



Jackson Baker crash lands into a fluffy snow drift while skiing at Powell's Homesteader Park. He and friends Truett Carter, Ryan Rivas and Jude Tillotson arrived early Monday morning at the park to have the sledding hill all to themselves. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Snow daze

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune senior reporter

Gregg McDonald arrived at work early Monday knowing it would be a busy day. The first order of business: Digging out. "I know we need it, but did we have to get it all at the same time?" he said while attempting to open a couple parking spots in front of his downtown business. "I mean, I've pushed broom a couple times — it's been a pretty mild winter. We're making up for it here, for

sure." After clearing a broad path he headed in to warm up and wait for the inevitable calls to his insurance company. At about the same time City Councilman and volunteer firefighter Geoff Hovivian strolled out of Uncommon Grounds with a steaming hot cup of coffee and

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Gregg McDonald
Downtown business owner

Blizzard covers Park County with much needed precipitation

climbed in his diesel 4x4. He said the folks of Powell were smart enough to stay in and the streets were clear of reported overnight accidents. The scanner traffic was quiet for the most part through Monday despite snow falling for about 36 hours by Monday afternoon. Most of the activity in the

city in the early morning hours were city workers and residents pushing snow and a few people walking their dogs, which were most excited to see the first real snow of the year. While the snow was light and fluffy, strong gusts overnight created deep drifts and the continuing snow Monday meant one push through with shovels wasn't enough to clear sidewalks, driveways and streets.

Park County School District 1

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Judge picks deputy assessor to fill vacant position

TERRY CALL WAS OUTGOING COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PICK, BUT NOT THE GOP'S

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune staff writer

After a messy, month-long process, Park County has a new interim assessor. On Friday, a judge passed over a couple candidates nominated by the local Republican Party and appointed First Deputy Assessor Terry Call to serve as the county's assessor through 2026.

"I'm excited to get the job done and excited to proceed with the work we have to do," said Call.

The Republican and longtime Cody area resident worked under Assessor Pat Meyer for the past 14 years. When Meyer retired at the end of December, he hoped to have Call replace him, but not everyone agreed.

The typical process for replacing a county official mid-term involves the departing official's party picking three potential replacements that the county commissioners then choose from. However, after learning of errors that the Park County Republican Party made in selecting its nominees, commissioners turned the decision over to a judge.

The task of picking an interim assessor eventually fell in the lap of Carbon County District Court Judge Dawnessa Snyder, who decided to effectively restart the process. Rather than limiting the field to the party's nominees or to

those who originally submitted applications to the party, Snyder allowed any qualifying Republicans to put their name in the running.

A total of seven local residents applied — including four of the original six contenders — and the Rawlins-based judge interviewed each of them on Wednesday.

Several of Snyder's questions centered around the applicants' relevant experience and knowledge of the assessor's office and its duties. With his long-running service in the office, Call offered the only direct

experience. However, two of the candidates nominated by the Republican Party — Meeteetse financial adviser Bob Ferguson and Cody City Councilman Don Shreve — had encouraged the judge to look beyond backgrounds. Call had ranked poorly in the GOP voting process and Shreve told the judge "that the people of this county want a change."

In her Friday decision, Snyder did not explain why she picked Call, writing only that she had "given due consideration to the presentations of the candidates."

Beyond Call, Ferguson and Shreve, the other contenders were Cody accountant Brenda Aycoth; retired tax appraiser Dave Baker of Powell; Powell

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Sen. Dan Laursen (R-Powell) is sponsoring a bill that would allow schools to require students use multi-occupancy bathrooms and changing rooms that correspond with their biological sex or a single use option. If passed the bill would answer a resolution passed by Park County School District 1 in November. Tribune photo by Michael Smith

School board resolution answered in Powell based bill

BY BRADEN SCHILLER
Tribune features editor

If passed, a bill sponsored by a Powell legislator in response to an issue at Powell High School would allow PCSD1 to create a policy stipulating students must use the bathroom that corresponds with their biological sex.

This comes in part due to a resolution passed by the PCSD1 school board in November requesting a bill to deal with concerns regarding a transgender female (a biological male) using the girl's restroom. The meeting ahead of the vote for the resolution drew in over a hundred people, with many calling for a school policy to keep any

transgender female students out of the female restrooms.

Powell High School sophomore Taylor Peters testified to the Senate Education Committee on Jan. 24 ahead of the bill being sent to the House.

"What is being lost in the conversation today is the safety and comfort for biological girls," Peters told the Legislature. "I ask that you please pass this legislation to help protect young women and girls across the state."

There is currently a transgender female at Powell High who uses the girls multi-occupancy restroom, Peters added.

"The idea of men in my

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Community celebrates student center grand opening

BY ZAC TAYLOR
Tribune editor

Jared May looked out at the building he had spent nearly two years in, day after day, dealing with the challenges that come with a more than \$23 million project to construct a more than 33,000 square foot building.

"It feels pretty rewarding to come in here," said May, project engineer for Groat-house Construction, as he looked at the new Northwest College Student Center on Thursday, just ahead of the grand opening celebration.

The building was actually completed late last year and students have been using it for

dining, hanging out, studying and more since the start of the spring semester, but the Jan. 30 event was a chance to bring the community in to see what the new building has to offer not just the college's students and staff, but the community.

"We're just really thrilled to be able to show off this space," NWC President Lisa Watson told a crowd of hundreds gathered in the main lower level portion of the building. "It's a community space."

She said it "took a village" to finish a project such as this one, and she and the oth-

ers speakers, including NWC Board Chair Denise Laursen, Wyoming Arts Council

Program Specialist Ismael Dominguez (a NWC grad) and NWC Student Senate President Sarah Roberts all thanked the people and organizations who made the building possible, from the foundation staff (led by President Shelby Wetzel) and donors, the contractor and subcontractors, the state — especially the state construction department (with Jake Schrickling leading the

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Lisa Watson, NWC president

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Northwest College President Lisa Watson speaks to those at the student center dedication and open house Thursday. The building, finished in late 2024, is 38,606 square feet and features a place for students to recreate and study and has a modern dining hall and a new climbing wall. At right is Ismael Dominquez, Wyoming Arts Council program specialist. Tribune photo by Mark Davis



Northwest College President Lisa Watson and Board of Trustees Chair Denise Laursen celebrate after cutting the red ribbon at the NWC Student Center dedication and open house. Northwest Foundation employees Dillon Jeffs, left, and Cory Ostermiller, right, help with the ribbon cutting . Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Center: Hundreds gathered for offical grand opening of building

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project) — college faculty, staff (including Dennis Quillen, facilities director, and former vice president Dee Havig), students, and the broader community which supports the college.

Laursen and Watson noted the importance not just of all the funding sources, from the state to the foundation to reserves and fees, but to the fact that all of it together meant there was no debt.

“So the cool part about this that we’re very, very proud of is this is a debt free building,” Laursen said.

Roberts, a student with two associates and nearly a bachelors degree, said having been through the old student center, the transition phase and the new building, it’s great to see people have a place to congregate and form their own communities.

“Just to be able to see the engagement in the last semester I’m here,” she said, adding “to know my student fees contributed to this building is a blessing.”

And, Watson said, it’s a building they hope will last even longer than the DeWitt Student Center, which stood at the center of campus for 50 years.

“Today is a celebration. Man, I have never been more excited to stand on a stage and look out at this space,” Watson said, adding “to see the hours and

accumulation of time come to fruition in a manner and vision in which we had hoped. And then also see this place be over-run in a wonderful way by our students.”

Fred Bronnenberg, president of Groathouse Construction and like May a NWC alum, had a

similar thought.

“We started on this project during the design phase,” he said. “To see the students using it now, it’s cool. Jared and (Groathouse superintendent) Wendel Montgomery did a great job. And it’s a great building.”



Students in the NWC Outdoor Education program demonstrate the new climbing facility in the student center. The newly dedicated building is the new permanent home for the program.

Powell businesses to take part in Valentine treat event

A handful of Powell businesses are joining together for a Valentine’s shopping, food and drink event.

Sweet Treats, Savory Deals is 5-9 p.m. Thursday.

From 5-7 p.m., Hillside Floral, Eternal Light Creations and Murdoch’s are offering Valentine’s gift specials. Hillside will also have samples from local vendors, Eternal Light is offering freeze dried candy samples, and Murdoch’s has specials on cologne, perfume, jewelry and more. Then, from 7-9 p.m., Legend Pizza and Co. will offer its breakfast for dinner. See Page 16 for more details.



Hillside Floral owner Shelley Hill prepares gifts for the Sweet Treats, Savory Deals, Valentine’s Day-themed event Thursday evening. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

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OBITUARIES

John ‘Jack’ Curtis Kinsley

(Nov. 7, 1944 - Jan. 15, 2025)

John Curtis (Jack) Kinsley passed peacefully from this world on Jan. 15, 2025, at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (Reuber), daughters Mary Jo (Kevin) Mosby, and Lorri (Jon) Reilly, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was particularly close to his nieces Monique Hemingway and Marcheal (Leo) Brady and their children, who will miss him very much. He is also survived by his sister, Neva (Jim) Bullington, and their three children, who have fond memories of their uncle. Jack was born Nov. 7, 1944 in Wallace, Idaho, and grew up in Powell, Wyoming, where his family ran the town's bowling alley. His youth was spent riding horses in the stunning backcountry surrounding Powell, as a scholar and athlete who excelled at multiple sports throughout high school, and working and bowling at the family's bowling alley. He met Joyce, the love of his life, at Powell High School in 1962, and spent the next 62 years loving her and their two daughters.

Jack and Joyce moved to southern California in 1967, and while they loved the beauty of their home state and visited often (in summer), they never once regretted their decision to leave the snow and winter weather of Wyoming. Jack worked for over 30 years as a bookkeeper and then a lineman for Southern California Edison, and was a proud member of IBEW. His work at

SCE began something of a legacy — one son-in-law and one grandson also work for SCE.

Jack was a professional bowler for most of his life, and bowled his last major tournament in Las Vegas in 2022. For over 40 years, Jack's favorite pastime was boating on Lake Havasu, Lake Mojave and Lake Mead. Jack and his family began water-skiing in the 1970s, and he spent countless hours happily and patiently towing Joyce, their daughters, their daughter's friends, and ultimately their grandchildren, around those lakes.

Jack was an iconic “girl dad” before that phrase existed. He did not limit expectations of his daughters, and always encouraged them to achieve in sports, in academics and in life. He taught them to properly throw footballs, baseballs and basketballs, and made lifelong athletes of them. Unfortunately, although they were taught the essential skills of bowling and despite his best efforts, neither daughter has ever been a very good bowler. He was, however, extremely proud that both daughters earned advanced college degrees and had successful professional careers.

As great a dad as he was, Jack was a quintessential grandpa to Jake, Jessica, Paige, Hannah, Quinn and Sean. With six very active grandchildren, it probably cannot be calculated how many soccer and volleyball matches he attended, let alone baseball and football games, and track meets.

He and Joyce attended every middle school promotion, and high school and college graduation for their grandchildren.

Jack delighted in being a great-grandpa to Reilly, Peyton, Deke and Blake, and was constantly amused and entertained by the antics of those four little humans.

Jack retired from SCE in 1996, and he and Joyce spent months at a time traveling around the western United States in their RV. They also went on a number of cruises, and made an unforgettable trip to Denali National Park in Alaska.

Jack and Joyce moved to Tucson in 2012. In addition to attending many football and men's basketball games, they were season ticket-holders and avid supporters of the U of A women's softball and basketball teams. They loved happy hour on their patio overlooking the washes and mountains surrounding the city.

Jack was an excellent man who lived an excellent life, and he will be missed every day.

No public memorial services will be held. Please think of Jack when you hear a good (or terrible) joke that makes you laugh out loud, when you see a stunning sunrise, or watch a particularly close football or basketball game, as he loved to laugh, appreciated nature and was fiercely competitive. If you can whistle, whistle a tune (off key, please) in his memory. And in the unlikely event you come across a wild donkey in the desert, tell them Jack says hello.



JACK KINSLEY

Charlene (Charle) Paben

(Sept. 22, 1946 - Jan. 30, 2025)

Charlene (Charle) Paben, age 78, passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 30, 2025 after a long battle with dementia. She was surrounded by her family and close friends.

Charle was born to Ray and Marie (Anderson) Liner, on Sept. 22, 1946, in Powell, Wyoming. She was the second of seven children. Growing up in Powell she met her longtime friends Connie (Anderson) Leighton and Peggy (Knapp) Watson. After graduating in 1965 she began working at the Powell Library.

At the library she started as a page, then as the Adult Service librarian, and eventually she became the Powell Branch librarian. In 1978, she moved to Cody and became the Park County Library director until her retirement in 2000. In 2006, she followed in her mother's footsteps and became a dispatcher for the Lovell Police Department until 2009.

In 1967, John Stearns and

Charle were married. Together they had three children, Lisa, Rodney and Michael.

She married Jim Paben on July 11, 1987. Together they enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing with family and friends.

Charle was an avid reader and could always be found with a book nearby. She was an avid gardener and extremely talented at painting and crafts and valued sharing those talents with friends and family.

Charle was fond of helping with fundraisers and various activities at the Eagle Lodge. She worked her way through all the chairs including being Past Worthy Madam President for her mother Marie. She was a member for 58 years and secretary for many of those. Her favorite events were the family dinners and Mother's Day Tea.

In 2002, Charlie received the best joy and light of her life, her granddaughter Mackenzie Stearns. Together they did everything from growing the garden, canning, cooking, baking, drawing, painting or whatever else

Kenzie wanted to do. In 2021, she became a great-grandmother which added even more joy and light in her life.

Charle was preceded in death by her husband Jim Paben; mother and father, Marie and Ray Liner; brothers, Harold Liner and Donald Liner; sister Lori (Liner) Smith; John Stearns; and son Rodney Stearns; nephews, Darren Liner and Doug Kirkham.

She is survived by brother Jim (Judy) Liner of Powell; sisters Linda (Ray) Adams of Powell, Sandi (Greg) Kinche-loe of Cody; brother-in-law Mike Smith of Billings; daughter Lisa Stearns; son Michael (Jennifer) Stearns; stepson Clayton Paben; grandchildren, Mackenzie, David, and Alexia; and great-grandson Carson, along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Park County Library. Services are Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. at Union Presbyterian Church in Powell, Wyoming.



CHARLE PABEN

Charlene Alana (Enes) VanGrinsven

Charlene Alana (Enes) VanGrinsven passed away Feb. 1, 2025 in Powell. Services will be held later in the spring. A full obituary will follow.

Assessor: Party's central committee initially ranked Call at the bottom of the pack

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appraiser and real estate broker Andrew Whitlock; and Powell developer and real estate agent Tye Whitlock.

HOW WE GOT HERE

Amid soaring property tax bills, Meyer ran unopposed in 2022 and was reelected to a fourth term. Meyer became a vocal advocate for property tax relief, but some local Republican officials felt he was too slow to join the calls for relief. When Meyer recommended that his deputy replace him “and essentially said, ‘Well, this is my guy, he should take the position,’” that caused backlash, said Ferguson, who also serves as the Park County Republican Party's vice chair.

At a Jan. 9 meeting, the roughly 85 members of the party's central committee initially ranked Call at the bottom of the pack. They nominated Ferguson, Shreve and Allen Gilbert of Powell.

However, a later recount conducted by Party Chair Martin Kimmet and two other central committee members determined two votes had been miscounted and Call had been prematurely eliminated from contention. Kimmet reported the error to Park County commissioners on Jan. 14 — just before they were set to pick between the three candidates — and said he didn't know how to fix the problem. That prompted commissioners to pass the decision to the district court.

Ferguson and Gilbert asked the court to send the decision back to the commissioners, while another party official, Vince Vanata, asked Snyder to only consider the party's nominees. However, Snyder noted that it was too late for the commissioners to act and opted to effectively start over.

TERRY CALL

That meant a second opportunity for Call. In his conversation with the judge, Call spoke in detail about how mass appraisals work and described the hundreds of hours of training he's received.

Call said he crafted the numerous presentations that Meyer used in lobbying legislators for relief — including a successful push to put a 4% annual cap on property taxes.

Call said he'd like to use new technologies to boost efficiency and wants to offer more transparency about how values are established and where taxpayers' money is going.

