Episcopal Church
 Megan Nickles and Susan McEvoy, priests: 754-4000, Ave. E & Mountain View. Sunday school and childcare available. **Sunday morning services, 10 a.m.

Seventh-day Adventist
 1350 N. Gilbert; 754-2129 Saturday. Everyone welcome. Worship Service **Contact the church for more info.

Trinity Bible Church
 Brian Onstead, pastor, 535 S. Evarts, 754-2660 www.tbcwyoming.com, bonstead@tbcwyoming.com, **Sunday school, 9 a.m., morning worship service 10:30 a.m., evening service 4 p.m.

United Pentecostal Church
 Kaleb Wheeler, Pastor, 307-250-7443. Meeting at the intersection of the Powell Hwy & Nez Perce Dr. - 7 miles from Cody. **Contact the church for more info.

Union Presbyterian Church
 (PCUSA). Third & Bent, 754-2491. unionpcpowell@gmail.com. Union Presbyterian and First United Methodist Churches will be meeting together led by Reverend Janita Krayniak in April, May, and June at Union Presbyterian Church. Worship service will begin at 10:45am. Children's Sunday school in April and May at 9:45am. Please contact UPC at unionpcpowell@gmail.com or by phone (307)754-2491.

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(31-32FT)

Announcements

FORGET DR. PHIL END PHONE ADDICTION? SPANK THAT THUMB
K. HUNKAPILLER SATIRIST

STANDARDS
JeansAndADog.com (#814)
(31-31PT)

POWELL AL-ANON is a fellowship of friends and families of alcoholics which meets on Tues. at noon and Wed. at 7:00 p.m., 146 S. Bent, Big Horn Enterprises north door. For more information call 754-4231 or 271-2556 www.wyoming-al-anon.org
(75TFThursFT)
BYRON AA, 35 S. Pryor St., Basement of Byron City Hall, Fridays, 7-8 p.m.
(56FFFThursT)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS in Powell is meeting at 146 S. Bent St., Powell, Tues., Thurs. & Sun. at 7 pm and Sat. at 10 a.m. Virtual meeting information can also be accessed at urmma.org and virtual-na.org Call 307-213-9434 for more info.
(21TFThursT)
CODY NA MEETINGS- M,W,F at 7 p.m., at 725 19th St., in basement. Virtual meeting information can be accessed at urmma.org and virtual-na.org Call 307-213-9434 for more info.
(24TFThursT)
NA MEETS IN LOVELL, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 1141 Shoshone Ave., Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Call 307-213-9434 for more info.
(16TFThursT)

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.
(32FFFThursT)
NA MEETS WEDNESDAYS from 7 to 9 p.m., Grace Fellowship Church, Greybull.
(fnB)

AL-ANON IS A fellowship for the family and friends of alcoholics. Greybull Al-Anon meets every Monday, noon, at Grace Fellowship Church, 425 S. 5th St. Greybull. We can open the meeting virtually if necessary. If you are in need of what we offer but unable to attend in person please call Charlotte at 307-272-7029 and she will give you the Zoom logon information.
(9/29fnB)

Announcements

Personals

MICKEY MANTLE MOMENTS
JeansAndADog.com (#23)
(31-31PT)

AMERICAN ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA caregiver's support group. First and third Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. in the Powell library meeting room.
(82TFFT)

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP - Demential specialists lend an experienced ear to offer you hope, humor, validation and coping strategies for living or working with someone with memory loss. Caregivers, family and friends are welcome! Third Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Park County Library, 1500 Heart Mountain St, Cody. For more information and to RSVP call 406-281-8455.
(41TFFT)

WELCOME TO POWELL! If you're new to the area, you get a FREE Park County Welcome Basket packed full of local business information, coupons, freebies, and more! Send an email to wyomingwelcome@shayleeh.com or call/text Haley Jones at 406-559-0355 for info on where to pick up your Park County Welcome Basket. You can also find a list of distributors on our Facebook page @ParkCountyWelcomeBaskets
(24TFThursT)

Cars & Trucks

BUYING SCRAP VEHICLES with clear titles. Pete Smet Recycling, 342 HWY 20 North, Worland. 307-347-2528.
(5/10fnB)

