

Geissler wants judge, not jury, to hear his case

CODY MAN ACCUSED OF TRYING TO GET TEEN TO BECOME PROSTITUTE IN 2018

BY CJ BAKER
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A Cody man accused of trying to get a 17-year-old girl to become a prostitute and sleep with him asserts that he’s not guilty by reason of mental illness — and he wants a judge, rather than a jury, to hear his case. However, District Court Judge Bill Simpson has so far been resistant to allowing 81-year-old Kenneth “Val” Geissler Jr. to waive his right to a jury trial.

Geissler is facing a felony count of promoting prostitution in the 2018 case, along with a misdemeanor count of unlawful contact that alleges he once kissed the teenager without her consent.

Following a series of psychological evaluations, Geissler was allowed to enter a plea of not guilty by reason of mental illness earlier this year. At trial, Geissler’s attorney will have to prove “by the greater weight of the evidence” that his client either lacked the ability to understand his conduct was wrong or was unable to obey the law because of his mental conditions.

The case had been set to go before a jury, but in late October, Geissler’s defense attorney and the Park County Attorney’s Office jointly requested a bench trial. How-



VAL GEISSLER

ever, Judge Simpson quickly rejected that request, offering no explanation for his reasoning in a brief order.

Earlier this month, defense attorney Tim Blatt and Deputy Park County Attorney Jack Hatfield asked Simpson to reconsider, contending the decision really wasn’t up to him.

“It’s the defendant’s [Geissler’s] right to select his forum and to waive his jury trial, and absent some kind of compelling reasons — such that he doesn’t understand what he’s doing, or there’s some other deficiency — the state believes it would be abuse of discretion to deny Mr. Geissler his right to be tried before the bench,” Hatfield told the judge. He said that, under the law, prosecutors are effectively bound to go along with whichever option Geissler chooses.

In his arguments for a bench trial, Blatt gave an unusually detailed explanation of why he and his client would prefer to take their case to a judge rather than a jury.

“We have allegations of not so much sexual misconduct, but sexual conversations and letters that certainly would come off to be extremely embarrassing to Mr. Geissler [and] would come off as

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HOW NWC FACULTY ARE NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF TEACHING IN A PANDEMIC

BY KEVIN KILLOUGH
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Educating college students during a pandemic is challenging, to say the least.

In the spring, the faculty of Northwest College got a crash course in conducting classes in an online format, when the school transitioned to a full online learning model in a matter of two weeks.

“It was a difficult transition to make, because it was so unexpected,” recalled Deepthi Amarasuriya, assistant professor of physics.

College personnel pulled it off, and all the students enrolled at NWC had the opportunity to complete the semester. Aside from some nursing clinicals, which had to be done face-to-face, the instructors managed to transition all classes to an online format. Through the spring and summer semester, they worked out a few kinks.

LEARNING TO TEACH

This fall semester brought a new challenge when the college began offering hybrid classes, which deliver as much online instruction as possible and then conduct labs in-person, with health protocols. That includes masks and keeping 6 feet apart.

The protocols can be a challenge in a lab since an instructor provides students with more than hands-on learning; the exercises are often meant to be collaborative.

“We reduced the number of students that can be in the lab so we can have a 6 foot distance,” said Garry Wallace, assistant professor of biological sciences. “But when you’re in the lab, you can’t keep the 6-foot distance, because it’s a lab.”

Wallace said that, aside from a few exceptions involving students who weren’t in his class, his

DISTANT CLASSROOM



Northwest College sophomore Shelby Tarter examines the amount of water in a beaker during a physics lab. Most instruction this semester was conducted online, but some classes included lab components that had to be done face to face. Tribune photo by Kevin Killough

own students have been compliant with the protocols, which he repeats at the start of every lab.

However, there are situations where students will be looking in a microscope and he needs to see what they’re looking at. So, the student has to move 6 feet away before Wallace can look in it.

It’s the same thing when stu-

dents in anatomy classes are performing dissections; Wallace can’t just walk up and examine their specimen while they work.

The professor said he had one student who recently tested positive for COVID-19. The student was in the lab where they were moving around from table to table. Fortunately, there were

only about six students in the classroom, they were all masked up and Wallace had them seated one to a table.

NWC’s fall classes were designed so that all the face-to-face work would be done by Thanksgiving break. The goal was to

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Grizzly bear advocates calling for mandates

BY MARK DAVIS
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A group of conservation organizations are recommending changes to the current grizzly bear conservation policy in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, asking wildlife managers to enact legal measures to prevent conflicts rather than relying on volunteer programs.

Six groups are asking the Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee (YES) of the Inter-agency Grizzly Bear Committee to identify areas where there are high numbers of conflicts between bears and livestock or people. The groups want the committee to work with producers and conservation organizations to negotiate the retirement of certain grazing allotments — especially those in areas where there are repeated conflicts or that serve as connectivity corridors for the species. The groups also want to make bear spray, food storage requirements and electric fences mandatory in hunt camps and with outfitters working in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Western Watersheds Project, Sierra Club, Wyoming Wildlife Advocates, WildEarth Guardians, the Humane Society of the United States and Friends of the Bitterroot sent the public letter last month after being disappointed with the conversations and opportunities to voice their opinions during a YES workshop in October. They say “many key ideas were either not adequately addressed due to a lack of time, or were ignored.”

During the workshop, participants — including from the environmental organizations — were asked to submit comments and questions. The second day of the virtual Oct. 28-29 meeting was set up specifically to address conflicts in agriculture, hunting and recreation and in

REQUIRING OUTFITTERS TO CARRY BEAR SPRAY AMONG RECOMMENDATIONS



Six wildlife advocacy groups are asking for several new mandates to reduce conflicts between grizzly bears and people. In a letter sent last month, the groups said they felt their questions and concerns were minimized during a recent virtual meeting on the grizzly conservation policy in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Photo courtesy Jim Peaco, National Park Service

communities located in or near grizzly habitat.

However, “the conversation seemed rushed and there wasn’t space for many concerns or questions to be addressed; nor were participants told how their

input ... would be considered or addressed, leaving several of us — who sent detailed ideas and comments — wondering if our input would be considered at all,” the groups’ letter reads.

They accused facilitators of

reporting the discussion as if everyone in the workshop was on board with utilizing only voluntary measures and “allowing livestock producers the flexibility to do what they wanted on public lands.”

Based on a GIS mapping analysis of BLM and Forest Service grazing allotments within core grizzly habitat known as the Demographic Monitoring Area, approximately 5 million of the DMA’s 12.4 million acres are currently grazed.

In defense of volunteer measures, a Wyoming large carnivore biologist charged with running the state’s Bear Wise program points to successes in conservation efforts and, at the same time, issues with mandates.

As an example, Dusty Lasseter, of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Cody, said there used to be close to 60 bear conflicts a year in the Wapiti area.

However, “People voluntarily changed how they live there. And now we have very few conflicts,” said Lasseter, who has spent the past eight years working to educate local residents.

He said it’s a slow process. As new residents move to the area, they are usually keen on learning how to mitigate attractants, Lasseter said. But longtime residents, not used to having bears in their backyards as the species expands its territory, often wait until they’ve had a conflict before making changes. Even in Jackson, which has a wildlife-friendly reputation, mandates haven’t solved the problem, Lasseter said.

“They have regulations in place, and there’s still people that are naive to the thought of having bears around,” he said. “There are things that you’ll get away with for 10 years, and then in a bad natural food year, you’re gonna have problems.”

Famous grizzly bear 399 and her four cubs of the year have been testing the limits of conflicts in Teton County. The Jackson Hole News & Guide reports the family has gotten into unsecured grain for livestock, bee hives and compost rather than feeding on natural food sources. The conflicts put the internationally famous bears’ lives in jeopardy — a situation that would be painful for everyone involved.