“I know what the taxpayers of Park County need: They need the taxes not to keep jumping up a lot,” Call said. He told the court that legislators are currently considering some “fantastic” options.

BOB FERGUSON

In his interview, Ferguson laid out his background in finance and management, but also noted the political elements of the elected position.

“The reason it's important for the parties to have input and focus on those choices is ... it's not just the bricks and mortar of someone's resume about what their experience is doing appraisals,” Ferguson said, adding that it's in part about “somebody that's got more of a 30,000 foot view versus somebody that's just an expert at going out and appraising properties.”

Ferguson said he would lobby state lawmakers on tax relief bills as “a professional voice for the people,” saying statewide action and local pressure is needed.

Ferguson also said he would do more individual, in-person assessments of local properties. He indicated he would rely on current staff and take their input, saying they've done “an excellent job.”

DON SHREVE

Shreve similarly called the current staffers “great people” and said he had no intention of “blowing up” the office. However, Shreve, who works for the county as a youth probation officer, said the office also needs more transparency and to do more public education.

For example, he said the assessor should hold meetings to explain the pros and cons of various legislative property tax proposals, such as the recently approved Constitutional Amendment A.

“... To be able to vote on them without knowledge is a complete failure, in my opinion, of the assessor's office,” Shreve said, “and I would like to fix that.”

He told the court that the party's process “makes it clear that the way the assessor's office is currently run is not palatable to the citizens and they want change.”

DAVE BAKER

In contrast, Baker told the judge that Park County's office has been “run well” and doesn't need significant changes. He said his aim would be to “not rock the boat.”

Baker spent six years as a tax appraiser in Fallon County, Montana, in the 1990s and told the court his fifth-place finish at the party meeting was due to having too many qualifications.

“I think the committee had a person, Mr. Ferguson, that they wanted to shoo-in there,” Baker told the judge, “and they wanted to make sure they did not have qualified people, more qualified than him ...”

PICKING FAVORITES

Precinct Committeeman Troy Bray has said he and other more conservative members preferred Ferguson and that the other two names “were selected with the intent that the required three names be forwarded.”

Meanwhile, amid the accusations of the party being set on Ferguson, Bray and others contend the commissioners were set on appointing Call; in a Wednesday interview with the

Tribune, Ferguson charged that the commissioners turned the process over to a judge because “they would do anything to get the person they preferred in the role.” Ferguson told the judge that he believed the commissioners dodged their responsibility.

DISPUTING THE PROCESS

Ferguson, Bray and Vanata have all argued it doesn't matter if there were problems with the party's process, saying the nominations were final once the meeting adjourned without any formal objections. They also say Kimmet lacked the authority to conduct a recount and question the results.

Ferguson additionally noted that the top three vote-getters in the initial round of voting became the eventual nominees. However, commissioners said there was no one way of knowing how things would have played out with a recount.

While the end result was similar, the rankings changed significantly across the three rounds of voting. For example, in the initial round, Shreve finished first and Lanchbury finished fifth, but they tied for third in the second round before Shreve decisively won the final nomination.

NEW CANDIDATES

When Snyder reopened the process, Gilbert and Lanchbury didn't reappear, while a trio of new candidates entered the mix.

Aycoth is a longtime CPA who moved to Cody in 2018. She said she was ready to learn the job and to accomplish what the voters want.

Tye Whitlock, a Powell real estate agent who's long worked in construction, said he's thought about getting into public service for some time and believed the assessor's position fit with his experience.

Andrew Whitlock, a second cousin of Tye's, similarly cited an interest in public service and said his background as a certified appraiser and real estate broker matched up with the role. He said the assessor “needs to be someone with expertise in the area that's certified or someone from the staff that's already trained and knowledgeable.”

MOVING FORWARD

On Monday, Call said the uncertainty over who would be picked to replace Meyer had been a little distracting for the assessor's office “and now we can really knuckle down and get after it.”

As for what he made of the process, “I think we definitely need better rules to figure out exactly what should be done in these situations,” he said, adding that he'd leave it to others to figure out the best option.

Call said he was surprised and disappointed by how the vote shook out at the GOP meeting.


“I considered it a bit of a wake up call,” he said, saying he wants to hear peoples' concerns and what the office can do better.

“We are all ears,” Call said.


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IN OUR OPINION

PROPERTY RIGHTS
VS. NEIGHBORS,
WHERE’S THE LINE?

It was impressive to see the turnout for the public hearing for the first round of Park County’s amended development standards and regulations (DSR).

Showing up, even in the early afternoon on a weekday, is admirable. With the 100 or so people who turned up, it makes me wonder how impossible it’d probably be to pack in all who would show up inside Cody Library’s Grizzly Hall if the meeting were held in the evening.

There were a lot of good points made, and the Park County commissioners took the right decision in voting to table passage of the packet of DSR amendments for now.

Government should always have a good reason to add, or even change, regulations.

But there are issues where regulations are needed (I’m sure most people in the county don’t mind regulating where solar energy fields, industrial windmills and adult entertainment businesses can be located), and hopefully those present listened to Commission Chair Dossie Overfield’s anecdote on the new campground in Wapiti.

In that situation, while the commissioners were able to use existing regulations to provide a bit of a setback for the buildings from the highway and to restrict the maximum number of buildings, there really wasn’t too much more they could have done.

It’s one of a number of situations I’ve seen in my years covering commissioners and planning and zoning issues where those making the final decision wind up feeling the ire of the landowner for having regulated too much, and the ire of neighbors for not having regulated nearly enough.

As the commission chair said, “It’s conflicting at times.”

It is indeed. There have been a number of scenarios where private property rights crash up against the desires of the neighborhood. Then the question becomes, when should property rights not be fully respected?

Is it when a private property owner wants to get more revenue by allowing a cell tower placed on their property?

Is it when a developer wants to build a major subdivision on the land they own where farm fields once resided?

Is it when a property owner wants to build something that will block others’ scenic views?

As most people at the public hearing acknowledged, they don’t oppose all regulations, they just don’t want more. I understand that. But, the real question is, are you happy with where the county has drawn the lines between private property rights and the rights of neighboring property owners and the larger community?

If you’re not, then amendments need to be made. Please fill out the questionnaire at engageparkcounty.com and plan on attending one of the March planning use area meetings, where the questions won’t be general ones on whether or not we want more regulations, but more grounded issues, like whether a property owner ought to be allowed to divide his 50 acre parcel of farmland into 10 5-acre lots for a housing development, or whether a large house of worship should be allowed in a neighborhood.

Zac Taylor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Small farmers should
run for SID board

Dear editor:

The Shoshone Irrigation District (SID) annual meeting is expected to be held Feb. 18, 2025. This year there are two district commissioner seats open for election. In prior elections, it was stated by SID that one of the qualifications to become commissioner was that an individual must have \$20,000 in agricultural sales. The current SID bylaws, amended March 15, 2022, that are posted on the SID website no longer have this requirement.

Since the \$20,000 agricultural sales restriction is no longer in place, now is the time for individuals from these two districts to consider seeking election to the SID board. If you are interested, you should contact Mr. Trent Reed, SID general manager, to verify if you reside in one of these two districts and begin the qualification process so that you can begin canvasing your district to obtain the necessary votes to be elected.

The small farmers need elected commissioners to make sure our voice is heard! If you decide to run for commissioner, please write a letter to the editor and let everyone know if you need assistance in running your campaign. If you should have ques-

tions for me, I may be reached via email at 307robstevens@gmail.com.

Rob Stevens
Powell

Yellowstone housing
transformation

Dear editor:

With the common sense revival underway in Washington, there is no better time to think out of the box regarding employee housing, resource protection, and maintenance in Yellowstone.

I ask you to pass legislation transforming unsustainable employee housing to public lodging operated by a concession with the National Park Service retaining ownership, thus relieving taxpayers of exorbitant maintenance costs precipitated by inept, incompetent and inefficient NPS staff.

Under concessionaire contracts, maintenance would actually be performed, as opposed to the current model of neglect and replace.

This plan would greatly increase Wyoming revenue in the form of sales and lodging tax, and the NPS would realize concession fees — a win, win.

Superintendent Cam Sholly has been on a new housing binge. Thanks to a government swamp friendly media, impacts to

Have a holly, jolly Super Bowl

Now that all the hoopla of boring Christmas is over, it truly is the best time of the year. Yes, four bet-shopping days left till Super Bowl. So have a holly, jolly Super Bowl, the best time of the year, and in case you didn't hear; oh by golly, have a holly, jolly, Super Bowl this year.

Ah, the precious memories of Super Bowls past. I'm dreaming of a white Super Bowl, just like the ones I used to know; where the end zones glisten, and calls the refs are missin', with fourth down and just a yard to go.

I didn't follow football till well after high school, when I saw a hard-boiled lookin' guy leaning on the pinball machine at the Hollsopple, Pennsylvania VFW. I asked why he was so popular and learned that man was Spike the bookie and everyone was placing their bets. I made my first wager on the Broncos/Cowboys Super Bowl of '79 and the rest is a costly history.

Sure, I lost that one by taking the Orange Crush, but not all my gambling stories end up with me borrowing money from family members. There would

be another Broncos Super Bowl in the late 90s when just before the game, I got on the blower to my offshore gambling establishment and bet \$50 that little-used fullback Howard Griffith would score the first touchdown at 24-to-1 odds. Super stud RB Terrell Davis, who scored the majority of their TDs, had apparently scored this game's first minutes into the game, but thank the gambling gods for instant replay determining Davis had landed inches short.

Imagine my unbridled elation when on the next play, Elway handed off to Griffith, who bulled his way in and won me \$1,200 in a matter of seconds. I was so excited, my cat walked by with her tail raised and I kissed her right on the keester. It was a joyous day at the Musty Manor.

That TD, along with several hundred I won on the Broncos made for a holly, jolly Super Bowl, but barely comparable to

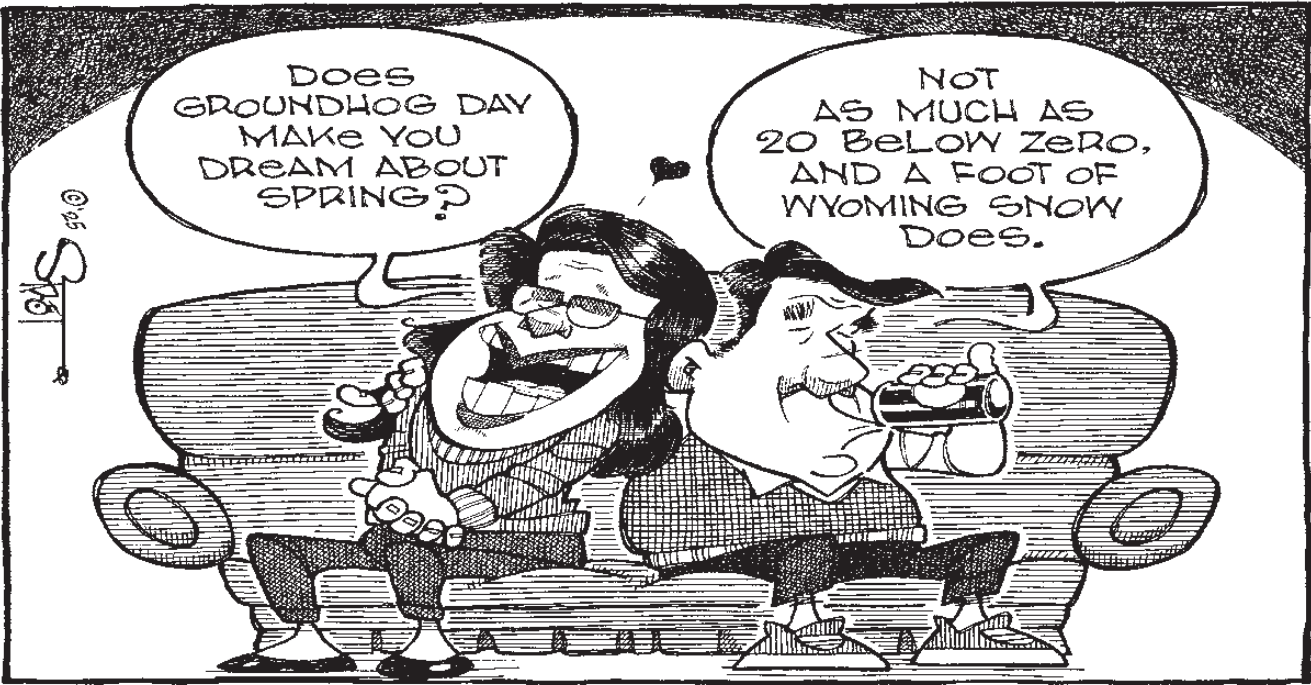
one about 10 years later, months after my sister Wanda died. Stop me if you've heard this one, but I wasn't even betting football that year in late 2005 — too preoccupied with praying for Wanda's deliverance. I was on the couch in deep thought about her weeks after she passed, when suddenly a subliminal thought emerged ... “Steelers win Super Bowl.”

Now, this was before the playoffs even started, and the Steelers were a wild card with little chance given of advancing. But I knew what I had heard, so sent \$200 offshore and bet \$100 on the Steelers to win it all 20-to-1 odds. Wanda hated my gambling addiction and wasn't into sports, but when it came to our hometown Steelers, she was a rabid fan.

You can google details of the epic run through those '05 playoffs, but suffice to say my Steelers won games aided by the most



DOUG BLOUGH
My Lousy World



the equilibrium of development to wildland is unknown. Relying on the NPS to produce such information on its own will never occur.

Impacts to the park’s resources can be measured in many ways other than habitat loss to facilitate new housing. During time-off periods, employees step out of their residences and become visitors. Concession employees disproportionately violate laws and are often in need of emergency medical services (EMS), straining services. Living outside the park would reduce these impacts.

Bus employees from locations outside the park. Importing menial task employees from across the country and around the world exacerbates housing shortages. Luxury resorts of Yellowstone Club, Spanish Peaks and Moonlight Basin in Big Sky, Montana, have been successfully bussing employees for years.

Law enforcement would remain living in the park for safety and resource protection.

Full-time, fully staffed fire stations would offer better protection than the current volunteer model. Yellowstone is not so much one location as it is a group of individual populated areas, each relying on the other for mutual-aid. Utilize so-called Kelly work shifts common among metro fire departments. Off duty fire and EMS personnel would reside outside the park.

To imply hundreds of bureaucrats and concession employees should reside in the park to protect it is beyond absurd. The NPS policy of “required residency” needs reevaluation.

Housing transformation would reduce hiring discrimination practices. Required residency leads to a new hire's spouse being given a job, snubbing qualified applicants and locals. Required residency is a perversion of original purpose and need for in-park housing. Yellowstone is no longer a distant, frontier military outpost.

Notable NPS resource protection failures: lake trout introduction; discoloration of Morning Glory Pool, (coins, foreign objects introduced); 1991 elk poaching production video replete with hunting camp; 2013 Sylvan Pass plane crash, survivors rescued by Park County Search and Rescue; 2017 East Gate Road, one hour and 45-minute law enforcement response to a man-with-a-gun-shots-fired call.

The copper gutters were either stolen by entrepreneurial recyclers under the noses of NPS residents protecting park resources from the comfort of their arm chairs, or removed by park maintenance too lazy to keep them free of ice. Lack of gutters results in foundation deterioration. Under the current model of systemic, purposeful neglect, taxpayers will be on the hook for eventual expensive repair or replacement.

An NPS couple earning \$150,000-\$200,000 per year pay \$500 per month rent on Officers Row. The same unit as public lodging — with elk lounging on the manicured lawn — could fetch as much as \$40,000 per month.

Don't be caught flat-footed in the common sense rebirth. Take action.

Sincerely,
Steve Torrey
Cody

Rep. Hoeft doing what
voters asked of him

Dear editor:

Kudos to you, Paul Hoeft! Thank you for your concern for our county and state, and doing something about those concerns. Thank you, also, for bringing up that Phyllis Roseberry is chair-

man of Wyoming Rising. We might remember that Wyoming Rising is an organization which suggested that their members register as Republican in the primary elections, then switch to their true party affiliation of Democrat in the general election. Their purpose in this switch is to attempt to nominate a candidate of the Republican persuasion who would most closely align with their liberal ideals, hoping that Republicans wouldn't see through their ruse, realizing they most likely will not be able to elect a Democrat.