Help Wanted

GOOD PAY FOR HARD-WORKING, strong person, able to follow directions, for labor and yard work. Driver's license required, farm experience helpful. 307-219-2217 or 719-217-8054.
(31-41PT)

THE TOWN OF MANDERSON is currently accepting applications for a Town Maintenance Position. Job duties include general maintenance of all town owned properties, water, and sewer, mowing and spraying, meter reading, park watering, mechanical abilities, attending meetings, reports etc. Wages will be determined based on experience. Send resumes to Town of Manderson, PO Box 96, Manderson, WY 82432 or email to 2tgcowboys@gmail.com
(B)

Help Wanted

Park County Office Assistant II
Planning & Zoning Dept.
Seeking a professional administrative assistant for a dynamic county government office. The ideal candidate will be experienced with general administrative tasks and responsibilities, in addition to juggling a variety of projects and serving as the central nervous system of the office. There is never a dull moment in Planning and Zoning! This is a full-time position, including medical insurance, option for dental insurance, a generous retirement package, paid time off, paid holidays and more. Wage range is \$16.65 - 22.31/hr., dependent upon qualifications. For more information, visit www.parkcounty-wy.gov.
BHB(31,35CT)

TOWN CLERK - MANDERSON, WY. Experience in QuickBooks is necessary. Must be bondable. Pay DOE. To obtain an application, please submit a cover letter and resume to: julie.williams@mandersonwyoming.us or rdpatrick@gmail.com.
(3/28fnB)
SHOSHONE RIVER FARM is looking for season farm worker, starts now - Nov. 1, 307-899-6316.
(30-33CT)

Help Wanted

PARK COUNTY WEED & PEST is hiring seasonal technicians for the summer. Outdoor work, competitive pay, four-day work week. call 754-4521, stop by 1067 Road 13, or visit parkcountyweeds.org for more information or to apply. Applications due by April 23rd.
(27-32CT)

BUFFALO BILL CENTER OF THE WEST - Part-time/Year-Round Events Assistant Opening - The Center of the West is delighted to post the Custom Events & Group Travel Assistant opening (due to a recent promotion). This position supports all aspects of event and group tour sales through executing external event and group tour sales. They will also assist with internal events throughout the year. Eligible for Service Fees (Tips) based on events worked and split. This position provides an individual with a flexible work schedule as well as great exposure to the businesses around the state and beyond. Learn more about our region as you host these events. We are looking for someone with a two or four-year degree in business management or related field is desired, a combination of education and experience is acceptable. This individual must have an eye for excellence and the ability to provide exceptional guest service. To view the job description log on to Employment Opportunities - Buffalo Bill Center of the West and to apply please send cover letter and resume to terryh@centerofthewest.org
(27-31ThursCT)

Help Wanted

Golf Course Seasonal Positions Full and Part-Time Available

Seeking general course maintenance and irrigation help for the season.

30-31CT



Pay is D.O.E. Full-time employees play golf for no charge. Part-time employees play at a reduced rate.

Call Macon at 406-208-7040 for more info.

Join Our Team!

North Big Horn Hospital District has multiple career opportunities available.

Please visit our website to apply.
www.nbhh.com




LOVELL, WYOMING is accepting applications for
Mechanic
Lovell & Greybull Area

- Pre-Employment Drug Testing Required

Benefit Package Includes:
401K Retirement Plan, Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance and Vacation Pay

For application please contact
GK Construction Inc.
Email: tiffany@gkconst.com
Website: gkconstructioninc.com
Phone: 307-548-6155

BASIN POLICE DEPARTMENT WE ARE HIRING!

