

WAPITI MURDER SUSPECT: KILLING WAS AN 'ACCIDENT'

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

A Wapiti man who shot and killed his wife last year says it was an accident — and he claims his civil rights have been violated since his arrest.

Dennis K. Klingbeil, 77, is facing a first-degree murder charge that alleges he killed 75-year-old Donna Klingbeil "purposely and with premeditated malice." Prosecutors allege the killing was the culmination of a long, bitter dispute over the couple's properties, worth millions of dollars.

Dennis Klingbeil — who attempted suicide after the shooting — has pleaded not guilty to the murder charge. In a two-page letter that was made public on Monday, he says he "accidentally [sic]" shot his wife on Aug. 5, 2018. His defense attorney, Donna Domonkos, previously suggested the killing could have been an accident, but the recent letter is the clearest



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KLINGBEIL

indication of what defense Klingbeil plans to offer at trial.

Special Deputy Park County prosecuting attorney Mike Blonigen has argued in filings that Klingbeil's past statements and actions — including alleged threats to other family members decades earlier — show a pattern of behavior.

"There is nothing sudden about what happened to Donna Klingbeil that night nor was it an accident," Blonigen wrote in filing.

The case is set to go before a jury in August.

"I have led a good life + have never been arrested or in trouble with the law," Klingbeil said in his letter to District Court Judge Bill Simpson, adding that he and his wife "have been together for 43 years."

The bulk of Klingbeil's letter objects to the way he's been treated since awakening in a bed at West Park Hospital a few days after the killing.

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Water demands will be met this year

BY KEVIN KILLOUGH
Tribune News Editor

Following an above-average year in 2018, the average-level inflow to Buffalo Bill Reservoir this year is not bad news for water use in the region.

Representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation were in Powell Thursday to give an update on the reservoir — and they also discussed the silt problems at the Willwood Dam and the recent ice issues on the South Fork of the Shoshone River.

"We're expecting good water supply," said Mahonri Williams, chief of resources with the Wyoming Area Office of

the Bureau of Reclamation.

Last year started off with the reservoir storage at 112 percent of average. The April to July inflow volume was 177 percent of average.

This year's composite snow and runoff are forecast to hit about 720,000 acre feet, which is down from 1.3 million acre feet in 2018 and just slightly below average.

The current snow water equivalent in the Shoshone Watershed is 107 percent of the Basin-wide 1981 to 2010 median.

"It's plenty of water to take care of demands," Williams said.

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Geissler's competency to stand trial questioned in prostitution case

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Medical experts are evaluating whether a Cody man is competent to stand trial on allegations that he encouraged a 17-year-old girl to become a prostitute and forcibly kissed her last year.

Last week, Park County Prosecuting Attorney Bryan Skoric requested that staff from the Wyoming State Hospital evaluate whether 79-year-old Kenneth "Val" Geissler is suffering from a mental illness or deficiency.

Geissler underwent a psychological assessment with a Billings doctor in early April and his findings were filed with the court, under seal, last week. That filing — and a motion that indicated Geissler may plead not guilty by reason of mental illness — prompted Skoric to file his request for a separate evaluation on Friday.

The examination will give an opinion as to whether Geissler as a result of mental illness or deficiency, lacked substantial capacity to appreciate the

wrongfulness of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law."

District Court Judge Bill Simpson ordered the new evaluation by the state and delayed the case by four months, setting a trial date of Oct. 16.

Geissler's defense attorney, Tim Blatt, had requested a delay last week, saying in an interview that more time was needed to evaluate Geissler's mental health.

The underlying allegation is that Geissler tried to entice a 17-year-old to become a prostitute last year, giving her explicit instructions on how she could work as a "whore."

He also is alleged to have repeatedly tried to get the teen to sleep with him as payment for money that she owed him. The case from Cody police is primarily based on interviews with the girl and two of her friends, letters Geissler allegedly wrote to her and statements he allegedly made in a recorded phone call with her.

He faces a felony count of

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Maggie Hatch helps her grandparents, Sandy and Bret Hatch of Powell, clean up thousands of nails on the north side of Deaver Reservoir on Saturday. It was part of a Big Horn Basin Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited clean up day of the popular recreation area. The chapter is celebrating its first anniversary and has adopted the lake for cleaning and access projects. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Unlimited future

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Cinnamon and blue-winged teal drakes chased hens in the shallows of Deaver Reservoir as a squadron of massive American white pelicans glided in for less than graceful approaches in the clear water. It didn't take but a quick glance to realize it's a special place.

Snow-capped peaks on the horizon contrast the jagged rock formations surrounding the reservoir. As waves break gently, western willets dwarf least sandpipers foraging together at the water's edge; red-winged blackbirds stand on guard atop cattails and snags, not sure what to make of frantic muskrats below.

Wildlife at the historic recreation area is at the spring peak, yet there's also a colorful hodgepodge of refuse that catches the eye. Everywhere, after years of neglect, insidious litter.

Both new and old, cans of more flavors of soda and beer than the dozens of species of birds seeking refuge are scattered in the tall grass, against the rocks and in the shallows. Plastic bottles, cigarette packaging and strips of blue tarp cling to seedlings and nestle under brush. Broken glass, old bait containers and thousands of nails left in the blackened scars of burned pallets make travel treacherous for the bare feet of families seeking summer fun and the tires that carry them

POWELL AREA RESIDENTS ORGANIZE TO CLEAN RESERVOIR, REVERE TASTY WALLEYES

there. future access.

But now there's hope for a

It all started with two walleye fishermen who decided they needed a voice in the community while sharing a couple brews in a Powell garage.

"We knew what we wanted to do but had no idea how to do it," said Chris Fry, vice president of the local Walleyes Unlimited chapter, pledging to clean up Powell's closest fishing resource and work to make upgrades for fu-

ture access.

**'It's great that
we have a group
willing to improve
this aquatic
resource and its
aesthetics.'**

Jason Burckhardt
Fisheries biologist

bers strong and growing.

Walleye initially brought the dedicated sportsmen to the warm water fishery outside Deaver. Stocked with thousands of fingerlings by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department each year, stories of monsters being pulled from the waters are bringing more to Deaver in search of the delicious, toothy fish.

Pat Slater, president of the Big Horn Basin chapter, is a tournament walleye fisherman and a long-time member of the Billings chapter of Walleyes Unlimited.

"We want to do a lot of the same things. They [Billings] already had a 501(c)3 and it was easy for us to begin our chapter under them because of

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A muskrat swims near the shore of the Deaver Reservoir, which is home to various wildlife — including many species of migrating birds.

Preparing for the worst, county builds EMP-proof room

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

As his time as Park County's Homeland Security Coordinator neared its end last week, Mart Knapp was busy putting up strips of foil in a subterranean room. The roughly \$12,000 project — intended to shield the room from an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) or solar flare — was one of Knapp's final efforts to help the county prepare for the worst.

As homeland security coordinator, Knapp has assisted in drawing up plans for responding to crises ranging from floods to earthquakes to extreme winter storms.

Weaponized EMPs and solar flares are a different kind of potential threat. They're bursts of electromagnetic energy from a weapon or the sun — and they carry the potential to destroy large swaths of the country's electric grid, communications



Working in the basement of the Park County Office Building last week, outgoing Park County Homeland Security Coordinator Mart Knapp smooths out some foil that's meant to shield the room from electromagnetic pulses (EMPs) or solar flares that can destroy electronic devices. Tribune photo by CJ Baker

A RED DOG'S FIRST STEP



A baby bison, known as a red dog, takes its first steps and snuggles with its mother shortly after its April 23 birth in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone National Park. Fossils and accounts from early travelers show that Yellowstone is the only place in the U.S. where bison have lived continuously since prehistoric times — and the herd is one of the few that remains genetically free of cattle genes, according to the National Wildlife Federation. Tribune photo by Mark Davis

Knapp retires from homeland security post

After 12 years as Park County's homeland security coordinator, Mart Knapp has retired.

Although the title may suggest the position deals with issues of national security, Knapp's position generally manages and prepares responses to local emergencies — like flooding or mudslides.

During his time in the post, Knapp helped institute a reverse 911 emergency notification system and oversaw updates to the county's emergency operations and mitigation plans. He also

spearheaded upgrades to the county's emergency operations center, radio room and meeting room. His last project involved shielding a room from electronics-damaging EMPs and solar flares.

"I feel good about the stuff we've gotten accomplished over the years," Knapp said last week, adding, "We're in better shape of being able to respond or deal with stuff."

The position has historically reported to the county commission, but commissioners recently decided it would make

more sense to move the coordinator's position under the management of the sheriff's office. Sheriff Scott Steward said he eventually hopes to combine the coordinator's duties with a position in his office, saving money.

The sheriff's office is currently advertising for Knapp's replacement.

Further changes are coming to the two-person homeland security office, as long-time office manager Ginny Ramey, a part-time employee, also plans to retire soon.

EMP: Lighting for room will be battery-powered

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systems and all the other things that rely on electronics.

"Anything that's exposed, there's a good chance that it's going to fry," Knapp said, adding, "It's going to set us back into the 1800s if it happens ..."

While the idea of a post-apocalyptic America might sound far-fetched, the issue is being taken seriously at the very highest levels of government: Last month, President Donald Trump issued an executive order noting the disruptive potential of EMPs; he directed various agencies to prepare for the threat.

"The Federal Government must foster sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective approaches to improving the nation's resilience to the effects of EMPs," Trump wrote.

Knapp says there are many entities that could launch an attack on the U.S., ranging from North Korea, Iran, China and Russia to terrorist groups like ISIS. As for the threat posed by the sun, researchers with NASA and various universities say Earth was nearly struck by a powerful "solar superstorm" in

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*Mart Knapp
Homeland security
coordinator*

2012 that could have had catastrophic effects.

"It's one of those things that it's not if it happens," Knapp said of an EMP. "It's when it happens."

That's why he and a couple of workers from the Park County Buildings and Grounds Department were in the basement of the old Cody jail last week, covering the walls and ceiling of a windowless 16-foot long, 12-foot wide and 9-foot high room with foil inlaid with a copper-mesh; to be extra safe,

Knapp had previously coated the walls with a special paint that contains aluminum and copper. Further, all lighting for the room will be battery-powered, disconnected from the grid, and the metal water line for the room's sprinkler system has been replaced with plastic piping.

The precautionary measures are meant to prevent electromagnetic energy from reaching the subterranean room, protecting the room's contents from any

man-made or solar EMP.