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NewCOVID infections slow within Park County

BY CJ BAKER
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The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 in Park County sunk to its lowest level in months over the weekend, with one patient at Powell Valley Healthcare and another at Cody Regional Health. However, by Monday, the Cody hospital had added four more patients for a new county-wide total of six hospitalizations.

As of Friday afternoon, there were 117 active cases in Park County — including 53 infections in Powell and 43 in Cody, according to data from Park County Health Officer Dr. Aaron Billin. The count includes people who are confirmed to have COVID-19 and those deemed as probable cases because of their symptoms and close contact with a person known to have the disease.

Though the number of infections in Powell remains about double what it was in mid-November, the total number of active cases in the county dropped by 16 from Monday, Nov. 23 to Thursday; Billin said Thursday that, in comparison to other Wyoming counties, Park County had recorded the third-fewest daily new cases per capita in recent days.

Between Nov. 24 and Monday, there were 104 new confirmed



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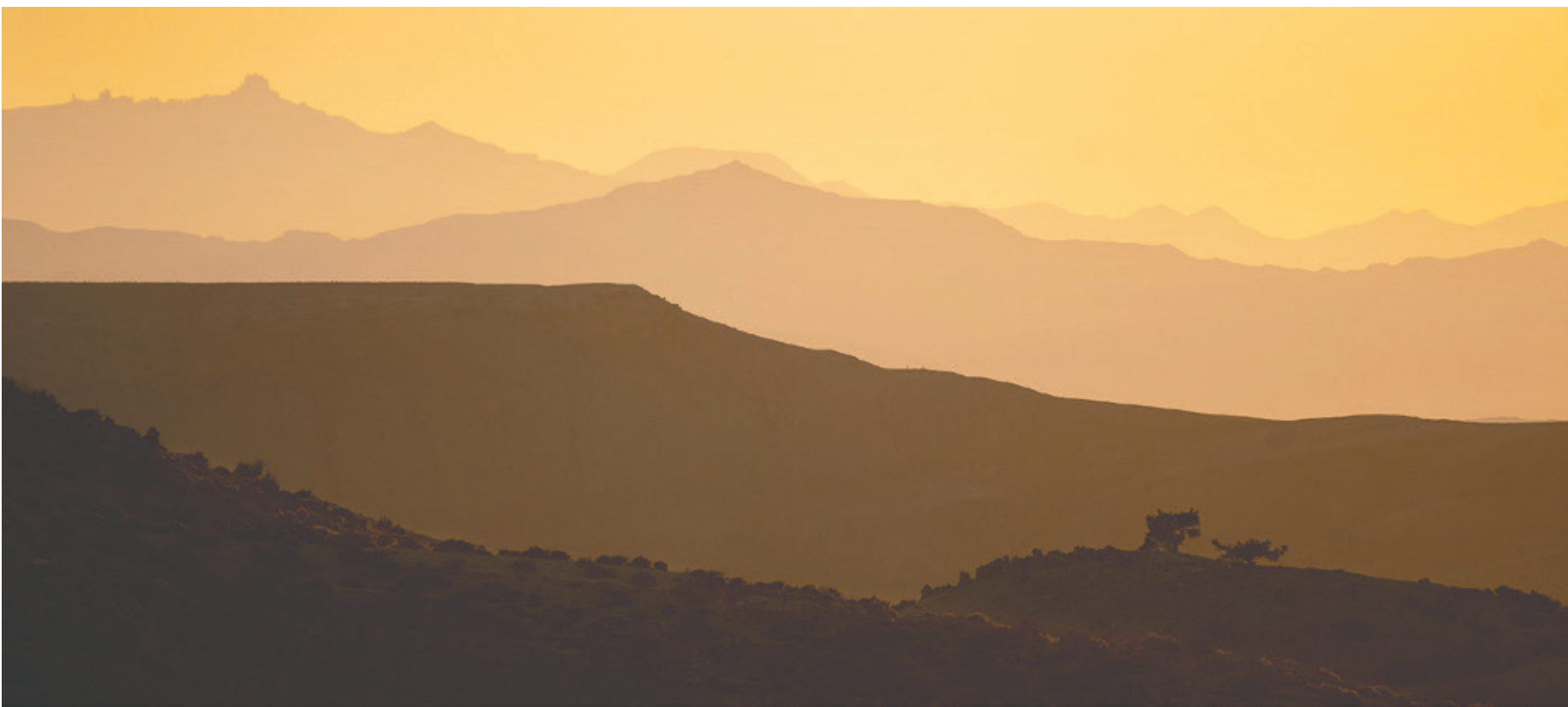
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CANYON SUNSET

The sky turns peachy during sunset over the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area near Lovell. The park is open year round, but the campground at the Horseshoe Bend area will be closed until a utility upgrade project is finished. This project will add 10 new utility sites, five per loop. Once completed the campground will reopen to the public.

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COVID: Thanksgiving gatherings may impact infections

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and probable cases logged in Park County, down from 142 the prior week, according to Wyoming Department of Health data.

“Thank you for all you do,” Billin wrote in a Friday Facebook update.

“However,” he added, “Wyoming is experiencing a significant surge right now and no county is an island. Park County is influenced by what is happening in the counties around us, and vice versa.”

For example, while local hospitalizations have sunk from a peak of 11 patients in late October and early November, patient counts continue to rise across the state. On Monday, a new record of 247 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 in facilities around Wyoming — including 66 patients at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

It remains to be seen how Thanksgiving gatherings and travel will impact infections.

Most people who become infected with the novel coronavirus develop mild or moderate

symptoms, but it can cause serious illness. In Park County, there have been six deaths attributed to COVID-19 out of more than 1,300 confirmed and probable cases since March.

Billin said research indicates that people who suffer mild cases and recover enjoy immunity from the virus for at least three months.

As a result, “If you have recovered from COVID-19 and are exposed again within 90 days, it is not necessary to quarantine again,” he said. “However, it is important to continue practicing the other individual responsibilities (such as mask wearing and physical distancing) that have proven effective in limiting viral transmission.”

Advocates: ‘Nothing will appease these groups’

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“It’s a bit unnerving for our agency,” Game and Fish Regional Supervisor Brad Hovinga told the News & Guide.

Lasseter said the current system is the best mix of education, volunteer programs and support for ranchers who own private property that’s critical to wildlife, including grizzly bears. Eliminating grazing allotments can create unintended consequences for wildlife, he said. “What if somebody has to sell their ranch and their private property becomes a subdivision? That’s crucial winter range.”

But Jocelyn Leroux, Washington and Montana director for the Western Watershed Project, argues mandates are crucial for

the continued success of the species. She cites studies showing the survival of grizzlies in areas where grazing allotments have been closed and points out that one of the deadliest conflicts is when a hunter has harvested an animal.

“The most common occurrence of conflicts is when it takes more than one trip to pack out an animal,” Leroux said, adding, “Guided groups and hunting outfitters should be required to carry bear spray, use temporary electric fencing and proper food storage methods.”

Lasseter, however, said every conflict is different.

“We encourage people to be prepared,” he said, “but when it’s a dangerous encounter, who am I to say what people have to

use to defend themselves?”

“The truth is, we have a robust population and we’re trying to minimize human-caused mortality” of grizzlies, he said, adding, “In a lot of ways our goals are the same, to reduce conflicts. But you know what the debate is: What’s the most effective way to do that?”

Game and Fish Large Carnivore Program Supervisor Daniel Thompson believes the groups’ recent letter was written in an attempt to gain support from their backers.

“Nothing will appease these groups,” Thompson said. “In the end, this is how they make their money. They have to create a problem in order to deflect from the reality that grizzly bears are recovered.”

Geissler: Three different doctors have evaluated Geissler’s competency

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somewhat shocking, maybe to a jury,” Blatt said.