BECOME PART OF OUR TEAM

- Pay \$19-22.25 DOE
- Excellent Benefit Package
 - Health Insurance
 - State Retirement Pension, currently paid in full by the employer.
 - Paid vacation, sick leave and holidays
- Uniforms and duty gear provided
- Take home vehicle provided

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants must be 21 years of age and have a high school diploma, or equivalent. Applicant must pass the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy physical fitness standards (unless already certified), drug screen, medical exam and extensive background check

APPLICATIONS FOUND ONLINE:
www.townofbasin.com/employment-opportunities.html

Applications can be sent to:
Attn: Chief Kyle McClure
PO box 528, Basin, WY 82410
or emailed to basinpdchief@gmail.com



VACANCY

Big Horn County School District #2 is now taking applications for
Lovell Elementary Classroom Teacher K-5

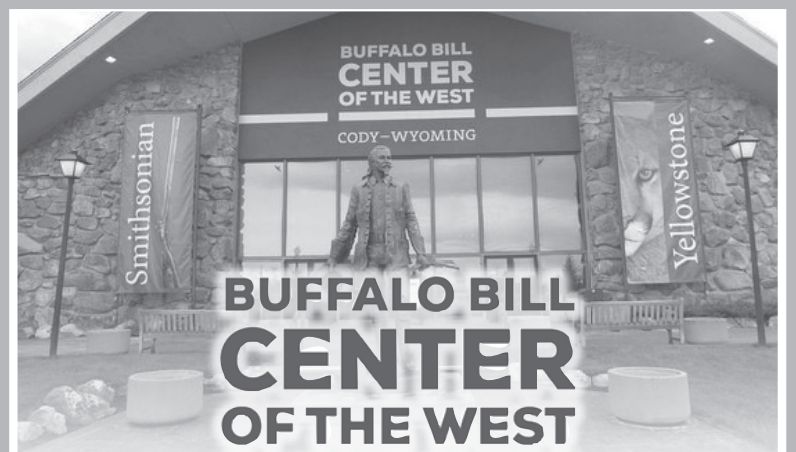
All applicants must have a Wyoming K-6 Elementary Education Teacher Certification and be Highly Qualified as per PTSS Regulations. Prior experience preferred. This position begins in the 2024-2025 school year, the window for applications will close on 4/19/24.

Applicants may apply online by visiting www.BGH2.org and following the links under the 'employment' tab.

For additional inquiries please contact the office of Superintendent Doug Hazen at 307-548-2259 or via e-mail at cgallagher@bgh2.org.

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CHECK OUT THE DEALS IN THE SUPER CLASSIFIEDS!



Summer is an exciting time of year in Cody. The Buffalo Bill Center of the West has a variety of positions open; join our team and help us welcome visitors to Cody!

SEASONAL OPENINGS:

SEASONAL ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT: This position is for someone who likes numbers, money and would enjoy assisting a great accounting team. High school diploma/ GED required.

FOOD & BEVERAGE (F & B): Café Servers, Baristas and Dishwashers keep visitors full and satisfied. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. Oh ... qualified applicants must like working with people. Tips are excellent!

CUSTODIAN: One night at the museum? How about a summer at the museum? Work with a seasoned crew to clean the Center. Enjoy learning about the objects as you clean.

GROUND WORKERS: Prefer working outside? Play an instrumental role in keeping one of Cody's attractions beautiful all summer long.

STORE CASHIER: Do you love shopping and helping others? Work as a cashier in our beautiful museum store while getting a 20% discount on your own purchases.

ADMISSIONS: Be a pleasant first point of contact to our many visitors by working in the Admissions department. Assist visitors from all over the world. You can't be afraid of a computer (or people) in this position.

MEMBERSHIP DESK: Looking for a Part-time seasonal position? This may be for you if you love people, want to learn more about the museum and are comfortable working with computers.

Applications may be picked up and returned at the front security desk or may be completed online at: <http://centerofthewest.org/about-us/employment/>. EOE

Help Wanted

TIRE & LUBE TECHNICIAN - we are looking for a motivated person to fill fast paced position, must be detail oriented M-F 8-12, 1-5, closed for lunch. Should have own tools. Wage Depending on experience, paid vacation, retirement plan & possibility for advancement. See Tracy @ Autoworks, in person only, no phone calls. (28-31CT)

Help Wanted

ARE YOU A CARING person?
You are NEEDED! Families of domestic violence and sexual assault want and need someone to care. Please call Crisis Intervention Services at 754-7959 or 307-272-4754 and put your talents to work. Volunteer today! Thank you. (53tft)