Knapp expects radios, satellite phones, portable generators and other electronics to be stored in the space; outside the room, the department also has EMP-shielded cases for some of its radios.

Knapp said Park County is the only county in the state that's been preparing for an EMP.

"My job is to be prepared for the worst case scenario," he said last year, adding that the potential of an EMP is "very possible."

Beyond his preparations, "in a lot of ways, ... we're going to be in better shape than places like the East Coast, West Coast, even in the Midwest, because we don't have the amount of people," Knapp said; he noted that the area has wild game, good water and a lot of livestock.

The work on the EMP-shielded room was funded by federal grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, distributed through the State Office of Homeland Security.

Wapiti: Case set to go before a jury in August

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After coming out of a coma from an overdose of medications, Klingbeil said a Park County Sheriff's Office investigator immediately began asking him questions — like, "Do you want to get something off your chest?" — without explaining his rights.

He also claims a mental health provider questioned him despite his requests for an attorney.

"I was not lucid," Klingbeil wrote. "But questions continued."

Prosecutors allege that, during the mental health evaluation, Klingbeil spoke of killing Donna Klingbeil in a "rage." However, it's uncertain whether those statements are admissible in court.

Judge Simpson has ruled that the information Klingbeil shared with the personnel at West Park and Yellowstone Behavioral Health generally must be kept confidential — unless the state

can show that Klingbeil waived the privileged nature of those communications. A Park County Sheriff's deputy was present for the interview and Simpson indicated that the admissibility may hinge on whether Klingbeil "expressly consented" to having a lawyer within 24 hours of being transferred from the hospital to the jail.

Klingbeil said his letter was intended to address "certain facts" related to the pending motions. In one portion, he suggests hospital staff and police were "colluding to get me to jail."

After he was discharged from West Park Hospital and taken to the Park County Detention Center on Aug. 9, Klingbeil said he was taken to a padded room where he had to urinate in a hole.

"I felt like a non-human," he wrote.

Klingbeil claims he spent "several days" in the padded room before being allowed to

speak to a lawyer. However, statements made in court indicate that Klingbeil briefly spoke with one of his initial attorneys on the morning of Aug. 10; that would mean Klingbeil talked to a lawyer within 24 hours of being transferred from the hospital to the jail.

At the close of his letter, Klingbeil told the judge he'd be willing to take a lie detector test to confirm the truth of his account.

"Never given an attorney, never read my Moranda [sic] rights + not told my phone conversations were recorded," Klingbeil wrote, referring to calls he placed from the jail. "This was wrong + violated my civil rights."

His letter from the Park County Detention Center is dated March 16, though it apparently took more than a month to reach the district court, with the envelope containing an incomplete address.

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OBITUARIES

**Robert
'Bob' Edwards**

(June 13, 1940 - April 28, 2019)

Robert "Bob" Edwards passed away on April 28, 2019, at the Spirit Mountain Hospice House in Cody.

Bob was born on June 13, 1940, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, to Clyde Edwards and Ellen Datkuliak.

After graduating high school, he served in the military from 1958 to 1961.

He married his wife, Vicki Sherman Sweet, on May 24, 1984, in Casper. They lived in



Ohio, California, and Wyoming. He worked as a truck driver and electrical mechanic.

He enjoyed traveling, puzzles, eating out every Friday night, and spending time with his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his father; mother; sister June; brothers Ray Edwards of Bakersfield, California, and Jack Edwards of Hubbard, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife Vicki; daughter Lora (Clark) Jeffs; stepsons Travis (Kim)

Sweet; Tracy (Stacy) Sweet; and Troy (Jamie) Sweet; brothers Chuck (Toni) Edwards of Niles, Ohio; sisters Betty Langston of Visalia, California; Patty Burton of Hubbard, Ohio; and Faye Fisher of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and nine grandchildren.

Services are on May 2 at 10 a.m. at Thompson Funeral Home 111 W. Third Street in Powell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Spirit Mountain Hospice House, 808 Canyon View Avenue, Cody, Wyoming, 82414.



BOB EDWARDS

**Ronald Hugh
Rickard**

(July 18, 1939 - Jan. 16, 2019)

Ronald Hugh Rickard passed away peacefully on Jan. 16, 2019, at Cody Regional Hospital.

Ron was born July 18, 1939, in Glenrock, Wyoming, to Hugh and Audrey Rickard. Ron attended schools in Powell and Northwest College. He married Delores Christman in July 1959.

He served his country in the National Guard during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. With his master's degree he received from the University of Wyoming, he went on to be a caring and inspirational math teacher at Cody Junior High.

Together, Ron and Delores lived in Cody, where they raised their two sons Steve and Scott Rickard.

When he wasn't teaching, Ron enjoyed farming and was

an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and snowmobiling. He was a long-time member of the Cody Elks Lodge. He loved to cook for his family, especially his famous pancakes and roasting the perfect marshmallow.

He loved playing games and cards with his kids and grandkids. He worked hard with his family to build and maintain the family cabin, which is still enjoyed today. He had many good stories and good times and lots of laughter shared with his family. He will be greatly missed.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents Hugh and Audrey Rickard and sister Judy Tollman. He is survived by his wife; sons and daughters-in-law Steven and Dina, and Scott and Angie; four grandchildren; two

great-grandchildren; and his sister and brother-in-law Terry and Bob Peterson.

Ron was cremated on Jan. 19, 2019. A memorial service will be held on May 3, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2025 23rd Street, Cody, WY 82414. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a celebration of life immediately following.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the First Presbyterian Church. The funds will be used to provide education



RON RICKARD

and training for professionals, parents and teachers who work with children from disadvantaged places. This will provide an opportunity for young parents and Cody-area professionals who will benefit from this continuing education opportunity for new knowledge and understanding. Please designate your donation as funds in memory of Ron Rickard.

Northwest Community College before enrolling at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Throughout high school and college, she worked a number of jobs to fund her own education. A number of summers were spent working for the Powell Recreation District where she helped direct the children's summer program.

Kari first married in 1986 and lived in Colorado, Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Washington state in pursuit of career enhancement opportunities. Kari ultimately earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing from Mercer College in Macon, Georgia, while she also worked as a young mother of her only child, a son, Devin.

Kari was a successful financial consultant with a long list of formally recognized accomplishments and awards for her superior performance.

For the last 19 years, Kari was in a loving relationship with her husband Merrill. They enjoyed many weekend getaways exploring the pristine beaches, restaurants and museums of their native Florida. Together they raised their beloved son

Devin with whom they instilled their values of honesty, integrity and good work ethic. Devin is a true legacy of her life.

Kari was artistic and loved painting, especially watercolors. She appreciated most artwork, attended painting, pottery and glass art workshops, and was an active supporter of the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida. She periodically returned to Wyoming to visit her mother in the quiet serenity of her rural childhood home.

Kari radiated genuine goodness, selflessness, kindness and compassion and enriched the lives of clients, friends, family and all who knew her. She is and always will be deeply missed by those whose lives she touched.

Survivors include her husband Merrill, son Devin (Michelle) Jones of New York City, mother Grace (Ken) Price of Powell, sister Klara, niece Sydney and nephew Ryan Maringas of Florida, as well as numerous cousins and uncles.

Per her request, no funeral services were held but rather a celebration of her life will be held at a later date in Florida.

KARI
MATLOVICH**Kari Faye
(Christensen)
Matlovich**

(Feb. 27, 1962 - April 1, 2019)

Kari Faye (Christensen) Matlovich of Trinity, Florida, passed away at her home on April 1, 2019, with her son Devin Jones and her husband Merrill by her side.

Kari was born in Cody to Rodney and Grace Christensen on Feb. 27, 1962, and was truly a blessing from God. The family made their home on West Willwood near Powell where Kari grew up with her younger sister Klara. It was here that Kari grew to love the beauty of nature, the mountains, the forests, along with hiking and long walks in the great outdoors.

While growing up, Kari became an accomplished equestrian, frequently riding without a saddle and breaking and training her very spirited 2-year-old quarter horse. She also became a talented seamstress, stitching much of her own wardrobe.

Kari attended Powell schools, from first through graduation, where she excelled academically and athletically in the sports in which she participated. After high school, Kari attended

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Treasurer denies threatening Human Resources staff

WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE
Via Wyoming News Exchange

Wyoming State Treasurer Curt Meier has denied an accusation that he threatened staff in the state's Human Resources Division.

The Wyoming Highway Patrol, which began looking into the allegation on March 21, closed its investigation Friday without identifying any criminal violations. Highway Patrol documents

say Meier had reportedly become agitated about other state agencies — including the auditor's and governor's offices — poaching his staff.

"The issue he had with the Human Resource Division was he could not easily reclassify his existing positions to higher-level ones to compete with the higher salaries offered elsewhere," the patrol's report read, adding, "Believing he was being treated unfairly by the Human Resources

Division, he stated he had already verbally beat up the department, but now he was going to have to do it physically."

That statement prompted members of the Human Resources Division to call Highway Patrol and go into lockdown.

"Let me be clear — I unequivocally deny that I made any threat," Meier said in a news release Tuesday, saying his conversations with HR "have always been professional."

"Willwood is getting attention from top-level agencies," she said.

They formed three working groups. The first was an initial clean up of trash and accumulated sediment, and this work has been complete. The second working group developed operating criteria to allow operations at the dam to proceed in such a way as to best protect water quality and the fisheries in the area.

The third working group is

some trash down river.

Carlie Ronca, manager for the BOR's Wyoming Area Office, said a number of agencies got involved following the release, including the Wyoming Game and Fish, Department of Environmental Quality, and the BOR.

"Willwood is getting attention from top-level agencies," she said.

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IN OUR OPINION

Retail initiative shows business sense and community spirit

The Wyoming Business Council, in coordination with Powell Economic Partnership, is pursuing an initiative to help existing local retailers and new businesses fill the retail void created by Shopko closing.

Local businesses and community leaders should be commended for this effort.

With so much pessimism surrounding retail these days, the plan is likely to be met with a lot of skepticism. Yet it's not so far fetched.

Bad news makes headlines, which tends to exaggerate problems and fuel gloom and doom narratives that don't get the scrutiny they deserve.

Year-over-year increases in online sales show rapid increases, which makes it appear e-sales are replacing brick and mortar stores. But the data doesn't quite support that conclusion. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated e-commerce sales were 8.9 percent of total retail sales in 2017, increasing to 9.7 percent in 2018. Some estimates put the figure at closer to 14 percent in 2018.