In conversations and letters in 2018, Geissler is alleged to have encouraged the 17-year-old to become a “whore,” going into explicit detail on what sexual acts she should perform for clients and once suggesting she watch a porn video at his home so she could get some ideas. He allegedly told the girl that “he would give [her] ‘clients’ around town and pay her \$500 per hour,” charging documents say. The girl had reportedly bought a car from Geissler and, according to the allegations, he suggested she pay him off with sex. He also is alleged to have encouraged her to break up with her boyfriend and, in August 2018, to have “grabbed [the girl] by the shoulders and kissed her on the lips with an open mouth.”

Charging documents compiled by Cody police say Geissler has also been accused of having a sexually explicit conversation with another Cody teen, though he is not charged with any criminal wrongdoing in that case.

Given that the pending criminal case involved a 17-year-old, Blatt said there’s concern a jury might disregard Geissler’s defense, potentially rejecting the

idea that “someone should be discharged or not held responsible” because of mental infirmity.

In contrast with a judge, a panel of jurors “does not have the understanding of our right to present such a particular defense,” Blatt said. Under Wyoming law, “a person is not responsible for criminal conduct if at the time of the criminal conduct, as a result of mental illness or deficiency, he lacked substantial capacity either to appreciate the wrongfulness of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law.”

Hatfield said Judge Simpson is best positioned to weigh the evidence and sort through the “pretty highly technical arguments” about whether Geissler is guilty or not guilty by reason of mental illness.

Three different doctors have evaluated Geissler’s competency. Blatt said a bench trial would be more efficient and significantly less expensive for his client, in part because the parties would rely on the doctors’ written reports and opinions instead of in-person testimony.

Further, amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the various precautions being undertaken, Blatt guessed it would take several days to seat a 12-member jury. And that’s assuming a jury trial

is even possible: Citing surging case numbers around the state, the Wyoming Supreme Court issued an order last week that says “no jury trials should be conducted until further notice.”

Like Hatfield, Blatt also argued the decision between a jury and a bench trial was not one for the judge to make.

“Given the reasons for Mr. Geissler’s request, and the belief that that’s the only way he will get a fair and impartial trial, it seems like with the court’s denial, the court has stepped in and [is] saying, ‘We’ll decide what’s in Mr. Geissler’s best interests ...,’” Blatt said. “And I would respectfully request that I think that’s a decision best left between Mr. Geissler and his counsel.”

Later in the hearing, Judge Simpson later made a point of confirming that — if he considered certain factors laid out in past Wyoming Supreme Court precedent — he could order that the case go before a jury. But Hatfield said the judge’s discretion was limited, and generally revolves around whether Geissler understands the rights that he’s giving up by choosing a bench trial.

“It seems clear that Mr. Geissler clearly understands the nature of the jury trial right, and

understands what he is waiving,” Hatfield said, citing testimony Geissler gave at the hearing.

Hatfield also asked the judge to let the parties know if there’s another reason for blocking a bench trial.

Simpson did suggest that the state needed to consult the victim in the case, though Hatfield disagreed.

“The state does not believe that this is something that has anything to do with any kind of decision or anything from the victim. Rather, this is the defendant’s right to forum selection,” Hatfield said.

“Well, I understand that, but the victim, under the [Wyoming] Victims Bill of Rights, should at least be advised,” Simpson said. “And at this point, we have nothing to verify or confirm that ... the alleged victim has been advised.”

Hatfield said the teenager would be notified and the judge said he would attempt to issue a decision “shortly.”

In the meantime, Geissler remains free on bond. He spoke at a Park County Commission meeting on Nov. 10, expressing some confusion and raising some concerns about a neighbor’s plan to amend the boundary lines of lots inside their adjoining subdivision.



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Doris Eileen Edgar

(Aug. 3, 1921 - Nov. 23, 2020)

Doris Eileen Edgar, 99, died Nov. 23, 2020, at the Powell Valley Care Center. She was born in Greenfield, Illinois, on Aug. 3, 1921, to Irma Plogger and Douglas Cunningham. She was the oldest of three children.

Her family moved to Powell where she attended high school. Doris married Joe Edgar in 1939. They owned Edgar Motors in Powell for 30 years where Doris did the bookkeeping for their business. They had two daughters.

Doris loved sewing, crochet-

ing and gardening. She had an absolute faith in God and enjoyed attending church, Bible study groups and birthday clubs. She spent a great deal of time helping her daughters with their businesses. She assisted Sue at Interlacings Fabric Shop in Cody, helping customers, sharing her sewing expertise and helping teach kids sewing classes. Later she assisted Carol at the Scoop Drive-In, in Lovell.

Doris is survived by her daughters Carol Layne of Lovell and Sue Sironen of Cody, her granddaughter Stephanie Val-

entine, grandson-in-law Dave Valentine, and her great-grandchildren Riley and Kyla of Laurel, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Kenneth Cunningham, sister Melba Sweet, sons-in-law Paul Sironen and Wiley Layne and grandson Ronnie Joe Layne.

Services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Powell. Viewing at 10 a.m. and service at 10:30 a.m. Interment at Crown Hill Cemetery will follow the service.



DORIS EDGAR



Deepthi Amarasuriya, Northwest College assistant professor of physics, conducts a lab with freshman Caden Welling, left, and sophomore Shelby Tarter. Labs often require students to work together, which makes it difficult to maintain social distancing protocols. Tribune photo by Kevin Killough

NWC: Instructor says they'll continue to weather the storm

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cram all that lab work into the front of the semester, and if a surge forced the college to close campus later on, all the classes could go virtual.

Besides the positive case, Wallace had another student who is on military duty in Montana. The student was in contact with a confirmed case and has had to quarantine. Wallace decided to cancel the last lab before Thanksgiving.

Fortunately, he had that option. Next semester he's going to take a few more precautions when conducting his lab, such as designing them to reduce close interaction between students.

"It's kind of a moving target how to deal with this," Wallace said.

BEING PREPARED

Astrid Northrup, professor of engineering and mathematics, teaches a surveying course in the spring. One of the reasons NWC was able to transition to entirely online classes this spring was because the students had a lot of time to do the lab work before the pandemic swept through the country.

"I taught them some really fundamental skills, and then we could just build on those skills," Northrup remembered.

She's designing this coming spring's class to get the students together in a lab for two or three days of lab work right at the start, where they'll learn the "nuts and bolts" of surveying. Then, if the class has to go online, the students can still complete the semester.

Northrup said she can maintain the needed health protocols in the lab; she and the students can wear masks and keep 6 feet apart. However they will use the same eyepiece, which could theoretically spread the virus between students. So, she'll have them wipe down the tool with anti-bacterial wipes before another student looks through it.

Northrup said the welding classes were also prepared for a shutdown this semester. They had portable and virtual welders ready for students to use at home if it came to that. Fortunately, the classes were able to finish up the hands-on instruction before Thanksgiving.

"It's all about being prepared. It's like we're the Boy Scouts," Northrup said.

Eric Atkinson, associate professor of biology, learned at least one thing that will help provide better labs next semester. This fall, they held the labs every other week to space out the number of students in the class at one time. The problem is that sometimes the online lectures outpace the lab.

"Sometimes you had the cart before the horse and vice versa,"

Atkinson said.

Next semester, he's going to do two labs back-to-back on the same day, rather than break them up into two weeks.

"I think it'll build our engagement much better," Atkinson said.

OTHER CHALLENGES

Even though they've made it work and students have been compliant with the protocols, the instructors say it's not really ideal.

"When you're teaching in a face-to-face class, you can have multiple things up," Amarasuriya, the physics professor, said. "You can have your Powerpoint up, the students have their notes in front of them. And you can say, look at this, look at this."

On Zoom, she can only show one thing at a time.

"It takes time. It's just inconvenient," she said.

Atkinson said the online format creates a barrier to building the rapport he seeks from his students.

"Even when I lecture, even in general biology, I like my lectures to be very interactive and discussionary," he explained.