Please consider anything that Ms. Roseberry puts forward. Is it really in Wyoming's best interest ... or America's?

Toby Sheets
Powell

Is this a democracy or
a monarchy?

Dear editor:

A public hearing of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was held last Monday to review the Draft of the Development Standards and Regulations (DSR). The presenters portrayed the new DSR as just formatting and administrative changes, updating definitions, and updates impacted by statutory language changes that bring the DSR into alignment with state and federal law. The presenters said this round was intended simply to address “low hanging fruit.”

Most citizens lack sufficient stamina or time to go through 307 pages of the redline draft but you only need to go to page 16 (Chapter 1, Section 5 (Appeals)), describing how someone may appeal a decision made by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Planning and Zoning director, or county engineer, to find the first serious issue.

The draft makes clear that person appealing a decision (appellant) may appear before the

unlikely circumstances. Bad referee calls and lucky bounces all landed right in my lap. And then the big day came when the Steelers met the Seattle Seahawks in the super game. Soon before it started, almost like one last gift placed under my tree, another strange revelation told me running back Willie Parker would score a touchdown. I bet my remaining \$100 on that very scenario at almost 3-to-1.

Again every lucky bounce and fluke circumstance went Pittsburgh's way, and just after halftime, my man Willie Parker busted through the line and raced 75 yards to pay-dirt. When the super dust cleared and all my gifts were unwrapped, the Steelers were 21-10 winners and I was \$2,290 richer. Wanda had given me one last gift from heaven and no one will ever convince me otherwise.

So on Saturday, Feb. 8, all my bets will all have been placed with the greatest of care, in the hopes that Saint Patrick (Mahomes) soon will be there. It's now 45 years since that first Super Bowl Christmas at the Hollsopple VFW. I have few regrets, and thankfully I didn't see mama kissing Spike the bookie underneath the mistletoe that night!

Jim Dougherty
Cody

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Animal shelter adoption special

The Park County Animal Shelter is running a “Don’t be Alone on Valentine’s Day” adoption special through Feb. 14. For this limited time, all adoptable cats and dogs can be adopted for just \$50. This special event aims to find loving forever homes for our furry friends and ensure no one spends Valentine’s Day alone.

Shelter director Jona Harris said many of the animals have had a community member “sponsor” their adoption fee, meaning there is no adoption fee applied to specific animals.

The shelter is currently housing 31 cats and 27 dogs, Harris said, “all eagerly awaiting the chance to become a cherished member of a family. We encourage the community to take advantage of this unique opportunity to bring home a loyal and loving companion.”

People can visit the shelter in person to fill out an adoption application or complete an application online through the website. For more information, visit parkcountyanimalshelter.org or contact us at 307-587-5110.

Freshmen legislators: We’re accomplishing what was asked

As candidates, we did something radical this last election. While campaigning, we made it a point to also listen to what voters had to say. Our group even invested in some polling to confirm what we were hearing in person. We got a very clear idea from Wyoming voters what was concerning them and what they wanted done.

What was so radical about that? For one thing, we are breaking from the time-honored tradition of running as conservatives then voting as moderates once we’re here. Like President Donald Trump, we planned to state clearly what we wanted to do, then go do it.

We identified five areas that voters told us mattered to them the most, then we helped craft legislation that would address those priorities. Then we came here to the session and did what we said we were going to do. From some people’s reactions, that is apparently not “the way it’s done” in Cheyenne.

President Trump’s election triumph was historic. He does not believe he was elected to a second term to maintain the status quo. In his campaign, he made it real clear what he was going to do, then this past week or so, has set about doing it like no one before.

In reelecting Trump, one thing

voters rejected was continued reliance on the “expert” class, the so-called “people who know better.” Those experts took every wrong turn during the pandemic, have trapped our nation in endless foreign wars, created multiple systems of justice, flooded the borders, tried to kill fossil fuels, weaponized the courtroom against Trump and his supporters, and run up over \$37 trillion in national debt.

We think the sweep of all seven swing states, the Electoral College, and the popular vote was solid confirmation that Trump was reelected to undo everything done by the worst president in American history and his cronies of both parties.

Don’t forget, Wyoming was number one among 50 states in supporting President Trump in saving our nation. Wyomingites led the rejection of entrenched elitists, the “people who know better.” Wyoming voted for a Trump agenda of bold action and common sense.

But surprising as it may be, in both Washington and here in Wyoming, there are Republicans who evidently missed the memo.



NINA WEBBER
Guest Column

The McConnell/Cheney wing of DC Republicans is still somehow kicking. That wing may have a presence here, as well.

In an article about our “Five and Dime” action plan, Sen. Tara Nethercott (R-Cheyenne), a charter member of “the people who know better,” had this to say about our first five bills. “I am concerned with the level of the freshmen House members. Certainly learning that skill set takes a little bit of time, so since they’re new, maybe they haven’t developed the level of skill to amend bills to work through the way a more senior legislator would...”

We are sure that the voters who elected Trump and all of us conservatives to office will be comforted to know that Sen. Nethercott is there to condescendingly pump the brakes. Her comment was another way of patting us on the head and cooing, “Well, bless your hearts ...”

But she hasn’t insulted only us — given the process we followed and the input we got from Wyoming voters, she has insulted everyone who voted for us. She is insulting you.

Several of us may be new to

the Legislature, but that doesn’t mean we haven’t been paying attention. Our five bills were sensibly considered and carefully based on voter input. That said, we are only one-third of the equation. We know perfectly well that, starting with the Senate, there is a lot to do before our voter-driven agenda becomes law.

We all know that the Senate can derail our efforts. They can “put it in the drawer” and not even give our bills a hearing; they can water them down to point they accomplish little or nothing. This is all in the playbook of those who run as conservatives and somehow get political amnesia when it comes time to legislate. You know, they become “the people who know better.”

And that is where voters re-enter the picture. Every voter who supported our election to the House also has a senator. Every one of those senators has an email address and a phone number, as does the governor. We have done what we said we would do, now it is time for the people of Wyoming to step up and make themselves heard.

(By Reps. Nina Webber (R-Cody), Joel Guggenmos (R-Riverton), Darin McCann (R-Rock Springs), Marlene Brady (R-Green River), and Joe Webb (R-Lyman))

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONT.

Importance of election integrity

Dear editor:

As a conservative Republican, I support our Republican Party platform. The 23rd plank of our state party platform reads in part, “[t]he integrity of our elections must be upheld.” I completely agree.

To further this objective, the Wyoming Freedom Caucus has brought numerous bills to add additional security to our elections as part of their five and dime plan.

Many dedicated civil servants work tirelessly and thanklessly to maintain and protect elections throughout our state. To ensure that our elections are fair and untainted, there are certain principles that we support. These include making sure that only qualified electors vote, making sure that all legally cast ballots are counted, and making sure that the tallies are true and accurate.

I generally have no qualms about any measures to improve the integrity of our elections, but recent events have led me to believe that hand counting ballots is not part of the solution — let me explain.

At the end of December, the Park County assessor announced his retirement. Wyoming statutes require that upon a county elective office becoming vacant, the county central committee then had 15 days to meet and select three names to present to the county commissioners who, in turn, had five days to select one of the three names to fill the vacancy.

Currently, there is no set procedure for county central committees to select the three names, but the statute does specifically state that it is their duty to do so.

In the case of the Park County assessor, the prior assessor retired and the county central committee adopted rules for voting and selecting the three nominees.

The adopted rules included, among other things, a “primary” ballot if there were more than five applicants, a main ballot, tie-breaking procedures, and definitions of who can vote.

The primary ballot’s function was to narrow the field down to five. In this primary ballot, all ballots were required to have five names selected. Any overvotes or undervotes would disqualify the ballot. Following the primary ballot, a main ballot to select

the three nominees was to be cast. Again, undervotes and overvotes were not permitted. In the event of a tie, the county central committee would vote between the two tied applicants in a head-to-head vote.

The rules defined that only precinct committee people are allowed to vote, and executive committee members can also vote as long as they are also precinct committee people. A 2023 case from the Wyoming Supreme Court further defined who can vote in cases like this where the statute says, “county central committee.” That case outlines that “county central committee” means precinct committee people and does not include executive committee members who are not also duly elected (or appointed) precinct committee people.

So where did it all go wrong?

To start, three members of the executive committee, the vice-chair (who was also one of the applicants), the state committeewoman, and the treasurer, all voted throughout the nomination process even though they had not been elected or appointed as precinct committee people. The idea that three individuals voted in a process that they were not allowed to vote flies in the face of the very principles of election integrity.

Next, in response to the notice, there were six applicants (though one application was received after the deadline). This triggered a primary ballot process. As the three-person tabulating committee began to hand count votes, one of the three began to crumple and set aside ballots as she went. Thankfully this was quickly corrected.

At the end of the time-consuming counting process, the number of reported votes cast in the primary ballot was 417. As voters were required to vote for five names, the number of votes was required to be divisible by five — the count had an error. Despite the error being reported to the chairman, no recount was performed. Instead, the sixth-place vote-getter was eliminated by one vote and the selection process continued.

The next step in the process required all voters to pick three of the remaining five names. After the ballots were cast, two names advanced to be nominated and there was a tie for third place. Unfortunately, the county central committee was instructed to vote in a way that did not follow the agreed upon tie-breaking process.

Ultimately, three nominees were selected and presented to the county commissioners who held a meeting on Jan. 14.

Just before the commissioner’s meeting, the chairman of the county central committee, at the request of one of the precinct committee people, conducted a recount of the primary ballots. This recount found that two of the ballots failed to have the required five names and should have been disqualified.

As a result, the chairman informed the county commissioners that the primary ballot would have resulted in a tie for fifth place and a tie breaker vote should have been held. He further informed the commissioners that due to the statutory deadlines for notice and filling vacancies, the county central committee would be unable to meet again to correct its errors.


The county commissioners ultimately voted to not name any of the nominees because the voting process had been tainted and instead allow a district judge to determine the outcome as outlined in the law.

So, what violations of the principles of election integrity took place? First, noneligible individuals voted. Second, ballots were nearly destroyed. Third, incorrect ballots were not promptly identified. Fourth, runoff processes were not followed.

Some of these issues could be resolved by putting better safeguards in place. Party leaders should be the pinnacle of election integrity and should not participate in processes that they are not allowed to vote in, especially if they are one of the candidates. Ballots must be protected and preserved to ensure that the processes are correct. But perhaps the biggest takeaway from this process is that, while individuals might have the best intentions, human error can always affect a process, even one as small as counting 84 ballots. One vote in Wyoming can often make a difference. And in this case, it did.

If the amount of time, energy, and effort that has resulted from the hand counting of 84 ballots also results in errors large enough to invalidate the entire process, perhaps hand counting is not the answer to our election integrity concerns.

David Hill
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DIGEST

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House backing bills to shrink acceptable voter ID list

Bills to shrink Wyoming’s list of acceptable voter IDs are advancing in the House of Representatives.

The bills, which are among a litany of proposals related to elections, align with Secretary of State Chuck Gray’s “election integrity agenda,” which he announced ahead of the Wyoming Legislature’s 2025 general session. Third on that list was “strengthening Wyoming’s voter ID statute.”

NIXING MEDICAID AND MEDICARE CARDS AS VOTER IDS

House Bill 206, “Elections-acceptable identification revisions-2,” would remove Medicaid and Medicare insurance cards from the list of acceptable voter IDs and add a provision to explicitly require a photo ID.

“Identification depends on recognition. If you want to identify somebody it is normal to use a photograph,” Rep. Nina Webber (R-Cody) said. “We recognize people by their faces. A Medicaid and Medicare card don’t have that.”

Rep. Chris Knapp (R-Gillette) said other states issue Medicaid or Medicare cards to undocumented immigrants. By removing them from the list of acceptable voter IDs, Wyoming would ensure it has secure elections.

According to KFF — an organization focused in part on public health information campaigns — undocumented immigrants are not eligible to enroll in federally funded medical insurance programs, which include Medicaid and Medicare.

Rep. Mike Yin (D-Jackson) said the Wyoming Legislature tried for several years to put voter ID regulations into statute. Gray sponsored the bill when he was a representative in an effort to create the statutory regulations in 2021.

“The only reason it passed was because there was a compromise made because there were several senior folks who were worried they were going to get disenfranchised. So, we stuck in this one sort of ID,” Yin said.

That bill included a provision to remove Medicare and Medicaid insurance cards from the list of acceptable voter IDs by Dec. 31, 2029. Gray said it was time to remove the



Freshman Rep. Nina Webber (R-Cody) sponsored HB 206, which would remove Medicaid and Medicare insurance cards from the list of acceptable voter ID and add a provision to explicitly require a photo ID. Tribune photo by Michael Smith

cards now.

“I think, with the way voter ID has worked, that we can remove this provision a little earlier,” he said.

The House approved the bill on its second reading Friday; a roll call vote for the bill’s third reading could occur as soon as Monday.

NO STUDENT IDS FOR VOTING

The House approved a bill removing student IDs from the list of acceptable voter IDs.

House Bill 160 — “Voter identification-revisions” would remove student IDs issued by the University of Wyoming, the state’s community colleges and public schools from Wyoming’s list of acceptable IDs for voting purposes.

Gray told the House Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions last week student IDs are problematic for voting purposes because they don’t indicate whether someone is an American citizen and could lead to voter fraud as they’re easily counterfeited.

Two University of Wyoming students told the same committee removing student IDs from the list of acceptable voter IDs would make it more difficult for students to vote and disenfranchise young voters. They also said UW students need another government-issued ID to obtain a student ID.

Yin said on the House floor earlier this week the Help America Vote Act requires the state to allow student IDs to be used for voter registration.

“This is removing a type of government ID and then you have this discontinuity, discongruity between IDs that are acceptable and the clerks have to accept them at registration but then they have to tell those students that they can’t use (the student ID) when they actually vote,” Yin said.

The bill awaits introduction in the Senate after it was approved on third reading in the House by a vote of 53-8. Reps. Laurie Bratten, Tom Kelly and Ken Pendergraft, all R-Sheridan, as well as Rep. Marilyn Connolly (R-Buffero), voted in favor of the measure.

NEW FACES

- Shaya Wamhoff and Paulino Perez of Powell are parents of a baby boy, Paulino, who was born on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, at Powell Valley Hospital. Paulino was born at 4:05 p.m. with a weight of 8 pounds, 8.1 ounces, and joins siblings Hunter, 6, and Sofia, 2. Grandparents are Alejandra and Wade Burichka, Misty Wright, and John Wamhoff.

SHERIFF’S REPORT

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

JANUARY 21

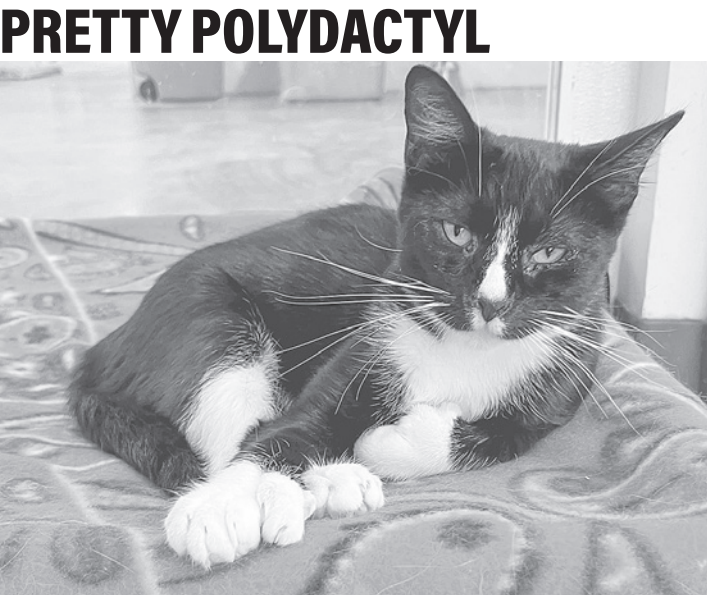
- 12:29 p.m. Deputies assisted on a semi rollover at MP 78 on Wyo. Highway 120S in the Cody area.
- 12:40 p.m. A caller on Wagon Box Lane in the Powell area said her neighbors will park in front of her house and stare at her home. Deputies assisted.
- 12:44 p.m. A semi reportedly went off the road and through a fence at MP 121 on Wyo. Highway 120N in the Cody area. The driver got a ride to town and the call was referred to another agency.
- 12:54 p.m. A caller on Oak Drive in the Cody area reported finding a meth pipe in his home. A case was opened.
- 5:01 p.m. Deputies assisted on a report of a 67-year-old male with a possible heart attack on County Road 4DT in the Meeteetse area.