Help Wanted

The City of Cody is looking for a **Seasonal Engineer Intern**
Applications available at City Hall (1338 Rumsey Ave), codywy.gov or by emailing dscheumaker@codywy.gov. Please call 307-527-3468 with any questions.
Come Enjoy your Summer in Cody!
☑ Summer Seasonal Position
☑ \$1713-\$18.69 Depends on Experience
The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Help Wanted

The City of Cody is looking for a **Project Manager**
Applications available at City Hall (1338 Rumsey Ave), codywy.gov or by emailing dscheumaker@codywy.gov. Please call 307-527-3468 with any questions.
☑ Health insurance, retirement, paid holidays, vacation leave, and sick leave
☑ \$30.20 Starting hourly wage
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Help Wanted

BIG HORN CO-OP
WE'RE HIRING!
Bulk Fuel Driver — Needing a dedicated driver with a CDL and Hazmat Certification. Call Dana at 828-230-3046 for more information.
Warehouse Driver — Seeking a driver with a CDL license to transport warehouse items to our store and fertilizer locations. Call Kelle at 307-765-2061 for questions.
Warehouse Staff — Seeking a motivated individual to organize and prepare items to ship to stores in our warehouse. Must be able to lift 50-lbs. Call Kelle at 307-765-2061 for questions.
Accounts Receivable — Looking for a friendly face to join our office staff! Must take phone calls and direct to correct staff, receive and process daily paperwork and payments, be willing to step in where needed, and more! Call Kim at 307-765-5204 to learn more!

All positions are based from our Greybull office. Must be located near, or be willing to commute to Greybull.



The Powell Tribune has a position opening immediately for an **OFFICE MANAGER.**

Qualifications/responsibilities

- Proficiency with Quickbooks, Excel, Word, Outlook
- Processing of bi-weekly payroll, federal and state reporting, leave accruals, and payroll liabilities, a high degree of confidentiality, and the ability to meet deadlines
- Commission payrolls – sales reports
- E-Verify and Wyoming new hire reporting
- Order supplies and equipment as needed
- Bank statement reconciliations and petty cash disbursements/reconciliation
- Credit card payments/reconciliation
- Web, press & PTI billing & spreadsheets
- Responsible for accounts receivable activities and ensure timely cash flow
- Monthly and other reporting duties as required
- ACH transfers
- Positive and proactive customer service

Competitive salary plus health and dental insurance, simple IRA included.

Please send resume and cover letter to: toby@powelltribune.com

POWELL TRIBUNE
128 S. Bent Street, Powell, WY • 307-754-2221

HELP WANTED

We are hiring warehouse staff and a CDL driver out of our Greybull office. Must be reliable, hardworking and dedicated.

Call 307-765-2061 and ask for Kelle.



VACANCY

Big Horn County School District #2 is now taking applications for

Food Service Staff

This position will run for 6.5 hours a day at \$16.50/hour; includes Health Benefits, Wyoming Retirement, and 10 days paid leave. Work days will follow the school calendar with the same days off as students. This position begins in the 2024-2025 school year.

Applicants may apply online by visiting www.BGH2.org and following the links under the 'employment' tab.

For additional inquiries please contact the office of Superintendent Doug Hazen at 307-548-2259 or via e-mail at cgallagher@bgh2.org.

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Gas Station Cashier in Cody

- Knowledge of cash register including lottery tickets
- Ensure the cash register is balanced and accurate at each shift
- Checking in products when delivered from vendors
- Stocking shelves and coolers
- Merchandising
- Other tasks assigned by management
- Assist in maintaining a clean and welcoming store environment

REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous experience as a cashier
- Excellent customer service & communication skills

Starting salary is \$18 - \$20 per hour based on experience.
Please call Irene at 718-309-7531.

Immediate part-time opening!
The Powell Tribune is now hiring for a Part-Time

CIRCULATION CO-COORDINATOR:

If your'e looking for a little extra pocket money, are a people person with computer skills, this could be the perfect fit for you! This is a shared position and we're needing to fill one half after a recent retirement. Join our team and work 16/20 hours per week in our Powell Tribune front office! Responsibilities include implementing our circulation software database which manages our Powell Tribune print and e-edition subscriber base. In addition, a circulation co-coordinator answers phone calls, takes payments and helps clients at our front counter.