Whatever the case, the portion of retail sales completed online remains small, and projections don't expect e-commerce to grow to more than about 20 percent of total retail sales in the next five years.

Twenty years ago, we panicked over big box stores like Wal-Mart taking over all retail. By today, we would supposedly have a single giant box on the outskirts of Powell where everyone would do all their shopping. Yet downtown still has several shops, and we have two independent grocery stores in town.

That's not to say the big boxes didn't have a large impact. The mom and pop general store is gone. However, studies found that stores adjacent to big box retailers actually thrive from spillover traffic. There's an important caveat, though: The store has to offer something Wal-Mart can't sell.

An example of this would be a deli that serves hot Mexican dishes. Wal-Mart can sell a frozen burrito super cheap, but a local deli can offer authentic, ethnic cuisine from someone who can recommend a good dish for a community event.

The experience of shopping matters much more today than the practical purpose of the items customers purchase.

"You can't get the same experience online as you can in the mom and pop store," Amy Quick of the WBC said.

She's right. Retail is undeniably changing, and local retailers, if they are to survive, will need to capitalize on the small-town shopping experience that includes not just friendly smiles, but also neighborly customer service. They need to sell the items that people want to touch and try before they buy, and they need to beef up their online presence. All of this is possible.

It's nice to see local businesses working together during a tough time, with a "can do" attitude, business smarts and support from the WBC and PEP. This is what community is all about.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grateful for kind, honest people

Dear Editor:

I just got home from about a month in California and am SO GRATEFUL to be back! Then something happened that made me even more grateful.

Someone from the Powell Police Department called to say that a check of mine had been found on a canal bank and been turned in to them. Yikes! With the wind we had that night (Saturday), that check could have been anywhere.

I don't know who you are, but I am very grateful to you. I'm grateful to live in Powell, in Wyoming, where people are kind, honest and helpful.

Sincerely,
Jean Trammel
Powell

Experience at PVHC proves to be a positive one

Dear Editor:

My family moved to Powell in 2012, my son is about to graduate high school, and we've been blessed with never having a medical emergency — that is until this past February, when I fractured my left ankle.

Tim Waters
Powell

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Spring planting considerations

Ah, spring time — the time of year for new life, whether lambs, calves or plants. Caring for and nurturing the young is a special joy that agriculture producers get to experience on a daily basis, even though it can come with complications, frustrations or disappointment. Though not always as cute as fresh lambs or calves, being able to row your newly emerging crop can bring a sigh of relief just the same.

That also applies to fields. Planting preparations are already underway in some portions of the state. This is a good time to revisit the field conditions needed for good seed germination.

Do you know the three environmental factors needed for seeds to germinate? 1. Soil moisture, 2. Soil temperature and 3. Soil depth.

All three must be met before seed will break dormancy and germinate. These field conditions are equally important and cannot be separated out in order of importance. However, these conditions can be prioritized in terms of planting dates — with soil temperature being the most important factor.

Planting in optimum soil temperatures reduces the chance of the seed sitting in cool, wet conditions, potentially causing it to rot prior to soil temperatures rising to trigger germination. Soil temperatures should be measured early in the morning, 7 or 8 a.m., and at the proper seeding depth. Germination is rapid and uniform when crops are planted at optimum temperatures. Please refer to the table for minimum and optimum soil temperatures. Keep in mind there is a difference between minimum and optimum soil temperatures.

Soil moisture is the second factor, followed by seeding depth. Producers with irrigated fields can control soil moisture levels to a degree, while dryland producers are at the whim of Mother Nature. Spring precipitation is usually adequate in providing good soil moisture for germination over a good portion of Wyoming. As a rule of thumb, field crops need between 50-75

percent field capacity to germinate. This range of soil moisture levels allows the seed to properly respire and exchange gases, such as oxygen and carbon dioxide. In too wet of soil or compacted soil, carbon dioxide does not disperse from the seed, suffocating it.

Seeding depth is the most controllable of the three field conditions for producers. Soil depth provides optimal seed-to-soil contact, soil moisture and meets the seed's light requirements. Not all seeds have the same light requirement, although most seeds germinate best in dark conditions. Taking time to calibrate drills or planters prior to planting and checking the planting depth periodically in the field will assure the correct depth conditions.

Even if the environmental conditions, soil temperature, moisture and seed depth are at optimum conditions, the seeds may still not germinate. Do not forget there are also physical and chemical factors seeds need to overcome. Thick or hard seed coats is a physical dormancy factor, which is broken by scarifying or soaking. Chemical dormancy factors prevent germination with internal chemicals or metabolic conditions.

Be mindful of the soil temperatures and moisture as you determine the adequate planting dates for your fields. Take time to

calibrate equipment and check the depth periodically as you plant.

Planting when these three environmental factors are at optimum conditions will allow your plants to shoot out of the ground within days instead of weeks; however, there are just some seasons when these conditions are difficult to get perfect — especially with variable weather patterns, various field duties to accomplish and multiple crops to get planted.

(Jeremiah Vardiman is the agriculture and horticulture extension educator with University of Wyoming Extension. He is based in Powell.)

SOIL TEMPERATURES FOR GERMINATION OF SELECTED CROPS

CROP	Minimum (°F)	Optimum (°F)
Barley	40	68
Oats	43	68
Canola	50	60
Alfalfa	48	77
Birdsfoot trefoil	45	79
Red clover	45	77
Orchardgrass	40	65
Timothy	40	65
Field corn	46	86
Potato	45	65
Soybean	50	77
Dry bean	60	80

*Unofficial table prepared by Michigan State University from multiple sources: universities and government agencies in Nebraska, Alberta, Canada, and other locations.



Examine short-term health policies with extra care

If ever there were an award for the best "buyer beware" story, a tale detailing the pitfalls of short-term health insurance would certainly rise to the top of the list of nominees.

Short-term term policies — not to be confused with association policies — are hitting the market once again, sanctioned by the federal government and pushed by insurers and agents. These policies are sold for short durations such as three months, six months or a year, but coverage can be for as long as three years under rules set by the Trump administration.

They are being marketed as an alternative to Affordable Care Act policies and presented as a way for people to obtain insurance without paying exorbitant premiums. Indeed their low premiums — as much as 54 percent less than an Obamacare policy — are the main attraction.

"We guarantee that you always get the lowest price available on all the Short Term health insurance plans we sell," promises AgileHealthInsurance, an online seller. If you Google "Obamacare policies," you'll see other enticing ads such as "Cut your Health Insurance Costs! Many Health Plan Options for \$99/mo or less" and "Find Affordable Health Insurance—Quote to Card in 8 minutes."

But if you fall for the pitch and buy one of the newly resurrected short-term policies in eight minutes, you're likely to be in big trouble if you get sick. Health

insurance is complicated and hard to understand.

Perhaps sellers are banking on that.

First off, these policies are not required to cover anyone with preexisting health conditions — a key point not well understood by the public, which has gotten used to the fact that those requirements are included in Obamacare policies.

The short-term policies are returning to the pre-Obamacare days, when insurers could deny coverage for conditions like asthma, diabetes and glaucoma. A history of ear infections could be enough to disqualify a child from getting insurance.

Sometimes people could get insurance, but not for the very conditions for which they actually need the coverage.

It was common to see policies that excluded coverage for all diseases of the respiratory system or the circulatory system, but extended it for ailments affecting other parts of the body.

Now, because insurers are allowed once again to carefully scrutinize an applicant's health, it's possible to sell the cheapie policies some of the internet advertising is promoting.

A second limitation of the new short-term policies is the coverage itself. Unlike the ACA

offerings, these policies don't have to cover the 10 essential benefits that include maternity coverage, mental health benefits and prescription drugs. The Kaiser Family Foundation has identified some plans that do not cover maternity care, and only 57 percent of the plans the foundation surveyed covered mental health.

A policy from UnitedHealthcare's Golden Rule subsidiary — a company known for "cherry-picking" customers who constitute the lowest risk, meaning those who are healthiest and unlikely to generate claims — limits its pharmacy benefit to a maximum \$3,000. Its lowest level option offers

only a discount drug card, which entitles someone to a discount at point of purchase.

Higher levels of coverage provide a "preferred price card" meaning people pay at point of service, trying to get the lowest price. Then they can submit their claims to the insurance company.

Once the deductible is met, people pay only their coinsurance up to the maximum benefit of \$3,000.

Note: These arrangements are not the same as a full-fledged drug benefit, which pays a far greater share of someone's drug costs.

Companies selling short-term policies are not paying out much in claims, says Katie Keith, a principal in Keith Policy Solutions and a part-time faculty member at Georgetown University's Center on Health Insurance Reforms. Some policies pay out in claims only about 30 or 40 percent of every dollar they collect in premiums while Obamacare policies must pay at least 80 percent.

Keith says that consumers may be wasting their money on premiums for these short-term policies because companies have many ways to deny claims.

Earlier this year, a group of consumer representatives to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners commissioned a study and found that the public struggled to understand the marketing brochure for a popular short-term plan.

Consumers didn't understand the concept of the plans, and mandated federal disclosures were ineffective and went largely unnoticed.

In other words: Buyer Beware!

(Based in New York City, Trudy Lieberman is a journalist with more than 40 years of experience, specializing in insurance and health care. Her columns are provided through the Rural Health News Service. They're intended to provide factual information that readers can use. Lieberman can be contacted at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.)

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A motor grader and loader were the main pieces of equipment used to remove snow from 2 miles of U.S. 14/16/20, just east of Yellowstone National Park. They were part of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's annual effort to reopen the highway for the spring and summer, clearing the road from Pahaska Tepee to the East Gate of Yellowstone. The gate is tentatively set to open on Friday. Photo courtesy WYDOT

Highway between Pahaska and Yellowstone opens

YNP EAST ENTRANCE TO OPEN FRIDAY

Yellowstone National Park's East Entrance is slated to open Friday and the road leading to the gate is now accessible.

The spring opening road work on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 between Pahaska and the East Gate was recently completed, and the highway opened for the season on Wednesday morning.

This 2-mile stretch of highway is closed west of Pahaska

Tepee during the winter due to the limited amount of traffic, the Wyoming Department of Transportation said in a news release. The stretch has traditionally been a popular winter recreation area for cross-country skiers and people with snowmobiles.

The gate will open to the public at 8 a.m. Friday, weather permitting. Significant snowpack still exists in the Sylvan Pass

area, National Park Service officials cautioned on Wednesday. They said park rangers will monitor avalanche conditions and temporary closures may occur.