Last spring, Atkinson had time to build that trust with his students before the campus was shut down. This year, he's had to try to do that online. Atkinson finally built that trusting relationship with the students, he said, but it was a slower process.

Amarasuriya said the masks also make it difficult to teach in person. She watches students' expressions to determine who is grasping the material, who is fully engaged, and who might be confused. The masks hide a lot of that.

"Those visual cues are not there," the physics professor said. "I'm always looking at the students' faces, to gauge if they look puzzled or [are] catching on."

Originally from Sri Lanka, English is not Amarasuriya's first language and she speaks with an accent. The masks sometimes make it more difficult for her students to understand her.

Northrup has tried to work around some of these issues by giving students her cell number. She tells them to text her anytime, as she shuts off her phone at night so they can't wake her. She said they really utilize the option and she can sometimes get dozens of texts a day, which maintains regular interaction with her students.

"It's like a personal relationship," Northrup said.

IMPROVING THEIR GAME

Online learning is not all impediments. Northrup points out that some students are shier than others and would, in the face-to-face classroom, be less engaged.

"Sometimes the quieter people

don't feel comfortable. If they can do a one-on-one on Zoom or they can text you, I think I get a lot of communication from a broader array of students," Northrup said.

Atkinson has found the same benefit for the quieter students, who might not speak but will use Zoom's chat function to type their comments and questions during the lecture.

He also found that some students just take to the online communications better than others. Atkinson teaches GIS — geographical information systems, which is used in complex mapping — and found students tend to learn easily in the Zoom format.

Perhaps it's because students with an interest in GIS are going to be comfortable working with computers — some are drafting students, which uses a lot of software — and Atkinson said it might be because they are non-traditional, older students who are often working professionals developing new skills.

Another benefit of the online classroom is that, living in Belfry, Montana, Atkinson sometimes gets snowed in. Now if that happens, he'll just email his students that the lecture will be online and he doesn't lose a week of instruction.

With all of the challenges of teaching in this kind of environment, Atkinson said new tools are being developed. Companies are developing more virtual labs, such as an app that runs on the students' phones and allows them to look at sea turtle populations.

"There are a lot of opportunities, and yeah, they don't substitute for one-on-one or face-to-face, but it's not like we're standing still," he said. "I feel that we're able to meet most of our students' educational needs."

Northrup praises NWC's handling of the pandemic. She said that the University of Wyoming didn't handle the crisis poorly, but they had a lot of changes throughout the semester over what was open and what wasn't. Dorms got shut down unexpectedly, and a number of other plans had to be altered through this fall semester.

"In my opinion, Northwest College handled this whole thing brilliantly," Northrup said. "I wasn't directly involved in this, so I'm bragging about my institution and not myself. But we developed a plan and that was the plan. We didn't pull our students back and forth."

As instructors in a pandemic, the NWC faculty is figuring out how to teach in this very strange time in our history. And Northrup said they'll continue to weather the storm.

"We gave our students a way forward. And we'll do it again in the spring," she said. "Whatever it takes."

Positive Performance | December

Powell High School senior Emma Karhu is a three-sport athlete, earning accolades in diving, wrestling, and track and field. As a member of the Lady Panther swimming and diving team, this year she set the school records in the 6 dive and 11 dive competitions. Emma is also an outstanding student. She is carrying a 4.05 weighted GPA and is ranked 12th of 138 students. Emma is also a member of the National Honor Society. PHS leaders describe Emma as a quiet leader who has a positive influence on her peers and the underclassmen.



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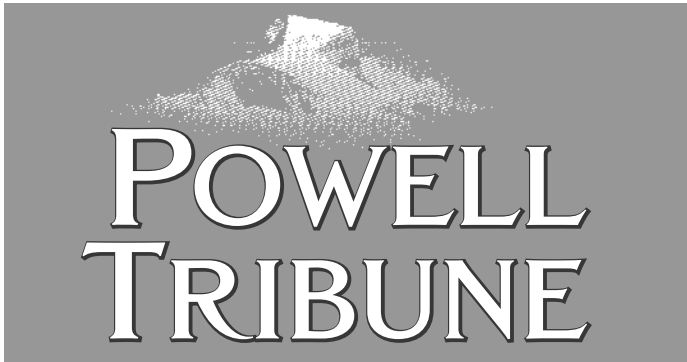
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A little election patience could go a long way

It was just four minutes after the polls closed that the chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, U.S. Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, congratulated Cynthia Lummis on her election as Wyoming's next senator.

"Senator-elect Cynthia Lummis made a name for herself in the House of Representatives as a champion for the people of Wyoming and conservative values," Young wrote. "I know she will be that same principled fighter in the Senate, and I want to extend my warmest congratulations on her victory tonight."

In this red state, combined with Lummis' long and successful track record in public service, her win came as no surprise. But the timing of the celebration may have raised a few eyebrows.

Young's statement came before a single vote had been tabulated or released by county clerks across the state of Wyoming. So why did the Indiana senator feel comfortable in offering congratulations?

The Associated Press — which has been accurately projecting election results for more than a century — announced immediately after the polls closed that it was calling the race for Lummis over her Democratic opponent. The news organization similarly projected the re-election of U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., in the House and declared that President Donald Trump would take the state's three electoral votes.

The AP was transparent about its methodology, noting the organization had made its call for Trump "as soon as polls closed in the state, even though election officials there had yet to release any results from Tuesday's presidential contest."

The AP explained it did so "after results from AP VoteCast and an analysis of early voting statistics confirmed expectations the state's longstanding political trends in favor of Republican presidential candidates [would] hold." (AP VoteCast is a large-scale survey of voters the organization conducts across the country, this year reaching somewhere around 140,000 voters.)

The AP effectively said aloud what just about everyone in Wyoming already knew: That Democrats Joe Biden, Merav Ben-David and Lynette Grey Bull had no chance against Republicans Trump, Lummis and Cheney. In projecting that voters in the Cowboy State had endorsed the entire GOP ticket, the AP was 100% accurate: The three Republicans each collected more than 68% of the vote, taking overwhelming victories.

In fact, it appears the AP was correct in all of the calls it made on Election Day and in the days that followed in the presidential race. And obviously, no race is actually decided until results are actually certified — a process that, in the case of the presidential race, doesn't have to occur until the Electoral College meets in mid-December.

Still, there remains something discomfiting about pronouncing the results of a race before a single ballot has been counted.

To be clear, media outlets and pollsters put serious work, research and data behind their projections. However, at the end of the day, elections are not determined by polls or algorithms but by voters who — whether by absentee ballot or in-person — have taken the time to participate in our democratic process. It undercuts the idea that every vote matters when results are being declared before any ballots have been counted.

We have seen this year how fragile our country's faith in our electoral process can be. Consider how claims of widespread voter fraud have gained so much traction, despite no concrete evidence coming to light so far.

While much of the current state of distrust can be attributed to the misleading rhetoric of some of our politicians, national media organizations and pollsters are not blameless. Although they correctly projected the results on Election Night, they did not in the weeks in months leading up to the election, again failing to capture the breadth of the support for President Trump.

All of this is to say that organizations like the AP would do well to show a little more patience in calling races. While we live in a society that demands information immediately, there are some things — including election results — that are worth waiting for.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wearing masks versus free speech

Dear Editor:

A few years ago a local farmer planted his crops and became very sick before he could harvest them. His neighbors stepped up and got his crops in, simply because you watch out for your neighbor and he'll watch out for you later.

I couldn't help at the time but I was very proud to be part of such a community. Now, we all have to help each other. We need to step up and protect

our community and neighbors from a real and deadly virus. Masks aren't much of a burden, especially if they protect a friend or neighbor from a silent carrier, who may be you.

Now, I have no doubt my Republican neighbors have a full right to free speech. But what are they saying? Why don't they want to do their part in our community? I don't believe this issue has anything to do with my free speech but rather my intent to do my part in my community.