JANUARY 22

- 8:21 a.m. A load of hay was reported to have been possibly stolen by the driver on Road 21 in the Powell area. A case was opened.
- 6:06 p.m. A caller on Road 22 in the Powell area said a suspicious vehicle was reportedly on the caller’s property last night. Deputies assisted.

JANUARY 23

- 8:59 a.m. A caller on Cactus Road in the Powell area said her partner hasn’t come home yet and sent her a concerning text. Deputies assisted, the subject was located and was fine.
- 1:30 p.m. A woman on Oak Drive/County Road 2BC in the Cody area reported losing her



Numerous cats, kittens and dogs are currently in the shelter and are looking for forever homes. If you are interested in adopting a shelter animal, call Caring for Powell Animals/Moyer Animal Shelter at 307-754-1019. Photo courtesy Tina Vanden Broek

pink wallet.

- 2 p.m. Samantha Speck, 32, was arrested on Sheridan Avenue in Cody for having children where meth is stored, ingested or possessed.
- 6:51 p.m. A deer was reportedly injured in the middle of the road at MP 5 on Wyo. Highway 291. Deputies assisted.

JANUARY 24

- 10:29 a.m. A passenger was cited for no insurance and expired registration at South Absaroka Street/East Park Avenue in Powell.
- 10:59 a.m. A caller on County Road 2AB in the Cody area reported scrap metal all over the road. Deputies assisted.
- 12:45 p.m. A caller on Lane 14 in the Powell area said a neighbor is crossing their land. Deputies assisted.
- 1:16 p.m. A caller on Gun Barrel Lane in the Powell area reported a problem with their neighbor. Deputies assisted.
- 6:01 p.m. A caller on Paintbrush Drive in the Cody area reported she sold a saddle and had a fraudulent experience.

POLICE REPORT

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JANUARY 22

- 7:15 a.m. A driver was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at East Seventh Street/North Panther Boulevard.
- 10:51 a.m. A gold wedding band, with no markings or engravings, was reported lost on North Bent Street.
- 1:09 p.m. After a traffic stop at Road 8/East South Street, the driver was cited for speeding.
- 1:56 a.m., 3:28 p.m. Officers checked on the welfare of residents on North Day Street and East Third Street.
- 8:55 p.m. A driver was warned for both brake lights not working after a traffic stop at East Coulter Avenue/North Evarts Street.
- 10:01 p.m. Officers responded to a report of barking dogs on East Second Street but they did not hear any dogs barking.
- 10:37 p.m. Officers responded to a possible disturbance reported on North Bent Street. The disposition was listed as completed.

JANUARY 23

- 7:58 a.m. The community service officer responded to a report of a black and white cat injured in the road. The

cat was deceased upon arrival and the officer properly disposed of the animal.

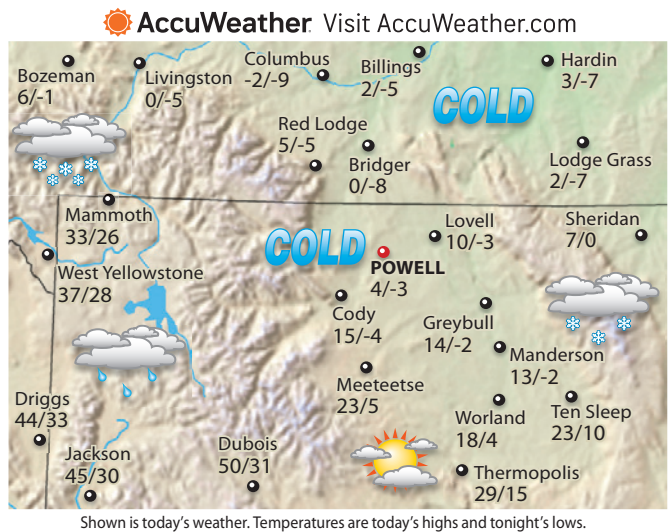
- 3:46 p.m. A driver’s license and credit card were reported lost on West Coulter Avenue.

JANUARY 24

- 1:45 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a male and female fighting on North Hamilton Street but they were unable to contact anyone in the residence.
- 7:18 a.m. After a traffic stop at East Coulter Avenue/North Evarts Street, the driver was warned for speeding and failure to obtain a Wyoming driver’s license upon residency.
- 7:30 a.m. A driver was warned for speeding and failure to register a vehicle in Wyoming after a traffic stop at East Seventh/North Day streets.
- 11:19 a.m. A traffic stop at East Fifth/North Hamilton streets resulted in the driver cited for speeding in a school zone, and warned for violation restrictions and no proof of insurance.
- 1:16 p.m. A blue/gray-colored house cat with a collar was reported lost on Beartooth Drive.
- 2:13 p.m. A leather tooled wallet with “MAR” on the back was reported lost at South Absaroka Street/East Coulter Avenue.
- 8:27 p.m., 9:39 p.m., Traffic stops on West Coulter Avenue resulted in drivers warned for driver’s side headlight out.

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- 12:18 p.m. A traffic stop at South Absaroka/East First streets resulted in the driver warned for failure to maintain lane and equipment not in proper working order.
- 12:35 p.m. A driver was warned for window tint after a traffic stop at South Douglas Street/West Coulter Avenue.
- 8:17 p.m. While on patrol at East Coulter Avenue/North Gilbert Street, officers noticed a vehicle broken down at that location. The officers assisted with traffic control while the owner of the vehicle solved the issue.
- 11:04 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a disturbance on South Cheyenne Street and the disposition was listed as completed.



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4° -3°

Wednesday
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29° 9°

Thursday
Not as cold; partly sunny, then becoming cloudy
25° 9°

Friday
Cloudy, breezy and cold with a bit of snow
22° 2°

Saturday
Mostly sunny and cold
22° 5°

Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High/Low..... 53°/-8°
Normal high/low 34°/9°
Average temperature.....29.4°
Normal average temperature21.3°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week.....0.32”
Month to date.....0.32”
Normal month to date.....0.01”
Year to date.....0.47”
Snowfall for the week.....2.2”
Snowfall month to date2.2”
Snowfall season to date5.0”

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset7:31 am/5:28 pm
Moonrise/Moonset 10:22 am/12:13 am

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Casper	54/30/pc	Kirby	23/7/c
Cheyenne	54/32/pc	Laramie	57/39/pc
Gillette	21/9/c	Rawlins	55/40/c
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Intrusion/Holdup	2	Followup	1	Sex Offender Reporting	1
Animal-Lost	2	Safety Hazard	1	Suspicious Activity	3
Animal Call-Other	2	Informational.....	1	Threats	1
Animals on Roadway	3	Miscellaneous Assistance	11	Traffic Complaint	1
Animal-Stray	4	Motor Vehicle Crash	3	Traffic Stop	47
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DIAMOND TRUSS RECOGNIZED FOR WORK

BY ZAC TAYLOR
Tribune editor

On the edge of Ralston, a company is using a Japanese practice of constant improvement to stay at the forefront of its industry.

Diamond Truss, run by Dick Fennell and his wife Gail, houses an automated, laser guided system for preparing their trusses inside the large building in the small town, and provides trusses across the region. It is also a “kaizen” company, Dick said, which means they are always focused on improving the “weak link” in their process.

The company produces trusses for projects from the Bakken oil and gas fields in North Dakota to rural Idaho, where they recently flew three trusses to, by storing them inside of a plane.

Diamond Truss was recently named World’s Best truss builder by World’s Greatest. Gail, the company’s bookkeeper and truck driver, said their innovation and customer service were big reasons for being honored.

“So what happens in this business is it’s very creative, and you mix architecture and engineering, and it’s very difficult to gain any mastery in it, because you really need to manage, you know, three, or if you count four disciplines,” Dick said. “You’ve got architecture, engineering, business and manufacturing, and they’re all different.”

He said he loves the creativity the business allows, whether that’s been developing his own equipment inside the factory the couple built from the ground up, or in accomplishing challenging tasks.

For instance, recently the company built a half circle truss for an artist on the North Fork who wanted a curved roof with a maximum of sunlight for producing his artwork. Gail said she hadn’t heard of anybody else in the region producing a curved truss like that.

The plant in Ralston is able to produce both high quality and diverse products with a small crew thanks to its high tech nature.

Dick, who is from Ontario,



Diamond Truss, a Ralston company and one of the state’s few truss companies, was recently named World’s Best truss business by World’s Greatest. Recently the company created an unusual half circle truss for a customer on the North Fork. Photos courtesy Diamond Truss

Canada, said it’s a far cry from his first plant he worked at.

“My original plant was about 22 board feet per man hour. My next one’s about 35 and this one runs about 224 feet per man hour,” Dick said. “Now we do it because of our machines and because of our people ... they’re complimentary, like it can’t be done without good people, and it can’t be done without the machines.”

That includes software and a laser system to make precise cuts — the laser actually maps out the lines of each truss.

“From the very beginning, we wanted it to be automated and that’s part of kaizen too,” Gail said. “And I think we made a really wise choice, because to get someone to come to work is very difficult right now.”

The business will be featured on TV on Saturday. For more information on times and channels, visit diamondtruss.com.



Owners Dick and Gail Fennell stand with their dogs Dancer and Marco.



Above, photographer Abbey Hough, owner of Word of Mouth Productions in Colorado, films Diamond Truss employees Kelly Perkins (left) and Kevin Wagner (right) for the episode on the company, which will air on Bloomberg TV this month. The company uses lasers to guide construction of the trusses. At left, Hough (left) captures footage of owner Dick Fennell (right) and designer Amarins Koopmans-Harrison while at work in the office.



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Truett Carter catches some air off a jump he and his friends built on the sledding hill at Homesteader Park Monday morning despite sub-zero windchill temperatures. The snow continued to fall through the day. Tribune photos by Mark Davis



Gregg McDonald, owner of Farmers Insurance in Powell, shovels out a path early Monday morning to his office for his customers. McDonald said he was glad to see precipitation in the area while the Big Horn Basin suffers from drought.

Snow: Lack of visibility delayed county plows early Monday morning

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decided to close Monday, utilizing one of the snow days the district has built into its schedule. Students in Cody, where twice as much snow fell, weren't as lucky: The district called a temporary virtual education day. Powell rationalized the snow day "due to high winds and drifting snow, unsafe wind chill, and low visibility," was reason enough for a snow day, a release on the district's Facebook page said. "Please stay safe and we will see everyone tomorrow," the post read.

Hoping to beat the crowds at Homesteader Park, where one of the few hills for fun in the snow exists in Powell, several high school students built a ramp system to catch some air. "We got up at 6 [a.m.] and started planning so we could get out here before the middle schoolers," said Powell High School's Jackson Baker. It has been a long time since the city received deep enough snow to cover the grass — so skis and snowboards could get speed for sweet jumps. Yet, the low temperatures and stiff breeze made it feel like minus

15 to 20 degrees below zero, making cheeks rosy and finger tips burn when the gloves came off. Meanwhile, several businesses in Park County announced early closings Monday and Cody, Powell and Clark landfills asked that folks avoid use, if possible. They were open but access was limited and they had difficulty getting vehicles in and out. County plows were delayed early Monday morning due to lack of visibility, but were on the road as more people began making their way to town. County roads were reported

to be drifted in in many spots, making travel all but impossible until the plows made it through. No unnecessary travel was still recommended Monday afternoon. "Please be aware of conditions and stay safe out there Park County!" the county posted on Facebook. According to the National Weather Service, Monday night temperatures would remain below zero with dangerous wind-chill temperatures under minus 20 degrees. Today (Tuesday) will be gusty, the service reported. Then there is a chance of more snow through Friday.

Resolution: 'It's an issue, I think, and we need to give the school districts a little help'

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space makes me extremely uncomfortable and anxious and I have been forced to change my way to avoid an encounter," she said. At school girls are being mocked about their inability to protect their spaces, she said. The stature of the other student does not scare her, she said, but the idea that due to a lack of policy any male could access a girls locker room or restroom at any time, does. She mentioned the potential for sexual assault, citing a case in Virginia. The bill is modeled off of one in Oklahoma and is sponsored by Sen. Dan Laursen (R-Powell). The senator sponsored the bill following a visit with Park County School District 1 Superintendent Jay Curtis at the beginning of the school year, and after the board meeting in November which resulted in a board resolution for a law similar to the one in Oklahoma. The bill also includes local cosponsors Sen. Tim French (R-Powell) and Reps. Rachel Rodriguez-Williams (R-Cody) and Dalton Banks (R-Cowley), and is one of two bills on the docket for this session that deals with the issue. The other bill, HB 72 also known as Protecting women's privacy in public spaces act, is sponsored by Rep. Martha Lawley (R-Worland). Laursen's bill would require public school students to "use restrooms that align with their sex at birth." "It's an issue, I think, and we need to give the school districts a little help," Laursen said. "A lot of the comments were, this is a local issue, and locals ought to be able to make

the decision." He added that he thinks districts need the states to provide some direction, so when there are lawsuits the state can provide assistance. Peters decided to testify because she thought it was necessary for the legislators to know how the issue affects her and other girls at her school, she told the Tribune on Monday. Peters and her mother Carrie also voiced their appreciation for the Park County legislators for listening to parents' concerns and supporting the girls. "I'm so proud of my daughter's bravery and her honesty and her character. She's speaking truth to defend herself and other girls across the state, at a great personal risk to herself, because she knows it's the right thing to do and she wants to help make a difference," Carrie said. "I couldn't be any more proud of her." Oklahoma's law, which was upheld in lower courts, is still in district court, Laursen said — if the court ruled in favor of the law, "then obviously we're doing even better." The bill also states that students would be provided with reasonable accommodations, a single occupancy restroom or changing room, if they do not want to use multiple occupancy restrooms or changing rooms. The bill also outlines reasoning and protocol for coach access to locker rooms.

Additionally, school boards must adopt policies for disciplinary action, and a parent or legal guardian of a student who is enrolled and "physically attending" school in a district will have cause of action against public schools that don't comply with the bathroom and changing room usage outlined in the bill. A previous version of the bill would have seen noncompliant schools lose their accreditation, and while Laursen wishes that language stayed in, he's OK with its removal. "We need to get the bill passed. I'd like there to be some good teeth in there, but I think we're OK," Laursen said. Curtis is not supporting one bill over the other but is appreciative of Laursen for taking on the bill. Both SF 62 and HB 72 are good bills that do what PCSD1 needs in order to move forward with a policy, Curtis said. However, there were some aspects of SF 62 that Curtis has not been supportive of including a private right to action. "I think everyone should have a right to use the courts when they deem it necessary, but a private right to action already exists for that, so adding it into this bill, I think, is unnecessary and just adds another layer of complexity to the bill," Curtis said. The other language Curtis was not supportive of dealt with the loss of accreditation

for non compliant schools, which was amended out. "The penalty, or the teeth, as they called it, was that any school district that did not fully comply would lose their accreditation, and my comments to that were, then you're punishing kids for the behavior of adults," Curtis said. When a district loses accreditation this affects the student upon graduation, impacting scholarships and college admissions. If the bill passes into law, PCSD1 would quickly have a policy in place but this may not be true for other districts, Curtis explained, "I don't think they should be subject to disciplinary measures of that magnitude because of that bill." Peters hoped to see the accreditation penalty remain. "The reason that there was accreditation in there, and the only place that accreditation [loss] would have taken place, was regarding a district's willful non action on it," Peters said. Debate on the floor surrounding the accreditation penalty revolved around coincidences or accidents, Peters explained, and some legislators felt the punishment would be too strict in that situation. "I've been following the bill, I watched the rest of the testimony on, on the Education Committee, and then I watched the debate on the floor, and it was good to see it get through," Peters said. "I was upset to see accreditation taken out. However, you know what? It got through the Senate, and I really hope it gets through the House. There needs to be some change instated."