For the 2019 season, visitors should expect 30-minute delays along the East Entrance Road between Fishing Bridge and Indian Pond.

Information about current road conditions in the park is available at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkroads.htm, at

visitor centers in the park and by calling 307-344-2117. To receive Yellowstone road alerts on your mobile phone, text 82190 to 888-777.

With the stretch between Pahaska and Yellowstone's East Gate now open, WYDOT maintenance workers are shifting their focus to annual road-opening operations at U.S. 14-A east of Lovell in the Bighorn Mountains. U.S. 14-A usually opens by Memorial Day weekend.

Food service coming to Cody airport waiting area

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

It will soon get easier to grab a bite to eat before catching a flight out of Cody.

Yellowstone Regional Airport leaders recently decided to connect the airport's restaurant to the secure waiting area. The change will allow passengers to buy food or drinks from the restaurant after they pass through the TSA security checkpoint; up until now, travelers' dining options in the secure area have generally been limited to a vending machine.

In the coming months, however, they'll be able to buy goods from Cody Coffee Roaster, which is moving into the airport restaurant.

YRA board member Hans Odde said the restaurant renovations will cost the air-

soda saloon that served a full menu — was the most recent tenant, but it closed up

shop last week and will focus on its main location downtown.

Meanwhile, YRA will be the third location for Cody Coffee Roaster. It also operates in the old airport terminal, which is now Choice Aviation, and it recently opened a shop on Cody's 16th Street.

Cody Coffee Roaster plans to use the YRA space "as sort of a staging facility for their other two facilities," Odde said.

'... then we'll have an access window into the secure holding area for our flying public to be able to buy a cup of coffee and a crepe and things like that.'

Hans Odde, YRA board member

POWELL TREE ADVOCATE DEL BARTON SET TO RETIRE

BY MARK DAVIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Del Barton is heading West — retiring as the Powell parks superintendent and city arborist on Friday.

Barton spent five years with the city and has supervised numerous parks projects. They include the installation of fitness equipment at Homestead Park, many tasks to refresh baseball diamonds and public access areas and establishing the Powell Birdwatching Area at the city sewer lagoons in 2017. But more than anything, Barton loved his time as the city arborist. Barton worked hard to ensure Powell's aging trees were cared for and planned future projects to keep the city beautiful into the next century.

Gary Butts, the city's director of public works, will be filling

in as park superintendent until Barton's position is filled.

"We'll be replacing him sooner than later," said City Administrator Zack Thorington. "We have an experienced crew and seasonal help so we're in good hands. We wish Del the best."

Barton is retiring to the oceanside community of Brookings, Oregon, and plans to continue to follow his passion as an arborist part-time.

"I made some really good friends and colleagues here that will benefit Powell long after I'm gone," he said Wednesday. "I always looked at my role as a steward of city properties, parks and greenspaces and hope future employees continue to serve the community

and to have integrity — whether being watched or not — to do the right thing."

One of his biggest contributions was developing the Powell Arboretum at Veteran's Park in 2016, including an automated weather station. He literally wrote the book, City of Powell Parkway/Street Tree Planting and Establishment Guidelines. Both projects were funded largely by grants from the Wyoming State Division of Forestry.

Barton also developed the City of Powell Street Tree Maintenance Cost Share Program, which allows eligible residents to obtain financial assistance when trees are causing or may cause a disruption to city

streets, curbs, and gutters and need to be removed. The program was the first of its kind in the state. During the arboretum project he supervised the creation of the ArborScope software program for a city-wide tree inventory, created by Bartlett Tree Co., and conducted an inventory of all trees in Powell parks and on city property.

In 2017, Powell was awarded the Gold Leaf Award for their outstanding Arbor Day event by the International Society of Arborists, Rocky Mountain Chapter. Under Barton, the city also received the Tree City Growth Award given by the Arbor Day Foundation five consecutive years from 2014 to 2019.

Barton has helped plant numerous trees in the city, including 32 along the canal on West Coulter Avenue, and more than 100 in city greenspaces.



DEL BARTON

Powell council approves WYO Old West Brewing catering permit

When the Powell City Council gathered for a special meeting on Monday, it had only one item to consider: a catering permit for a Wednesday event at The Commons.

At the brief meeting, the council unanimously allowed WYO Old West Brewing to sell alcohol at Powell Valley Health-care's "Women's Night Out" special meeting.

City Clerk Tiffany Brando said the permit application was

submitted on April 25. However, with the catered event on Wednesday, and the next regular council meeting not until Monday, May 6, the only way the council could consider the permit beforehand was to hold a special meeting.

Since the applicant requested the special meeting, they'll have to pay the combined \$660 in stipends the six councilors receive, in addition to the \$50 permit fee, Brando said.

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DIGEST

DRIVER ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN ROLLOVER

A Powell man avoided serious injury after crashing and rolling his truck on U.S. Highway 14-A outside of Ralston Tuesday morning. The driver, 30-year-old Joe Cook, had been heading west when he lost control on the icy highway, said Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper Danny Hite. The Toyota Tacoma spun around, slid across the eastbound lane, went down an embankment and tripped; it rolled about 1 1/2 times before coming to rest in a pasture, Hite said. Cook was taken to Powell Valley Hospital, where he was treated and released. With Cook not wearing a seat belt, 'he was very fortunate that he wasn't ejected from the truck,' Hite said, suggesting the crash could have been fatal. Cook received citations, including for driving too fast for conditions and not wearing a seat belt.

Tribune photo by Don Cogger



Park County Sheriff urges motorcycle safety

With the recent warmer weather, motorcycle riders in Park County are finally able to get out on two wheels again. While it still may be a little early for motorcycles to be out in full force, the Park County Sheriff's Office is reminding motorists and motorcyclists alike to "share the road," in order to help prevent motorcycle crashes, deaths and injuries.

"Finally getting that bike out and feeling the wind in your face, you just feel like you're all of a sudden free again after all winter," said Sheriff Scott Steward, a motorcycle rider himself. "But fatal crashes with motorcycles are on the rise nationwide, and helmet usage is on the decline. We all need to be more aware of motorcyclists in order to save lives."

In 2016, 5,286 people died in motorcycle crashes, up more than 5 percent from 2015, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Motorcycle fatalities have increased for the second year in a row and are at the highest level since 2008, when 5,312 people died in motorcycle crashes. In 2016, motorcyclists were 28 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash per vehicle mile traveled.

"It's up to all motorists and motorcyclists alike to make our roads safer," said Steward. "By following some simple, common sense safety tips like obeying speed limits and staying focused on the road, deaths and injuries in Park County can be prevented."

NHTSA also offers the following tips to drivers:

- Though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has all the rights of the road as any other motorist. Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.
- Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- Be cautious not to misjudge the speed of an approaching motorcycle, especially at intersections. Because they are smaller, motorcycles can appear to be moving slower than their actual speed.
- If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be careful: motorcycle signals are often non-canceling and could have been forgotten. Always ensure that the motorcycle is turning before proceeding.
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.
- Always allow more following distance

— three to four seconds — when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

• Never drive distracted or impaired. Motorcyclists must also take precautions to remain safe on the road. They can increase their safety by following these steps:

- Wear a helmet and other protective gear.
- Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed.
- Use hand and turn signals at every lane change or turn.
- Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility.
- Activate headlight(s) — even during daylight hours.
- Ride in the middle of the lane, where you will be more visible.
- When in a group, avoid riding side-by-side.

"By following basic safety rules, we can all help prevent crashes," said Steward. "Our message is for all drivers and riders: Share the responsibility of keeping our roads safe and always share the road."

For more information on motorcycle safety, visit www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles.

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Angel "PeeWee" DeLeon

Thank You

On behalf of Arlene Ewalt, we thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and memorials. She loved having Powell as her "home" and spending time with her friends, her church and family. Her long battle with Lewy Body Dementia is finally over and she is now at peace with her Lord!

Arbie Ewalt and family, Lorinda (Ewalt) Bessler and family

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Historic Smokey Bear portraits on display

This August, Smokey Bear will celebrate 75 years at the forefront of the Forest Service's wildfire prevention campaign. To commemorate Smokey's contributions to the U.S. Forest Service and wildfire prevention, replicas of historic portraits of the iconic bear, drawn by artist Rudolph Wendelin, are traveling to national forests across the country this year.

The Shoshone National Forest is hosting the tour through Saturday. An exhibit of 16 replicas, provided by the National Agricultural Library, is on display at the Park County Library in Cody. The library is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Wendelin created hundreds of Smokey

representations that highlighted natural resource conservation and wildfire prevention. Under his direction, Smokey assumed the softer human features, ranger's hat, jeans and shovel for which he is best known.

Replicas of Wendelin's work are also being displayed at libraries in Dubois and Lander.

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Courtesy photos



JOHN WESLEY POWELL

John Wesley Powell talk on Tuesday

A Tuesday talk will cover the ideas of John Wesley Powell — the famed explorer, geologist and namesake of the City of Powell — and the issue of water in the West.

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Park Ranger Todd Johnson will give the presentation, set to start at 6 p.m. at the Homesteader Museum.

Powell's views about the importance of water in the west, largely ignored in his time, have become prophetic, Johnson said. He said the topic is at the forefront of the regional conversation about economic development and climate issues.

Powell was a visionary about the judicious

use of water in the West in the latter part of the 19th century, and while many of his ideas were rejected by his peers in government at the time, they later became the basis of the creation of the Bureau of Reclamation," said Johnson. "His impact and legacy on the West cannot be understated. He is truly an American icon and I'm looking forward to sharing what I've learned."

Todd Johnson
Park ranger

'His impact and legacy on the West cannot be understated.'

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A Big Horn Basin Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited volunteer works the high ground along the access road to Deaver Reservoir during a Saturday clean up day. Tribune photos by Mark Davis

Deaver: Several fisheries in the area stocked with walleye by Game and Fish

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the difficulties establishing [a nonprofit]," Slater said. "Since our water runs into Montana, it's kind of a natural fit."

The Sheridan walleye chapter has also joined forces with Montana. The Big Horn Basin group's ultimate goal is to establish Walleyes Unlimited of Wyoming. But that's a few years off and community service, spreading the word about Wyoming's walleye fisheries, and sharing their love for the sport are their first orders of business. It won't take long for word to get out about Deaver.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department has been monitoring and stocking Deaver Reservoir for the past 22 years. Each May, teams from the Cody Region do electroshocking to measure productivity in the 30-acre body of water. They run a 60-minute test called the Catch-Per-Unit-Effort. In 2008, after finding CPUE levels well below acceptable ranges, the legal limit for walleye was cut in half, dropping the limit from six to three fish per day.

