



From left, volunteer Kris Cooper of Powell, Wyoming Game and Fish Department fisheries technician Mark Komoroski and Cody Region fisheries biologist Jason Burckhardt remove large female walleye from monofilament nets at Buffalo Bill Reservoir Friday. Walleye were illegally stocked in the reservoir, and Game and Fish biologists are fighting hard to remove them before they harm the popular trout fishery.

WAR ON WALLEYE

Game and Fish turn up heat on unwanted species

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

In any other fishery, fat walleye would be a source of pride. But in Buffalo Bill Reservoir, they're a scourge — and the fight to rid the important trout habitat of the voracious, toothy predator is heating up.

On Friday morning, Jason Burckhardt led a team to retrieve seven 300-foot monofilament gillnets deployed near the base of Cedar Mountain. It was a rare day with mild winds along the North Fork Highway. While crew members pulled up to the first set of bright orange buoys, Burckhardt — Cody Region fisheries biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department — was anxious.

He steadied the boat, keeping it from the nearby rocky shore while his crew hooked the first line.

"Our catches have been down considerably from this time last year," Burckhardt said as fisheries technician Mark Komoroski and volunteer Kris Cooper pulled in the long net by hand. The first net brought no walleye.

But the crew's fortunes were about to



Male walleye, arranged in size classes, wait for an operation to have their otoliths (ear bones) removed in the shop at the Cody office. The age of the fish can be determined by studying the otoliths. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

turn. The next sets of nets progressively got better. Smiles among the crew grew broader with catches of fat female walleye, some ripe and dripping eggs. The previous night, electrofishing crews brought 69 walleyes, but most were males.

By law, all walleye caught in the reservoir must be immediately killed, but catches of males aren't nearly as important as females, Burckhardt said.

"You're not going to limit a population by removing the males," he said while navigat-

ing a boat near the shore of the 8,300-acre reservoir.

"Walleye are a sought-after fish in most places. And there are places that we actively manage for walleye," Burckhardt said. "This is just not one of them."

Mesh size on the nets were selected to catch only the largest walleye and to reduce the number of trout in the net. Most snagged trout were still feisty and released

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Local property values keep rising

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Homes and other property values in Park County are generally on the rise.

"All in all, we've been steadily, gradually going up," said County Assessor Pat Meyer.

Last year, the median selling price of a home in the City of Powell reached a high of \$186,250 (up 9.5 percent from 2016), while the median price in the City of Cody hit \$250,000 (up 6 percent).

"Powell is a lot more reasonable, but as you know in Cody, trying to find something under \$200,000 is getting to be really tough," Meyer told county commissioners last month. "So we're doing good — I mean, we're getting [higher property] values and so forth — but it's getting expensive to live in the Cody area, and [the] surrounding area, especially."

In rural Cody, buying a house with 10 or fewer acres of land cost a median price of \$365,000 in 2017, according to the assessor's office; that compared to a median price of \$257,000 for homes in rural

Powell.

There is a direct connection between higher prices and higher taxes: The assessor's office assigns a market value to a home or commercial business by drawing on what similar properties are selling for.

"We just follow the market," Meyer said. Given his office's values are used as the basis for determining property taxes, "we try to stay conservative" and "don't want to be over-valuing people," Meyer said.

Thanks to the higher home prices, increased oil and gas production and other factors, Meyer says the county's property tax base grew in 2017 for the first time in three years.

If his estimates hold up, it means local property owners will likely have to pay several million dollars more in taxes this year. The upside of a larger assessed valuation is it signals that local properties are continuing to add value and, in this case, that the local mineral industry is picking back up.

"The good news is we're trending up again after that

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'The good news is we're trending up again after that two-year lapse ...'

Pat Meyer
County assessor

French to depart commission

NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

After 18 years on the job, Park County Commissioner Tim French says he will not seek re-election this year.

"It was a tough decision, because I had so many people all across the county say, 'Please run again, will you please run again,' which ... is really humbling," French said Monday.

However, "I think after 18 years, it's time to move on," he said. "Somebody else can jump in."

When French's current term comes to a close at the end of the year, he'll depart as the longest-tenured commissioner in Park County's history.

The Heart Mountain-area farmer says that during his time in office, the county modernized — such as by creating

an IT department — started up a buildings and grounds department to maintain the county's facilities, overhauled the Park County Fairgrounds, built new bridges, upgraded roads and socked away millions of dollars in reserve accounts.

"The county really is in good shape — and it's the people of Park County that make it great — but I'm proud of my part in helping that along," French said.

Born and raised in the Powell area, French said he "absolutely advocated for Powell" during his time on the commission.

"The job is county commissioner, so I'm proud of representing everybody, but I think sometimes the Powell area people think they haven't been represented," French said. "I'm here to tell you I've fought for Powell for 18 years, and I'm proud of that fact."

With his pending departure

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TIM FRENCH

For future of K-12 education funding, communication key, state lawmaker says

BY TESSA BAKER
Tribune Features Editor

The recent legislative session resulted in a short-term fix to the ongoing problem of how to fund K-12 education in Wyoming. In order to come up with a long-term solution, it's crucial for state senators and representatives to talk with each other, said Rep. David Northrup, R-Powell, who chairs the House Education Committee.

"We just need to get more communication going. That's what it comes down to," Northrup said. "I really believe that that's probably part of our biggest problem we have right now, is that we're just not communicating with each other."

Wyoming has struggled to fund education after mineral revenue dropped significantly

in recent years. While the economy has improved, the state continues to face a deficit for day-to-day school operations.

"From a long-term perspective, we still have a \$200 to \$250 million shortfall in K-12 education," said Sen. Hank Coe, R-Cody, who chairs the Senate Education Committee.

State leaders have said the state needs to find alternative funding sources for education.

"Roughly 70 percent of our education fund is on mineral wealth, and we just really need to make it 50/50, in my opinion," Northrup said, adding later, "We can't hope for another boom to save us, because the next one is going to be pretty slow coming."

One idea is to use revenue from the tax on online sales

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MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE MASQUERADE



Powell High School student Jace Smith is pulled across the stage by his prom date Brea Terry during the Grand March on Saturday night. This year's prom was a masquerade ball. For a photo of the 2018 PHS prom royalty, see Page 14. Tribune photo by Greg Wise

Busy weekend for Park County Search and Rescue

WEEKEND CALLS INVOLVE NWC STUDENTS, HORN HUNTERS

Park County Search and Rescue members responded to two separate emergencies over the span of 18 hours last weekend.

The first call came in around 6 a.m. Saturday, with reports of someone in the water at Buffalo Bill Reservoir campground calling for help, according to a news release from the Park County Sheriff's Office.

Shelton Simmons, 19, of Forsyth, Montana, had been camping with friends at the campground when he and a fellow Northwest College student ventured out on the reservoir in kayaks.

However, Simmons capsized near the north shore and was not wearing a life jacket, the Sheriff's Office said.

An ambulance from Cody Regional Health and Park County Search and Rescue water team's

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Casey Childs named NWC's 2018 Distinguished Alumnus

Nationally-renowned portrait artist Casey Childs, a 1997 graduate of Northwest College, will speak at the NWC Commencement Exercises Saturday, May 5, as the college's 2018 Distinguished Alumnus. The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Cabre Gym in Powell.

Born in Powell and raised in Lovell, Childs attended Northwest College, where his passion for art was ignited 20 years ago. After earning his associate degree in art from NWC, he went on to complete his bachelor's at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

"My work as a whole encompasses an exploration of the human experience," Childs said. "My interest in the people around me comes from the idea that we look at people every day, but we never really stop to see them."

His artwork has been featured in numerous exhibitions and exhibits throughout the country in Texas, Washington, D.C., Georgia, Utah, Virginia, Wyoming and many more.

Among Childs' many honors, he most recently earned the Oil Painters of America Board of Directors' Award of Excellence, the Art Renewal Center Realist Award of Excellence, first place drawing and second place painting for the Portrait Society of America International Portrait Competition, third place in the Portrait Society of America Members Only Competition and several others throughout his robust career.



Portrait artist Casey Childs is Northwest College's 2018 Distinguished Alumnus. He will speak during commencement exercises on Saturday morning. Courtesy photo

Additionally, he was recently commissioned by the University of Wyoming to create a portrait of former U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson of Cody.

Consistently striving to capture beauty of the human form in each painting, Childs draws inspiration from a variety of artists — including John Giarrizzo, NWC associate professor of drawing and painting.

"John, my art professor at Northwest College, instilled in me a great love of art and an immense desire to create it," he noted.

Childs teaches portrait drawing and painting workshops throughout the country. Last year, he traveled to Paris with a group of American artists to

study in museums and paint at the famous La Grande Chaumière, an art school in the city's Montparnasse district.

"My experiences at Northwest were some of the best memories in my life, and I will always be grateful for the friends I met and wonderful professors who invested so much time and care in helping me succeed," he said.

Childs currently lives in Utah with his wife, Amanda, and their three sons, Evan, Owen and Cameron. Each week, he hosts a session at his studio where artists can paint or draw from a live model.

When he manages to find a little free time, Childs enjoys golf, history and spending time with his family.

Education: Differing philosophies between House, Senate

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toward K-12 education. From just Amazon, that would amount to roughly \$40 million per year, Northrup said.

He's planning to work with fellow lawmakers on possible solutions before the Legislature reconvenes in 2019.

"That's going to be my agenda this summer is to go talk with the senators and see what they want to do," Northrup said. "We have to come to this thing in some kind of cohesive manner. We cannot just keep throwing ideas back at each other and have them shot down."

During the 2018 Budget Session, the Wyoming Senate and House of Representatives struggled to find common ground.

"This was definitely a very, very contentious session, I thought. Very, very difficult," said Coe. "The House and Senate did not get along well, which was apparent at the end of the session when we had to come back for two more days, because we didn't get it done."

Lawmakers agreed to cut \$27 million from K-12 schools statewide over the next two years and approved House Bill 140, originally sponsored by Northrup and co-sponsored by Coe.

Rough estimates from the Legislative Services Office figured the cuts would amount to \$99,093 for Powell schools and \$113,908 for the Cody school district, Northrup said. For Meeteetse schools, it amounts to a \$3,686 reduction, he said.

Since Powell schools have not seen a decrease in enroll-

ment — a main driver of school funding in Wyoming — the district expects that, despite the cuts, it will see an overall increase in funding for the next fiscal year.

The Powell school board is slated to discuss the district's budget for 2018-19 this month.

In 2019, the state will fund schools using interest off investments and some revenue diversions, as proposed by the House. For 2020, funding will come out of the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account, commonly known as the rainy day fund.

"If you're looking at it as a contest, I think that the end result was that the House and Senate came out in a draw. But there was a lot of hurt feelings over coming out in a draw," Northrup said.

Both Northrup and Coe said a lasting solution is needed going forward.

Coe said he agrees with Northrup that "better communication would be significantly important if we could try to get on the same page prior to the upcoming session."

Part of the problem is the differing philosophies between the House and Senate, Coe said.

"... the House has a philosophy of wanting to divert earmarked monies to fund education. The Senate still would like to see some more reductions before we start raising revenues. That's pretty much where we are right now," Coe said.

The two Park County lawmakers said they've talked a few times since the session adjourned.

They said there's a lot of

work for lawmakers in the interim months.

"We'll do a lot more discussion," Coe said. "... we'll be looking at everything — absolutely everything."

In the interim, the House needs to find out what the Senate is willing to do, Northrup said, pointing again to the need for better communication.

He said lawmakers from the two bodies don't interact like they used to. When the Legislature met in the Capitol building, senators and representatives regularly saw one another — in the lobby or going up and down the same stairs.

With the Capitol undergoing major renovations, the Legislature is meeting in the Jonah building, and there's a distance between the House and Senate, Northrup said.

"We just don't talk at all — even just walking back and forth in the hallway, we don't see each other," Northrup said.

Communication between legislators and school districts around the state also needs to improve, he said.

There needs to be buy-in, and districts should be asked where they think budgets can be trimmed.

As a rural state, the needs of school districts in Wyoming can be vastly different — what's good for a Park County school may not be good for a Sweetwater County school, Northrup said.

"We're all individuals, and that's why we keep saying, we want it to be at the local level," Northrup said. "That's why we give a block grant — we want the school boards to be in control of it."