Pat Sapp
Powell

Slaughterhouse deal is an abomination

Dear Editor:

Do any of our county commissioners actually live in Powell? I really doubt it. If Powell was their hometown, they would be fighting madly to keep the horror of a slaughterhouse out of our little town.

Powell is quiet, pleasant and does not lend itself to bad odors. A slaughterhouse will soon end that. Cows urinate and defecate constantly wherever they are. I am aware the men who want this slaughter-

house in Powell have promised to keep the inside clean and free from odors. Perhaps they will do that, however, cattle in cow carriers also soil the truck beds — the waste overflows the truck bed and lands on our roads and streets.

The plan to bring a substantial number of cows into Powell each week guarantees that we will be driving and walking in cow waste each time we venture downtown. Large transport trucks running in and out of town on a regular basis will cause the streets to need repair on a much more frequent schedule.

Cows make noises that carry for miles. They also scream when they are being

killed. I don't want to hear this and I doubt my neighbors do either. Nor would the commissioners like this blocks from their homes. We do not need this in our town.

I am, of course, aware that agriculture drives the economy of Powell ... the slaughterhouse is a necessity — but we are surrounded by miles and miles of open country where this killing can be performed without disturbing the peace of our town.

Disgustedly,
Sharyl Gibbs Brady
Powell

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Wyoming's untaxed generations

My neighbor Nick and I got to talking the other night about Wyoming's budget problems. With COVID and the coal industry's collapse, the governor said the state might start abandoning small towns because we can't afford to maintain their sewers and streets; Sundance recently axed its entire police force because they couldn't pay for it.

Nick and I went back and forth about spending, revenue and Wyoming's dependence on the mining industries. Then Nick looked at me and said flatly: "It's stupid that we don't pay state income tax here."

I was shocked. Nick is a die-hard, Trump-loving combat veteran — he had come over to show me his Trump 2020 stiletto. But he's also from North Carolina, where even conservatives understand that public services like police and roads aren't free. It's only in Wyoming that people seem to believe that these things just fall from the sky.

The Wyoming Legislature passed its first severance tax on mining in 1974. Ever since, our tax system has leaned more and more heavily on coal, oil, and gas companies to pay the bills. As a result, entire generations have come of age in Wyoming with no experience paying state taxes like the rest of our fellow Americans. Along with having no personal

or corporate state income tax, Wyoming also has the third lowest property tax rate in the nation and the sixth lowest sales tax rate. All of this is nice, and it's been made possible by mining companies covering Wyoming's costs.

In one of his last interviews, former Wyoming Gov. Stan Hathaway told journalist Sam Western: "I passed the first severance tax. I got the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund. And they've carried Wyoming's expenses very well. But it bothers me that we've created something that the majority of people in Wyoming said, 'My god, this is a free ride.'"

Hathaway did not intend to give Wyomingites a free ride, however.

"The truth is," he said, "we all should pay our share of government costs."

Instead, Wyoming passed the severance tax out of desperation.

In the late 1960s, Wyoming's economy depended on another industry — agriculture — that was rapidly going downhill. When Hathaway checked the balance in the state's general fund and found there was only \$80, he knew he had to act before the

state went flat broke.

Wyoming legislators at the time, like future Gov. Ed Herschler and future U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson, initially opposed the governor's severance tax proposal. But when Hathaway challenged them to figure out an alternative, they admitted they couldn't, and they passed the tax.

All this might sound familiar today. Wyoming currently has more than \$80 in the bank; in fact, our "Rainy Day Fund" is among the richest in the nation, with roughly \$1.7 billion. But the state is projected to lose \$1.5 billion in revenue over the next biennium, which would nearly erase it.

Coal isn't coming back, gas can't pay the bills, oil continues to struggle, and we're looking to be flat broke — again. There are also a couple key differences between now and yesteryear that make our situation more difficult.

First, there does not appear to be a single revenue generator like Hathaway's severance tax that can replace our disappearing fossil fuel revenues. Taxing wind won't do it, and neither will taxing tourism. We are going to need a variety of revenue sources to make up for what we're los-

ing — including (*GASP*) taxing ourselves.

Second, there are scant few state lawmakers like Hathaway, Herschler and Simpson today who are willing to accept tough answers to Wyoming's budget problems. When a Republican legislator proposed a corporate income tax last year — Wyoming is one of two states in the nation with no mechanism to tax corporate profits — it wasn't even brought up for debate.

Politicians here tend to talk about cutting spending instead of replacing lost revenues, but few offer actual solutions. It's hard to blame them — after all, Wyoming is filled with people who have either lived their whole lives here never having to pay state taxes, or who came here specifically because they saw a big neon sign that said "free ride."

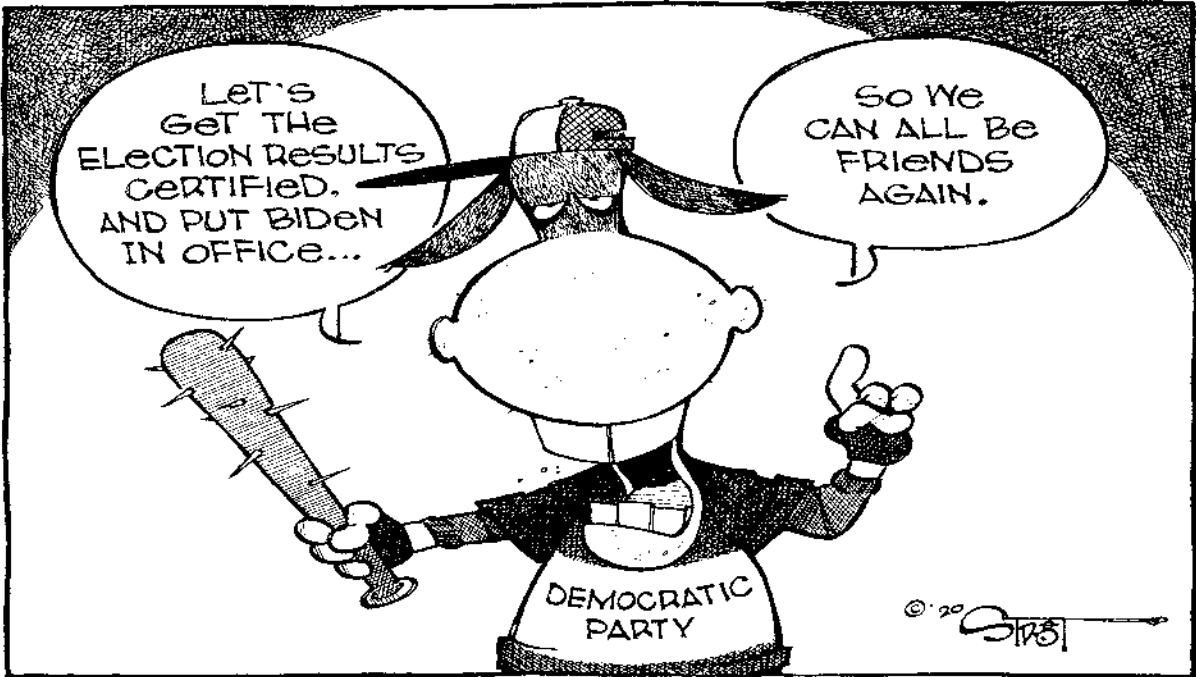
But, of course, the ride was never really free, and the mining companies that have carried the state for 50 years are now asking for their own tax breaks.

Wyoming, like everywhere else, needs schools, roads, hospitals, firefighters and other basic public services. And like Nick said, believing we can have these things without paying taxes is just stupid.

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NATE MARTIN
Guest columnist



Why humanities matter

Wyoming is at an unavoidable crossroads. Due to the collapse of mineral revenues, our future will not be anything like our past. Coal mining was once part of Wyoming's identity, but this phase of our history is quickly coming to a close. In 2020, betting on coal remaining the future of energy is like betting that horses would remain the future of transportation in 1920. Since the peak of coal production over a decade ago, annual state revenues from the shiny black rock have dropped \$770 million. The state of Wyoming is expected to have a \$1.5 billion budget shortfall in the next two years. Gov. Mark Gordon is ordering a 20% cut to all state agencies, which will severely impact programs for children and the elderly, veterans, education and health services.