"Unfortunately, we were seeing an over-harvest of the population," said Cody Region Fisheries Biologist Jason Burckhardt.

Lowering the limit has paid off. In the decade of monitoring from 1997 to 2007, there were only four years of acceptable walleye found. From 2008 to 2018, only one yearly test was below acceptable levels, Burckhardt said. Last year, the team counted 115 walleye in an hour; 82 of those averaged 12.2 inches, with an average weight of about a pound. The largest caught in the test was 25 inches and 4.62 pounds — a sweet walleye. Slater pulled a 15-pounder from the reservoir's open water last year and



Western willets and a least sandpiper forage along the shore at Deaver Reservoir. The shorebirds are among more than two dozen species seeking refuge at the reservoir.

several 10-plus pounders were pulled through the ice this past winter.

There are several fisheries in the area stocked with walleye by the Game and Fish. Slater called the opportunities in the area exceptional and mentioned several options including Bighorn Lake, Boysen State Park and, "unfortunately," in Buffalo Bill Reservoir, where the fish were illegally stocked some time ago.

"We're trying to help the state out by catching as many as we can," he said.

Burckhardt said fishing is "phenomenal" in the Bighorn River and Lake for sauger, a cousin of the walleye. Native sauger in the Bighorn River are one of the last pure strains of

the species in the country.

The chapter chose Deaver Reservoir because it needs a lot of work, said Jim Liner, secretary and treasurer of the chapter.

"It gets fished heavily," Liner said. "It's logically close to many in the group to make it easy to work here in the future."

Most of the chapter's members are from Powell and the surrounding area. Deaver is unique, offering easy access to fishing for those without boats. Getting a boat in the reservoir is no easy feat, so it's harder for those with larger boats. Raising money to build a boat ramp is one of the chapter's goals. They'd also like to build fishing docks. But it's going to take

time and money, Liner said.

The group is planning future fundraising events and several more rounds of cleaning to get Deaver back in shape after years of neglect. The Bureau of Reclamation manages the property and would like to give it to the Game and Fish, but "there's maintenance our Habitat and Access crews can't take on at this point," Burckhardt said.

However, there are plans in the works for a new boat ramp, Burckhardt said, and with a new volunteer crew willing to give the reservoir annual spring cleanings, Deaver Reservoir is on the rebound.

"It's great that we have a group willing to improve this aquatic resource and its aesthetics," Burckhardt said.

Worker sentenced for sex crime in Yellowstone

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

A Texas man has been ordered to serve a year in federal prison for sexually abusing a woman in Yellowstone National Park in June 2018.

Paul W. Wills III, 33, was sentenced last week on a felony count of abusive sexual contact. Federal prosecutors say Wills sexually touched the woman while she was "extremely intoxicated." The elements of the crime say the woman was "incapable of appraising the nature of

the conduct and was physically incapable of declining participation and communicating her unwillingness to engage in" the sexual contact.

A sexual assault nurse examiner reported observing some kind of injuries to the victim, according to court documents, which contain few details of the case.

The crime took place near some employee housing in Mammoth Hot Springs, where Wills had been working for a park concessionaire, said Mark Trimble, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Wills has been in federal custody since July 23, when he was arrested in Bozeman, Montana.

At last week's sentencing hearing, U.S. District Court Judge Scott Skavdahl ordered Wills to serve 12 months and one day in prison. That will be followed by five years of supervised release that will begin with a six-month stint at a residential re-entry center.

While on supervised release, Wills must obey the law, complete a substance abuse treatment program and a sex offender treatment program, stay out of

bars and away from alcohol and other intoxicants, register as a sex offender and not associate with any mentally disabled or vulnerable adults. Among other conditions, Wills must also participate in mental health treatment, including taking any prescribed medications.

Some concerns were apparently raised about Wills' competency during the proceedings, as Judge Skavdahl ordered the defendant to undergo a medical/mental examination.

The National Park Service investigated the case.

Geissler: 79-year-old has since been released on an ankle monitor

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promoting prostitution and a misdemeanor count of unlawful contact, related to an allegation that he kissed the teen without her consent.

Geissler was arrested in September and later released on bond. However, he was re-arrested in March, after he reportedly brought a different, 16-year-old girl to a Bible study and church service. That was in violation of bond conditions that generally required him to steer clear of young people

while the case is pending.

Geissler has since been released on an ankle monitor, with explicit instruction from Judge Simpson that "you're not to have any contact with any minors under the age of 18 — boy, girl; with family, not with family; at church, not in church; anywhere, anytime."

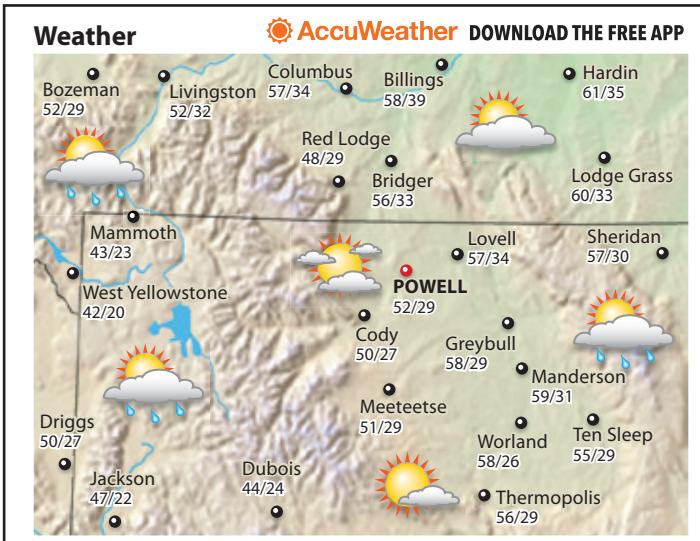
In court in March, Blatt said that Geissler "being an individual

who's about 80 years old, did not understand" the previous bond conditions. Simpson suggested Geissler had been "confused," but Geissler told the judge he knew what he was doing and had simply misunderstood.

"I'm not going to sit in front of somebody and use that as some scapegoat tactic," Geissler said. It's unclear what findings

were made by the Billings psychologist who evaluated Geissler last month, as the report is confidential and both Blatt and Skoric declined to comment on it.

In last week's request for a delay, Blatt said he and Skoric "are attempting to work out a possible plea agreement" — repeating a statement he'd made in a January filing. However, Blatt said in an interview that the language was included in the motion by mistake, saying the case appears to be heading toward a trial.



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Weekly Almanac

Powell for the 7-day period ending Tuesday

TEMPERATURES

High/low 64°/24°

Normal high/low 62°/24°

Average temperature 40.9°

Normal average temperature 48.0°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week 0.26"

Month to date 0.33"

Normal month to date 0.51"

Year to date 0.71"

Normal year to date 1.14"

Percent of normal month to date 65%

Percent of normal year to date 62%

Sun and Moon

Sunrise/Sunset 6:04am/8:21pm

Moonrise/Moonset 5:29am/6:04pm

New Moon May 4

First Quarter May 11

Full Moon May 18

Last Quarter May 26

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5-day Forecast for Powell	
Today	Times of clouds and sun
52° 29°	
Friday	Partly sunny
60° 34°	
Saturday	Partial sunshine
59° 37°	
Sunday	Intervals of clouds and sun with a passing shower
64° 42°	
Monday	Cloudy with spotty showers
67° 43°	

The State		Today	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Buffalo	53/31/s	Green River	54/32/pc
Casper	53/28/s	Greybull	58/29/pc
Cheyenne	54/30/s	Jeffrey City	49/28/s
Gillette	55/31/s	Kirby	58/28/pc

The Nation		Today	Today
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/67/pc	Houston	87/72/c
Boston	48/44/r	Indianapolis	73/54/t
Chicago	52/42/r	Kansas City	62/49/c
Dallas	79/65/t	Las Vegas	82/62/s
Denver	60/34/pc	Los Angeles	72/55/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Middle school track teams compete at Sheridan Invite

CUBS, LADY CUBS COMBINE TO WIN 13 EVENTS

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

The Powell Middle School track and field teams traveled to the Sheridan Invitational over the weekend, turning in a host of impressive performances against some of the top schools in the state.

Though team scores weren't kept, the Cubs and Lady Cubs combined to win 13 events — a sign of good things to come with the conference meet scheduled for this weekend in Thermopolis.

LADY CUBS

Waycey Harvey had a day to remember for the seventh-grade Lady Cubs, winning the 100 and 200 meter dashes, as well as the long jump. She was also a member of the 800 meter sprint medley relay team that finished first, along with teammates Victoria Beaudry, Lauryn Bennett and Amiya DeFoe-Love.

K. Black posted a pair of second-place finishes in the distance events, winning silver in the 800 and 1600 meter runs. The 4x400 relay team of Amiya DeFoe-Love, Kenzie Fields, K. Black and Aubree Fisher also finished second. Beaudry was fourth in the discus, while Dazi Simpson was sixth in the shot put.

For the eighth grade Lady Cubs, Kami Jensen also had a day for the books, winning the 100 meter dash, the 100 and 200 meter hurdles and finishing fourth in the high jump.

Grace Coombs excelled on the track and in the field, posting

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LINEUP

This Week in Powell Sports

*Home events in bold

FRIDAY, MAY 3

PHS Girls' Soccer at Lander, 4 p.m.
PHS Boys' Soccer at Lander, 6 p.m.
PHS Track at Cody Trackstravaganza, 2 p.m.
PHS Golf at Cody Invitational, Olive Glenn Golf Course, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

PHS Girls' Soccer at Pinedale, 11 a.m.
PHS Boys' Soccer at Pinedale, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 6

PHS Athletic Awards Banquet, PHS Commons, 6 p.m.

Panther golf fifth at home invitational



PHS golfer Crandell Sanders chips on to the green during Friday's Powell Invitational at Powell Golf Club. The Panthers finished fifth in the tournament, while Sanders carded a 92 on the day. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

HIGGINS FINISHES SEVENTH WITH AN 82

Battling the elements and truncated numbers due to an ill-timed Spring Break week, the Powell High School golf team still managed to place fifth at its home invitational on Friday.