Rescue: Warm weather accelerated snowmelt

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fast response inflatable boat were dispatched to the scene. However, before Search and Rescue could arrive, Simmons was able to make it to shore. He was transported to West Park Hospital by ambulance and treated for hypothermia.

Search and Rescue was called out again at 12:30 a.m. Sunday to help two young men on the Sweetwater Trail, approximately a mile north of the Wapiti Campground on the North Fork.

Dalton Epperson, 19, and Tukker Betz, 19, both of Cody, had hiked up the Sweetwater Trail early on Saturday for a day of horn hunting.

"When they reached the Sweetwater Creek crossing, the water level was such that they were able to wade across and continue north," Lance Mathess, spokesman for the Park County Sheriff's Office, said in Monday's news release.

However, with Saturday's sunny weather and temperatures at 70 degrees for most of the day, the surrounding mountain snowmelt accelerated.

When the two men reached the creek crossing on their way back, the depth and speed of the water prevented them from crossing safely. Epperson's father, who was also on scene, called the Park County Sheriff's 911 Dispatch Center for help.

Search and Rescue responded with a ground team with all-terrain vehicles as well as a water team with two small pontoon boats.

"Upon reaching the scene, the decision was made to wait until first light to attempt a rescue for the safety of all concerned," Mathess said.

Epperson and Betz were appropriately dressed and had the ability to make a fire; Search and Rescue members stayed the night on the opposite shore.

When daylight came, rescu-

ers were able to get the two men across the creek using a small pontoon boat and anchor ropes.

Aside from being tired and hungry, both Epperson and Betz were uninjured, Mathess said.

Both calls came while Park County Search and Rescue members were involved in a three-day technical rope rescue course taught by experts from Jackson. Search and Rescue members who were up all night at the Sweetwater Creek rescue reported back to the hall in Cody at 9 a.m. Sunday, then immediately went to Cedar Mountain for the remainder of their rope class.

Sheriff Scott Steward commended the determination and dedication of the Search and Rescue members. "This is just who these people are," Steward said in the news release. "It takes a special kind of person to be a member of Park County SAR. These volunteers respond when called, never questioning who, what, where or why they are needed."

"They are a shining example of selfless giving to our community," he said.

'These volunteers respond when called, never questioning who, what, where or why they are needed.'

Scott Steward
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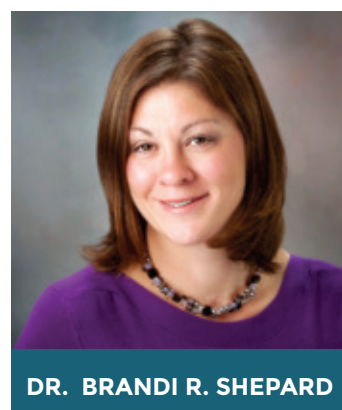
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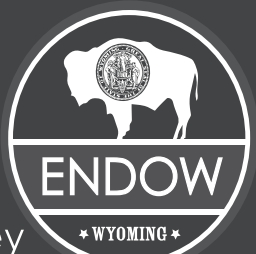
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OBITUARIES

Anthony 'Tony' Q. Sewchok

(1982 - 2018)

Anthony "Tony" Q. Sewchok, passed away April 19, 2018, in Lee's Summit, Missouri, from complications of colon cancer.

Tony was born in 1982 in Powell, Wyoming, and graduated from Powell High School in 2000. In 2004 he received his bachelor's degree in Business Management from Montana State University-Billings in Billings, Montana. That summer in July, he married Kaycee Jacobs in Powell, and they established their home in Billings while he worked for Windstone Medical Packaging.

Their son Quinn was born in 2007, and in 2008 Tony began working for BioLife Plasma Services as the Billings center manager. He took a promotion and transfer with BioLife to the

Kansas City area in May of 2015. Tony was known for his friendly personality and infectious smile. He enjoyed playing baseball and was a pitcher on the 2000 Wyoming State Champion American Legion team of Powell.

He often frustrated family members by beating them at golf when given a chance to play and enjoyed assisting and following Quinn's sporting activities.

Tony was looking forward to more time camping with the family and taking Quinn hunting as he was an experienced deer hunter. Always a fan of the Duke Blue Devils, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Boston Red Sox, he enjoyed following all sports.

Tony is survived by Kaycee and Quinn of the family home.

His parents Andy and Judy Sewchok and sister Abby (Jim) Gianotti with their children Lynsy and Dominic live in Ferrelly, Nevada. Tony's brother Andrew (Debi) Sewchok and daughter Samantha live in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and sister Dru (Brandon) Fowler with daughter Hadley live in Boise, Idaho. His in-laws Kim and Cindy Jacobs are in Powell, Wyoming, and sister-in-law Karla Jacobs lives in Grand Prairie, Texas.



TONY SEWCHOK

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held Tuesday, April 24, at Journey Church International in Lee's Summit. Ashes will be spread in Powell later this year.

Condolences may be posted on the CaringBridge site: www.caringbridge.org/public/tony-sewchok

Laura Bell Kelley Cozzens

(Aug. 28, 1937 - April 24, 2018)

Laura Bell Kelley Cozzens, 81, died April 24, 2018, after a

valiant battle with a long illness. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her in her struggle and ultimately gave her peace.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints By-

ron Ward on Friday, May 4, at 3 p.m., followed by a graveside service at the Byron Cemetery. The family gratefully declines flowers and donations, but prayers, condolences and memories are gladly accepted at www.haskellfuneralhome.com.

John Vincent Murphy

(July 7, 1932 - April 28, 2018)

John Vincent Murphy, 85, of Cody, formerly of Norfolk, Virginia, died April 28, 2018, after

a brief illness. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cody.

A portion of his remains will be scattered on the farm he and his

wife Shirley shared in Cody. The remainder of his ashes will be interred at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., with full military honors. Services are with Ballard Funeral Home.



Margaret Elaine Shumway

(May 21, 1923 - April 28, 2018)

Margaret Elaine Shumway, 94, died Saturday, April 28, 2018, at her home in Powell.

Funeral Mass services will be held at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell on Thursday,

May 3, at 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

The family has requested that condolences be sent to them at www.thompsonfuneral.net or to P.O. Box 807, Powell WY 82435.

French: Has held commission seat since 2001

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from the commission, French says the board needs someone with a connection to agriculture.

"Somebody from the ag community kind of understands this area, I think, a little better than somebody who's not in ag," he said. "But if you have somebody who's really dedicated to representing everybody in the county it shouldn't matter."

He did add that "I think it would be healthy if somebody from this [Powell] direction was in office."

French said he's enjoyed the vast majority of his time on the job, though he quipped that "I want to go back to the farm screaming" 25 percent of the time.

An outspoken advocate for private property rights, French said it's been frustrating to have people who feel they can force the commission to block proposed developments by applying public pressure during the planning and zoning process.

"As it's reviewed, it should go through if you've met all the rules and regs," French said,

adding, "But so many people feel that if they come en masse to the commission, they'll change their mind ... and throw the rules to the side."

The longtime Republican commissioner also didn't like it when people got in his face for no reason or told him off.

"Sometimes when people get in my face, I take it for so long and then I'll get right back in their face," he said, adding, "Over the years, if they didn't like it, they didn't have to vote for me. But generally I try to be on my best behavior."

Working with the federal government on land use issues — such as winter snowmobiling and East Entrance access — brought "a lot" of frustration over the years as well, but overall, "the good outweighs the bad by 10-fold," French said. "Most of it's good."

He called it an interesting job that allowed him to meet "a lot of really nice people." Helping local residents with problems, including by guiding them to and through the right government agencies, was a highlight.

It always felt good to get a thank you, French said.

Being a commissioner, "literally every waking hour you're thinking about it," he said. You drive down a county road and might think it needs to be graded; you might walk into the courthouse and see a spot that needs fixing up; you might be at a store and have someone want to talk to you about a county issue.

"That's the job," French said. Since becoming a commissioner back in 2001, French said he worked hard and took the position very seriously.

"It's been a real honor and privilege to serve the people of the Powell area and Park County," he said.

Now 64, French plans to take a couple years off and focus on spending time with his family and on his farm.

"That will give me a chance to kind of catch my breath," he said.

But French plans to jump back into politics, saying he intends to run in 2020 for the state Legislature and Senate District 18. The seat is currently held by longtime Sen. Hank Coe, R-Cody, who has said he won't be seeking re-election.

Value: Assessor expects even bigger numbers next year

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two-year lapse ... but we did know we were going to come back up," Meyer told commissioners.

He expects even bigger numbers next year. The assessor noted that Merit Energy — which became the county's largest taxpayer when it took over Marathon Oil's operations in 2016 — has been drilling new wells.

"We don't get very many rigs in and they're actually drilling," Meyer said. "That's a good sign."

Meyer said some parts of the county added more value than others; for instance, he's predicting that the assessed valuation of the Powell school district will rise by around 8 percent,

while the Meeteetse school district will go up by about 28 percent.

Overall, he's predicted that the total value of all the taxable property in Park County will top \$681 million this year — up more than 12 percent from the not quite \$605 million valuation last year.

The assessed valuation is not a comprehensive estimate of all of the property in the county. Homes and businesses are taxed (assessed) on only 9.5 percent of their estimated market value, while industrial properties are taxed on 11.5 percent. Minerals like oil are taxed on their full, 100 percent value.

The actual tax rate — known as the mill levy — is set by the various government agencies that collect property taxes,

ranging from school districts to the county government to Northwest College to cemetery districts. Those entities will be setting their mill levies at budget meetings in the coming months.

Local governments collected more than \$43.4 million in taxes from Park County property owners last year. Stemming from decreased mineral production and prices, that was the fewest amount of property taxes collected in the county since 2005. If Meyer's prediction is correct, local governments should receive a few million dollars more this year.

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Mike, on the other hand, had a large piece of machinery drop on his toe almost 8 months ago. He lost his original toenail. Now, the new nail is always painful, particularly in both corners. He has been digging at it with his pocketknife, much to the chagrin of his wife.

Both examples above are typical presentations of complaints regarding ingrown toenails. This can be one of the most painful and aggravating problems involving the feet. There are many causes of ingrown toenails, but the end result is the same. The side of the toenail curls into the surrounding skin and acts just like a splinter causing pain, redness, swelling and sometimes infection.

To properly treat a splinter, it must be removed. This holds true for ingrown toenails as well. Ingrown toenails can be easily treated. In fact, there are several methods (simple and fairly pain free) available to prevent reoccurrence of the problem.

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Gun debate needs voices on both sides

Gun ownership has been an intimidating topic of late — one that, because of recent tragedies, has taken a seat at the forefront of national and statewide debate.

Whether we choose to admit it, gun violence has affected our community. While Wyoming has a different attitude toward guns and gun ownership than much of the nation, that Park County school districts have been voting on whether to arm their teachers tells us all we need to know about the far-reaching implications of multiple mass shootings and other instances of gun violence in recent years.

That said, the argument shouldn't be whether guns, semi-automatic or otherwise, are good or bad; rather, teaching and preserving responsible gun ownership while keeping the public safe from those who abuse them should be paramount.

It's a complicated debate, and one that won't be answered without public participation, with proponents on both sides weighing in. Because of the national debate on gun control, citizens' views on gun ownership are constantly evolving, and the rest of us are left trying to catch up. Having a different viewpoint than your neighbor doesn't make you right or wrong, nor does it make your neighbor good or bad. But if we are to preserve responsible gun ownership while also working to preserve and protect public safety, it will need to happen through open discussion — and that means taking all views into account and working toward an acceptable solution.

Wyoming's Congressional delegation, in the wake of the Feb. 17 shooting in Parkland, Florida, said any restrictions coming out of that tragedy should not involve restricting Second Amendment rights.

"Sen. [Mike] Enzi believes we need to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill," wrote Enzi representative Max D'Onofrio in a prepared statement. "However, the right of the American people to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right guaranteed in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, so he also believes that Congress should not limit the right of law-abiding citizens to own firearms."

As an example of support for this stance, the Wyoming Legislature voted to pass pro-gun legislation during the recent session in the form of House Bill 168. Under the so-called "stand your ground" bill, a law-abiding citizen who has not initiated a conflict would have no duty to retreat from any place where the person is lawfully present before using force to defend himself or herself.