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Panther girls seventh at Ron Thon

JORDAN CLAIMS TITLE AT 135

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

An early state preview for the Powell Panther girls' wrestling team at the Ron Thon Memorial in Riverton saw three Panthers place in the top four, including junior Nalani Jordan taking home the individual crown at 135 pounds after a 5-0 record.

"I told the girls before the tournament that sometimes these bigger tournaments can cause athletes to put pressure on themselves and then when they go out, they do not perform well," coach David Holland said. "I told the girls that this was just like any other tournament and to go out there ready to push the pace, focus on their style of wrestling and to have fun."

Jordan was dominant throughout the weekend, winning all of her matches through the semifinals via pin, with none of those matches lasting over four minutes.

Jordan has come close to tournament

victories several times this season, having already placed second in three tournaments this year.

In the championship bout, Jordan came up against Star Valley's Remington Aullman and dominated again from the start.

She pulled away for a 24-9 tech fall, claiming the title at 135 pounds.

"It feels great to get over that hurdle. I've been working really hard these past few weeks trying to get over that and I was a little worried going into the finals that it was going to be the fourth week of getting second," Jordan said. "I thought I was going to get her pinned a little bit earlier, but a tech fall feels really good when you come in and you're kind of under the radar."

Jordan said that winning Ron Thon will help motivate her through the rest of the

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PHS BOYS TAKE FOURTH AT RON THON

BETTGER CLAIMS 285 TITLE

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

After a quick pit stop in Worland on Thursday for a 74-3 dual win against the Warriors the Powell Panther boys' wrestling team continued on to the Ron Thon Memorial in Riverton, finishing fourth as a team with senior Doug Bettger claiming the title at 285 pounds.

RON THON MEMORIAL

At the Ron Thon Memorial, the Panthers battled against every team in the state regardless of classification, and Bettger was dominant throughout the tournament.

He started with two pins after

a first round bye, before a 9-3 decision over Thunder Basin's Kingston Hanson in the semifinal.

In the championship bout, Bettger earned an 11-3 win over Big Piney's Zef Zuniga.

"I'm awfully excited for Doug, he's been placing really high in every tournament we went to and having him earn that Ron Thon title and do so in dominant fashion. He really wrestled well and put together a nice tournament," coach Nick Fulton said. "Just pleased with his performance and happy for his success there."

Powell had one more finalist, as Jonathan Hine finished runner up at 106 pounds.

He pinned his first

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Far right, Doug Bettger holds up one finger following his victory in the 285 pound title bout at the Ron Thon on Saturday.

At right, Nalani Jordan (right) claimed the title at 135 pounds at the Ron Thon Memorial. She defeated Star Valley's Remington Aullman (left) in the title bout.

Photos courtesy Carl Cote, Riverton Ranger



Alexa Richardson puts up a shot during the Panthers' win over Lovell on Thursday. Richardson made the game winning free throw against Buffalo on Friday.

Tribune photo by Seth Romsa



PHS swimming adds new state qualifier

CONFERENCE IN CODY THIS WEEKEND

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

Ending the regular season on the road the Powell Panther swim team made a trip to Cody last Tuesday where the Panthers added their eighth qualifier of the season before competing in the Buffalo Invitational on Friday.

Starting with the dual on Tuesday, the Panthers were unable to win any events but added a new qualifier to the mix, as sophomore Gabe Buchholtz

qualified for the state meet in the 100 fly with a time of 1 minute, 8.1 seconds.

"That was really exciting for Gabe to qualify. He's been working so hard, and even last year as a freshman he was working really hard and was kind of frustrated at the end of the season," coach Stephanie Warren said. "So it was really exciting for him to qualify, and we were hoping maybe it'll kind of open the door for him to maybe feel even more confident to qualify in a couple other events over

“That was really exciting for Gabe to qualify. He’s been working so hard.”

Stephanie Warren,
Coach

the next week or so."

In the dual the Panthers had several athletes finish in the top three, as Trystan Preator placed second in the 200 free (2:11.12) and third in the 100 fly (1:03.28); Will Fuller placed second in the 100 back (1:01.88) and third in the 50 free (24.18); Hugh Carpenter placed second in the 200 IM (2:17.94) and third in the 500 free (6:05.82); Sam Williams placed third in the 200 free (2:13.93) and Tyler

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Gabe Buchholtz became the newest qualifier for the Panther swim team, as he qualified for the 100 fly and is pictured competing in the 200 free relay in Cody last Tuesday. Tribune photo by Seth Romsa

Panther girls sweep weekend

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

The Powell Panther girls' basketball team won a pair of challenging games last weekend, with one coming down to the final shot. The Panthers defeated Lovell at home Thursday 49-36 before winning on a last second free throw by senior guard Alexa Richardson to take home a 51-50 win in Buffalo on Friday.

POWELL 49, LOVELL 36

Continuing their homestand and hoping to win a second straight conference game, the Panthers (11-4 overall, 2-1 3A West) welcomed in the Bulldogs (9-6 overall, 1-2 3A West) on Thursday.

Powell started out strong, holding an 8-4 lead and forcing a Lovell timeout with 4:22 remaining.

The Panthers grew their advantage out to as many as eight in the quarter, but a late push by Lovell cut it down to 15-11 after the first.

Neither team scored well early in the second quarter, as Powell maintained its lead, up 17-13 before a Lovell timeout with 4:43 left in the quarter.

The Panthers came out stronger over the next couple of minutes, with a pair of Coy Erickson 3-pointers making it a 23-15 lead with two minutes left in the half.

Catelynn Floy eventually pushed the advantage to double digits with a layup late in the quarter, making it 25-15 at the break.

In the third quarter both teams struggled to find the basket early once again, as Lovell called an early

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PHS boys' basketball snaps losing skid against Buffalo

BY SETH ROMSA
Tribune sports reporter

The Powell Panther boys' basketball team put its losing streak to an end during a stretch of road games to end the month, defeating Buffalo on the road Friday 52-40 after the losing streak had extended to four games on Thursday after a 70-33 loss to Lovell.

LOVELL 70, POWELL 33

Matching up with the Bulldogs (14-1 overall, 3-0 3A West) for the second time in two weeks the Panthers (10-5 overall, 0-3 3A West) came out with a different defensive approach, starting in a zone to try slowing down the visitors.

The plan worked early, as neither team scored for nearly three minutes before Jaxon Hancock's layup made it

2-0 in favor of Powell.

Late in the quarter Lovell found its offense, taking the lead and making it a 16-9 scoreline by the end of the quarter.

"We tried to adjust defensively against Lovell by playing more zone in the hopes of keeping them from getting into the paint by driving the ball and finishing or kicking to open shooters,"

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PHS Boys’ Basketball: Long road trip

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coach Mike Heny said. “Early on, we were doing a good job and they were missing some outside shots, but their shots started falling towards the end of the first quarter and they also got going in transition which put us in another early hole.”

Lovell quickly made it a double digit advantage in the second quarter at 22-11 within the first two minutes.

The Bulldogs kept pressing the initiative, making it a 31-14 game with 2:39 left and forcing a timeout from Powell.

Just before the halftime buzzer the Bulldogs extended their advantage to 19, with a buzzer beater 3-pointer to make it 35-16 at the break.

In the third quarter the Bulldogs extended their advantage just before the midway point, as the Panthers trailed 48-18 with 4:40 left.

Powell got some better scoring down the stretch, but still trailed 55-27 heading into the final frame.

In the fourth the teams got their bench units in late, as the Bulldogs finished with a 70-33 win.

“Lovell is a really complete team and doesn’t really have any major weaknesses,” Heny said. “They are the No. 1 scoring offense and defense so it’s difficult to stop them and hard to score against them. We’ll just have to continue to find options that allow us to close the gap on them by the end of February when we play them again.”

Nathan Preator was the lone Panther in double figures with 10, also leading with three assists and steals. Hancock led with eight rebounds for Powell.

POWELL 52, BUFFALO 40

Making the trip over the mountain on Friday the Panthers took on the Bison (8-5 overall, 3-1 3A East). Slow scoring from both teams early

saw the Panthers with a small advantage midway through, after an Alex Jordan free throw made it 5-4.

Powell built its lead out further by the end of the first, as a Taeson Schultz free throw late made it a 12-8 game heading into the second quarter.

Powell held its lead, but long range efforts from the Bison kept the contest close as the Panthers led 19-18 with three minutes left in the half.

Over those final minutes the Panthers had one last push, sparked by a Keona Wisniewski 3-pointer which led to a 9-0 run capped off by a Preator layup to make it a 28-18 game at the break.

“Against Buffalo we were a lot more patient on offense at times which allowed us to get better looks from the perimeter, but we were also a lot more aggressive in finding opportunities to drive and finish around the rim,” Heny said. “Attacking the rim and moving the ball really provided the difference as the space the kids had to get off outside shots was much improved over the previous few games. I felt like the kids really forced Buffalo to guard both sides of the floor in the half court and that was a key difference in how we played offensively.”

The lead reached 13 midway through the quarter after a Dawson Griffin 3-pointer made it 33-20, with Powell trying to pull away.

Buffalo cut the lead down to nine points, but a 3-pointer by Schultz maintained Powell’s advantage.

The Bison made a stronger push down the stretch, cutting the deficit down to six as the Panthers led 40-34 heading into the fourth quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter Powell pushed it back over double digits as Wisniewski’s 3-pointer made it 45-34.

Buffalo again cut the lead to six, but the Panthers had answers down the stretch.



Evan Whitlock (center) tries to maneuver his way through the Bulldog defense on Thursday. Whitlock and the Panthers lost to Lovell before ending their losing skid Friday in Buffalo. Tribune photo by Seth Romsa

The lead hung around 6-8 until Alex Jordan finished in the lane to make it 49-39 with 1:30 remaining.

Powell saw out the contest and earned a 52-40 win to snap its losing skid at four games.

“The win against Buffalo definitely was the medicine we needed as we head into the final stretch of the regular season,” Heny said. “However, the focus will continue to be placed on getting better each day in practice so we don’t have those extended periods of games where we can’t get stops defensively and struggle on the offensive end. As a team, we still have a lot we can improve upon and that is always a good feeling as a coach — knowing we haven’t played our best basketball yet.”

Jordan led with 15 points and nine rebounds, and Hancock and Griffin each had 10 points as the other Panthers in double figures.

Wisniewski led with four assists.

LONG ROAD TRIP

Powell now heads on one of its longest road trips of the season, going to the southwest corner of the state to take on Bridger Valley opposition.

The weekend will start against Lyman (7-9 overall, 1-3 3A West) at 7 p.m. on Friday, before taking on Mountain View (6-9 overall, 1-3 3A West) at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

“The long road trip will give us the chance to build upon what went well in these past few weeks, and correct and improve upon what didn’t,” Heny said. “As long as we continue to stay together and play hard, the results of the kids’ hard work will come.”

These games will have added meaning compared to years past, as they will affect postseason seeding at the regional tournament in March.

LOVELL 70, POWELL 33

Total rebounds then offensive rebounds in ()

Points — Nathan Preator 10, Jaxon Hancock 6, Dawson Griffin 5, Evan Whitlock 4, Alex Jordan 4, Taeson Schultz 2, Keona Wisniewski 2
Rebounds — Jaxon Hancock 8 (1), Alex Jordan 6 (4), Evan Whitlock 4 (3), Nathan Preator 3 (2), Dawson Griffin 3 (2), Taeson Schultz 2 (1), Landon Hyde 1 (1)

Assists — Nathan Preator 3, Keona Wisniewski 2, Dawson Griffin 2, Taeson Schultz 1, Alex Jordan 1

Steals — Nathan Preator 3, Keona Wisniewski 1
Blocks — Nathan Preator 1, Jaxon Hancock 1

POWELL 52, BUFFALO 40

Points — Alex Jordan 15, Jaxon Hancock 10, Dawson Griffin 10, Taeson Schultz 7, Keona Wisniewski 6, Nathan Preator 4

Rebounds — Alex Jordan 9 (5), Jaxon Hancock 8 (3), Dawson Griffin 8 (1), Evan Whitlock 4 (1), Nathan Preator 2 (1), Taeson Schultz 1, Keona Wisniewski 1

Assists — Keona Wisniewski 4, Nathan Preator 3, Alex Jordan 3, Dawson Griffin 3, Taeson Schultz 1, Evan Whitlock 1

Steals — Jaxon Hancock 2, Dawson Griffin 2, Alex Jordan 1
Blocks — Jaxon Hancock 2

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timeout with the Panthers leading 28-17.

That advantage held until late in the quarter when the Panther press started causing issues, and a late outburst gave Powell a 41-24 advantage heading to the fourth quarter.

Lovell nearly cut the lead down to single digits in the final frame, but the Panthers held off any attempts at a comeback in a 49-36 win.

“It seemed like every time we started to pull away then something kind of weird would happen, and it would just bring them right back into the game. It never felt like we didn’t have control, we just didn’t ever break away from them,” coach Chelsea Kistler said. “It was a good, solid win for us. Another win in that W column for conference, and at the end of the day, that’s all that matters.”

Emery Hernandez led with 13 points, Erickson had 12 and Floy had 11 while leading with eight rebounds.

Hernandez added four assists and Floy had five steals to lead the Panthers.

POWELL 51, BUFFALO 50

Popping over the mountain on Saturday, the Panthers met up with one of the top teams in the east in the Bison (7-6 overall, 3-1 3A East).

Slow scoring from both sides had the Panthers with a slight advantage early, leading 6-4 midway through the first quarter.

Better scoring over the final four minutes led to the Bison claiming the lead, as the Panthers trailed 12-10 heading into the second quarter.

The close game continued, as the teams exchanged leads and were deadlocked at 19 midway through the second quarter.

Powell held the lead late through a pair of Leah Graham free throws, but a layup at the buzzer by Buffalo tied the game at 27 going into the break.

The back and forth contest continued in the third, with Buffalo owning a small lead up 36-34 with five minutes remaining.

Buffalo created separation over the next two minutes, making it 41-34 before Catelynn Floy ended the small run.

Powell fell further back from that point, as another 4-0 run made it 45-36 to give Buffalo the largest lead of the game.

A Coy Erickson 3-pointer ended the quarter as Powell trailed 45-39 heading into the fourth.

One early basket kept the Bison at a strong advantage, before the Panther defense locked down the Bison.

“I feel like we just bowed our necks and we did what we had to do to come back, and we did what we had to do to win,” Kistler said.

Hernandez hit a pair of free throws with just under three minutes left, tying the game at 48.

Erickson gave the Panthers the lead shortly after on a backdoor layup, and Powell was able to play keepaway to kill some time off the clock.

A turnover eventually gave the Bison possession, and they called a timeout with 47 seconds left.

Powell fouled on a shot with 35 seconds left, and the Bison made both to tie the game.

The Panthers called a timeout of their own, and drew up a set to try

and find a winning shot.

Powell worked the motion until Richardson was fouled on her shot attempt at the free throw line and went to the line with .3 seconds left with the game on the line.

“They jumped into a man (defense) which was fine, but I stuck with a play that was familiar to us to give us confidence,” Kistler said. “We had to run some time off before we ran the final play. I thought we did a great job of doing that. Then with about 10 seconds to go, we ran a play and Buffalo did a good job of guarding it which led to it being in Richie’s [Richardson] hands. She was aware of the time on the clock and she went up for a shot and then hit right across her arms.”

Her first one rattled around the rim and in, before the Panthers called a timeout to discuss a strategy.

The second bounced off and a full court heave attempt by Buffalo was waived off as Powell escaped with the 51-50 win.

“It truly was a team win,” Kistler said. “I’m really proud of them because last year we wouldn’t have won that game. It was our time to win a close game like that, especially against those guys (Buffalo).”

Erickson led with 13 points, while Hernandez added nine points and seven assists. Saige Kidd led the Panthers with eight rebounds.

BRIDGER VALLEY ROAD TRIP

Powell now heads to the southwest corner of the state, taking on a pair of opponents in the Bridger Valley this weekend.

The Panthers take on Lyman (11-5 overall, 0-4 3A West) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, before playing Mountain View (11-4 overall, 2-2 3A West) at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

In the new format this season these games will count towards postseason seeding in the 3A West — Kistler and the Panthers have discussed the added meaning to these games.