Send resume, cover letter and references to toby@powelltribune.com.

POWELL TRIBUNE
128 SOUTH BENT STREET | 307-754-2221
WWW.POWELLTRIBUNE.COM

HELP WANTED

REPORTER NEEDED

Do you like to write?

Are in interested in your community?

The Lovell Chronicle is seeking a lead reporter to write and report news and some sports for our community newspaper. This can be a rich and rewarding job for a person interested in telling the news about our North Big Horn County communities. Photography interest or experience helpful.

If interested, call David Peck at 307-548-2217, or email David at lovelleditor@gmail.com.

Position is open now.



VACANCY

Big Horn County School District #2 is now taking applications for the positions of

Head & Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Lovell High School

This position will begin with the 2024-2025 season, and the window for applications will close on 4/26/24.

Applicants may apply online by visiting www.BGH2.org and following the links under the 'employment' tab.

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WARNING! CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!
1-800-849-2476

PUBLIC NOTICES
"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"
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Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be mailed a copy of the application mine plan map as required in W.S. §35-11-406(j).
First Publ., Thurs., April, 4, 2024
Final Publ., Thurs., April, 25, 2024

Suppliers notice

NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS

Notice is hereby given that Park County, Wyoming (Buyer) will receive sealed bids until 4:00 P.M., local time, 5/6/2024 in the Park County Clerk's Office, Cody, WY for Procurement of Piping Materials for the Willow Road Improvements. Phase 1 consists of approximately 350 LF of RCP Pipe, 1,000 LF of 12" gated pipe and 1,500 LF of CMP Pipe, flared end sections, fittings and appurtenances. All bids publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on 5/7/24, time to be announced later. Mail or deliver to Park County Clerk's Office, 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY 82414. Park County will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail.

Bidding documents are available at: Engineering Associates, 902 13th Street, P.O. Box 1900, Cody, WY 82414 for a \$50.00 non-refundable fee. Park County, Wyoming reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 10% the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owner.

Dated this 8 day of April, 2024.
/s/ Dossie Overfield
Park County Commissioners-Chair
First Publ., Thurs., April 11, 2024
Final Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024

Berchtold probate

STATE OF WYOMING)
) SS.
COUNTY OF PARK)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT)
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
Probate No. 2024-CV-0030881)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
ROBERT L. BERCHTOLD, a/k/a)
ROBERT LEWIS BERCHTOLD,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on 15th day of March, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of decedent was admitted to probate by the above named Court and Lynelle J. Berchtold was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed with the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or

thereafter be forever barred.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all persons indebted to the decedent or to her/his estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at Copenhaver, Kitchen & Kolpitcke, P. O. Box 839, Powell, WY 82435. Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of said Court on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 8th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Lynelle J. Berchtold,
Personal Representative
/s/ Scott E. Kolpitcke, WSB #6-3083
Copenhaver, Kitchen & Kolpitcke
P. O. Box 839
Powell, WY 82435
(307) 754-2276
First Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024
Final Publ., Thurs., May 2, 2024

Siding repair/paint bids

The Crown Hill Cemetery District board is seeking bids for either new siding or repair/painting of existing siding on the house at the cemetery. The address is 678 Lane 9, Powell. Bids will be accepted through May 3, 2024, and will be opened at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuesday, May 7, 2024, board meeting. Remit bids to Crown Hill Cemetery, 678 Lane 9, Powell, WY 82435.

First Publ., Tues., April 16, 2024
Second Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024
Third Publ., Thurs., April 25, 2024

Urbanski probate

STATE OF WYOMING)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT) SS.
COUNTY OF PARK)
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
Probate No.30834)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
LYLE EUGENE URBANSKI,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on 21st day of December, 2023, this matter was admitted to probate by the above named Court and Angela Lydia Garcia was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to contest this matter shall be filed with the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or thereafter be forever barred.