As Wyomingites, there's a good chance each and every one of us grew up in a household that embraced the Second Amendment to some extent, or at least were close with those who do. Voting to prohibit or allow teachers to carry won't be the end-all of the gun ownership debate, but it is an important threshold moment. Please consider involving yourself in the discussion, regardless of your stance on the issue.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EPA's mission should not be to promote job growth

Dear Editor:
On the radio last week, I heard U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, in reference to EPA administrator Scott Pruitt, say that "Scott Pruitt's policies, at the helm of EPA, likely have protected more jobs and promoted more job growth, than any other EPA administrator in history."

administrator's job to do those things. The EPA's mission is "To protect human health and the environment." Sadly, former EPA administrator Christine Todd Whitman (George W. Bush) says instead, "People will get sick and die. It's that simple."

So rejoice, Wyoming, that Scott Pruitt may be killing you as he plunders the coffers of government.

By the way, how's that swamp draining project going?

Phil Anthony Powell

Move to Wyoming a mission accomplished

"There's talk on the street; it sounds so familiar. Great expectations, everybody's watching you. People you meet, they all seem to know you. Even your old friends treat you like you're something new. Johnny come lately, the new kid in town. Everybody loves you, so don't let them down."
— "New Kid In Town" by the Eagles

When I was asked to introduce myself to the readers of the Powell Tribune, this song just seemed fitting. And it's by the Eagles, so it's hard to go wrong there.

When I was a kid, I wanted to be a journalist or a private investigator — after all, it was the 1980s and Thomas Magnum lived on an estate in Hawaii, drove a Ferrari and was popular with the ladies. After I graduated high school in 1991, I dreamed of moving out West — somewhere

like Idaho or Wyoming. Well, it's 2018, and I just started working as the community editor here at the Tribune on Monday, so I believe that I can say mission accomplished.

So what can I say about myself? Well, I take a lot of things seriously.

The first thing I take seriously is my faith. I began following Jesus Christ the summer before my senior year of high school and it has become the cornerstone of my life. One of the highlights of my 44 years is the two years I spent helping lead my church's college ministry at Three Rivers College in my hometown of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. I met several good friends through doing so to boot. I take sports seriously, too. First off, I am a die-hard fan of the Tennessee Titans. I covered

the team from 2006 to 2009 for the Daily Dunklin Democrat in Kennett, Missouri, accomplishing a career goal — covering the National Football League. I got to meet and interview many people during my 3 1/2 seasons on the sidelines and in the press box at Nissan Stadium — Larry Fitzgerald, Torrey Holt, Antonio Gates, Julius Peppers, Cortland Finnegan, Dan Reeves (who I met in a press box buffet line) and Andre Ware.

I also take politics seriously, though I have developed a bit of a love-hate relationship with it over the last two years because of how venomous the partisanship has become.

That said, one of the highlights of my time working in Nebraska at the Norfolk Daily News was meeting several

presidential candidates during the Countdown to Caucus across the Missouri River in Iowa. Not only did I enjoy getting to meet political figures ranging from Ted Cruz to Martin O'Malley, but it also taught me to see politicians as fellow human beings — something I wish that all of us would do in this era of venomous hyper-partisanship.

Last but not least, I take my music seriously. Having grown up during the 1970s and 1980s, I am a die-hard fan of the music of that era. My favorite band is Yes; I drove more than 500 miles to see them perform live last year in Elgin, Illinois, plus I got to meet the band afterwards to boot. I also enjoy Toto, Asia, Chicago, Bruce Hornsby and the Range, Pink Floyd, the Imperials and even a little Metallica.

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MIKE BUHLER
New Kid in Town



Murder put to music

Old song lyrics are a beautiful thing when astutely composed. Even ones deemed nonsensical — "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road" and "My Ding-a-Ling" come to mind — I find quite lovely.

Quoting Loudon Wainwright from 1972, "Crossin' the highway late last night; he shoulda looked left and he shoulda looked right. He didn't see the station wagon car; the skunk got squashed and there you are. You got yer dead skunk in the middle of the road; dead skunk in the middle of the road and it's stinkin' to high heaven."

It's funny because it's true. I've come across dead skunks flattened by station wagons and it's definitely an assault on the olfactory senses. Chuck Berry likewise put murder to music one can dance to. "When I was a little biddy boy, my grandma bought me a cute little toy; two silver bells on a string; she said it was my ding-a-ling-a-ling. My ding-a-ling; my ding-a-ling; won't you play with my ding-a-ling?" (Repeat infectious chorus).

He cites several instances when holding tightly to his prized plaything amidst distractions and even physical

danger. "Once while swimming 'cross Turtle Creek; man them snappers right at my feet. Sure was hard swimming 'cross that thing, with both hands holding my ding-a-ling. My ding-a-ling; my ding-a-ling ..."

Children's toys have really evolved, but the ding-a-ling was once a valued item. The tribute concludes: "Now this here song, it ain't so bad; prettiest little song you ever had. And those of you who will not sing, ya must be playing with your own ding-a-ling."

Truth be known, I'd be playing with mine too if I still had it. But not all lyrics were fun-and-games; many were quite violent and frankly, I preferred those to the sappy songs like "Happiest Girl in the Whole USA" and "Don't Worry; Be Happy," more impractical, absurd, pie-in-the-sky lyrics.

I love cold-blooded murder put to music. Johnny Cash seemed so nice — never mind he never could carry a tune — but from Folsom Prison he sang: "I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die. When

I hear that train a-comin', I hang my head and cry." But hey, he made his prison bunk; now he's got to lie on it.

Freddie Mercury wailed, "Mama; I just killed a man. Put a gun against his head; pulled the trigger now he's dead." And then, "Mama, I don't wanna die; I sometimes wish I'd never been born at all ..." Within a couple years, Fred was indeed dead.

Probably few remember a song actually called "Freddie's Dead": "Another junkie plan; pushing dope for the man. A terrible blow, but that's how it goes; Freddie's on the corner now, and if you want to be a junkie, wow! Just remember that Freddie's dead."

That's the risk you run when choosing that kind of career. Why do you think they call it dope? But lyrical homicide is my point, and no one sang it better than R. Dean Taylor. "Indiana Wants Me" paints a portrait of a killer with a conscience. "If a man ever needed dyin', he did. No one had the right to say what he said about you, but it's so cold and lonely

here without you. Out there the law is coming; I've been so tired of running ... Indiana wants me; Lord I can't go back there; I wish I had you ... to talk to."

I've never wanted a killer to escape justice so bad in my life. I rooted for this remorseful killer because it tugs at my heart to hear, "It hurts to see the man that I've become, and to know I'll never see the morning sun shine on the land. I'll never see your smiling face or touch your hand. If just once more I could see, you, our home and our little baby ... Indiana wants me ..."

The ending hit me harder than the lyrical news, "Today Billie Joe McCallister jumped off the Tallahatchie Bridge." Amid blaring sirens, R.D. cried, "I hope this letter finds its way to you; forgive me love for the pain I've put you through, and all the tears. Hang on love to the memory of those happy years. Red lights are flashing around me; good Lord it looks like they found me ... Indiana wants me ... Lord I can't go back there. I wish I had you, to talk to."

Among all that pain, I'm guessing Bobby McFerrin naively singing "Don't worry; be happy," would be pathetic little consolation.



DOUG BLOUGH
My Lousy World

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Cody making bid for 'Best Historic Small Town'

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

If Cody wants to be named the country's "Best Historic Small Town," the self-proclaimed "rodeo capital of the world" will have to beat out plenty of other places for the honor — including the "sponge capital of the world."

USA Today's travel website, 10Best.com, is currently asking its readers to pick the country's best historic small town.

10Best says it picked Cody and 19 other nominees for their "big histories and small populations" (less than 30,000 residents as of the last Census). Only the top 10 vote-getters will

be named as winners.

As of Sunday evening, Cody was ranked No. 5.

"Founded in 1896 by the legendary Buffalo Bill himself, the town of Cody sits just 50 miles from the east entrance to Yellowstone National Park, making it a popular gateway for park goers," says Cody's brief write-up on 10Best. "The Rodeo Capital of the World offers a colorful downtown filled with steakhouses, cowboy apparel shops, historic hotels and Old West saloons."

Local tourism officials have been working to spread the word.

"Any votes you could give Cody would be great!" Claudia

Wade, executive director of the Park County Travel Council, told her board in an email last week.

As of Sunday night, Tarpon Springs, Florida — a city of roughly 24,870 along the Gulf of Mexico — was leading the voting. Tarpon Springs has preserved its Greek heritage, which stems in part from sponge divers who came to the city from Greece in the early 1900s. The City of Tarpon Springs' website boasts that the sponge hub "has a way of transporting you thousands of miles away to a coastal village in Greece."

Other communities ahead of Cody as of Sunday night

were Haddonfield, New Jersey, Dodge City, Kansas, and Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Cody's appearance on the 10Best list does not appear to be mere happenstance, but the work of the travel council: Wade said one of the USA Today writers who helped craft the list of 20 contenders for "Best Historic Small Town" visited Cody on a press tour a couple years ago.

Voting for the 10Best Readers' Choice travel award ends Monday, May 14 at 11:59 a.m. Site visitors can vote once per day at www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-historic-small-town-2018/. Winners will be announced on the site May 18.

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WWI poster exhibit set to open Friday

A traveling exhibit of World War I-era posters from the National World War I Museum will open at the Homesteader Museum in Powell on Friday.

Fort Caspar Museum organized the exhibit, titled "Home Front Posters of the Great War, 1917-1918," to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into that global conflict.

The large posters were created for a domestic audience and depict activities Americans were encouraged to undertake stateside to support the war effort overseas.

"Home Front Posters of the Great War, 1917-1918" consists of 30 framed copies of posters from the collection of the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City. The exhibit will be on view at the Homesteader Museum from Friday through June 8.

The exhibit provides a unique educational experience for the residents of Wyoming. Fort Caspar Museum in Casper created the exhibit with the help of the WWI Museum in Kansas City and wanted to share it with other museums in the state.

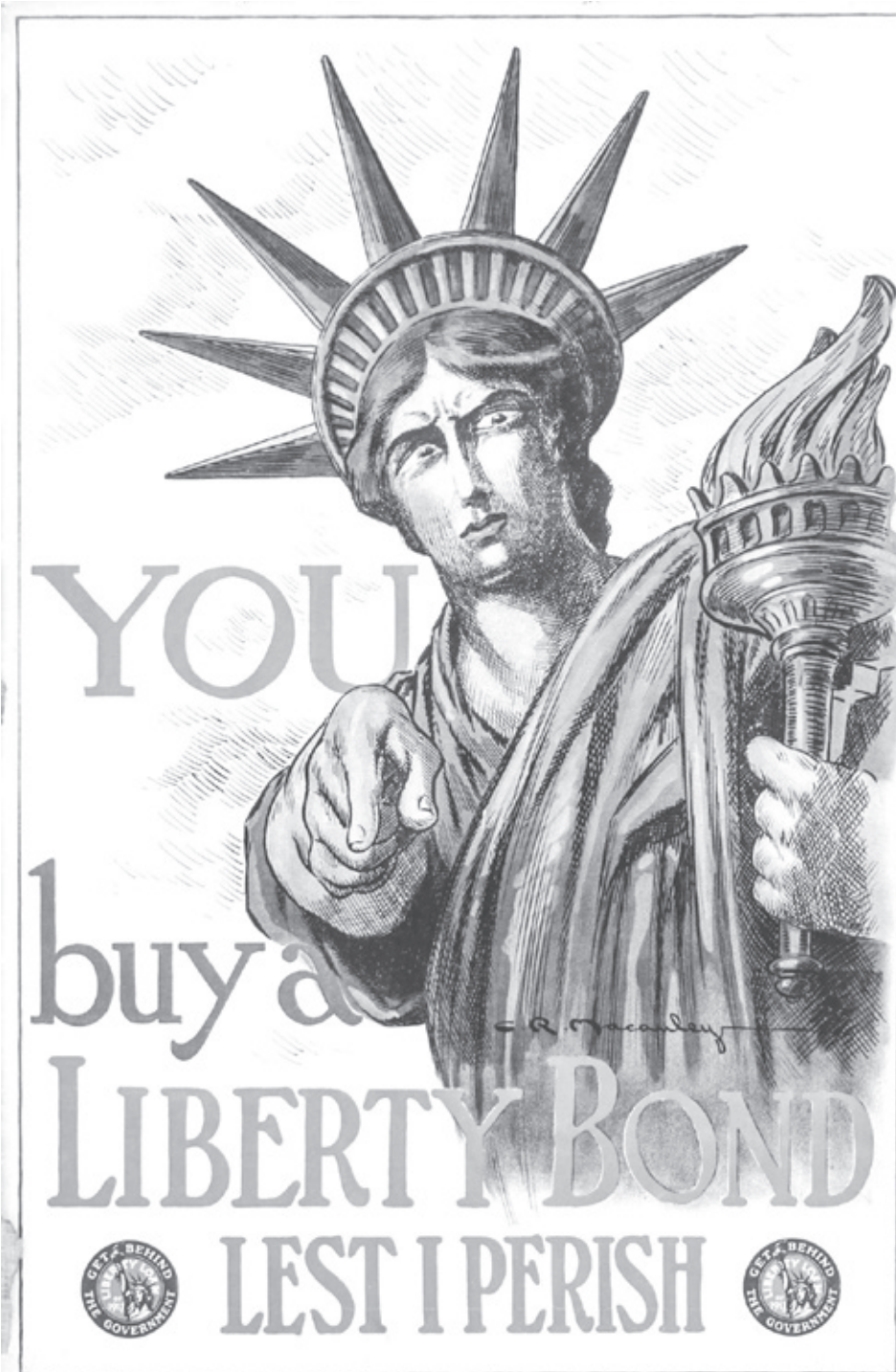
The exhibit began in 2017 at the Fort Caspar Museum and it will have been to Wheatland, Cheyenne, Laramie, Green River, Pinedale, Evanston, Alpine, Dubois, Powell, Riverton, Sheridan and Gillette by the end of this year.