Lander finished in the top spot at Powell Golf Club, with an overall score of 309 — with four Tigers carding rounds in the 70s. Medalist Dominic Yates led the Lander charge with a 74, beating Thermopolis' Hardy Johnson by a stroke.

Sheridan carded a 345 for second place, Worland was third with a 374 and Thermopolis claimed the fourth spot with a 375. The Panthers rounded out the top five with a 402. The Lady Panthers did not have a golfer in the event.

"We were able to squeeze our tournament in on Friday just before the rain and wind kicked up," said PHS head coach Troy Hildebrand. "With Spring Break falling on this week, we only had

four boys playing. All three of the girls were out of town and some other players had previous commitments, which worked out just fine."

George Higgins was the top Panther in the field, carding an 82 to finish seventh on the boys' side.

"George [Higgins] put together his best tournament round to date as he shot 39-43 Friday," Hildebrand said. "As always with George, he seems to improve each week and he is working very hard on his game."

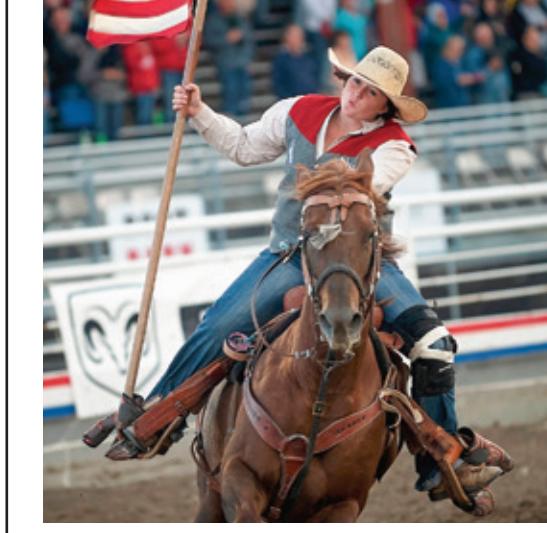
Troy Hildebrand
Head coach

Higgins has already played 30 rounds this spring, using that time to target areas which need improvement. Hildebrand said the future looks bright for the young golfer.

"He [Higgins] could break 80 before the end of our spring season, and I'm very confident that

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Brailey Newman flies the American flag in the opening ceremony of the Trapper Stampede Rodeo last September in Cody. Newman finished fifth in the women's all-around at the UM rodeo last weekend. Tribune photo by Carla Wensky



Trappers take second, Lady Trappers third at UM rodeo

NEWMAN FIFTH IN WOMEN'S ALL-AROUND

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

In its second-to-last event of the spring season, the Northwest College rodeo teams did well at the U of M Spring Rodeo. The Trappers finished second behind Montana State, while the Lady Trappers took third, behind University of Montana.

Western and Montana State. NWC sophomore Caleb McMillan, ranked first in the nation in the men's all-around, did well the first day of the event, but was unable to compete the second day due to a competition elsewhere.

"Caleb had to go to Torrington for the steer tripping

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LADY PANTHERS DRAW WITH WORLAND

WAGNER'S GOAL ENDS FIVE-GAME LOSING SKID IN 1-1 TIE

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

Sapping a five-game losing streak that dated back to the beginning of April, the Powell High School girls' soccer team head into May on a positive note: The Lady Panthers played Worland to a 1-1 draw Tuesday afternoon at Panther Stadium.

Battling strong winds, light snow and a Lady Warriors team that routed them 5-1 just two weeks ago, the Lady Panthers used a tenacious defense and a Michele Wagner goal to earn a much-needed point in the standings. It gives them a realistic shot at salvaging a state tournament berth.

"Believe it or not, that draw was huge for us," said PHS head coach Jack Haire. "We worked really hard during the week on getting our minds right, getting our focus back into the game of soccer and not giving up. Coach [Stan] Hedges really lifted the kids up this week, and we saw a drastic change from the Cody game. We played like we knew we could."

With winds gusting out of the north, Haire elected to play into the wind the first half, a gamble that paid off. Keeper Mattie Larsen had a big first half en

route to an impressive 23 saves for the game, as she and the Lady Panthers' defense held Worland's potent offense to a single score.

"We knew we wanted to load up defensively to shut them down, so when we won the coin toss, we decided to take the wind the second half," he explained. "So we loaded up our defense that first half to try and give us a shot at hanging with them. I think we frustrated them."

Worland scored its only goal of the contest in the game's 18th minute.

"It was a nice shot [by Worland], but I think if our keeper could go back in time, she would have waited about a half-second longer to jump," Haire said of Larsen. "She was there, she had a bead on it, she just mistimed it. She'll get that with time. She's an outstanding keeper and she had a great game."

Down 1-0 at the half, Haire said the team was upbeat during the break, knowing they would have the wind at their backs the rest of the contest.

"We loaded up our forwards and mids, and I challenged them to score a goal within the first three minutes — we

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PHS goalkeeper Mattie Larsen squares up to defend a shot from a Worland player Tuesday at Panther Stadium. The Lady Panthers battled the Lady Warriors to a 1-1 draw, snapping a five-game losing streak. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

PANTHERS FALL SHORT AGAINST NO. 1 WORLAND 1-0

POWELL MOVES UP TO NO. 3 IN 3A

BY DON COGGER
Tribune Sports Editor

In a battle of 3A heavyweights, the Powell High School boys' soccer team came up just short against top-ranked and undefeated Worland Tuesday, losing 1-0 at Panther Stadium.

It was the third meeting of the season between these two teams, with the Warriors earning the season sweep. That said, first-year PHS head coach Dave Gilliatt said he was proud of his team's effort in a game that could have swung either way.

"I'm competitive, and I know my boys are competitive, so we weren't overall happy with the result," he said. "But I saw a lot of improvement out of my players. They played well as a team against the toughest opposition

they'll face in a game situation. We deserve to have our heads high. That game could have easily gone 1-0 us."

A 0-0 stalemate after the first half, Worland scored what would be the gamewinner on a free kick, just minutes into the second frame. The rest of the game was, much like the first, a showcase for both team's defenses. As pleased as he was with the play of his keeper and back line, Gilliatt said that offensively, his team was a little flat. Gilliatt said wind was a factor for both sides, with the Panthers needing to capitalize better on their wind-aided opportunities.

"I don't think we were firing on all cylinders," he said. "We've got a little bit more room to improve. I had some

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Panther midfielders Ernie Acevedo (left) and Garrett Morris (No. 32) surround Worland's Cole Venable during a Tuesday afternoon game at Panther Stadium. The battle of two of the top teams in 3A went to the Warriors, who took a 1-0 win. Tribune photo by Don Cogger

Cub track: Travel to Thermopolis this weekend for conference meet

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second place finishes in the 400 meter dash and the discus, while finishing third in the shot put. She also ran a leg of the winning 800 sprint medley relay team, along with Vanessa Richardson, Abby Wambeke, and Megan Jacobsen.

Alexis Terry was runner up in the 1600 meter run, and Jacobsen was third in the 800 meters. Maddie Campbell was the top Lady Cub finisher in the 200 meter dash with a sixth-place finish.

CUBS

Marshall Lewis had a busy day for the seventh-grade Cubs, winning the high jump, placing third in the 800 meter run, taking fifth in the long jump and finishing sixth in the 400 meter dash. Stuart Shoopman won the 200 meter hurdles and placed second in the 100 hurdles; he also placed second in the high jump.

Adam Williams was the top Cubs finisher in the 400 meter dash and the 200 meter dash, finishing second and third, respectively. Wyatt Blackmore was fourth in the discus, while Tevon Schultz was seventh in the triple jump.

For the eighth grade Cubs, Bryan Benner, Daniel Merritt and Simon Shoopman each won an event. Benner finished first in the discus, to go along with a second-place finish in the shot put. Merritt won the 1600 meter

run while finishing third in the 800 meter run; Shoopman was first in the 100 hurdles and third in the 200 hurdles. Josh Ashcraft posted a second-place finish in the 200 meter dash.

In other field events, Tristan Gillett finished second in the triple jump, while Jace Hyde's height of 4 feet, 10 inches in the high jump earned him fourth place; Hyde also placed third in the 400 meters. Jack Beaudry was fifth in the long jump.

The PMS track and field teams are on the road this weekend for the conference meet in Thermopolis.

2019 SHERIDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL INVITATIONAL RESULTS

GIRLS RESULTS

Seventh Grade Girls

100 Meter Dash

1. Waycee Harvey 13.46 PR, 18. Kinsley Braten 16.27, 27. Shandi Salas 16.77 PR, 33. Maci Borders 17.15 PR

200 Meter Dash

1. Waycee Harvey 28.12 PR, 9. Amiya DeFoe-Love 32.68, 18. Shandi Salas 34.17 PR, 25. Maci Borders 36.14

400 Meter Dash

9. Aubrie Fisher 1:17.42, 11. Kenzie Fields 1:18.75

800 Meter Run

2. K. Black 2:52.75 PR, 4. Aubrie Fisher 2:59.37 PR

1600 Meter Run

2. K. Black 6:29.18, 5. Kenzie Fields 6:39.66

100 Meter Hurdles

9. Lauren Bennett 20.56 PR, 15. Victoria Beaudry 26.68

200 Meter Hurdles

11. Victoria Beaudry 37.98

4x400 Relay

2. Amiya DeFoe-Love, Kenzie Fields, K. Black, Aubrie Fisher 5:02.84

800 Sprint Medley Relay

1. Victoria Beaudry, Lauryn Bennett, Amiya DeFoe-Love, Waycee Harvey 2:07.76

Long Jump

1. Waycee Harvey 15'6", 6. Amiya DeFoe-Love 12' PR, 13. Maci Borders 11'1", PR, 17. Kenzie Fields 10'5", 25. Shandi Salas 9'9" PR

Triple Jump

4. Amiya DeFoe-Love 26'11" PR, 15. Kenzie Fields 22', 18. Shandi Salas 20'

Shot Put

6. Dazi Simpson 21'4" PR, 7. Victoria Beaudry 20' 8", 8. Dakota Hernandez 19'6", 17. Kinsley Braten 16' 5" PR

Discus

4. Victoria Beaudry 61'9", 6. Brooke Bessler 59'11" PR, 9. Dakota Hernandez 53'8", 12. Dazi Simpson 52'6" PR, 17. Kinsley Braten 46'9" PR

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

100 Meter Dash

1. Kami Jensen 13.70, 11. Maddie Campbell 14.87, 16. MacKenzie Cheney 15.34 PR, 23. Blake Nissen 15.73, 37. McKenna Alley 16.58, 41. Regan Sapp 17.27 PR