“After we celebrated the win that was our next thing on the agenda,” Kistler said. “It’s time to refocus on Monday. Those are two big games that we need to take care of on the road, and those are two places that are difficult to play.”

POWELL 49, LOVELL 36

Total rebounds then offensive rebounds in ()
Points — Emery Hernandez 13, Coy Erickson 12, Catelynn Floy 11, Alexa Richardson 4, Ivy Agee 4, Saige Kidd 3, Leah Graham 2
Rebounds — Catelynn Floy 8 (2), Coy Erickson 6 (1), Saige Kidd 5 (2), Emery Hernandez 4 (3), Ivy Agee 3 (1), Alexa Richardson 1
Assists — Emery Hernandez 4, Alexa Richardson 3, Ivy Agee 3, Catelynn Floy 3, Coy Erickson 2, Saige Kidd 1
Steals — Catelynn Floy 5, Coy Erickson 3, Alexa Richardson 2, Ivy Agee 2, Saige Kidd 1, Leah Graham 1
Blocks — Coy Erickson 1, Saige Kidd 1

POWELL 51, BUFFALO 50

Points — Coy Erickson 13, Emery Hernandez 9, Catelynn Floy 8, Leah Graham 6, Alexa Richardson 5, Ivy Agee 4, Saige Kidd 4, Ava Teten 2
Rebounds — Saige Kidd 8 (2), Emery Hernandez 7 (3), Coy Erickson 4 (1), Alexa Richardson 2, Catelynn Floy 2 (2), Ivy Agee 1 (1), Ava Teten 1, Leah Graham 1
Assists — Emery Hernandez 7, Coy Erickson 4, Alexa Richardson 3, Ivy Agee 1, Saige Kidd 1, Catelynn Floy 1
Steals — Emery Hernandez 2, Catelynn Floy 2, Alexa Richardson 1, Coy Erickson 1, Ivy Agee 1
Blocks — Alexa Richardson 1, Saige Kidd 1

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season as the Panthers approach the regional tournament in just over two weeks.

“I think it gives me a little bit more reason to keep pushing forward,” Jordan said. “It is really cool to know that I could be up there come regionals and state time. It’s just going to be important to keep focus from now on.”

In addition to Jordan, the Panthers had two placers inside the top four, starting with Eleasah Horsley who took third at 115 pounds.

Horsley started with three straight wins, two by pin and one by tech fall to advance to the semifinals.

She came up short in the semifinals to Kemmerer’s Laynee Walker via pin, before responding with consecutive pins of her own in the consolation semis and the third place match.

“Eleasah had a great tournament

“We came out of Ron Thon healthy and injury free, which is important as we gear up for regionals and state.”

David Holland
Coach

placing third as she was in a tough 115 bracket,” Holland said. “We knew coming in that Walker is tough on the mat. Eleasah went out there and gave it her best shot, but Walker came out on top. This lit a fire in Eleasah to come out and win out, she did that and placed third.”

The third placer for the Panthers was Caydee Eden, who went 5-2 and took fourth place at 100 pounds.

She won her first two matches by pin before losing a 16-4 major decision in the quarterfinal.

She responded with three straight wins, two by pin and one by a 16-3 major decision, before losing the third place match via a 13-2 major decision.

“She wrestled pretty well and faced some tough opponents that she has faced before and competed pretty well,” Holland said. “She got caught in a few situations that would cost her in the quarters against Cheyenne

East, but after the match Caydee said she knows the fixes that she needs to make if she faces that opponent again, as that was the second time she has faced her this season.”

The Panthers also had several other Panthers compete who did not place, including Allison LeBlanc going 3-2 at 110 pounds, Ellidi Joy going 1-2 at 170 pounds, River James going 0-2 at 115 pounds, Harley Spinden going 0-2 at 120 pounds and Addison Farnsworth going 0-2 at 145 pounds.

The Panthers will be at home on Thursday to take on Thermopolis in a dual at 5 p.m. before heading on the road to Greybull for a tournament on Saturday.

“We came out of Ron Thon healthy and injury free, which is important as we gear up for regionals and state,” Holland said. “As we prep the next few weeks of the season, we can tighten up the areas on the ship to get us primed and ready for regionals and state. Greybull will be a nice tournament to apply those fixes and we get to enjoy some home duals before the regular season comes to a close.”

PHS Boys’ Wrestling: Take on Thermop at home Thursday

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opponent, earned 20-10 and 13-3 major decisions in the quarterfinals and semifinals, before being pinned in the championship match by Thunder Basin’s Lucas Sterling in 3:58.

Powell had an additional top four finisher, as Tyler Wenzel went 5-2 and took home fourth at 132 pounds.

Wenzel bounced back from a quarterfinal loss, and won three straight before losing by pin in the third place match.

“Tyler put together a tremendous tournament,” Fulton said. “Beat some really quality opponents, he’s still not 100% healthy and went out, earning himself fourth place in a loaded weight.”

Powell had two more placers, as Dusty Carter went 5-2 and took fifth at 190 pounds, and Jacob Eaton went 4-3 and took sixth at 215 pounds.

Additional wrestlers for the Panthers included Chevy Hill going 3-2 at 120 pounds; McKale Foley going 3-2 at 165 pounds; Mitchel Wainscott going 2-2 at 175 pounds; Denton Wainscott going 2-2 at 215 pounds; Wyatt Nicholson going 1-2 at 113 pounds; Chase Visocky going 1-2 at 144 pounds; Kash Brazelton going 0-2 at 138 pounds; Reese Lowe going 0-2 at 150 pounds; Cody Seifert going 0-2 at 157 pounds and Michael Legerski going 0-2 at 165 pounds.

Overall the Panthers placed fourth as a team with 142.5 points, as Thunder Basin ran away with the team title by over 70 points with 245.5, as Powell was the second 3A team just behind Pinedale, which was third with 156.5.

“The bigger tournament favors Pinedale. They have five or six top end kids,” Fulton said. “That’s not worrying me at all at this juncture. As far as what I’m looking at is, is I’ve got to make every athlete better. Every single kid on my team is important.”

POWELL 74, WORLAND 3

Prior to heading to Riverton the Panthers made a quick stop in Worland, taking on the Warriors in a quick dual.



The dual started at 132 pounds, as Wenzel got a forfeit win to give Powell a 6-0 lead.

At 138 pounds, Broc Frank earned a pin early in the third period and made it a 12-0 scoreline.

Visocky kept things rolling at 144 pounds, earning a 17-11 decision to make it 15-0.

Powell’s lone loss came at 150 pounds as Lowe came up short in a 10-3 decision to make it 15-3.

Getting back on track at 157 pounds, Seifert got a 15-0 tech fall in the first period to make it 20-3.

Foley followed things up with a pin late in the second period at 165 pounds, and Mitchel Wainscott followed up with another second period pin at 175 pounds to make it 32-3.

Carter got a pin at 190 before Worland was open at 215, 285, 106 and 113 to make it 62-3 in favor of the Panthers.

At 120 pounds Hill earned a first period pin, before Sean Lowe rallied

McKale Foley (right) lifts up his opponent during a bout at the Ron Thon Memorial. Powell returns home for the first time since early December for a dual Thursday against Thermopolis. Photo courtesy Carl Cote, Riverton Ranger

from an early deficit and eventually earned a third period pin.

“He (Lowe) showed a lot of maturity for a freshman wrestling a senior kid that’s been in their lineup for three or four years. I was pretty proud of him,” Fulton said.

HOME DUAL THURSDAY

The Panthers will return home for the first time since their tournament to open the season, hosting a dual against one of the top teams in 2A in Thermopolis at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

“It’s exciting to be able to wrestle in Panther gymnasium,” Fulton said. “There’s going to be some matches in that dual that you might want to get your popcorn for. There should be some really good matches, they match up well with us so that’s going to be fun.”

Powell will take some kids to Greybull on Saturday for a tournament, before the regular season wraps up next week with a home dual against Cody.



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ROBOTICS TEAM ON THEIR WAY TO THE SUNSHINE STATE

TEAM HOSTING FUNDRAISERS

BY BRADEN SCHILLER
Tribune features editor

For the second time since the club's reboot three years ago, a Powell Middle School robotics team will be heading to an international competition.

Kate Gunn, a club member who will be accompanying the qualifying team to Florida, is most excited to see how they compete at the national level. She said her understanding is that the course will change and teams have to build a new bot overnight.

Powell's qualifying team, the Powell Paradoxes, will be heading to the Florida Sunshine Invitational in Daytona Beach, Florida, June 24-28 where they will be competing against 96 teams, about half of which are international.

After a third place finish at the 2024 robotics competition in Casper this past December, the team, made up of Jaxson Bear, Carter Kruger, Jade Miller, Colson Sherman and Jasper Taylor with addition of Gunn, had the opportunity to choose an invitational competition to attend. The Powell Paradoxes placed in three separate categories at state; first place in Robot Performance, second place in Innovation Project and a third place Champions Award. Fellow team We Don't Byte also performed well, earning the Upcoming Rising Star Award.

At the middle school level the first place winner of the competition heads to nationals to compete with other first place teams in Houston, Texas, while second and third place get their pick of invitational competitions that are multinational, explained Leon Miller, the team's coach.

Originally the Powell Paradoxes had two options but after the second place team dropped out they had three options to choose from, team member Colson Sherman said.

Miller, who made it to state



The Powell Middle School Robotics team the Powell Paradoxes pose for a photo at their state competition in Casper last December. The team secured third place and earned a first place Robot Performance Award, second place Innovation Project Award and third place Champions Award. As a result of their high performance the team will be going to an international invitational in Daytona Beach, Florida this June. Back row, from left: Jennifer Taylor, Jasper Taylor, Jaxson Bear, Broc Sherman and Colson Sherman. Front row, Coach Leon Miller, Jade Miller and Carter Kruger. Courtesy photo

with the Paradoxes last year, is excited to go to an invitational like her brother did two years ago.

"There'll be teams from all over there, and it's really, like, really fun to go around and collect stuff from each of their stands," she said. "Each of them have little stands that they set up and they usually put like souvenirs on them, like we have little buttons you have, and it's really fun to collect them all."

Souvenirs aside, Miller is also excited to compete in Florida, as it will be the Paradoxes' first time facing a team outside of Wyoming.

"I feel like that'd be really interesting," she said.

To further set the invitational apart from state, the structure is different.

Like state, the first half of the competition will include a speech portion, a core value portion and an actual competition, Sherman explained, but the second half of the invitational involves teaming up with another team to complete a special challenge.

"We're just trying to refine our knowledge on the coding,



Powell Paradoxes members Colson Sherman, Jasper Taylor and Carter Kruger pose alongside Kate Gunn, who will also be going to Florida in June. Tribune photo by Braden Schiller

so when it comes to the time we could share that with the other teams we're paired up with," Taylor said.

Park County School District 1 will be paying for the team's registration and flights, but the team still has some fundraising to do to cover lodging, transportation in Daytona and activities.

"We want to go to the beach, maybe go to Disney World," Gunn said.

If fundraising goes well the team hopes to visit the beach,

Kennedy Space Center and an amusement park.

Donations can be made to Robotics Team 7177 through the middle school or through a pledge drive at app.99pledges.com/fund/Paradoxes but the club has a few other fundraising efforts cooking. The students are currently selling Butter Braids through Feb. 24.

The pastries can be purchased by visiting store.myfundraising-place.com/1c223dcd-ae6f-472d-946f-71a1b763bba1. Additionally the club will be running school

concessions at the school dance Feb. 21, the basketball tournament March 1 and a track meet in April. The club will also hold bake sales, Feb. 14 at Blair's from 1-6 p.m. and during the spring parent teacher conferences from 4-6 p.m. March 3-4 with other dates in the works.

Finally, there will be a ball drop fundraiser that begins Feb. 24 with the event taking place on St. Patrick's Day in the Powell Middle gym and raffle tickets will be on sale beginning March 17.

February happenings at the library

Winter Reading is happening at all Park County libraries through Feb. 28. There's no better way to enjoy winter than by curling up with a good book from the library, and entering into a chance to win a prize for every book you read.

Powell Library is hosting its first ever Trades Fair on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Park County Fairgrounds. Come learn about various trades as professionals in skilled trades showcase their field through fun, interactive methods. This event is free to attend.

The Powell Library will be hosting its first ever Craft Swap on Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 4-7 p.m. Bring in your unused craft



KAREN HORNER
Guest Column

supplies and pick up some new supplies to take home.

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. At Heart Mountain Hall to learn to make sushi from Heart Mountain Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator Haruka Takaku. Space is limited so sign-ups are required.

Are you interested in exploring your family history? Then sign up for Family History Friday starting at 9 a.m. on Feb. 14.

Start a Garden Indoors, hosted by Ted Smith, the Park County Extension horticulturist, at 6 p.m. at the Powell Library, Tuesday, Feb. 18. All those who attend can enter a chance to win their own Indoor Garden Starter Kit.

Come to the library from 1-3 p.m. on Feb. 14 to make Love Monsters. This fun craft is for adults, kids and families.

Craft time for ages 10 and up will be 1-3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21. Join us and make Watercolor Tiles.

Powell Library is offering three different book discussions for all your literary tastes; all book discussions meet at the Homesteader Hall meeting room. The Tuesday Afternoon Book Discussion will meet at 2 p.m. on Feb. 11 where we will be discussing "Book Lovers" by Emily Henry. Join us for Fiction to Film

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PUBLIC NOTICES

"Because the people must know"

Name change

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss.
COUNTY OF PARK)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT)
5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
Civil Action Case No. 31049)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
CHANGE OF NAME OF)
Kaycee Kleinman)
Petitioner)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
You are hereby notified that a Petition For Change of Name, Civil Action No. 31049, has been filed on behalf of Kaycee Allan Kleinman in the Wyoming District Court for the 5th Judicial District, whose address is 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, Wyo., 82414, the object and prayer of which is to change the name of the above-named person from Kaycee Allan Kleinman to Kaycee Allan Monfeldt.

Any objection must be filed with the District Court within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, or an Order Granting Name Change may be granted without further notice.

DATED this 12 day of January, 2025.
BY CLERK OF COURT:
Debra Carroll
Clerk of District Court/Deputy
First Publ., Tues., Jan. 14, 2025
Final Publ., Tues., Feb. 4 2025

Name change

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss.
COUNTY OF PARK)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT)

5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Civil Action Case No. 31075
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF
Beau Brooks Arnold
Minor Child, By Next Friend,
Madeline Paige Arnold
PUBLIC NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

In accordance with Wyoming Statutes 1-25-103, notice is hereby given that a Petition for Name Change of Minor child, Civil Action No. 31075 has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the 5th Judicial District, whose address is P.O. Box 1960, Cody, WY 82414, seeking to change the name of the minor child Beau Brooks Arnold to Brooks J Arnold.

Unless an Answer or Response to the Petition referenced above is filed within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, an order may be entered granting the requested name change.

Dated: January 17, 2025
Debra Carroll
Clerk of District Court/Deputy
First Publ., Tues., Jan. 28, 2025
Final Publ., Tues., Feb. 18, 2025

Unclaimed items

STATE OF WYOMING)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT) ss.
COUNTY OF PARK)
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
CITY OF POWELL, WYOMING)
Civil Action No.CV-2025-0000015)
a Municipal Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING)
ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR)
INTEREST IN LOST, MISLAID,)
ABANDONED,)
OR UNCLAIMED CONTRABAND)
AND OTHER)
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS,)
Defendants.)
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
A Petition for Order to Show Cause has been filed on January 7, 2025 pursuant to Section 7-2-105 of

the Wyoming Statutes, requesting the Court set a time and place for hearing upon said Petition for the reason that Plaintiff is in possession of certain items of personal property and/or contraband which have been seized or delivered to the Powell Police Department, which property is now considered as being either lost, mislaid, abandoned and/or unclaimed, and/or the possession of which is unlawful, and as such, Plaintiff is seeking an entry of a Judgment of Forfeiture to allow for the forfeiture and sale at public auction, destruction and/or the transfer to the use of the Powell Police Department said items of personal property described in the Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY ORDERED that all interested parties shall appear in the Circuit Courtroom, Park County Courthouse, 1002 Sheridan, Ave., Cody, WY, 82414, on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., then and there to show cause, if any, why this Court should not enter a judgment of forfeiture concerning the items of personal property described in Plaintiff's Petition which is in possession of the City of Powell Police Department, which personal property has been lost, mislaid, abandoned, unclaimed, and/or the possession of which is unlawful, and further allowing the City of Powell Police Department to either forfeit and sell, destroy and/or transfer to the use of the City of Powell or the Police Department all of the subject seized property, as is more particularly described in the Plaintiff's Petition.