Wells Fargo Bank and the Casper Memorial VFW Post 9439 joined Fort Caspar Museum Association in sponsoring the exhibit.

Friday's opening reception is open to the public from 4-6 p.m. The exhibit can be seen at the Homesteader Museum 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

This poster image is from the collection of the National WWI Museum and Memorial.

Courtesy image



Thursday lecture explores dynamics of golden eagles and rabbits in Big Horn Basin

Golden eagles and cottontail rabbits are the subjects of Thursday's Lunchtime Expedition at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West.

"The Golden Eagle is the most powerful aerial predator in North America, capable of killing animals as formidable as deer and wolves," said Charles R. Preston of the center's Draper Natural History Museum. "But while the eagle's diet varies significantly across its range, in the sagebrush country of Wyoming's Big Horn Basin, cottontail rabbits drive eagle reproduction and success."

Preston will present "The Eagle and the Rabbit — Predator and Prey in the Sagebrush Sea" at 12:15 p.m. Thursday in the Center of the West's Coe Auditorium.

Preston emphasizes the importance of understanding the predator-prey relationship between golden eagles and rabbits to manage wildlife communities in the shrub-steppe environ-

ments around the globe.

"We'll learn how the great eagle's lifestyle in the Big Horn Basin compares with other regions across the western United States," Preston said.

Trained as a wildlife ecologist, Preston is recognized as a leading authority on wildlife and human dimensions of wildlife management in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. He also has conducted fieldwork through much of North, Central and South America, including the Galapagos Islands. Preston serves as the founding curator-in-charge of the Draper.

The Lunchtime Expedition lecture series is organized by the Draper Natural History Museum and supported in part by Sage Creek Ranch and the Nancy-Carroll Draper Foundation. For more information, visit www.centerofthewest.org/explore/greater-yellowstone-natural-history, or contact Bonnie Smith at bonnies@centerofthewest.org or 307-578-4020.



Charles R. Preston is pictured in the field with a golden eagle. Courtesy photo

PAVING TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK BETWEEN CODY, MEETEETSE

A Worland contractor is scheduled to begin paving an 11-mile pavement rehabilitation project south of Cody on Monday, May 7.

Prime contractor on the \$3.6 million project is McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., of Worland. The project begins at milepost 62.98 on Wyoming Highway 120, about 18 miles south of Cody, and extends 11.2

miles toward Cody.

Wyoming Department of Transportation resident engineer Todd Frost of Cody said the work includes an inch of asphalt pavement leveling, a 2-inch asphalt overlay, and a chip seal finish between Cody and Meeteetse. Slope flattening on the project was completed last summer and fall.

"The contractor is sched-

uled to begin setting up traffic control Thursday, May 3, with paving beginning May 7," Frost said.

Starting Thursday, the contractor will be cleaning the roadway and completing other preparations, he said.

Paving is expected to take about five weeks to complete, and chip sealing of the improved roadway is scheduled

in June.

All work is dependent upon favorable weather.

"Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and a pilot car during this work beginning next week," Frost said. "Motorists should expect single-lane traffic and delays of up to 20 minutes while the contractor is working."

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DIGEST

HIGHWAY CRASH



Personnel from Powell Valley Hospital and the Powell Volunteer Fire Department prepare an injured passenger for transport to the hospital after a crash on Coulter Avenue on the afternoon of Sunday, April 22. Powell police said the westbound 1989 Ford Taurus, driven by James Langston, 33, collided with an eastbound 2004 Honda Odyssey driven by Luann Borders, 73, that was attempting to turn north onto Absaroka Street. Borders received a citation for failing to yield while making a left-hand turn. Tribune photo by CJ Baker

NEW FACES

Raecheal and Peter Tillotson of Gillette would like to announce the birth of twin girls, who were born at Powell Valley Hospital on Monday, April 23, 2018. Eden Ann Tillotson was born at 7:53 p.m. with a weight of 4 pounds, 15 ounces, and twin sister Tamara Ann Tillotson was born at 7:59 p.m. with a weight of 5 pounds, 3 ounces. They are welcomed by brother Zeke, 6, and sister Mattie, 3. Grandparents are John and Gwen Tillotson, Shane and Bernie Larson, and Don Strom.

Javier Santiago Rios was born to Janelly Dimas and Juan Rios at Powell Valley Hospital on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. He arrived at 8:19 a.m. with a weight of 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and joins brother Juan Antonio Rios, 3.

CIRCUIT COURT

APRIL 9-20
All offenses are misdemeanors. People are from Powell and any probation is unsupervised unless otherwise noted.

VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

- Justin T. Theriault must pay \$1,050, no valid auto insurance, driving with a suspended license and no valid registration.
- Daelynn Hutzenbieler must pay \$255, passing a stopped school bus.
- Darryl A. Pierce of Red Springs, North Carolina, paid \$195, vehicle over permitted weight.
- Donald D. Hershberger of Cody paid \$125, no valid registration.
- Jason S. Pitts paid \$125, vehicle over permitted length.
- Elsie Marie Robillard of Lander paid \$125, stop sign violation.
- Enrique A. Sanchez of Byron paid \$125, no valid registration.
- Kelsey E. Segrilla paid \$65, child safety restraint system violation.
- Kash H. Richmond paid \$25, no seat belt.

SPEEDING

- Julian D. Jackson of Byron paid \$125.
- Trent M. Desjarlais paid \$124.
- Clara J. Martinez of Cody paid \$117.
- Breanna L. Martin of Farson paid \$91.
- David E. Northrup paid \$15.

OTHER VIOLATIONS

- Robert Allen Lasson served four days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$905 to the court and \$9 in restitution, possession of a controlled substance and shoplifting.
- Jeffrey B. Longshore served 25 days in jail, must serve six months probation and pay \$855, unlawful contact and interference with a peace officer.
- Noah Angel Mumford must pay \$505 and serve six months probation, breach of peace.
- Cosme T. Villarreal must pay \$455, using a controlled substance.
- John Wyatt Varian of Cody must pay \$455 and serve six months probation, possessing a controlled substance.
- Latisha Richale Roberts must serve 12 days in jail, six months probation and pay \$405, underage drinking.
- Chandler Stone Strickland must pay \$355 and serve six months probation, underage drinking.
- Chantz Tyrell of Cody must pay \$355 and serve six months probation, underage drinking.
- Stacey J. Henderson served 148 days in jail, criminal contempt of

POLICE REPORT

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

APRIL 11

- 7:29 a.m. A female was reported to have apparently passed out inside a car parked in front of a building on North Hamilton Street. An officer found she was fine.
- 2:37 p.m. Dispatch received a report of young kids playing basketball and smoking at a school on South Douglas Street. An officer responded and searched the area, but did not locate the subjects.
- 3:04 p.m. A juvenile on East Third Street was reported to be shooting a compound bow. A responding officer didn't see anyone with a bow in the area.
- 4 p.m. A white iPhone with a sparkle pink case with stickers — which had been turned in to Powell High School about a year earlier — was turned over to an officer to be placed in found property.
- 4:32 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a vehicle that did not heed the red lights on a school bus on Tower Boulevard/Statesboro Drive. The incident occurred three hours prior to the report. An officer located the vehicle and advised the driver of the complaint.
- 5:58 p.m. A traffic stop at South Everts/East Jefferson streets resulted in the arrest of Audrey Estes, 29, of Powell, on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance, open container of alcohol in a moving vehicle and failure to provide proof of insurance.

APRIL 12

- 6:55 a.m. Dirt bikes were reported stolen on Avenue C. The case was placed under investigation.
- 12:13 p.m. An officer assisted with a civil standby on South Division Street.
- 12:51 p.m. Chad Hill, 43, of Powell, was arrested on East Second Street on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

APRIL 13

- 7:55 a.m. Dispatch received a complaint of dogs on North Division Street that bark all the time. The incident was placed under investigation.
- 12:57 p.m. A tall male wearing a black hoodie was reported to be knocking on doors on North Absaroka Street and stumbling when walking. Responding officers arrested Justin J. Johnstone, 38, of Byron, on suspicion of public intoxication.
- 6:16 p.m. A mailbox on North Gilbert Street was reportedly damaged and the case was placed under investigation.

APRIL 14

- 12:28 a.m. An officer on East First Street reported a probation violation, and the case is under investigation.
- 4:09 a.m. An officer observed a vehicle parked with its lights on at North Day/East Eighth streets. He contacted the owners and found everything was fine.
- 1:20 p.m. A traffic stop at North Absaroka Street/Lane 8 resulted in the arrest of Bernabe Mena, 31, of Powell, on suspicion of possession and use of a controlled substance, probation violation, and outstanding warrant.

APRIL 15

- No incidents of note.

APRIL 16

- 9:23 a.m. Dispatch received a report of a burglary at a building on South Fair Street. The case was placed under investigation.
- 12:20 p.m. Gerald Sanford, 61, of Powell, was arrested at the law enforcement center on an active warrant.
- 6:14 p.m. Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated person on Avenue H, where Sandi V. Romine, 69, of Powell, was arrested on sus-

picion of public intoxication. Also at 6:14 p.m., a report was received of an intoxicated driver at Avenue H. Officers also arrested Tomey J. Romine, 67, of Powell, on suspicion of driving while under influence.

APRIL 17

- 6:28 p.m. A resident on Avenue F reported seeing two subjects climbing into the window of another residence. Responding officers contacted a key holder, made entry and found no one was in the house. The resident said they would call back if anyone showed up at the house.

APRIL 18

- 1:30 p.m. A caller reported a vehicle did not stop for a school bus red light on South Douglas Street. Officers responded, but were not able to locate the described vehicle.
- 3:45 p.m. A dog collar was found on Avenue C and brought into the law enforcement center. The collar had city tags on it, and a message was left for the owner to come in and claim the item.
- 7:31 p.m. A traffic stop at East North/South Day streets resulted in the arrest of Luke Cozzens, 34, of Powell, on suspicion of driving while under the influence.
- 10:56 p.m. A caller reported a barking dog at a residence on South Everts Street. A responding officer did not hear any dogs barking.

APRIL 19

- 11:37 a.m. An officer stopped a vehicle on East Seventh Street/Panther Boulevard for not having license plates. However, the driver was able to produce the proper paperwork and no action was taken.
- 11:48 a.m. A resident reported losing a Wyoming driver's license in the last few days in the area of South Absaroka Street/East Coulter Avenue.
- 2:02 p.m. A resident on Julie Lane reported receiving a call saying they owed money for not showing up for jury duty in Colorado. The scammer advised the resident to purchase \$800 in gift cards and give them the number on the back. The resident was given some options on how to handle the situation.
- 4:17 p.m. Officers performed a welfare check for a person on North Bent Street and reported the person was fine.
- 10:57 p.m. A resident on South Hamilton Street reported there was a vehicle parked in front of their house and, when they turned the porch lights on, the vehicle left. The caller said the vehicle had oval headlights and was low to the ground. An officer responded, but was unable to locate the vehicle.
- 11:11 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on North Ingalls Street. James Dockham, 31, of Powell, was arrested on suspicion of child abuse, domestic battery and interference with emergency call.