200 Meter Dash

6. Maddie Campbell 31.07 PR, 10. Vanessa Richardson 31.57, 12. Blake Nissen 32.59, 13. Gracie Trotter 32.64 PR, 26. Kaylee DeGlu 34.86

400 Meter Dash

2. Grace Coombs 1:08.11, 3. Megan Jacobsen 1:08.96 PR, 24. Kaylee DeGlu 1:26.15

800 Meter Run

3. Megan Jacobsen 2:40.45 PR, 5. Alexis Terry 2:53.29 PR

1600 Meter Run

2. Alexis Terry 6:33.59

100 Meter Hurdles

100 Meter Run

BOYS RESULTS

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

100 Meter Dash

11. Kaden Clark 14.88, 15. Jimmy Dees 15.28, 23. Adam Flores 17.37 PR, 26. Clayton Emmett 18.34

400 Meter Dash

3. Adam Williams 28.85, 8. Sam Johnston 29.83, 16. Kaden Clark 31.64, 19. Tevon Schultz 31.93, 26. Adam Flores 35.51

400 Meter Dash

2. Adam Williams 1:02.96, 6. Marshall Lewis 1:06.00, 7. Stuart Shoopman 1:06.59, 18. Seeger Wormald 1:15.01, 22. Carson Lawrence 1:27.29

800 Meter Run

3. Marshall Lewis 2:30.95, 11. Tevon Schultz 2:53.81, 16. Seeger Wormald 2:58.87, 21. Kadin Woods 3:11.77, 22. Jonathan Hawley 3:13.45, 24. Cole Young 3:17.32

1600 Meter Run

6. Seeger Wormald 4:36.30, 11. Ethan Melton 4:47.14, 12. Jonathan Hawley 4:48.89, 13. Kadin Woods 4:56.72, 14. Cole Young 7:22.48

3200 Meter Run

4. Evan Stadile 13:19.37

100 Meter Hurdles

2. Stuart Shoopman 17.86, 11. Jimmy Dees 20.32, 22. Ethan Melton 23.12

200 Meter Hurdles

1. Stuart Shoopman 30.96, 13. Jimmy Dees 37.24, 17. Merced Jordan-Silva 38.73

800 Sprint Medley Relay

2. Sam Johnston, Jonathan Hawley, Kaden Clark, Adam Williams 2:02.74

High Jump

4. Kami Jensen 4'6", 10. Gracie Trotter 3'10", 10. MacKenzie Cheney 3'10"

Long Jump

15. Maddie Campbell 12', 19. Blake Nissen 11'6"

Triple Jump

7. Alexis Terry 26'10", 8. Gretel Opps 26'5", 11. Kaylee DeGlu 25'11", 17. Gracie Trotter 24', 24. Josie Griffin 21'1"

Shot Put

3. Grace Coombs 25'8", 11. McKenna Alley 23' 11" PR, 12. Lilly Morrison 23' 10" PR, 13. Grace Sapp 23' 7", 14. Jamalee Hernandez 23' 6", 17. Allison Morrison 21'9"

Discus

2. Grace Coombs 82'10", 3. Jamalee Hernandez 79'11", 5. Grace Sapp 74'4", 10. Lilly Morrison 63'11", Josie Griffin 56'7", Regan Sapp 52'6"

BOYS RESULTS

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

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100 Meter Dash

23. Kevin Benner 14.73

200 Meter Dash

2. Josh Ashcraft 26.19, 5. Lannon Brazelton, 26.75, 11. Armando Hernandez 27.59

400 Meter Dash

3. Jace Hyde 58.96, 13. Austin Short 1:04.95, 17. Jack Beaudry 1:07.37, 18. Tristan Gillett 1:08.00

800 Meter Run

3. Daniel Merritt 2:27.23, 5. Austin Short 2:32.63, 10. Tristan Gillett 2:37.74, 16. Dillon Melton 2:52.71

1600 Meter Run

1. Daniel Merritt 5:20.85, 12. Dillon Melton 6:38.66, 14. Talon Hooper 6:47.87

100 Meter Hurdles

1. Simon Shoopman 17.98, 7. Armando Hernandez 19.90, 11. Terry Durham 22.06

200 Meter Hurdles

3. Simon Shoopman 31.09, 5. Jace Hyde 32.11, 8. Jack Beaudry 33.89, 9. Terry Durham 34.53

800 Sprint Medley Relay

2. Kevin Benner, Bryan Benner, Josh Ashcraft, Jace Hyde 1:51.84, 3. Jack Beaudry, Lannon Brazelton, Tristan Gillett, Austin Short 1:58.28

High Jump

4. Jace Hyde 4'10", 6. Bryan Benner 4'8", 6. Simon Shoopman 4'8"

Long Jump

5. Jack Beaudry 15'5", 13. Armando Hernandez 14'8", 18. Kevin Benner 13'5.5", 24. Talon Hooper 12'3"

Triple Jump

7. Tevon Schultz 28'5", 10. Evan Stadile 27'11", 15. Seeger Wormald 26'5", 23. Wyatt Blackmore 23'11", 24. Carson Lawrence 23'4"

Shot Put

13. Clayton Emmett 24'6", 14. Taydan Stevens 24'5.5", 15. Wyatt Blackmore 24'5", 17. Adam Flores 23'8.5"

Discus

4. Wyatt Blackmore 80'2.5", 9. Adam Flores 66'5", 15. Taydan Stevens 59'9", 19. Clayton Emmett 56'11", 21. Jimmy Dees 55'4"

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS

100 Meter Dash

23. Kevin Benner 14.73

200 Meter Dash

200 Meter Run

PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Sabrina Shoopman
Track & Field

Shoopman led the charge for the Lady Panthers at Saturday's Rocky Mountain Invitational in Cowley, winning three individual events. Along with posting first-place finishes in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, the junior won the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.30. It was the first time Shoopman ran the 100 meters this season.

PREP PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Brody Karhu
Track & Field

Godly wisdom

How can I demonstrate Godly wisdom?

Charles R. Swindoll in "Seasons of Life," page 71, tells this story: A coed had two problems common to many students: low grades and no money. She was forced to communicate both issues to her parents, who she knew would have trouble understanding. After considerable thought she used a creative approach to soften the blows of reality and wrote:

"Dear Mom and Dad,

Just thought I'd drop you a note to clue you in on my plans. I've fallen in love with a guy named Jim. He quit high school after grade 11 to get married. About a year ago he got a divorce.

"We've been going steady for

two months and plan to get married in the fall. Until then, I've decided to move into his apartment (I think I might be pregnant).

"At any rate, I dropped out of school last week, although I'd like to finish college sometime in the future."

On the next page she continued:

"Mom and Dad, I just want you to know that everything I've written so far in this letter is false. NONE of it is true."

But Mom and Dad, it IS true that I got a C in French and



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Perspectives

flunked math. It IS true that I'm going to need some more money for my tuition payments."

Pretty sharp coed! Even bad news can sound like good news if it is seen with the right perspective.

What is perspective? It is the ability to see through clearly, to see the big picture — to be able to distinguish between the incidental and the essential, the temporary and the eternal, etc. To have a proper perspective on life as we look back we see that life is short, as we look forward we see uncertainty and as we live right now we see challenges.

Every morning, before we awaken, life makes a delivery to our front door, rings the bell and runs. Each of these packages is cleverly wrapped. Challenging opportunity is brilliantly disguised as an unsolvable problem. It is wrapped in large print that reads: "Watch out: you had better worry about this" or

"Danger: this will bring fear to your life" or "Impossible: you will never be able to handle this one."

What comes from us that is impossible for the Lord to produce? (Worry) What comes from the Lord that we cannot manufacture? (Wisdom)

How do I get wisdom? I must first go to my knees, James 1:5. Then I must go to the Bible, Proverbs 2:1-11. Wisdom is like hidden treasure; if we rush through the word, we will miss it totally.

At this point, read Genesis 41. Joseph did not go off to prison with a silly, pious grin on his face. Put yourself in his shoes; how would you feel? (Abandoned, sense of doom, forgotten, hopeless, angry.) Joseph's story teaches us that God is not so much interested in our circumstances as he is in our response to our circumstances. In the midst of normal human feelings resulting from imprisonment, Joseph realized the importance of perspective. When we find our own selves in some sort of prison, physical, mental or spiritual, we

must remember this.

When Joseph is finally remembered by the cup bearer in prison, Joseph tells Pharaoh that it is not him that will give an answer to his dream but rather God. Compared to the first dream that Joseph had with his brothers, this part about God was left out. Joseph was proud to think that it was his dream, rather than give credit to God. Here was Joseph standing before the most powerful man in the world. Do you think that he felt the pressure? Oh, yes! If he said or did the wrong thing, off with his head!

Here is Joseph's wrapped package for the day. All Joseph knew was that God was his partner. We all face Pharaohs — will God perform miracles for us? Yes, if we cooperate. If we do not, then the miracles will not come.

Joseph told Pharaoh God's plan. Notice that Egypt was not God's chosen people, yet here we see God revealing his plan to a pagan. This tells us that no one is outside of God's control. Joseph not only told Pharaoh what was coming, but also told him exactly what to do. Oh boy, don't you love

it when you get it like that, laid out so simply and plain. But the plan calls for organization. Have you noticed that not everyone has this gift? Many people possess knowledge, but few know how to get things done.

As you read the verses of Joseph's promotion, it is dazzling. He went from rags to riches over night. WOW — look what God did for Joseph. This is exactly where we all want to start. But the top is not the beginning place. God took Joseph from spoiled and untrained brat to a strong, poised leader. The things that Joseph suffered over and over, he submitted to (1 Peter 5:6). Joseph submitted again and again, then we see God raise him to positions of authority again and again. First in Potiphar's house, then in prison and now over the entire land of Egypt. See Ephesians 5:15: Are you walking wise? What do others see in you? Genesis 41:38-39 shows what Pharaoh saw in Joseph.

(Don L. Rushing is the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Powell.)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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ONGOING:

■ **SMOKEY BEAR EXHIBIT** provided by the National Agricultural Library, is on display at the Park County Library in Cody. The library is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Shoshone National Forest is hosting the tour through Saturday.