Hence, we are not only at an economic crossroads, but at a profound cultural crossroads. What kind of state do we want Wyoming to become? What kind of Wyoming do we want for our children and grandchildren?

In the coming years Wyoming will be required to reimagine itself right down to its roots, a process that will necessitate self-

reflection and a clear, accurate understanding of history. It is not possible to know where you are, let alone where you are going, if you don't know where you've been. This is where humanities can help.

The humanities — language, literature, theater, music, art, dance, history, philosophy — all explore and express the nature of human nature. The humanities teach us how to think critically about complex problems — how to distinguish between the anecdotal and the statistical, the myth and the reality. For example, we here in Wyoming think of ourselves as the "Cowboy State," but in truth, according to U.S. Bureau of Economic analysis, less than 3% of our workforce is employed in ranching and farming. Beef2Live.com reports that there are more cattle in Florida, and thus more cowboys, than in Wyoming. The biggest employer in the state, by far, is the state government itself — teachers, administrators, state agency workers.

The humanities help us under-

stand each other, value diverse perspectives and promote tolerance, which stand at the center of social justice and equality.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 10% of Wyomingites live in poverty. Despite the fact that we have one of the low-

est tax burdens of any state (Wyoming has the lowest beer tax in the nation), the bottom 20% of Wyoming workers pay seven times the rate of the top 1%. A 2018 report by the Institute of Taxation and Economic Policy reveals that Wyoming has one of the largest tax rate discrepancies between the rich and the poor in the United States.

Finding solutions to entrenched inequalities will require open-mindedness and creativity, precisely the skills that the humanities bring to problem-solving.

The economic inequities and harsh realities that Wyoming is facing today provide a unique opportunity to explore and encourage the true wealth of this state — the intellectual, cultural, social and civic wealth that exists in every community from Bondurant to Buffalo, Sundance



MARK JENKINS
Guest columnist

to Saratoga. All Wyoming communities have their own proud heritage, committed citizens and singular sense of place. There is no doubt that the people of Wyoming love this state and are willing to do what it takes to make it a better place to live.

At this time, when democracy itself can sometimes feel imperiled, the humanities help develop informed, insightful citizens willing to engage in the civil discourse and elect solid, thoughtful leaders. "Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day," said Thomas Jefferson.

Wyoming is at a grand societal crossroads and needs the humanities to make the right choices. There are great challenges ahead, but also great opportunities. The humanities can help us navigate this new, beautiful future.

(A world-renowned explorer, critically acclaimed author and international journalist, Mark Jenkins' inaugural resident scholar. The Laramie-based writer has brought a humanities perspective to geopolitics, the environment and adventure for numerous national and international publications over the decades.)

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Kanye West walks past a crowd of fans at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody in September 2019, prior to a 'Sunday Service.' West bought a ranch south of the city that summer and later relocated a portion of his business to Cody. However, an economic development leader said last month that he wishes the company would be more clear about its plans. Tribune file photo by CJ Baker

Could Kanye West’s business be ‘here today, gone tomorrow’?

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Deputy Editor

The head of Cody’s economic development organization says he remains optimistic about what Kanye West’s businesses can bring to the community, but he’s also expressed some concern about the opportunity disappearing. After buying a ranch south of Cody last year, the billionaire musician and entrepreneur moved a portion of his apparel business, Yeezy, to the city. The company quickly began advertising for jobs, sparking hopes that West’s arrival could be an economic boon for the area.

But during the Nov. 12 edition of KODI’s Speak Your Piece program, host Darian Dudrick noted there’s “a lot of rumors floating around” regarding West potentially moving Yeezy out of Cody.

Forward Cody CEO James Klessens, Dudrick’s guest for the day, said that he has “not changed too many of my perceptions about what that organization could do within this community: I think there’s a real positive, a real upside to what was occurring.”

However, “there’s a lot of uncertainty about what and how to do the things that they needed to do,” Klessens said, describing Yeezy’s approach as “stacking marbles.”

“You might have some cursory success — and it may seem like it — but pretty quick, they all kind of fall apart again, and you gotta start over,” Klessens said on KODI. “And that’s a concern, because we don’t need to be in a position where we cast our hopes towards something, and then have them taken away, and then they come back, and

they have them taken away.”

“And I’ve seen a little of that with that organization,” he continued. “And it doesn’t bode well for relationships when you’re ‘here today, gone tomorrow,’ type of a relationship.”

West and Yeezy have set up a shoe and apparel manufacturing facility in the former Cody Laboratories warehouse on Road 2AB, leasing space from Forward Cody and Cody Labs’ parent company.

On KODI, Klessens said Yeezy workers have been continuing to build shoe prototypes at the 2AB site and have plans to modify the mechanical systems in the building.

“They seem to be intent on being where they’re at — but I know that the process has slowed somewhat,” Klessens said. “And so that may indicate that there’s some vacillation, but you know, nothing that I can officially report, or even comment on.”

In an interview on the Joe Rogan Experience last month, West indicated that Yeezy was using its facilities in Cody to produce its Foam RNNR shoes.

“We built a factory for it in Cody, and you can make these in 25 minutes,” West told Rogan. He gave no indication that he was planning to leave Cody, but did mention that, “in the past couple months [I] have been going to Atlanta for two days a week or three days a week, because I’m building this ... soundstage.” West also said the president of Haiti had given him an island in Haiti “to develop, to make a city of the future.”

In addition to the site on Road

2AB, West also purchased a building and six nearby lots on Cody’s Big Horn Avenue that encompass around 10.5 acres. The building there served as the official headquarters for West’s presidential campaign and he has a temporary storage tent set up at the site; Klessens said some sewing work was conducted there at one point, but the plans for the property have remained in flux.

In August, one of West’s representatives said Yeezy envisions developing the Big Horn Avenue properties in three different phases.

Phase 1 involves continuing to use the temporary, 4,800 square-foot tent building. At West’s request, city officials originally permitted the tent to remain in place for six months — from March through September. However, Yeezy later asked city planning officials for permission to use the building for an additional year.

Cody City Planner Todd Stowell wrote in an August staff report that he was “not overly surprised” by the request for an extension, “as six months seemed quite aggressive to develop a plan for the property and get the new buildings constructed.”

Stowell said he believed it was appropriate to let West use the tent for another year, “provided there remains a commitment to further develop the site with structures that are more permanent and aesthetically compatible.”

The city’s planning board approved an extension that will

allow the temporary tent to remain in place until Sept. 15, 2021.

That’s conditioned on West’s representatives submitting a site plan for the property’s second phase by April 26. August’s letter from Yeezy indicated that the plans for the property remained up in the air.

Phase 2 could start next spring and “might consist of steel structures for phasing of construction to the overall site plan,” the letter said, but was still “to be determined.”

That would be followed at some point in the future by “a larger construction project for the lots” in Phase 3. It would include “workspaces for fabrication and [research and development],” with potentially some “intermediate buildings” constructed to “transition into the newly developed workspaces,” the letter said.

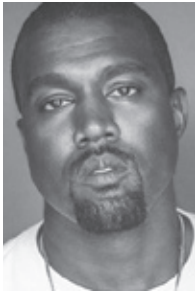
“Please be aware that these phases are speculative,” the message concluded, “and we will work with the planning and zoning committee as things change.”

During the Nov. 12 Speak Your Piece, host Dudrick mentioned that, “everybody knows that Kanye [West] beats to his own drum and he has the right to do whatever he wants; you just don’t know.”

Klessens agreed completely, saying that West’s business “is his business.”

However, earlier in the interview, the Forward Cody CEO also expressed a desire for more certainty.