APRIL 20

- 9:52 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a group of people fighting near some trucks on Mountain View Street. The officers were advised it was a verbal discussion and all was fine.
- 12:12 p.m. A caller reported two dogs in the bed of a GMC truck on North Bent Street were acting aggressively. An officer responded, parked next to the truck and found the dogs were friendly.
- 12:37 p.m. An officer responded to a report of a male walking on Hamilton Street, waving his arms and talking to the air. The officer contacted the person and found he was fine.
- 6:04 p.m. Officers responded to a disturbance call on Avenue E where Shelby Bricker, 25, of Powell, was arrested.
- 11:39 p.m. A traffic stop at West Seventh Street/Oakwood Drive resulted in a citation to the driver

for no insurance and a warning for expired registration. Passenger Stacy Repass, 43, was arrested on suspicion of using a controlled substance.

APRIL 21

- 2:20 p.m. A caller reported a juvenile on East Coulter Avenue was playing inappropriate music very loudly. A responding officer spoke to the individual about not playing inappropriate music around others.
- 2:54 p.m. A caller on East South Street reported he was missing two light bars from his truck and a responding officer made a report.
- 3:56 p.m. An officer was flagged down by a male at Avenue E/ Mountain View Street. The officer responded to questions from the male.
- 5:16 p.m. A caller on Alan Road requested assistance in removing a male from the premises. Responding officers spoke to both parties and the caller was advised to call if the person returned.
- 5:35 p.m. A resident on East Jefferson Street reported some people he believed to be underage were drinking; a responding officer found the people were of legal age.
- 9:54 p.m. A caller on East Second Street reported a blowtorch was stolen and someone had torched an RV the previous day. A responding officer spoke to the caller and notified the Park County Sheriff's Office, as the incident occurred in the county.

APRIL 22

- 2:54 p.m. A resident on West Baldridge Drive complained of a barking dog. A responding officer located the dog, but was unable to contact the owner. The incident is under investigation.
- 6:40 p.m. Dispatch received a complaint of a red Razor racing through a trailer court on South Jones Street. A responding officer advised the vehicle was gone upon his arrival, but he would keep an eye out for the vehicle.

APRIL 23

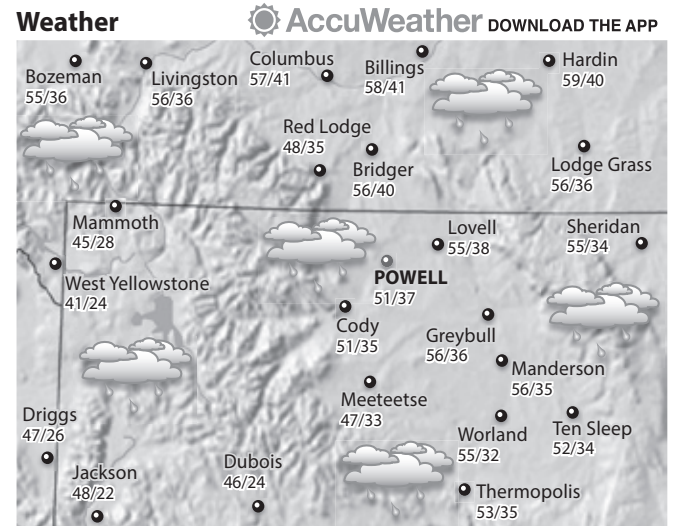
- 7:59 a.m. A driver on South Cheyenne/West Park streets received a citation for passing a school bus while its flashing red lights were activated.
- 10:03 a.m. A resident called to express concern about a dog behind a residence at North Bent/East Third streets that had been whining and crying for hours. A responding officer did not locate any dogs in distress.
- 10:46 a.m. A resident on West Fifth/North Douglas streets reported a vehicle had been parked at a location since last September. A responding officer spoke with the owner, who will have the vehicle moved.
- 10:59 a.m. A caller reported a GMC fob with a fold-in key was lost in the area of South Absaroka Street/East Coulter Avenue. The caller advised it had happened before and they would contact the appropriate people.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

APRIL 21

- 3:44 a.m. A white car was reported to be in a ditch on Lane 8 in the Powell area, with nobody around the vehicle.
- 11:02 a.m. A truck was reported to have rolled over on Road 3EX in the Cody area. No injuries were reported.
- 2:11 a.m. The Sheriff's Office was unable to assist with a man's request for help with getting his vehicle back on Cooper Lane in the Cody area.
- 2:14 p.m. A vehicle was reported to be upside down on Road 3CX/Road 2DAW in the Cody area.
- 2:16 p.m. Items were reportedly stolen on Road 15 in the Powell area.



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Thursday: Clouds limiting sunshine. 62° 41°

Friday: Some sun with a passing shower in the afternoon. 68° 44°

Saturday: Partly sunny, a t-storm in spots in the afternoon. 66° 39°

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

Weekly Almanac
Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High/low.....79°/25°
Normal high/low.....62°/34°
Average temperature.....49.2°
Normal average temperature.....47.7°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week.....0.19"
Month to date.....0.71"
Normal month to date.....0.48"
Year to date.....1.38"
Normal year to date.....1.11"
Percent of normal month to date.....1.48%
Percent of normal year to date.....1.24%

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset.....6:05am/8:20pm
Moonrise/Moonset.....10:10pm/7:25am

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Buffalo	51/36/c	Green River	56/37/c	Laramie	51/31/sh
Casper	59/31/c	Greybull	56/36/c	Rawlins	56/32/c
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FIREFIIGHTERS GET HANDS-ON TRAINING

Above, Powell firefighter Mark Olson (left) brought his sons Cade, Connor and Cooper to watch a house in the Willwood area burn down on Friday evening as part of a training exercise for the Powell Volunteer Fire Department. At right, Powell firefighter Pete DiPilla watches as flames move through levels of an abandoned house during the Friday training exercise south of Powell.

Tribune photos by Mark Davis



Yellowstone's tallest geyser erupts again

The world's tallest active geyser — located in Yellowstone National Park — erupted on Friday morning for the third time in six weeks.

Steamboat Geyser, which hadn't had a major eruption since September 2014, did so on March 15, April 19 and again on Friday, April 27.

Comparing first-hand reports with seismic activity and the discharge of water, Yellowstone geologists believe Friday's eruption

started at 6:30 a.m. They say that, according to seismic data, this eruption may have been about the same size as the April 19 event, but larger than the one on March 15. All of the events were smaller than the last major eruption on Sept. 3, 2014.

"It doesn't erupt that often, sometimes going decades between activity," officials with the U.S. Geological Survey Yellowstone Volcano Observatory wrote in a Monday Facebook post.

While Steamboat is not as reliable as Old Faithful, it's a lot bigger. Steamboat's April eruptions discharged about 200-400 cubic meters of water each time; although that's a relatively small eruption for Steamboat, it's about 10 times as much as Old Faithful puts out.

Water ejected from the thermal feature can reach up to 300 feet in the air.

The increased activity is not unprecedented: Steamboat, which is located in the Norris Geyser Basin, was also active in March, April and October 2003 and had numerous eruptions over a period of weeks during the 1980s.

"Does the recent activity at Steamboat reflect a new thermal disturbance at Norris? It is impossible to say right now, but it will be something that is carefully monitored by [Yellowstone Volcano Observatory] scientists in the days, weeks, and months to come," USGS scientists wrote in a Monday column, adding, "It is also possible that Steamboat is entering a period of more frequent, but relatively small, eruptions, like those that occurred in the early 1980s. Or, the current eruptions may simply reflect the randomness of geysers."

No one witnessed the more dramatic start of the three eruptions, where water is spewed into the air.

"In fact, a team of Yellowstone National Park geologists departed the area just 15 minutes before the geyser became active [on April 19]," observatory officials said in the column. "Bummer!"

The trail to Steamboat Geyser is currently closed due to deep snow and ice on the boardwalks.



Steamboat Geyser is shown in the steam phase of its eruption on March 16. The steam phase usually follows a few- to tens-of-minutes water phase and can last for hours to days. The sporadic geyser has erupted three times this year. Photo courtesy Behnaz Hosseini, National Park Service

PEYOTE DISCUSSION TO BE HELD IN LOVELL

A multimedia talk and demonstration titled, "The Peyote Way," will be presented in Lovell on May 10.

Johnny Tim Yellowtail will discuss the history of the peyote religion, how it came to the Crow tribe and its cultural importance. Yellowtail will share stories and songs related to the topic at the Bighorn Canyon Visitor Center.

"People think the peyote is a recreation drug. It is not. It is much more," Yellowtail said.

Peyote, a type of cactus with psychoactive ingredients, was introduced to the Crow by the Cheyenne.

"For those that practice the peyote way of life, it is a sacred or holy sacrament and has become an important part of cultural ceremonies," Yellowtail said.

Yellowtail serves as a volunteer intern at Bighorn Canyon and has spent his time at the park teaching and sharing his culture with the public.

The program "is yet another glimpse into a seldom-discussed part of Native American and specifically Crow culture," said Christy Fleming, chief of interpretation at Bighorn Canyon.

For more information about the program, contact Fleming at 307-548-5402.

YELLOWSTONE OFFICIALS: 'Anticipate delays' at East Entrance

As Yellowstone National Park officials prepare to open the park's East Entrance for the summer season, they're warning travelers to expect delays.

Construction crews will be working this year to improve a 3.5-mile section of the East Entrance Road between Fishing Bridge and Indian Pond.

The work will "widen narrow roads, improve entry and exit points into developed areas, provide for better scenic viewing opportunities along the road and repair the historic Fishing Bridge," Yellowstone officials say. It will ultimately "benefit visitors and improve infrastructure," park officials say.

However, when the East Gate opens on Friday, travelers "should expect 30-minute delays between Fishing Bridge and Indian Pond," the park said in a news release. The exception will be the Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day weekends, when

traffic will be allowed to travel freely.

The East Entrance will effectively close roughly a month early, on Oct. 15, to allow crews to work on Fishing Bridge. Travelers will still be allowed to enter the gate through Nov. 5, but they'll only be able to go as far as Sedge Bay, leaving them unable to reach any other parts of Yellowstone.

"Visitors traveling to and from Cody will need to use the Northeast Entrance during this closure," park officials said.

The road from Tower Fall to Canyon (over Dunraven Pass) traditionally closes Oct. 9, but "depending on weather, staff may keep it open ... to allow for an additional route to and from Cody via the Northeast Entrance," according to the news release.

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MARCH 2018

Recognition for Academic Excellence




Aaron Jacobsen

Senior Aaron Jacobsen was named the Powell High School Student of the Month for March. He is the son of Andrew and Jamie Jacobsen. Aaron has achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA while staying active in extracurricular activities, community service projects and also completing several classes at Northwest College.

Aaron has been an academic letter winner all four years at PHS. As a tennis player, Aaron was the conference champion and earned varsity tennis All-Conference honors.

He also has competed on the Panther basketball and track teams during his time at PHS. Aaron has served as a volunteer coach for tennis and basketball in the community. He also served as an Ignition mentor at PHS.

As a member of the National Honor Society at PHS, Aaron has done a variety of volunteer projects, including raising money for Make-A-Wish, collecting food for Powell Valley Loaves and Fishes as well as miscellaneous work for school fundraisers and Home-steader Days.

Through his church, Aaron has collected donations for charity, mowed lawns, cleaned out yards and fields, and raked leaves for the elderly.

Aaron's out-of-school activities include six years as a Boy Scout. He has done various service projects and gained experience through merit badges. Aaron also served as a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters for one year.

Aaron's work experience includes cleaning and repair work for houses. He has worked as a lifeguard at Powell Aquatic Center since 2016.


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Wyoming Game and Fish department fisheries technician Mark Komoroski, volunteer Kris Cooper, of Powell, and Cody Region fisheries biologist Jason Burckhardt work to retrieve one of seven 300-foot gillnets from the east side of Buffalo Bill Reservoir near the South Fork drainage. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Walleye: 'You can be very selective with electrofishing,' biologist says

Continued from Page 1

unharmful. There is some mortality, with each dead fish measured and recorded. The goal is to save every non-targeted species, but considering a single breeding-age female walleye has consumed thousands of rainbow and cutthroat trout fry in its life, it's worth the small amounts of trout mortality, Burckhardt said.