■ "CHILE: ARRIBA Y ABAJO" on display in the SinClair Gallery. This spring, Jen Litterer-Trevino led a group of students and community members on a 10-day trip to Chile; this exhibition features a selection of photographic images taken on that excursion.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

■ **LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING** for the conservation districts in Park, Big Horn, and Washakie counties. The districts are seeking input from a range of stakeholders interested in natural resource condition or needs. The meeting takes place at noon at the Park County Library 1500 Heart Mountain St. in Cody. For more information, call 307-868-2484 or email meetete@conservewy.net.

■ **LUNCHTIME EXPEDITION** on the secret lives of mountain lions with Leslie Patten, author of "Ghostwalker: Tracking a Mountain Lion's Soul through Science and Story." The lecture begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Buffalo Bill Center of the West's Coe Auditorium in Cody.

■ **READ TO A DOG AT 3:30 P.M.** at the Powell Branch Library. Rusty and Pepper love to visit the library and listen to stories. Sign up at the children's desk for 15 minutes of canine companionship.

■ **NORTHWEST COLLEGE FACULTY SHOWCASE** will take place from 4-6 p.m. in the Yellowstone Building conference area. Finger food and beverages will be provided.

■ **AN EVENING UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS**: Sudie Thormahlen, Powell's newest author, will be reading her book, "That Strange Land," from 6-7 p.m. at the Southside Elementary School Library. Cookies and punch will follow.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

■ **THE EAST ENTRANCE TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK** will open, weather permitting. Find current road status at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkroads.htm, at visitor centers in the park, and by calling 307-344-2117.

■ **BACKPACK BADGES** from 1-3 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Youth in grades six to 12 can make a badge for their backpacks using 3D doodler pens. Limited spaces available, so sign up at the library.

■ **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** book sale from 1-3 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

■ **OPEN ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION** from 6-9 p.m. at Gestalt Studios at the Polar Plant. Musicians of all skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 307-272-7625.

■ **BAR BINGO** every Friday at the American Legion starting at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

■ **BEARTOOTH ELECTRIC ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING** at 9 a.m. at Anipro Event Center in Absarokee, Montana. Marco Restani, senior raptor scientist for cell tower osprey management, will be the keynote speaker. Business meeting, trustee elections, informational exhibits, door prizes and a festive Cinco de Mayo luncheon. Registration opens at 8 a.m., luncheon at noon. For more info, call 406-446-2310.

■ **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

■ **NORTHWEST COLLEGE GRADUATION** begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Cache Gym.

■ **WYOMING SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS** will host its 2019 annual meeting at 1 p.m. at the Cody library, 1500 Heart Mountain Street.

MONDAY, MAY 6

■ **BABY AND TODDLER TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

■ **BIG HORN BASIN FIRESMART** will host a workshop on wildfire mitigation, which will feature information on reducing wildfire risk to property, as well as how to create a defensible space around homes. The workshop is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Worland Community Center Complex, 1200 Culbertson Ave. in Worland. For more information contact Janet Reasoner: 307-568-2494, jreasoner@wytf.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

■ **TECH TUESDAY** at 10 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Sign up to meet with a local IT person for a 15-minute one-on-one session to answer your questions or help you with problems. There are four slots available on the first Tuesday of each month. Bring your charged device with you.

■ **STORY TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

■ **START YOUR OWN BUSINESS WORKSHOP** from 6-8 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Presented by the Wyoming Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network and the Powell Branch Library, the free training will provide an overview of starting a business in Wyoming. Pre-registration is available at the library or by calling 754-8828. Walk-ins are welcome.

■ **JOHN WESLEY POWELL PROGRAM** at 6 p.m. at the Homesteader Museum. The talk will cover the ideas of John Wesley Powell — the famed explorer, geologist and namesake of the City of Powell — and the issue of water in the West.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

■ **GAME TIME** at 10 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Adults are invited to play Scrabble, Uno, Mancala, Risk and many other fun games. Bring your friends.

■ **STORY TIME** at 10:30 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

■ **THE POWELL ROTARY CLUB** meets at noon on Wednesdays at the Nelson Foundation House, 550 College Drive.

■ **LEGO CLUB** at 3:30 p.m. at the Powell Branch Library. Kids can join a Lego building adventure. Sign up at the children's desk at the library.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

■ **BABY AND TODDLER TIME** at 11 a.m. at the Powell Branch Library.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

■ **15TH ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN EXPO** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Park County Fairgrounds in Powell. Huge plant sale featuring heirlooms, 100 vendors in two buildings, home improvement and gifts for mom.

■ **LAURALYNN PROJECT** will be giving away bikes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mr. D's parking lot. Bikes will be available to any child who needs one. Kids also are invited to sign their names on the Lauralynn Project truck. For more information, call 250-0132.

■ ***TEA & TABLE SETTINGS LUNCHEON**, "Thread a Needle, Spin a Yarn," at The Commons in downtown Powell. Doors open at 11 a.m. Runway show by the Buffalo Gals Division of Silhouettes Historic Dresses and Costumes, luncheon catered by The Table, gift boutique and decorated tables. The annual event is a fundraiser for Homesteader Museum. Tickets are \$30, available by calling Marybeth at 754-5399. Limited seating, so reserve early.



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Summer Positions Available



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

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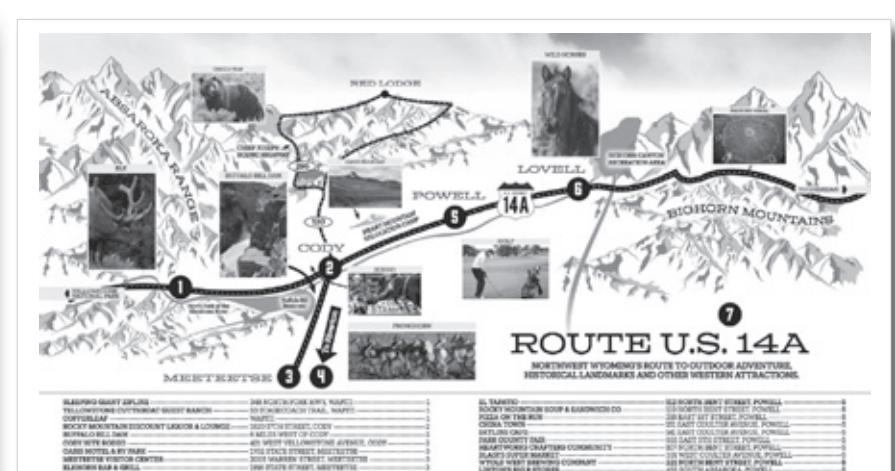
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THE HOME PAGE



Korbyn Warren displays his prize-winning Arbor Day poster, flanked by (from left) teacher Kelsey Tobin, mother Stephanie Warren and Wyoming Project Learning Tree Steering Committee Vice President Marynell Oechsner. Tribune photo by CJ Baker

POWELL STUDENT HONORED FOR ARBOR DAY POSTER

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Editor

Korbyn Warren, a fifth-grader at Westside Elementary School, was recently named as the runner-up in a statewide Arbor Day poster contest.

Competing among 364 entries that came in from fourth- and fifth-graders around Wyoming, Warren took second place. He's believed to be the first-ever Powell student to be honored in the annual contest.

"We are extremely proud of Korbyn for pursuing this opportunity!" said his teacher, Kelsey Tobin. She described Warren as creative and an "outside the box" thinker, saying Warren did a "phenomenal" job of putting his own spin on the 2019 contest theme of "Trees Please... For You and Me."

"I'm confident that this will not be the last of Korbyn's artistic creations that we see," Tobin said.

For his efforts, Warren received \$50 and a framed copy of his winning entry.

The northern Big Horn Basin was very well-represented in the contest, as a Lovell fifth-grader,

Myken McArthur, took the grand prize. McArthur will get \$100, a copy of his poster and a trip to Cheyenne to meet state leaders. He's the fifth Lovell student to be selected as a winner since 2015.

The Wyoming State Forestry Division and Wyoming Project Learning Tree, an international environmental education association, sponsor the contest each year. It's open to public, private and home-schooled students.

"This is just a fun thing for kids and it's a learning thing for kids," said Marynell Oechsner of Powell, the vice president of Wyoming Project Learning Tree's steering committee. A committee judged the hundreds of submissions earlier this month and Oechsner said she was glad to see Powell students participate in the contest.

Wyoming Project Learning Tree is a nonprofit organization that offers workshops, activities and books to anyone who wants to teach youth about environmental issues, with materials for early childhood education through high school.

For more information, visit www.wyomingPLT.org.

VETERANS

Veterans service officer available in Powell

A veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will visit Powell later this month to offer assistance to local veterans.

Josh Schmidt, a former U.S. Marine, will be available at the Powell Valley Clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, May 13. He'll also be available at the North Big Horn County Senior Center in Lovell, 757 Great Western Ave., from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14.

Schmidt can discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims or VA healthcare with veterans and their families.

He can also help apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare.

Schmidt maintains an office at 1026 Blackburn Ave., Suite 1, in Cody and he's also available to meet by appointment. Call Schmidt at 307-250-3890 for more information.



MIKE ENZI

Enzi encourages Wyomingites to preserve the stories of veterans

U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., is inviting people to collect the experiences and stories of Wyoming veterans as part of the Veterans History Project. The initiative aims to preserve the recollections of American veterans.

Enzi's office is joining the Library of Congress to host a Veterans History Project virtual training workshop on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Participants will learn more about the program and receive training on how to conduct interviews with our veterans and submit those interviews to the Library of Congress.

If you are a veteran or are interested in interviewing a veteran, Enzi said he and his wife Diana encourage you to take part in the Veterans History Project.

The Veterans History Project is an effort led by the Library of Congress to collect and preserve the firsthand accounts and memories of America's veterans from World War I to present. Interviews and historical documents become part of the permanent collections of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

For more about the Veterans History Project, visit www.loc.gov/vets/.

Deployment ceremony for Army Guard soldiers

The Wyoming Army National Guard will say farewell to soldiers in the 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery next week, before they deploy to the Middle East.

Gov. Mark Gordon, Maj. Gen. Greg Porter, and the Wyoming Army National Guard command team will attend the Wednesday event at the Natrona County High School auditorium in Casper.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which will start at 4:30 p.m.

The soldiers are deploying to perform military missions as part of forces assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. Their first stop after leaving Cheyenne will be Fort Bliss, Texas, for additional mobilization training.

This will be the sixth time unit members have deployed since Sept. 11, 2001.

The deploying soldiers are from Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and around Wyoming — including soldiers from Powell, Lovell, Greybull, Manderson, Thermopolis and Worland.

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