The complete list of the subject property is available for review at the Clerk of Circuit Court, Park County Courthouse, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, Wyoming 82414, Powell Police Department or Alexa S. Rolin, City Attorney.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2025.
/s/ S. Joseph Darrah
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
First Publ., Tues., Jan. 28, 2025
Final Publ., Tues., Feb. 4, 2025

P&Z agenda

PARK COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION
Meeting 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 19, 2025
in the Alternate Emergency Operating Center (EOC

Room), basement of the Courthouse Addition
1002 Sheridan Ave. Cody, WY

This is a regular meeting of the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission, open to the public. For more information, please contact the Park County Planning & Zoning Department at 307-527-8540, 307-754-8540, or 1-800-786-2844.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approve minutes from the January 15, 2025, regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
McMillan SS-327 Sketch Plan

REGULAR AGENDA
Public Hearing: Saddle String Storage Site Plan (continuance)

Public Hearing: Country Life MS-87 Sketch Plan

Public Hearing: Wyo Hoofbeats SUP-272

Public Hearing: Restaurant at Remington Ranch SUP-273

OTHER BUSINESS
1. Chair's Report

2. Planning Director's Report

3. Regulation Amendments Work Session (as time permits)

ADJOURN
Publ., Tues., Feb. 4, 2025

Public hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COUNTRY LIFE MINOR SUBDIVISION (MS-87)
SKETCH PLAN

At their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 1:00pm, the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the application and Sketch Plan for Country Life Minor Subdivision (MS-87) (Applicant: William Kunz with Intermountain Engineering, LLC on behalf of landowner Big Bear Motel, LLC). The proposed four-lot residential subdivision will create one 8.0-acre lot, one 8.3-acre lot, one 10.6-acre lot and one 18.7-acre lot from a 44.0-acre parcel. The proposed subdivision is within Tract 1 of Lot 59, Resurvey, T55N, R99W of the 6th P.M., Park County,

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WY. The unaddressed property is in a General Rural Powell (GR-P) zoning district in the Powell Local Planning Area, approximately one mile southwest of Powell city limits, west of the intersection of County Lane 10 and County Road 11 on the north side of Highway 14A.

The hearing will be held in the Alternate Emergency Operating Center (EOC Room) located in the basement of the Courthouse Addition, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY. In the event that multiple hearings are on the agenda, complete applications will be heard in the order in which they were received. Visit <https://parkcounty-wy.gov/planning-and-zoning/pzmeeting-calendar/>. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter is encouraged to attend, or submit comments to the Planning & Zoning Department, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Suite #109, Cody, WY 82414 or email planning@parkcounty-wy.gov. For more information call 307-527-8540 or 307-754-8540.

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City minutes

City Council Proceedings January 20, 2025

The governing body of the City of Powell met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor John Wetzel called the meeting to order, and the following were present: Council Members Tim Sapp, Floyd Young, Steven Lensegrav, Zane Logan, Geoff Hovivian and Troy Bray. City Officials: Administrator Zack Thorington, City Clerk Tiffany Brando, Chief of Police Jim Rhea, Building Official/Airport Manager Ben Hubbard and City Attorney Alexa Rolin. Approval of Agenda: Councilman Young moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Logan, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of January 6, 2025 Minutes: Councilman Lensegrav moved to approve as presented, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Bills and Claims: Mayor Wetzel abstained #41. Councilman Hovivian 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.

Powell Airport Expansion Rental Study: Rebakah Burns, PEP Executive Director, spoke on the proposed airport expansion project and would like to do a rental study to correlate with the airport 3 phase plan to evaluate the current assets and compare. The approximate cost of the study would be around \$38,000 based off a proposal received, and City Staff suggested doing an RFP for proposals. Mayor Wetzel asked if funds have been identified for the project, Administrator Thorington stated it would be at council discretion and funding is available in the economic development fund. Administrator Thorington also spoke on the master plan not finalized or approved by the city or the FAA. Building Official/Airport Manager Hubbard indicated the council should have a final plan before them in the next month and then it takes 6 months for FAA to approve. Ms. Burns spoke on funding through federal Economic Development Administration and Wyoming Business Council for infrastructure for utilities to the airport and the timeline for that funding. Councilman Lensegrav moved to pursue a RFP for the Rental study at the airport, seconded by Councilman Logan, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Updates: Councilman Sapp Shoshone Municipal Pipeline and Councilman Lensegrav Rec Board. Mayoral Council Appointments: Geoff Hovivian Airport Board and Powell Golf Board; Zane Logan Powell Economic Partnership and re-appoint WMPA Board; Troy Bray Urban Systems/Traffic Committee, Tree Board and CDBG Grant Sponsorship Committee. Councilman Hovivian moved to approve as presented, seconded by Councilman Lensegrav, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Mayoral Appointments: Urban Systems/Traffic Committee Greg Anderson, re-appoint Ed Wenzel; Airport Advisory Commission re-appoint Mark Liggett and Mike Martin; Park County Travel Council Toby Bonner; Park County Supervised Treatment Jim Rhea, Chief of Police; Board of Adjustmtent Greg Anderson and re-appoint John Campbell; Tree Board re-appoint Scott Hicswa, Josh Pomeroy and Dawson Wolff. Councilman Logan moved to approve as presented, seconded by Councilman Lensegrav, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance No. 1, 2025: Read by title by Attorney Rolin - an Ordinance Vacating the Market Road Right of Way as Shown on Phase One of the First Development Park Subdivision Plat Recorded as Reception Number 217868 in Plat Cabinet C, Page 191 at the Park County Clerk and Recorder's Office in Cody, Wyoming, Located West of Lot 5 of Said Subdivision, and East of Lot 6 of Said Subdivision and Measuring 60 Feet by 500 Feet, More or Less and Containing .69 Acres, More or Less, and being Subject to All Easements, Other Rights of Way and Restrictions on Record. This has been approved by both Development Review Committee and Planning and Zoning. Councilman Sapp discussed potential issue to the north on future development and Attorney Rolin explained the responsibility of future developers to create easements. Councilman Lensegrav moved to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilman Hovivian, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Quitclaim Deed Linton Enterprises, LLC: Attorney Rolin spoke on the deed for the alley given to the city showing the building partially locate on the easement, received an appraisal showing no value and Linton Enterprise is offering \$300 to deed that section back. The property is located in the Northeast corner of 110 E South Street as shown in the exhibit. Councilman Floyd moved to approve and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Logan, unanimous approve, MOTION CARRIED.

Work Experience Agreement PCSD#1 for Powell PD: Attorney Rolin spoke on the agreement being a template authorizing the City Administrator to sign. Councilman Lensegrav moved to approve and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Sapp, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Sapp moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign and approve work experience for Powell PD with PCSD#1, seconded by Councilman Logan, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Annual Depository Records: Attorney Rolin read the depositories who submitted resolutions as First Bank of Wyoming, Bank of Powell and Big Horn Federal. Annual Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Statement: Attorney Rolin read the annual written disclosures of the Mayor, Council, Administrator and Finance Director. Independent Fee Estimate Apron Rehab Design Airport: Administrator Thorington spoke on the need for the independent fee study through FAA and is \$3,000 from H2 & Associates. Councilman Lensegrav moved to approve and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Young, unanimous approval, MOTION

CARRIED.

HVAC Change Order #1 Police Department: Administrator Thorington spoke on the change order decreasing the amount of the project by \$104,500 and asked to approve contingent on OSLI approval. Councilman Bray moved to approve the change order contingent on approval by OSLI, seconded by Councilman Hovivian, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Training Reimbursement Agreements Powell Police Department: Administrator Thorington spoke on the agreements outlined for Police and Dispatch to provide training by the City over a 3-year period. Similar agreements are in Cody and other cities, towns and counties. Mayor Wetzel asked if they are comparable to other entities, and they are. Councilman Hovivian moved to approve the training agreements for dispatch and police officers and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Lensegrav, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

Water Quality Application DEQ – Cottonwood Village Phase 2: Administrator Thorington discussed the DEQ requirement for providing service to the subdivision and needing signatures. Councilman Lensegrav moved to approve and authorize all necessary signatures, seconded by Councilman Hovivian, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

2nd Quarter Revenue and Expenses: Administrator Thorington gave overview of interim statement, Revenue and Expenses discussing sales tax and projects the City will not be doing this year to include HVAC at City Hall and Commons and Slip lining sewer. General Announcements: Winter WAM is this week in Cheyenne. Adjourn: There being no further business to be considered at this meeting; Councilman Hovivian moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Lensegrav, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Wetzel adjourned the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m.

/s/ John F. Wetzel, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Tiffany Brando, City Clerk
Publ., Tues., Feb. 4, 2025

Liquor license application

Liquor license
Notice of Application
For a Retail Liquor License

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 17th day of January, 2025, Hillside Floral, LLC filed an application for a Retail Liquor License, in the office of the clerk of the City of Powell, WY for the following building: 509 South Fair St., Powell, WY and protests, if any there be against the issuance of this license will be heard at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

/s/ Tiffany Brando
City Clerk
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Liquor license application

Notice of Application
For a Retail Liquor License

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 31st day of December, 2024, Jose Y Jose, Inc. filed an application for a Retail Liquor License, in the office of the clerk of the City of Powell, WY for the following building: 275 N Bent St. Powell, WY and protests, if any there be against the issuance of this license will be heard at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

/s/ Tiffany Brando
City Clerk
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Adoption notice

STATE OF WYOMING)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT) SS

COUNTY OF PARK)
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
ADOPTION NO. 2025-AD-0001433)
IN THE MATTER OF)
T.R.G.,)
minor.)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

TO:Any putative fathers

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 9th day of January, 2025, Michael Douglas Wright and Tara Rose Wright, husband and wife, filed a Petition for Adoption in the office of the Clerk of the District Court for Park County, Wyoming, Adoption No. 2025-AD-1433, the Petition praying that the Court allow the adoption of the child, T.R.G., (Born: 2012) by Michael Douglas Wright.

Notice is further given that you are required to file an answer to the Petition for Adoption on or before March 27, 2025, by filing said objection in said Court. If you fail to file an answer or otherwise plead within the time required, judgment by default may be rendered against you.

DATED the 30 day of January, 2025.
Debra Carroll, Clerk of District Court
By:Elizabeth Wolny, Deputy Clerk
First Publ., Tues., Feb. 4, 2025
Final Publ., Tues., Feb. 25, 2025

Special work session

NOTICE OF SPECIAL WORK
SESSION MEETING:
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISCUSSION ON FIRST-ROUND AMENDMENTS
TO THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND
REGULATIONS FOR PARK COUNTY, WYOMING

The Park County Planning and Zoning Commission will participate in a work session with the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) at 1:30pm on February 6, 2025, to discuss the public's comments on the first-round amendments to the Park County, Wyoming 2015 Development Standards and Regulations. The meeting will be held in the Alternate EOC Meeting Room in the basement of the courthouse addition, 1002 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY. This meeting is open to the public; however, the Commission and Board will not be receiving public comment during the work session.

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Final payment

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT
Pursuant to Wyoming Statutes, notice is hereby

given that the Shoshone Irrigation District has accepted the materials delivered for the Lateral 16U-2 and 12F Procurement Project as substantially completed according to the specifications and rules set forth in the Contract and that Waterworks Irrigation Inc. is entitled to final settlement, therefore. Upon the 41st day (March 17, 2025) after the first publication of this notice, the Shoshone Irrigation District, under whose direction or supervision the materials have been procured, will pay to Waterworks Irrigation Inc, the full amount due under the Contract. This section does not relieve Waterworks Irrigation Inc. and the sureties on its bond from any claims of work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.

Trent Reed, President
First Publ., Tues., Feb. 4, 2025
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Kuper estate

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR A DECREE OF SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION
OF PROPERTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Gordon Kuper, Deceased.
Fifth Judicial District Court, State of Wyoming,
Probate No. 2025-CV-0031078

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that Robert Gordon Kuper died testate on November 13, 2024 in the County of Park, State of Wyoming. Said deceased left a small estate as defined in W.S. 2-1-205(a) consisting only of personal property. You are further notified pursuant to W.S. 2-1-205(d) that Kathryn MacIntyre, the daughter and a distributee under the Last Will and Testament of Mr. Robert G. Kuper, filed an Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property in the Fifth Judicial District for Park County on January 21, 2025. An objection to such Application shall be filed before the expiration of the later of twenty (20) days after the mailing required in subsection (d) of W.S. 2-1-205 or thirty (30) days after the date of first publication.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Kathryn MacIntyre
Daughter and distributee to the Estate of Robert G. Kuper

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Cabre gym renovations

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Northwest College, Powell, Wyoming will receive sealed proposals from Prime Contractors for the furnishing of labor, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for the construction of the following project:

CABRE BUILDING
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL RENOVATIONS
Northwest College
Powell, Wyoming

Bids will be received for a single General Contract that shall furnish and install all equipment, material, and labor necessary and incidental for complete and operable systems for the following work: Replacement of the existing heating water plant; Replacement of the existing visual arts air handler; Replacement of the existing locker room and courts air handlers; Replacement of an existing

water heater and exhaust fan; Replacement of select electrical gear and all electrical panels; including all work related to replacement of the above.

Sealed bids will be received at 2:00 PM (local time), Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 by the Physical Plant Director for Northwest College, in the Physical Plant Building, 935 Road 9-1/2, Powell, WY 82435, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids shall be submitted on the form provided with the Contract Documents. Digital Contract Documents may be secured on <https://www.questcdn.com/>

- Login to QuestCDN on the upper right corner
- Search Postings & enter the Quest Number or project name
- On the upper right side of the page find the project that you are interested in and click on the project name.
- Across the top will be a toolbar stating “View Plan Holders”, Download Bid Documents”, “Download Addenda”, and “View Bid Documents”. To download the bid documents you will click on “Download Bid Documents”.
- Once you click on “Download Bid Documents” you will enter your QuestCDN username and password or click on the “Join” button. It is here you will fill out all of your companies’ information which will be added to the plan holders list and you will receive the bidding documents.

Digital contract documents available 2/3/2025. Call 307.856.6155 for QuestCDN number.

Bids shall be accompanied by bid security in accordance with Instructions to Bidders in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish to Engineering Design Associates, within ten (10) days of the bid’s acceptance, Performance, Labor and Material Bonds, each in an amount not less than 100% of the contract sum, and as authorized by Wyoming Statutes Section 16-6-112 (as amended)

Contractors shall comply with all fair labor practices and must meet the requirements of the Wyoming State Statutes.

Preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, equipment, and machinery and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied or grown in Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the State, all as more fully outlined in W.S. SS16-6-106 and 107.

A five percent (5%) preference will be given to resident Wyoming Contractors in accordance with the applicable State Statutes. Resident contractors shall be certified as such by the Wyoming Department of Employment at the time of the bid opening.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, to evaluate the bids submitted and to accept the proposal which best serves the interest of the Owner.

A mandatory pre-bid walk through for all Prime, Mechanical & Electrical Contractors, will be held at 10:00 AM (local time), February 18th, 2025 at the NWC Physical Plant, 935 Road 9-1/2, Powell, WY 82435.. Attendance is required for all prime, mechanical & electrical contractors & strongly encouraged for all other subcontractors who are interested in bidding on this project.