This is the second year of the gillnetting operation. Prior to netting, the teams had only been electrofishing for the species.

"You can be very selective with electrofishing, which is its benefit — not having any issues with bi-catch," Burckhardt said. "But the down side to electrofishing as it relates to this walleye effort is we were only catching males. Gillnetting is essential to this project."

Each breeding-age female carries about 50,000 eggs. If left unchecked, the population of walleye would grow exponentially, crashing the reservoir's trout population — including northwest Wyoming's native cutthroat trout.

The department recently enlisted the help of Montana State University grad student Daniel Kaus. Kaus' study showed electrofishing was ineffective in reducing walleye populations. He contends a combination of must-kill regulations for anglers and gillnetting could be effective in crashing the population. His study showed the walleye population would continue to grow for the next five years, but then would decrease dramatically. Still, even after walleye populations have tanked, the fight will need to be continued.

"[The fight] needs to be continued in perpetuity," Burckhardt said at a recent meeting announcing the results of Kaus' study.

Otolith (ear bone) studies proved the walleye illegally introduced to Buffalo Bill Reservoir came from Deaver Reservoir, a popular walleye fishery stocked by the Game and Fish. The illegal stocking will cost the department millions in resources and labor in the fight.

Not everyone supports the department's gillnetting efforts. Some are opposed to the idea because of the bi-catch, which on occasion includes trophy lake trout. Many are vocal in their opposition, Burckhardt said.

"Even if they don't support our efforts, they understand what we are doing out here," he said. "The science is pretty clear, if we have a robust population of walleye, they're going to consume a very large portion if not almost all of the juvenile that come and restock this reservoir."

All of the trout in the reservoir are naturally spawned in the North Fork of the Shoshone River. Buffalo Bill is the only reservoir in the state not stocked by the Game and Fish. The last year it was stocked was in 1995.

The department has decided to use volunteers to assist in the gillnetting effort. Cooper, a



Wyoming Game and Fish department fisheries technician Mark Komoroski pulls a huge female walleye from Game and Fish nets near the east side of Buffalo Bill Reservoir.



A trout fry is found in the throat of a small walleye after being gillnetted at Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Walleye love to eat trout fry and, if left unchecked, will ruin the trout fishing at the popular fishery.

Clark resident who works for the Park County Road and Bridge department in Powell, is just one of many volunteers willing to help. Beyond providing much needed help, adventure on the lake and a few walleye filets are the sole payoffs for volunteers.

Several of the walleye brought in went home with project volunteers. Others are donated to raptor programs including the Draper Natural History Museum at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and Ironside Bird Rescue.

Back at the Game and Fish's Cody office, scores of healthy males, dwarfed side by side with ripe females, were aligned in size categories awaiting the removal of their otoliths. Electrofishing on Thursday night and retrieval of gill nets Friday morning resulted in capturing almost 70 males and just under 20 females.

Fisheries biologist Travis Neebling, the department's reservoir specialist, will do the tedious work of testing the otoliths. While the age of a walleye can be determined by checking scales, testing the ear bones is a much more precise way to check age, Neebling said. Each tiny bone is sliced thin and viewed by microscope. Otolith isotopes can also be tested for clues to where

the fish originated.

The delicate operation of removing the otoliths will shed a lot of information on the walleyes' lives. Previous studies of otoliths showed walleye were illegally stocked in the reservoir multiple times about 15 years ago. The crime was detected roughly a decade ago.

By the end of Friday, water temperatures were reaching



An otolith (ear bone) is removed from a walleye using tweezers. Fisheries biologists can tell many things about a fish — including its age — from studying otoliths. For research purposes, biologists are collecting both otoliths from 10 fish in a size group during the project.

optimal spawning temperatures and the spawn was in full swing at the reservoir. Crews would be deployed through the weekend as weather allowed. They only call off efforts if it's determined operations would be dangerous.

Nets will continue to be deployed through the next couple weeks. Burckhardt encourages fishermen to get in on the action, but asks them to avoid the nets if possible; each net costs the department more than \$400.




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PANTHERS HOST 4-TEAM MEET

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

The Powell High School track and field team hosted a four-team invite Thursday, taking advantage of the perfect weather to make up for the canceled L.A. Kohnke Invite earlier last month.

"It was great weather, and the kids once again took advantage of that," said Powell head coach Scott Smith. "They got a lot of [personal records] and a couple more state qualifiers, so it was a good day."

Powell didn't compete in any of the relays — preferring to concentrate on the individual events — and won a total of nine events. Eight PHS athletes who were scheduled to compete at the Wyoming Track Classic in Casper the following day (see related story on Page 11), elected to also participate on Thursday in what was the squad's only home meet of the regular season. (Powell will also host the regional competition in two weeks.) Cody, Worland and Rocky Mountain battled it out with the Panther squads on Thursday.



Panther discus thrower Shay Dillon shows good technique Thursday at the Powell Invite at Panther Stadium. Dillon finished 11th in the event, with a throw of 107 feet, 4 inches. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

PANTHERS

On the boys side, Panther sophomore Brody Karhu won the pole vault, topping out at 13 feet, while teammate Dalton Woodward finished in the top spot in the triple jump with a state-qualifying distance of 42 feet, 2.5 inches.

"Dalton [Woodward] has been close to qualifying for state all year, and he finally got through," coach Smith said. "That was a nice day for him."

Cayden Lynn finished first

in the shot put with a throw of 44 feet, followed closely by teammate Ryan Good at 43 feet, 1 inch. The pair also finished third and fourth in the discus, with Good reaching 128 feet, 10 inches, followed by Lynn at 121 feet, 2 inches.

In sprints, Karhu, Kaelan Groves and Jacob Harrison finished Nos. 3, 4, 5, in the 100 me-

ter dash, while Jon Morrow and Landon Lengfelder finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 200 meter dash. Joe Rogers and AJ Lewis finished fourth and fifth in the 400 meter dash.

In the distance events, Powell's Jayden Yates finished third in the 800 meters, with teammate Alan Merritt fourth. Both Yates and Merritt would

go on to compete the next day in Casper. Panther Joey Hernandez had strong finishes in the 1600 and 3200 meters, finishing fourth and second, respectively.

Senior Kacey Creed notched a pair of third-place finishes in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles.

The field events saw a classic battle in the high jump,

with Powell's Colby Warner going head-to-head with Rocky Mountain's Jonathan Allred for bragging rights. Both jumpers topped out at 6 feet, 4 inches — a personal best for both. Warner's performance was a highlight of the meet, coach Smith said.

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Lady Trappers hoops coach steps down

NWC ALUM, LOVELL NATIVE HEADING TO COLLEGE OF IDAHO

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

The coaching carousel at Northwest College continued to spin last week, with the resignation of long-time women's basketball coach Janis Beal. Beal stepped down to become the new women's basketball coach at the College of Idaho, a four-year school in Caldwell, Idaho. Her last day at NWC will be Monday, May 7.



JANIS BEAL

"The College of Idaho, it's in a gorgeous area, and I have friends that are out that way," Beal said. "So when the opportunity to coach for a four-year school in that area came up, it was something I felt I should at least look at."

The hiring process was a bit of a whirlwind, with a visit to the C of I campus coming right on the heels of her initial phone interview.

"I was there for a day-and-a-half for the on-campus interview, and they offered me the job shortly after that," Beal explained. "So then I had to really sit down and contemplate if it was something that was right for me, to make a

See Janis Beal, Page 12

PANTHER SOCCER



Lady Panther Kayla Kolpitcke (right) muscled her way past a Riverton defender for possession of the ball in a game earlier this season at Panther Stadium. Kolpitcke scored both goals in a 2-2 tie in the rematch of the two teams. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

LADY PANTHERS TIE RIVERTON 2-2 ON ROAD

Kolpitcke scores a pair in defensive battle

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

After putting a scare into the top-ranked Cody Fillies last Tuesday, the prom-depleted Powell High School girls soccer team traveled to Riverton Friday and battled the Lady Wolverines to a 2-2 draw.

"Riverton showed up to play, pure and simple. They wanted to beat us," said Powell head coach Jack Haire. "I thought we played good for the team that we had, though."

The Lady Panthers (4-6-2, 1-2) were short four varsity players against Riverton (3-9-2, 2-1-1) due to other commitments, and defensive starter Joey Haire was sidelined with an injury sustained against Cody earlier in the week. Despite missing players, Haire said the team played strong throughout, especially on defense.

The Lady Wolverines drew first blood, scoring at about the 15-minute mark of the first half

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Panthers battle to 1-1 tie in Riverton

STUTZMAN GOAL IN OVERTIME PRESERVES DRAW

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Proving the old adage that it's difficult to beat the same team three times in one season, the Riverton boys soccer team battled the visiting Powell Panthers to a 1-1 tie in Riverton Friday. They avoided the season sweep and denied the Panthers what would have been the team's third win on the season.

"The game didn't go as well as I expected as far as scoring is concerned," said Powell head coach Jeff Dent. "I was hoping we'd rack up a few more goals; we were expecting a little more to happen up front. But it went really good as far as the quality of play was concerned."

Down a starter due to illness, Dent played around with different formations in the first half, looking to find the best matchups against a very physical Riverton side. The Wolverines (2-11-1, 2-2) tried to rely on team speed from the outset, forcing the Panthers (2-7-2, 0-3) to adjust.

"Riverton gets into a boot and chase game, and it worked for them last year because they had some speed demons up front," Dent said. "This year, they're not quite as fast, so we were able to control that and let the midfielders work the ball around. We stayed with that discipline the whole game, and I was very proud of how the boys handled that."

Riverton came out very ag-



Panther forward Luis Gutierrez maneuvers around a Riverton opponent during a game at Panther Stadium earlier this season. The rematch Friday in Riverton resulted in a 1-1 tie. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

gressive, Dent said, catching the Panthers a little off guard with their intensity. The Wolverines maintained that inten-

sity into the second half. "[Riverton] was going very hard and very fast for the whole game," Dent said. "But

even with that, all we had to do was get a touch on the ball,

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Track: 'Best is yet to come'

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"Colby [Warner] had much better jumps during the indoor season, and he's been struggling a bit to get going in the outdoor season," he said. "It's nice to finally see him break through."

Panther Dylan Preator finished third in the long jump, followed by teammate AJ Lewis in fourth.

LADY PANTHERS

The Lady Panthers took advantage of the beautiful weather to win six events on the day.

Caitlyn Miner earned the top spot in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.52, followed in second place by Emma Karhu and in third by Tamoka Hasegawa.

Lady Panther Madelyn Horton finished first in the 3200 meters with a time of 15:16.79, followed in second place by teammate Maggie Cappiello. Maddy Hanks took gold in the pole vault, while Sabrina Shoopman finished first in the 110 meter hurdles.

"Maddy Hanks got a nice PR with her 9 feet, 9 inches in the pole vault," Smith said. "She's been coming along and is peaking at the right time."

Elsie Spomer was first in the triple jump, while Cassidy Miner took the top spot in the shot put with a toss of 34 feet, 9 inches.

In sprints, JuliaKay O'Neill was Powell's top finisher in the 200 meter dash, earning third with a time of 28.39. Brea Terry and Jala Satterwhite finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 400 meter dash.

In the distance events, Sidney O'Brien came in third in the 800 meter run while teammates Hailee Hyde and Hailee Paul rounded out the top five in the event. Jenna Merritt was Powell's top finisher in the 1600 meter run, finishing fifth.

In the field events, Hyde finished fifth in the high jump, while teammate Gabri Lundberg finished sixth. Satterwhite and Mattie Larsen finished second and third, respectively, in the long jump, while Rachel Bonander finished third in the discus, followed by Colby Calcotte in fourth.

With the season winding down, Smith said he's happy with where the team is at. Athletes continue to improve with each meet, according to Smith, and as a coach, that's all you can ask for.

"We've got a bunch more kids just sitting there getting ready to break out," he said. "The thing I'm liking is we are improving, and there are still kids starting to show they can improve even more than we could have hoped for at the beginning of the year. And I don't think we have anybody that's peaked yet — I think their best is yet to come."