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DATED this 13th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Angela Lydia Garcia,
Personal Representative
/s/ Scott E. Kolpitcke, WSB #6-3083
Copenhaver, Kitchen & Kolpitcke
P. O. Box 839, Powell, WY 82435
(307) 754-2276
First Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024
Final Publ., Thurs., May 2, 2024

Meeting notice

Notice of Meeting for all existing Net Metering Customers within the City of Cody and the City of Powell.

May 2, 2024
Powell: City Hall @ 10 am to noon
Cody: City Hall @ 6pm to 8pm
WMPA will be making some changes to the current policy and would like your input.
First Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024
Second Publ., Tues., April 23, 2024
Third Publ., Thurs., April 25, 2024
Fourth Publ., Tues., April 30, 2024
Fifth Publ., Thurs., May 2, 2024

City minutes

City Council Proceedings
April 15, 2024

The governing body of the City of Powell met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor John Wetzel called the meeting to order, and the following were present: Council Members Tim Sapp, Steven Lensegraw, Zane Logan, Geoff Hovivian and Floyd Young. Absent Councilwoman Lesli Spencer. City Officials: City Administrator Zack Thorington, Finance Director Kaela Nelson and City Attorney Alexa Rollins. Approval of Agenda: Councilman Young moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Lensegraw, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of April 1, 2024 Minutes: Councilman Logan moved to approve as presented, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Bills and Claims: Mayor Wetzel abstained from item #48 and Councilman Sapp abstained from item #54. Councilman Lensegraw made a motion the bills be allowed and authorize the Treasurer to draw warrants for payment of the same, seconded by Councilman Logan, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Airport Drag Racing Series Safety: Mike Martin and Tim Kindred shared their plan for keeping everyone safe at the drag racing events this summer. Committee Updates: Councilman Lensegraw Rec Board. Councilman Logan Recycle Board. Mayoral Appointment: Councilman Young moved to reappoint Tom Ruhlman to the Airport Board, seconded by Councilman Lensegraw, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance No. 2, 2024: An Ordinance Amending Section 16.16.020 of the Powell City Code Pertaining to Streets, Alleys and Easements. Attorney Rollins read by title and Administrator Thorington spoke on the change regarding half-streets. Councilman Lense-

graw moved to approve on second reading, seconded by Councilman Logan, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance No. 3, 2024: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Property Known as the Jones Street Annexation. Attorney Rollins read by title and Administrator Thorington spoke on the annexation. Councilman Young moved to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 5, 2024: A Resolution Certifying that a Written Petition Filed with the Clerk of the City of Powell for the Proposed Annexation of a Parcel of Land to be Known as the Shoopman 5 Annexation, Described as a Portion of Lot 62-C, Lot 62 (NESE, Original Section 14), T55N, R99W, 6th PM, Park County, Wyoming, into the City of Powell Complies with Wyoming Statutes. Attorney Rollins read by title and Administrator Thorington spoke on the annexation. Councilman Lensegraw moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Midco Diving Services Agreement: Administrator Thorington discussed the agreement for cleaning the one-million-gallon underground water tank. Councilman Logan moved to approve and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Lensegraw, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

3rd Quarter Revenue and Expenses: Administrator Thorington discussed the quarterly report. General Announcements: Chief of Police Finalists Interviews and Meet and Greet are scheduled for April 25th and April 26th. Budget work session is May 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Adjourn: There being no further business to be considered at this meeting, Councilman Hovivian moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Logan, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wetzel adjourned the regular meeting at 6:29 p.m.

APPROVED: Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk
Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024

Meeting notice

The Powell Hospital District Board and the Powell Valley Healthcare Board will meet Monday, April 22, 2024.

The meeting will be held in the conference room. The District Board meets at 5 p.m. and the Powell Valley Healthcare Board meets once the District is adjourned.

First Publ., Tues., April 16, 2024
Second Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024

Date change

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Park County School District #1 normally scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024, has been rescheduled for 6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 22, 2024. The meeting will be held at the School Administration Building, 160 North Evarts, Powell, Wyoming.

Lillian Brazelton
Clerk, Board of Trustees
Publ., Thurs., April 18, 2024