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LOCAL CLASSIFIEDS

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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POWELL TRIBUNE CLASSIFIEDS REALLY WORK — CALL TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD TODAY! — Powell Tribune • 307-754-2221

For Rent

POWELL: NICE, CLEAN 2 BEDROOM, fresh paint, close to middle school, \$800 + utilities, water paid. 307-272-5407. (09-12PT)

POWELL: COMMERCIAL OFFICE 3,500 SF. Completely remodeled in 2022. 7 enclosed offices plus work areas. \$1,500/month. 130 North Bent Street, Suite B. (307) 754-2738, ask for Erik. (08-17CT)

FURNISHED ROOM FOR RENT in Clark. Bathroom, kitchen access w/ separate entrance \$500/mo. includes utilities. 307-645-3332. (06-13PT)

4 BED, 2 BATH LOG RANCH HOUSE with 20 irrigated acres and corral. Located in Clark. Horses and dogs allowed. 307-645-3322, \$1,900 obo. (06-13PT)

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING FOR LEASE, steel, very nice, 35x100! 307-645-3322, in Clark area. (06-13PT)

POWELL: 1 BED TO 4 BEDS, in town, out of town, pets maybe, \$500 and up, Wyoming Real Estate Network, Call Larry Hedderman 307-754-5500. (02TFCT)

Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 city lots and garage in Basin. \$275,000. 307-752-8803 or 307-250-2718. (08-15PT)

For Sale

IRRIGATION PARTS FOR SALE IN CLARK WHEEL LINE- 18 sections plus 5 sections to build, mover, 2 riser caps, 2 end caps, \$6,000. WINDSTOPS- 13, \$1,000. FEED PIPE- 40 sections, \$3,800. HAND LINE- 51 good sections, 3 sections need work, 12 sections different, 5 riser caps, \$7,650. MISC- lots of sprinkler head parts, Make Offer. OBO ON EVERYTHING. Call Dave at 208-250-1347 for more info. (07-10PT)

SAUDER HALL TREE BENCH — heavy, 50 lbs., factory dark stained. no scratches, will need to be partially disassembled to move, 40" W, 19" deep, 5 1/2 ft. height, \$75. Call 307-754-5333, leave message. (36TFET)

Announcements

IT'S NOT DAYCARE, IT'S PRISON JeansAndADog.com (#1048) (10-10PT)

PCGOP REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING is THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 at the Cody Cowboy Church. Sign-in at 6 p.m., meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. See our ParkCountyRepublicans.org or call 307-272-8088 for more information. PD BY PCGOP. (10-10CT)

Guns & Ammo

5 NEW GLOCK 21 MAGAZINES (.45 auto). Normally sell for \$34.95 each, total \$174.75. We're selling all 5 for \$99.95. Call 307-250-9353. (10-10PT)

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RALSTON APPLIANCE
"We'll get you back to work!"
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SERVICE & SALES 307-202-1551 (06-13PT)

DIGITIZE YOUR PHOTOS AND OLD MOVIES — Professional services to digitize and enhance prints, polaroids and VHS tapes. Choose to receive a digital copy of your photos or order professional quality prints from me. Call or text 307-272-0795 (leave voice-mail), or email wensky.jor@gmail.com. (19TFET)

REACH THOUSANDS with a WY Classified Advertising Network. Services, for sale, wanted to buy, recruitment, auctions and more! Advertise statewide for only \$150. Contact this newspaper. (57-57W)

Personals

IT'S REIGNING CATS & DOGS JeansAndADog.com (#1011) (10-10PT)

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP will be meeting at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Rocky Mountain Manor basement, elevator available. Caregivers and patients are both welcome. Coffee and refreshments served. For information call 307-899-6093. (08TFET)

Personals

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. (82TFET)

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. (24TFET)

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 (75TFET)

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 haleyj@wyomingwelcome.com or call/contact 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 (45TFET)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN your high school equivalency (formerly GED)? We can help! For more information, call the Northwest College Adult Education Program at 307-754-6280. (15TFET)

POWELL VALLEY LOAVES and Fishes local food bank, Park County Annex, 109 West 14th St. Food distributed Monday thru Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. Please call for appointment, 307-754-8800. All non perishable, commercially processed food accepted. Please leave donations at local churches or receptacle barrels at local grocery stores. (09TFET)

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING, 7 p.m., first Tuesday of every month at Post 26. (07TFET)

SAL - SONS OF AMERICAN Legion meeting, 7 p.m., last Tuesday of every month at Post 26. (07TFET)

Personals

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 urmna.org and virtual-na.org Call 307-213-9434 for more info. (21TFET)

CODY NA MEETINGS - M,W,F at 7 p.m., at 725 19th St., in basement. Virtual meeting information can be accessed at urmna.org and virtual-na.org Call 307-213-9434 for more info. (24TFET)

NA MEETS IN LOVELL, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 1141 Shoshone Ave., Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Call 307-213-9434 for more info. (16TFET)

AA MEETINGS, 146 S. Bent St., use north door in parking lot, all closed meetings, Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat., at 7 p.m. Women's AA meeting Sunday at 9 a.m. Open meetings last Monday and last Friday of the month. Call 307-250-2594 for further info. (103TFET)

POWELL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings: Do you think you are an alcoholic? Meetings are Mondays at noon, at 674 N. Absaroka, Newman Center. Use the Seventh Street door. Call 307-272-4529 or 208-290-8460. (97TFET)

BYRON AA, 35 S. Pryor St., Basement of Byron City Hall, Fridays, 7-8 p.m. (56TFET)

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU know need help overcoming a problem with alcohol? AA Twelve Steps for Christians meets Thursdays 7-8 PM, 215 N. Ferris. Call 254-2283 for more information. (46TFET)

"OUR KIDS" A SUPPORT GROUP for parents/guardians of children with special needs. 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, call for location. Free child care provided. For information contact: Brandon Douglas 254-2273, or Adrienne Harvey 754-2864. (85TFET)

TOPS - TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY - Powell Chapter 0169 is meeting weekly on Thursdays at the Rebekahs & Oddfellows Lodge building, at 276 S. Douglas St., Powell. Weigh ins start at 5 p.m. with meetings following at 5:15. For more information contact 1-800-932-8677. (37TFET)

Pets

AKC AKITA PUPPIES, \$1,000, ready now, 6 males, 2 females, 307-899-1359. (10-17PT)

REGISTERED STANDARD AUSSIE PUPPIES. Tails docked, back dewclaws removed. Ready now. Call 406-281-0712 for info and pictures. (06-13PT)

Feed & Seed

DISCONTINUED SEED FOR SALE at 50% off price. Ideal for cover crop. Please call Cameron 307-272-9660. (10-13CT)

Personals

POST ABORTION HEALING GROUPS, Serenity PRC (307) 213-5025 (Cody). (52TFET)

HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED by suicide loss? A free support group, "Hope and Healing," is held the first Tuesday of every month at YBHC, 2538 Bighorn Ave. in Cody from 6 to 7:30 pm. Call 587-2197. (17TFET)

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR children and adults are held at the Public Health Office at the Powell Annex. For appointment call 754-8870. (46TFET)

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of Wyoming is looking for adult mentors for youth between the ages of 5 and 17. If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, call (307) 213-3263 for more information. (98TFET)

PARENTS WITH children who have developmental disabilities, needing information, support, or help of any kind, please contact Betty Carmon, Parent Coordinator, 754-3430. (42TFET)

PREGNANT? WHAT am I going to do? How can I be sure I am pregnant? How should I tell my family? Can I continue school?...keep my job? Where can I live until my baby is born? Call Care Net of Billings Woman Clinic at 406-256-7038. Give life a chance and we'll help you every step of the way. (83TFET)

ARE YOU PREGNANT and planning to breastfeed? If you want information or have concerns about breastfeeding, please call Park County Public Health at 527-8570 or 754-8570. (37TFET)

Help Wanted

GREEN TURF LAWN-SCAPES is hiring for an Administrative Asst. in the NEW Cody office. This full-time, year-round position offers weekends off and requires someone who is ethical, organized, dependable, and very punctual, able to maintain a professional appearance supported by a positive attitude. The role involves overseeing our spraying applicators, the ability to input data while talking on the phone simultaneously, operating a 10-key, processing payments, inventory control, answer phones, collections, interacting with clients, scheduling daily routes for crews, maintaining CMS, and other duties. No Smoking or Vaping due to the nature of our business, clean driving record and the ability and willingness to pass the Wyoming Commercial Pesticide Applicators Exam within your first 30ish days. We will train and help you study for this exam. Email Resume & Cover letter to Turf@greenturf.org Starting up to \$21/hr. D.O.E. www.Green-turf.org (10-13CT)

OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT OPENING: As an assistant, we will train you to provide primary ophthalmic care to patients and act as clinical assistant to physician. Duties/Responsibilities: Performs complete ophthalmic history and preliminary testing, including dilating pupils, recording visual acuity and ocular pressure. Counsel patients by transmitting physician's orders, use of drops, contact lenses, prescription medication and answer whatever questions. Qualifications/Skills: Strong work ethic. Knowledge of customer service principles. Problem solving skills and sound judgment. Strong organizational skills and excellent verbal and written skills. Benefits: Health Insurance and 401K. Please send resume to: Northern Wyoming Ophthalmology, 424 Yellowstone Ave., Suite 10, Cody, WY 82414. (06-10CT)

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. (53TF)

Help Wanted

Women's Basketball Coach

Northwest College Lead and inspire our women's basketball program with vision, strategy, and passion. Conduct recruitment, coaching, and student development while managing all aspects of the program. Competitive salary and benefits with a generous 14.94% employer paid retirement contribution. This is a 10 month position which works over 12 months. For more information and to apply: <https://nwc.edu/jobs> EOE

BHB(10-13CT)

Help Wanted

Northwest College Finance Technician Accounts Receivable

Be the friendly face that helps our students, staff, and faculty with payments, billing, and financial transactions. Assist with inquiries, take payments, resolve account issues, and keep things organized in a fast-paced environment. If you enjoy customer service and attention to detail, apply today! Wage is \$17.96/hour with a generous leave and benefits. For more information and to apply: <https://nwc.edu/jobs> EOE

BHB(10-13CT)

The City of Cody is looking for a

Regular Part Time

Administrative Coordinator

in our Community Development Department

Applications available at City Hall (1338 Rumsey Ave), codywy.gov or by emailing dscheumaker@codywy.gov. Please call 307-527-3468 with any questions.

- ☒ Retirement, paid holidays, vacation leave, and sick leave.
- ☒ Approximately 28 hours per week. Mon-Thur. ☒ Starting wage \$23.58/hr.

The City of Cody is an Equal Opportunity Employer



The City of Cody is looking for a

Community Development Director

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Archives curator to kick off 2025 Lunchtime Expeditions

Brian Beauvais, Park County Archives curator and popular speaker, kicks off this year's Draper Natural History Museum's Lunchtime Expeditions lecture series. On Thursday, Feb. 6 at noon in the Buffalo Bill Center of the West's Coe Auditorium, Beauvais recounts his own travels through the Absaroka Mountains to retrace the steps of a long-ago expedition.

In summer 1893, 22-year-old Thomas Jaggar, fresh out of college, joined that expedition, led by U.S. Geological Survey geologist Arnold Hague, to chronicle what had recently been designated the Yellowstone Timberland Reserve.

Beauvais said Jaggar, "kept a journal of the expedition and field notes of his geological observations." Of particular interest are the photographs Jaggar took throughout the trip.

"Looking at Jaggar's photos today provides a fascinating glimpse at the character of the landscape over 130 years ago," says Beauvais. So intrigued by the images and interested in how the land might have changed in the intervening years, Beauvais set out, starting in spring 2020, to locate and re-photograph the same locations



Brian Beauvais is the curator of the Park County Archives. Photo by Corey Anco



The Clarks Fork Canyon is seen as rephotographed by Brian Beauvais in 2024.

Jaggar captured in 1893 and 1897.

In his talk, Jaggar Revisited: Rephotographing the 1893 Absaroka Expedition, Beauvais discusses the original expedition and shares the photos he used as guides on his own jour-

ney hiking and horseback riding along the same route, some of which was accessible and some quite remote. He describes the historic landscape as well as how comparing older photos with contemporary shots from the same locations can illumi-

nate changes in a landscape over time.

While there will be no virtual attendance option for Lunchtime Expedition talks in 2025, all presentations are recorded and will be posted to the Draper Museum's YouTube channel (youtube.

com/@drapernaturalhistorymuseum3506) within a day.

Beauvais holds a Master of Arts in History and is currently pursuing his Master of Library Science degree. He writes about and gives numerous public presentations on various topics re-

lating to the history of northwest Wyoming — from hunting and wildlife conservation, mining and prospecting, recreational pack trips, historic preservation, vernacular architecture, ranching, homesteading and local art.

In addition to his work with the Park County Archives, Beauvais is a member of the Park County Historic Preservation Commission, the Park County Historical Society, the Wyoming Historical Foundation, and the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund.

The Draper Museum's Lunchtime Expedition lecture series is made possible through support from Sage Creek Ranch and the Nancy-Carroll Draper Charitable Foundation. All talks in the series are free and open to the public, and most take place the first Thursday of the month from February through December.

To find out more about this presentation and the Lunchtime Expedition series, contact Draper Museum Curator Corey Anco at coreya@centerofthewest.org or 307-578-4093. The Center of the West's full calendar of events can be found at centerofthewest.org/events.

Library:

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Book Discussion at 6 p.m.on Thursday, Feb. 13 to discuss "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas.

The Tuesday evening book

group will meet at 6 p.m. on Feb. 25 and will discuss "The Broken Girls" by Simone St. James Join us for Adult Craft Night at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 to make your own dreamcatcher or suncatcher. Adult Craft Night will be at the Powell Elks Lodge at 581 Clark St.

Powell Library is offering Tech Tuesday, sign up for a one on one session with Park County Library IT who can help you with your device problems. Tech Tuesday will be on Feb. 18, sign ups required.

Grab your Altered Book Club kit after Feb. 12 and create a bouquet of roses.

Teens come to the library on Friday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. for Nintendo Switch Game Day.

Bring the kids to the Powell Library for our wonderful children's programming. We will have Baby/Toddler Time every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Join us every Wednesday for Storytime at 10:30 am. Sign up to Read to

a Dog on Tuesday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Feb. 20 from 3-4:15 p.m. Join us for Board Game Afternoon on Friday, Feb. 7 for ages 10 and up at 1 p.m. Parents, remember we have Early Literacy Kits as well as tonies® for checkout. Also sign up your child for 1000 Books before Kindergarten. Make sure and

check out the new book at the StoryWalk at Homesteader Park. This month's story is Hug Machine.

Remember Powell Library has new hours. We open at 8 a.m. Monday thru Thursday. All Park County Libraries will be closed Monday, Feb. 17 for Presidents Day.

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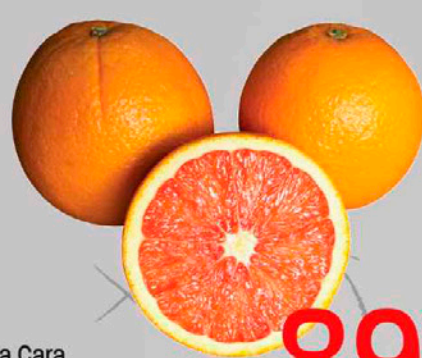
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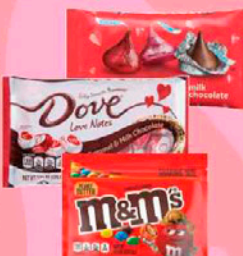
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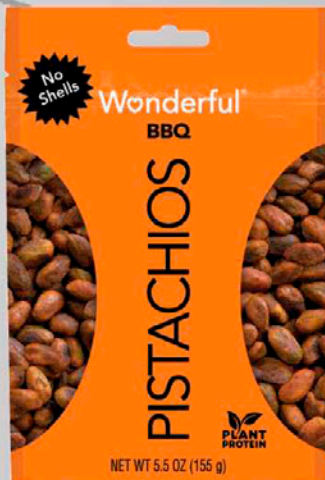
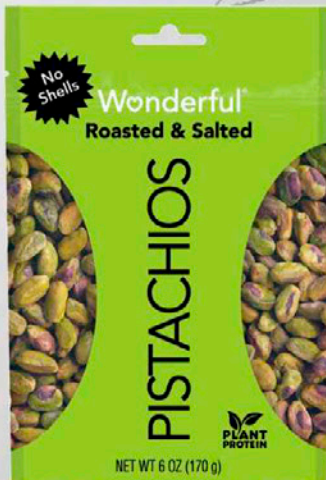
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