At left, Lady Panther hurdlers Sabrina Shoopman (left) and Caitlyn Miner sprint to a first- and second-place finish, respectively, in the 100 meter hurdles at Thursday's Powell Invite at Panther Stadium.

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Bottom left, Panther sprinter Kacey Creed hurdles to a third-place finish Thursday at the Powell Invite at Panther Stadium.

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Below, Panther Reece Hackenberg is all determination in the pole vault at the Powell Invite at Panther Stadium. Hackenberg finished fourth in the event with a height of 11 feet.

Tribune photo by Don Cogger



POWELL INVITE — KOHNKE REDO

GIRLS RESULTS

Girls 100 Meter Dash

1. Caitlyn Miner 13.52, 2. Emma Karhu 13.72, 3. Tamoka Hasegawa 13.82, 8. Jaz Haney 14.69, 9. Elsie Spomer 14.882

Girls 200 Meter Dash

3. JuliaKay O'Neill 28.39, 6. Brea Terry 29.11, 8. Gracen Curtis 29.53, 9. Aubrie Stenerson 29.56, 10. Kady Wells 29.60, 15. Gabi Metzler 31.00, 16. Natalie Dillivan 31.25, 19. Gabby Harshman 31.41

Girls 400 Meter Dash

2. Brea Terry 1:06.32, 3. Jala Satterwhite 1:06.70, 5. Natalie Dillivan 1:09.80, 7. Maddie Hackenberg 1:13.91, 8. Amber Visocky 1:19.45

Girls 800 Meter Run

3. Sidney O'Brien 2:42.25, 4. Hailee Hyde 2:46.00, 5. Hailee Paul 2:49.90

Girls 1600 Meter Run

5. Jenna Merritt 6:53.04, 6. Jozzi Simpson 7:07.00

Girls 3200 Meter Run

1. Madelyn Horton 15:16.79, 2. Maggie Cappiello 16:50.51

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles

1. Sabrina Shoopman 16.55, 2. Caitlyn Miner 17.04, 4. Sidney O'Brien 18.34, 5. Tegan Lovelady 18.75, 8. Emily Sweet 20.59

Girls High Jump

5. Hailee Hyde 4' 5" 6. Gabri Lundberg 4' 5"

Girls Pole Vault

1. Maddi Hanks 9' 9", 2. Caitlyn Miner 9', 4. Jala Satterwhite 8' 6", 7. Maddie Hackenberg 7' 6", 10. Amber Visocky 6'

Girls Long Jump

2. Jala Satterwhite 14' 7", 3. Mattie Larsen 14' 3.25", 5. McKenna Hanson 14' 0.25", 6. Elsie Spomer 13' 7.5", 7. Gabri Lundberg 13' 6.5", 9. Maddie Hackenberg 12' 11", 11. Gabby Harshman 12' 8.75", 1. Kaitlyn Decker 12' 6", 14. Kortny Feller 11' 11", 15. Whitney Hull 10' 5.5", 16. Jasmin Preator 10' 0.75"

Girls Triple Jump

1. Elsie Spomer 32' 4.25", 2. Gabri Lund-

- berg 31' 6.25", 3. Jaz Haney 31' 2.75", 4. Brea Terry 30' 2", 5. McKenna Hanson 30'

Girls Shot Put

1. Cassidy Miner 34' 9", 3. Rachel Bonander 33' 4.5", 6. Coby Calcotte 30' 1.75", 7. Isabella Wambeke 28' 7.75", 8. Mattie Larsen 27' 10", 9. Jasmyne Lensegrav 27', 10. Tegan Lovelady 26' 9.5", 12. Katie McKenzie 26' 3.5", 13. Marie Ramier 25' 2", 15. Kortny Feller 24' 5.5", 18. Kaylee Stewart 23' 1.75", 20. Alissa Staidle 22' 6.5", 21. Crystal Emmett 22' 3.5", 22. McKenzie Clarkson 21' 6"

Girls Discus Throw

3. Rachel Bonander 97' 10", 4. Coby Calcotte 91' 3", 8. Kortny Feller 77' 9", 9. Cassidy Miner 77' 6", 12. Tegan Lovelady 69' 7", 13. Katie McKenzie 69' 6", 14. Isabella Wambeke 69' 1", 15. Jasmyne Lensegrav 66' 7", 16. Marie Ramier 65' 11", 18. Mattie Larsen 60' 3", 20. Alissa Staidle 55', 21. Crystal Emmett 41' 9"

BOYS RESULTS

Boys 100 Meter Dash

3. Brody Karhu 11.80, 4. Kaelan Groves 11.95, 5. Jacob Harrison 12.12, 6. Landon Lengfelder 12.22, 10. Jon Morrow 12.38, 11. AJ Lewis 12.40, 18. Evan Habaeck 12.64, 25. Canyon Gonzales 13.13, 25. Kalen Sapp 13.13, 27. Kaden Salas 13.26, 32. Christian Bitzas 13.81

Boys 200 Meter Dash

4. Jon Morrow 24.19, 5. Landon Lengfelder 24.84, 9. Joe Rogers 26.01, 10. Evan Habaeck 26.11, 12. Charlie Hall 26.40, 18. Kalen Sapp 27.53, 19. Christian Bitzas 28.42, 20. Jeremy Estes, 31.14

Boys 400 Meter Dash

4. Joe Rogers 55.67, 5. AJ Lewis 57.06, 8. Jesse Erickson 58.98, 12. Keith Gideon 1:04.63

Boys 800 Meter Run

3. Jayden Yates 2:18.03, 4. Alan Merritt 2:20.34, 5. Dylan Cordes 2:21.30, 6. Eyob Robirds 2:22.48, 7. Tyler Pfeifer 2:23.15, 8. Isaac Summers 2:39.91

Boys 1600 Meter Run

4. Joey Hernandez 5:10.39, 6. Keith Gideon 5:18.00, 7. Isaac Summers 5:30.00, 9. Riley McKeen 5:57.87

Boys 3200 Meter Run

2. Joey Hernandez 11:46.09, 4. Riley McKeen 13:32.61, 5. Keith Gideon 14:08.37

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles

3. Kacey Creed 17.70

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles

3. Kacey Creed 46.29, 5. Jaxton Braten 56.05

Boys High Jump Varsity

2. Colby Warner 6' 4", 6. Charlie Hall 5' 6", 8. Brailey Gann 5' 4"

Boys Pole Vault

1. Brody Karhu 13', 4. Reece Hackenberg 11', 7. Brooks Asher 9'

Boys Long Jump

3. Dylan Preator 18' 11.5", 4. AJ Lewis 18' 11.5", 16. Bryce Hogan 15' 11.5", 19. Tyler Lynn 14' 9.5", 20. Kalen Sapp 14' 9"

Boys Triple Jump Varsity

1. Dalton Woodward 42' 2.5", 2. Dylan

- Preator 4' 11", 3. Canyon Gann 39' 10", 9. Bryce Hogan 34', 11. Tyler Lynn 33'

Boys Shot Put

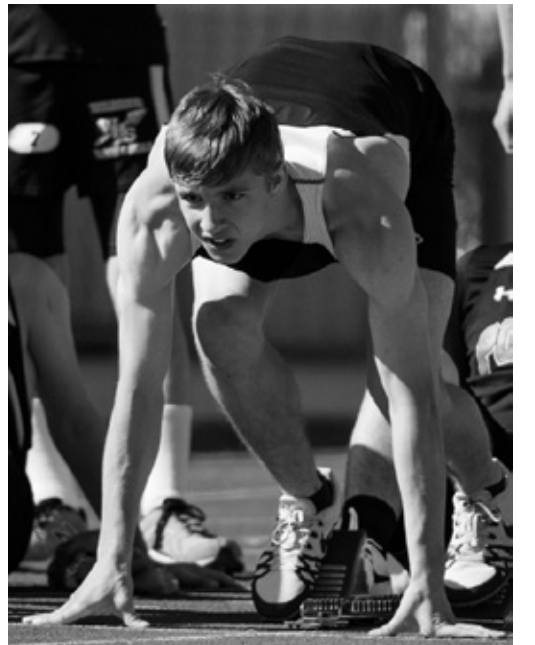
1. Cayden Lynn 44', 2. Ryan Good 43' 1", 10. Carter Olsen 37' 7", 12. Zeke Frankenberg 36', 14. Geordan Weimer 35' 10.5", 17. Shay Dillon 34' 6.75", 20. Canyon Gonzales 33' 1", 21. Zach Griffin 32' 11.75", 25. Nate Belmont 29' 10.5", 26. Macen Thomas 28' 8", 28. Andy Beavers 28', 30. Isaac Gutierrez 26' 8.75", 31. Kaden Salas 26' 7.5", 33. Tanner Moore 22' 7.25", 34. Macson Adams 22' 3.75"

Boys Discus Throw Varsity

3. Ryan Good 128' 10", 4. Cayden Lynn 121' 2", 5. Reece Hackenberg 117' 1", 6. Carter Olsen 116' 6", 11. Shay Dillon 107' 4", 12. Zeke Frankenberg 105' 8", 19. Geordan Weimer 94' 3", 20. Canyon Gonzales 92', 4" 22. Nate Belmont 87' 6", 23. Macen Thomas 85' 3", 24. Andy Beavers 78' 10", 26. Zach Griffin 77' 10", 27. Tanner Moore 76' 2", 30. Kaden Salas 61' 4", 32. Macson Adams 53' 4"



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Powell athletes hold their own against state's best

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Powell High School sent eight of its track and field athletes to compete in 11 events at this year's Wyoming Track Classic in Casper. The annual event features the state's top 10 (top eight in sprint events) qualifiers in each event, across all classes. Powell placed 16th as a team.

"It was a good showing; most of our kids placed either at or above where they were seeded," said PHS head track coach Scott Smith. "When you're talking about that caliber of competition, that's a pretty good statement."

What also impressed Smith about the group he took to Casper was the age of the kids who qualified: Of the eight participating, only two were upperclassmen.

"I don't know that we've ever taken this many young kids," Smith said. "That's what was unusual — how young the group we took down was."

JuliaKay O'Neill had the top showing for the Panthers, finishing second in the girls 800 meter run with a time of 2:21.57. O'Neill was the lone senior among the Powell contingent in Casper.

"The girl from Rawlins [Sydney Thorvaldson] who won, made the entire field look silly in the 2-mile. She had a 100-meter lead after 200 meters," Smith said. "She tried to do the same thing in the 800, and JuliaKay [O'Neill] just stayed with her, she ran a perfect strategic race. At the end, she [Thorvaldson] had a little bit more

in the tank ... but it was a good race. We have three weeks until state, so we know what we have to work on."

Sabrina Shoopman placed fifth in the 100 meter hurdles and sixth in the 300 meter hurdles, setting a personal best in the latter with a time of 47.85.

"She [Shoopman] knocked three-tenths of a second off her personal best," Smith said. "She had a really good meet."

Other Lady Panther competitors included Aubrie Stenerson, who finished 10th in the long jump at 15 feet, 6.25 inches, and Emma Karhu, an 11th-place finisher in the pole vault with a height of 8 feet, 6 inches.

For the boys, Brody Karhu qualified in two events. He finished fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.27, and seventh in the pole vault with a height of 12 feet, 7 inches.

Distance runners Alan Merritt and Jayden Yates each qualified for both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Merritt finished eighth in the 1600 with a time of 5:01.72, followed closely by Yates in ninth with a time of 5:06.96. Merritt was fourth in the 3200 with a time of 10:20.31, while Yates finished eighth with a time of 10:50.93. Sophomore Jay Cox qualified for the Classic in the 800 meter run, but was unable to compete due to illness.

"It was really a good trip; it was worth going down for and it was another beautiful day," Smith said. "The kids came out and competed. They're young, but they didn't get intimidated. They just came out and got after it, and that was fun to watch."

Boys soccer: Set to travel to Star Valley, Pinedale this weekend

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gain the control and turn it back up the field. The boys played their game, and it worked."

Though both teams created opportunities throughout, the game was scoreless at the end of regulation. Midway through the first overtime half, Panther forward Garrett Stutzman found the back of the net on a free kick from about 30 yards out, giving

Powell a 1-0 lead.

"That was a good kick by him," Dent said of Stutzman's shot. "The goalie got a finger on it, but it went in. We were controlling the game pretty good at that point."

Riverton was able to hold off the Panthers for the rest of the first OT half and well into the second. With the clock winding down and a Powell victory in sight, Riverton converted a header on a corner

kick with just 24 seconds to play — tying the game at 1-1 and escaping with a draw.