“I just wish that they would be clear about what their plan is, and then execute that plan,” Klessens said. “Here today, gone tomorrow is problematic for our town.”



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There is a Season: The Sequence of Natural Events in the Grand Teton-Yellowstone Area.”

Nearly 50 years later, Wyoming biologist Trevor Bloom has built on this legacy to compare modern phenological events to his historic data. In a Dec. 3 lecture hosted by the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Bloom will present the startling results of the research and share his newest short film on

the project: “For Everything There Was a Season (Spring).”

The Center of the West is inviting the public to join the online lunchtime expedition, which will begin at noon on Dec. 3. Register in advance for the webinar by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y38xfqkg>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar with Bloom.

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NOVEMBER 23-25

- Nicholas Phillip Ward, 56, and Merilee Jean (Colby) Solie, 51, both of Cody
- Paul Laurence Van Velzer, 62, of Dubois and Teddy Ann (Keller) Calkin, 61, of Cody

POLICE REPORT

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NOVEMBER 8

- 1:05 a.m. A resident on East Sixth Street complained about bass music next door that was too loud as they were trying to sleep. Responding officers contacted the neighbor, who advised they would turn down the music.
- 9:49 a.m. Fraud was reported on Avenue B and the case was placed under investigation.
- 1:27 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on South Division Street where they were advised it was verbal only and the situation was resolved for the time being.
- 7:36 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on South Clark Street, where the parties involved advised it was only verbal and they separated for the night.

NOVEMBER 9

- 7:57 a.m. A resident on Avenue B requested a standby for a civil issue. Officers responded but were unable to assist.
- 11:13 a.m. Fraud was reported on West Coulter Avenue and the case is under investigation.
- 12:25 p.m. The community service officer responded to a report of a dog that appeared to be hanging off a leash from a trailer on East Jefferson Street. The case is under investigation.
- 1:29 p.m. A caller on North Clark Street requested an officer contact a person who has been hanging around inside a business for a few days. A responding officer contacted the person and the individual left.
- 3:43 p.m. A resident complained about a vehicle that ran through the stop signs on four buses that were picking up kids at the school on South Douglas Street. A responding officer contacted the driver, who received a warning for failure to stop for school buses displaying stop signs.
- 3:52 p.m. A theft was reported on East Third Street and the case is under investigation.

NOVEMBER 10

- 3:19 a.m. An officer advised a person going through a dumpster on North Clark Street about the city ordinance prohibiting the practice.
- 12:40 p.m. A small scooter left in front of a house on East Third Street was placed in the bike cage. The Mad Deer scooter is black with silver and blue stripes.
- 2:13 p.m. A caller reported an old white pickup truck swerving out of its lane on East South/South Day streets. Responding officers located the described truck and advised the driver, who was not intoxicated, of the complaint.
- 2:34 p.m. A small, dark brown Lab was reportedly running at large on South Ferris Street for at least two days. The owner was contacted and received a citation for failure to obtain dog license and a warning for animal running at large.
- 3:10 p.m. A caller on North Bent Street reported a male entered the business and wanted information on someone else. The male became upset when information wasn't given to him and he left on foot. A responding officer contacted the male and advised him of the complaint. The male left the area.
- 3:55 p.m. An officer assisted with a civil standby on North Absaroka Street.
- 8:11 p.m. An officer assisted with a civil standby on West Third Street.
- 11:37 p.m. An officer responded to a theft reported on South Douglas Street and placed the case under investigation.

NOVEMBER 11

- 1:13 a.m. A theft was reported on South Douglas Street and an officer placed the case under investigation.
- 9:04 a.m. An officer provided assistance to an individual in the Powell area regarding a suspicious incident.
- 5:01 p.m. A resident on North Cheyenne Street reported two children who hadn't come home from school. Officers located the children a short time later and returned them to their parents.

NOVEMBER 12

- 12:22 p.m. The community service officer responded to a report of a dog biting a person on North Day Street. The officer was advised the skin was not broken, but the dog's owners received warnings for a leash law violation, dangerous/vicious animal and no dog license.
- 12:25 p.m. A caller on South Absaroka Street reported a suspicious statement that had been made a couple days previous. An officer investigated the incident and deemed it not malicious.
- 10:16 p.m. Officers responded to a report of three males walking down North Evarts Street, with one holding a rifle and the other a pistol. The officers checked the area extensively, but no one was found in the area.

NOVEMBER 13

- 11:54 a.m. A caller on West Coulter Avenue reported her car was hit by another vehicle's door. A responding officer determined the wind caught the door. The caller said they would take care of the problem; both parties exchanged information.
- 1:21 p.m. A resident on Avenue B reported a woman followed him to his residence and yelled at him. A responding officer contacted the parties, who had conflicting stories, and also advised the school resource officer.
- 3:32 p.m. A resident on West Coulter Avenue reported a pistol had been stolen from their vehicle an unknown time ago. A case was started.
- 7:38 p.m. A man on North Cheyenne Street reported being unable to contact his children all day. Officers responded, but were unable to contact the mother and children at the time.
- 7:44 p.m. Officers responded to a report of seven kids hanging around a building on Mountain View Street. The kids were gone upon the officers' arrival and there was no apparent damage to the building.
- 8:32 p.m. A resident on Ashwood Drive advised being unable to contact a friend for a few days; the friend's daughter was also concerned. The friend was contacted and both the resident and the daughter were notified.
- NOVEMBER 14
- 9:59 a.m. Officers checked on the welfare of a resident on Rainwater Court and advised the person was fine.
- 5:56 p.m. A resident on Julie Lane reported receiving a phone call that someone was in their backyard with a flashlight. Responding officers did not locate anyone and were advised it could have been the neighbors in their own backyard.
- 6:40 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a male and female fighting at a location on North Douglas Street. The officers were told nothing physical occurred, only verbal arguing, and the parties had already separated.
- 8:52 p.m. A caller on South Ferris Street reported her husband was intoxicated and yelling at her. Responding officers found nothing physical occurred and both parties separated for the night.
- 11:14 p.m. An anonymous caller reported a lot of smoke at North Absaroka/East Second streets. A responding officer saw no smoke and found someone had a fire-place going.
- NOVEMBER 15
- 10:05 a.m. An officer assisted with a criminal trespass order for several subjects on Cary Street.
- 5:16 p.m. A resident on Avenue G reported missing medicine. An officer started a case.
- 7:17 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on East

Monroe Street and found it was only verbal; one of the parties left for the night.

NOVEMBER 16

- 2:34 a.m. After a traffic stop at North Ingalls/East Seventh streets, Kayleb Hoffman, 33, of Texarkana, Texas was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence.
- 10:50 a.m. A caller complained about an apartment on North Bent Street that had a sign with profane language hanging in front of the apartment. The owner of the building was contacted and will advise the tenant of the complaint.
- Noon: An assault was reported on East Coulter Avenue. Officers placed the case under investigation.
- 12:45 p.m. Four chickens were reportedly running at large at West Seventh Street/Meadow Court. The community service officer returned the chickens to their yard, but because no one was home at the time, a message was left for the owners.
- 5:14 p.m. A resident on Cherrywood Lane reported investment fraud. Officers determined there was no money exchanged and the resident received options on how to proceed.
- 8:20 p.m. A bicycle was reported stolen on West Third Street. A responding officer placed the case under investigation.
- 8:53 p.m. Officers attempted to check on the welfare of a resident on South Jones Street but were unable to locate the person.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

NOVEMBER 7

- 10:45 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted with a request to check on the welfare of a person on Road 6 in the Powell area.
- 11:22 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted the Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office on McCullough Peaks Road in the Cody area.