"We had it won; it just got away from us there at the end," Dent said. "Riverton played us tough, it was an exciting game."

Panther senior forward Rob Sessions led the team with four shots on goal, and the coach credited Sessions' aggressive play with providing a spark for the rest of the team.

"Rob [Sessions] played an awesome game, very physical, and he controlled himself very well," Dent said. "We put Garrett [Stutzman] up on forward for a while, and he played well at that position."

Steven Shopa also saw action at the forward position, as did freshman Jesse Trotter, usually found roaming the midfield for the Panthers.

"Jesse [Trotter] really looked good up front," Dent said. "It was a tough game to step into, and I thought he showed he could compete up there."

Dent also moved senior Jace Smith from his sweeper position on defense to forward at the start of the second overtime half. The move produced results, and Dent said the team may consider using Smith as an attacker again in future games.

"Jace [Smith] was just all over the place up front, really outrunning the Riverton team," Dent said. "I'm really proud with how he stepped that up and played really good ... He has a nice, aggressive style."

Senior Gabe Katz was in net the entire game for the Panthers, recording 11 saves. "Gabe [Katz] played excellent for us; he played solid," Dent said. "He was in position and moving around, really playing aggressive, coming out to get the ball on long boots — which is something he hasn't done a lot in the past. He played a smart game."

The Panthers head south this weekend for a pair of road games against Star Valley and Pinedale, teams they lost to at the start of the season. The team has grown a lot since then, according to Dent, and he expects both games to be highly competitive.

"This week's practice will be more of encouraging what the boys are doing well so far: control and possession," Dent said. "We'll also keep working on finishing drills, keep trying to make things happen there."

In their last matchup, Powell fell to Star Valley 8-0.

"That's not going to happen again," Dent said. "We're a different team, and it's going to be a good, quality game."



Panther midfielder Sam Bauer battles a pair of Riverton opponents during a game at Panther Stadium earlier this season. The rematch of the two teams ended in a 1-1 tie. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

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Lady Panther Treva Robson sprints away from a fallen Riverton opponent in a game earlier this season at Panther Stadium. The rematch between the two teams ended in a 2-2 tie. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Girls soccer: Tough competition

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and taking that 1-0 lead into the break.

"We were not the same team that was playing Cody, and that showed on the field a little bit," Haire said. "And Riverton looked good — they looked better than the team we beat 3-1."

After a halftime pep talk, the Lady Panthers came out for the second frame fired up, controlling the action from the start. Sophomore forward Kayla Kolpitcke tied the game for Powell about 15 minutes in on an assist from Michele Wagner. Minutes later, the two combined on a similar play to give the Lady Panthers a 2-1 lead.

"After that first goal, I told them, 'OK, let's hit 'em fast,'" Haire said. "Within a minute and a half, we scored again. Michele [Wagner] put a back cross in and Kayla [Kolpitcke] was in the box and just put a nice touch on the ball, right to the corner of the net. Both goals were pretty similar shots."

Powell's defense continued to keep the Lady Wolverines off balance, but with about four minutes left in regulation, Riverton snuck a shot by keeper Sydney Olsen to tie the game, sending it into overtime. The two overtime periods, according to Haire, were as physical a 20 minutes as the Lady Panthers have played all season. It ended in a tie.

"It was tough, man, both teams battling for sure," Haire said. "Riverton was moving the ball around and taking plenty of shots on us. I think Sydney [Olsen] had 18 saves in the game."

Haire also praised Powell's defense for doing a solid job of turning away the Riverton attack. "Defensively, Jalie Timmons had an outstanding game as the lead sweeper," the coach said. "She came away bruised and beat up, but the girl just doesn't have any quit in her."

Next up for Powell is a two-game road swing through Star Valley and Pinedale on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The Lady Panthers opened the season with a 1-0 win against Pinedale (2-11, 0-4) at Panther Stadium, but fell to Star Valley (6-6-2, 3-0-1) 4-0 the following day. The Braves currently sit atop the 3A Southwest Quadrant, and Haire said a win on Star Valley's home pitch would be one to remember.

In Haire's and assistant coach Stan Hedges' first year of coaching the soccer team, the Lady Panthers picked up a 3-2 victory in Star Valley.

"That was the first time Powell had ever beaten Star Valley," Haire recalled. "Since then, we've only scored one goal against them in four years. We beat them the first time we went there, but we haven't beat them since. We want to beat them at their place."

Janis Beal:

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move at this point in my career."

Beal, a Lovell native and the all-time leading scorer in Lady Trappers' history, took over the helm of the women's program in 2009. Under her leadership, the Lady Trappers advanced to the semi-finals of the Region IX Tournament three times (2013, 2015 and 2017), received the Region IX Sportsmanship Award (2013) and had numerous players named to the All-Region IX and the Region IX All-Defensive Teams. Beal's players also excelled in the classroom: In 2016, the Trappers were named the top team in the nation by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association for team GPA among two-year colleges, posting a 3.575 GPA. Beal's teams routinely consisted of multiple student-athletes being named Region IX Academic All-Region, as well as receiving different NJCAA Academic All-American awards.

Beal's record of fielding strong teams in the classroom was likely a selling point when it came time for C of I to make an offer.

"I think a big reason why I was interested to them was the success of our team academically," Beal said. "Academics are such a high standard there, you have to



Lady Trappers head basketball coach Janis Beal looks to sophomore Julynne da Silva Sa for an explanation during a game at Cabre Gym last season. Beal is stepping down as NWC's coach to take over the reins of the women's team at College of Idaho. Tribune photos by Don Cogger

bring in good academic kids. So I think that was definitely a draw. I definitely owe my kids for that, for being such great students and athletes. They are a reason for this opportunity."

The decision to leave NWC was far from easy, and Beal said being a native of the area and an alumnus of NWC only added to that difficulty.

"I've had the opportunity to

coach so many good kids here, and work with so many good people" Beal said. "Here has always been home — I went to school here, my family's still in Lovell. It's a bittersweet decision, for sure."

Breaking the news to her team was also a struggle, though Beal said she was touched by the support and encouragement she received.

"That was a hard conversation," she said. "I think we've built such great relationships that it's sad to leave them. There's never a good time to leave. If it was an easy thing to tell my team, then I'm not doing something right. The fact that it was as hard as it is just a testament to what we've built here and the relationships that we have with those kids."

The College of Idaho position will be Beal's first as a head coach at a four-year school, and she's excited at the flexibility the additional years will allow for player development.

"It's exciting to be able to think you can have kids for four years," she said. "I see so much development with our kids in just two years — imagine what you can do with four. [College of Idaho] has a great support staff; there are only about 1,000 students on campus, but about 45 percent of them are athletes,

spread around 20 different sports. Sports are such an important thing at that school, and the support system in place is just really exciting, to think you can be a part of something like that."

Asked what she'll miss the most about NWC, Beal said it comes down to the people: The players she's had the opportunity to mentor, the coaches she's worked with and the college staff she's closely worked with, day in and day out, over nine seasons.

"I'll miss the culture that we've created, the program itself," she said. "Those kids that have put their trust in me have really been a huge part of building that culture. And now I'll be starting over with that when I go there [C of I]."

And the most gratifying aspect?

"Just the relationship I've had with all of these kids," she said. "They come back and they're excited to come back and visit. Powell becomes their home away from home. So being able to still be in touch with those kids and have that 'Once a Trapper, Always a Trapper' pride is just really something special."

There have been several head coaching changes at Northwest College over roughly the past year, in the volleyball program and the men's and women's soccer teams.



Lady Trappers head basketball coach Janis Beal shares a hug with player Dani McManamen during Sophomore Night earlier this year at Cabre Gym. Beal is leaving NWC to coach at the College of Idaho.

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

YELLOWSTONE RIDERS MEET last Monday of every month at 7 p.m., Post 26 American Legion. (07TFCT)

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WYO CYSTERS - PCOS SUPPORT Group. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday every month at Powell Valley Healthcare's Conference Room from 7pm - 8pm. Follow Wyo Cysters on Facebook for updates and online support: www.facebook.com/WyoCysters Contact Lacey Huhnke at 307-254-2708 for more information. (39TFET)

TOPS - TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY - Chapter 169 meets Thursday evenings at 5:30 in the cafeteria at Powell Valley Healthcare at 777 Ave H. For more information contact 1-800-932-8677. (37TFET)

POWELL AL-ANON, support for friends and relatives of alcoholics, meets 2 times per week at Big Horn Enterprises, 146 S. Bent St.: Brown bag Tues. noon & Wed. 7 p.m. (north parking lot door). For information call 754-4543 or 754-5988. www.wyomingal-anon.org (103TFET)

CAREGIVER SUPPORT Group, 2nd Thursday of each month - 11 am, Powell Valley Hospital Courtyard Room. Contact: 307-754-1256. (66TFET)

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Keele Sanitation is now accepting applications for full time Sanitation Truck Drivers. Positions include septic, roll-off, route driver, and in-house mechanic. Drivers must be 21 years or older and have a CDL, clean driving record, and pass a drug test. Hours are 7:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Pay is DOE. Please apply in person at 31 Pearson Ave Cody, or 872 North Street, Or call 307-587-6616 BHB(33-36CT)

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Help Wanted

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING accepted for PART-TIME CUSTODIAN for the Park County Courthouse in Cody, Wyoming. This is a non-benefitted position. Applicants must be able to pass a complete background check. Nights, Monday through Friday, 25 hours/week, 7pm-12am (negotiable). Starting wage is \$11.35 per hour. Park County Application form is required and available at the Park County Commissioners Office located in the Original Courthouse at 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY, or on-line at www.parkcounty.us. Applications need to be submitted to the Commissioners Office no later than 3pm on Friday, May 4, 2018. Park County is an equal opportunity employer. (33-38CT)

PARK COUNTY ELECTIONS is taking applications for a temporary full-time Election Clerk, May through December. If interested please fill out an application and review the job description on the county website at www.parkcounty.us. Please return application and resume to the Park County Clerk's office by Friday, May 11. (35-37CT)

RAWHIDE MECHANICAL IS LOOKING for full time experienced commercial Journeyman/Master Plumbers. Must be able to work with and help direct laborers and apprentices. Must have proper hand tools for the trade, power tools provided. Follow safety procedures and be drug free. Salary DOE for more information stop by for an application or email resume to sherry@rawhidemechanical.com. (28-35PT)

Help Wanted

PIZZA ON THE RUN now taking applications for part time and delivery drivers. Apply at 215 E. 1st in Powell or call Brenda at 202-3216 for more info. (23TFCT)

Help Wanted

HOUSEKEEPER/KITCHEN POSITION available at North Fork Dude Ranch, June-August. Please call 307-587-3970. (30-38PT)

Help Wanted

FULL TIME SEAMLESS SIDING help needed. 40 hours a week plus overtime! \$14 - \$20 per hour DOE. Must have clean drivers license and be able to pass a drug test. Call 899-1863. BB(17TFCT)

Help Wanted

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UNITS TO BE SOLD:
252 ----- Mike Wentz
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302 ----- Angie Kotar

24 ----- KC Gibbs
159 ----- Justin Pack
183 ----- Shawn Moulton
231 ----- Clayton Brown
230 ----- Kathy Stephens
238 ----- Sherry Alvardo
128 ----- Mike Pendergrass
Publ., Tues., May 1, 2018

Gas decrease

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU or the Company) to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.378 per dekatherm (Dth) to its Firm Residential, Firm General Service, Small Interruptible and Large Interruptible customers, and a decrease of \$0.378 per Dth to its Optional Seasonal customers, through its Commodity Balancing Account (CBA), effective on and after May 1, 2018. The proposed pass-on decreases are attributable to a decrease

in the overall commodity price. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The average MDU residential customer using approximately 3.5 Dth in May 2018 may expect a monthly gas bill decrease of approximately \$0.80 or 2.7%, before taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage.

The proposed retail rate decreases result in a projected dollar-for-dollar decrease in MDU's May 2018 total revenues of approximately \$41,600, using projected sales volumes. The decrease does not change the Company's authorized rate of return.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.
MDU's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person

during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before May 25, 2018. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 30013-335-GP-18 (Record No. 14969) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.
Dated: April 26, 2018.
First Publ., Tues., May 1, 2018
Final Publ., Tues., May 8, 2018