NOVEMBER 8

- 12:01 a.m. After a traffic stop on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area, Cory Michael Bowman, 37, was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol.
- 8:10 a.m. A silver 2010 Nissa Xterra was reported to have hit a stop sign on U.S. Highway 14/16/20 east of Cody.
- 8:31 a.m. A citizen on Lane 9 in the Powell area asked to speak to a deputy about numerous issues. The sheriff's office was unable to assist.
- 9:30 a.m. A citizen asked the sheriff's office to check on the welfare of an individual on Eagle-nest Trail in the Powell area, but the request was later canceled.

NOVEMBER 9

- 10:08 a.m. A citizen was reported to have been detained by security guards on Nielson Road in the Cody area after making a U-turn on a side road. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 11:18 a.m. A citizen on Lane 9 in the Powell area asked to speak to a deputy about the theft of welding tanks a while ago. The sheriff's office was unable to assist.
- 11:49 a.m. A citizen on Stagecoach Trail in the Cody area reported their bank account had been compromised. A case was opened.
- 1:18 p.m. A citizen on Road 9H in the Powell area reported a domestic altercation that had occurred sometime earlier. A case was opened.
- 2:37 p.m. A bunch of signs were reported to have been stolen from the intersection of Lane 6/Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area. A case was opened.
- 4:47 p.m. After a traffic stop on Wyo. Highway 120 in the Meeteetse area, the driver was cited for driving with a revoked license and warned for failing to maintain a single lane of traffic.
- 5:09 p.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area. The call was referred to another agency.
- 9:49 p.m. A deputy removed a deer from the road on U.S. High-

way 14-A in the Cody area.

NOVEMBER 10

- 8:33 a.m. A citizen on Bear Creek Road in the Cody area reported that a neighbor had been driving erratically and had followed them to work. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 10:04 a.m. Possible child abuse was reported on Yellowstone Avenue in Cody. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 11:12 a.m. A caller with the Census Bureau requested information about a property on Nielson Road in the Cody area. The sheriff's office was unable to assist.
- 11:18 a.m. A citizen reported losing an item sometime over the summer at the Cabin Creek Trail-head on Road 6WX in the Cody area. A case was opened.
- 11:25 a.m. A citizen on Road 3JC in the Meeteetse area reported that a dog was eating the cat food they had on the porch. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 11:40 a.m. A deputy assisted a motorist on Cooper Lane East/U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.
- 1:09 p.m. Someone was reported to have shot a cow on Road 10 in the Powell area.
- 7:49 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted after a vehicle was reported to have been abandoned along Wyo. Highway 291/Road 6WX in the Cody area.
- 11:41 a.m. A citizen on Nielson Road in the Cody area said that a male came onto the property the day before and had been driving slowly by the ranch that day. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 6:22 p.m. A citizen asked to speak to a deputy about a child welfare issue on Lane 9 in the Powell area. The sheriff's office assisted.

NOVEMBER 12

- 7:53 a.m. A person not named in sheriff's logs was served a warrant at the Cody Law Enforcement Center.
- 12:34 p.m. People were reported to be trespassing on leased property on Carter View Drive in the Cody area. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 2:55 p.m. A citizen reported being harassed by text messages on Dixie Lane in the Cody area. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 9:43 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted in attempting to locate a person on Wild Willie Road in Clark who hadn't come home from work; they had done a job in Cody and were supposed to return to Clark.

NOVEMBER 13

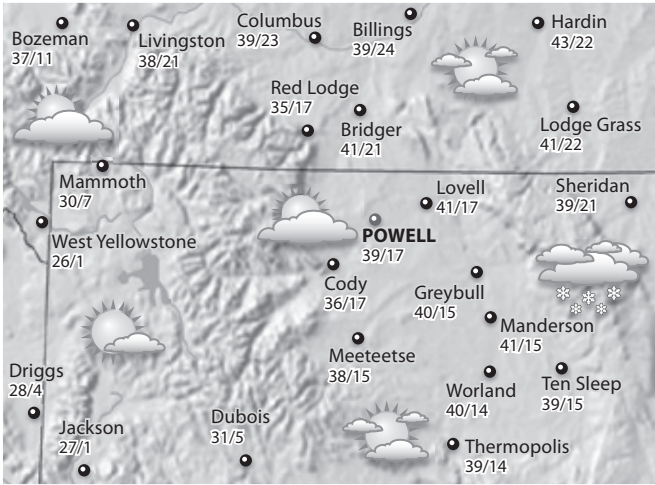
- 3:40 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted the Wyoming Department of Family Services on Mustang Lane in the Cody area.
- 4:24 p.m. The sheriff's office removed a dead deer from the middle of U.S. Highway 14-A in the Cody area.
- 7:28 p.m. The sheriff's office assisted their counterparts from Big Horn County on Wyo. Highway 295 in the Powell area.
- 9:41 p.m. A citizen on Road 6WX in the Cody area reported seeing a suspicious light come from Carter Mountain. The sheriff's office assisted.
- 10:39 p.m. A caller reported a party going on near a residence on Lane 14 in the Powell area. The sheriff's office assisted.

NOVEMBER 14

- 11:41 a.m. A vehicle was reported to be all over Road 10/Lane 10 in the Powell area. The sheriff's office was unable to locate the vehicle.
- 3:07 p.m. A person was reported to have been bitten by a dog on Road 1AF in Clark and a case was opened.
- 4:50 p.m. A driver was warned for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle on 13th Street/Sheridan Avenue in Cody.
- 5:55 p.m. An 88-year-old woman was reported to have died on Lane 7H in the Powell area.
- 11:42 p.m. A male in a large coat, with his hands in his pocket, was reported to be walking on Sunburst Drive/Road 6WX in the Cody area. The suspicious activity call was referred to another agency.

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Powell for the 7-day period ending Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High/low.....46°/19°
Normal high/low.....38°/14°
Average temperature.....30.2°
Normal average temperature.....26.1°

PRECIPITATION

Total for the week.....Trace
Month to date.....0.14"
Normal month to date.....0.17"
Year to date.....5.29"
Snowfall for the week.....Trace"
Snowfall month to date.....0.6"
Snowfall season to date.....5.1"

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Moonrise/Moonset.....5:37pm/8:48am

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Casper	33/14/sn	Greybull	40/15/pc	Rawlins	30/13/sf
Cheyenne	34/15/pc	Jeffrey City	31/14/pc	Rock Springs	31/13/c
Gillette	35/19/pc	Kirby	40/14/pc	Shoshoni	39/16/pc
The Nation	Today	City	Today	City	Today
City	Hi/Low/W		Hi/Low/W		Hi/Low/W
Atlanta	45/28/s	Houston	63/53/s	Louisville	40/26/sf
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How Country Christmas became ChristmasFest

BY CONNIE BURCHAM
Tribune Managing Editor

Explaining how the old Country Christmas became ChristmasFest in Powell is what Shelby Wetzel calls a "full circle experience."

The hometown shopping and entertainment event began about 1985 as a way for the community to celebrate the holidays. It was set for the first weekend of December and was originally Dickens-themed with a Wyoming flair.

"They all wore long dresses and bonnets," said Wetzel, the president of the Plaza Diane Board of Directors. And for years it was just a weekend event.

Over time, however, the event spread out to include Sample the Season and Santa's Workshop and operated on multiple weekends.

Country Christmas was a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Wetzel said, founded on the idea that at the end of 20 years, the leaders would turn it over to new leadership. Wetzel was committee chair by then, in 1996. Her mother, Diane Bonner, for whom Plaza Diane was named, was one of the event founders.

Somehow, the chamber wound up running the event. Later, the new chamber director did not want the responsibility and farmed the various segments out to willing organizations.

"When they [the organizers] were independent, they could focus," Wetzel said. But as disparate groups took over various portions of the event, focus dwindled.

"Like everything there are times when in the ebb and flow, it's time to rethink and revitalize," Wetzel said.

So it is that the annual holiday celebra-

tion has come under the leadership of Plaza Diane and has a new name — ChristmasFest. The name was selected and voted on by the Plaza Diane board.

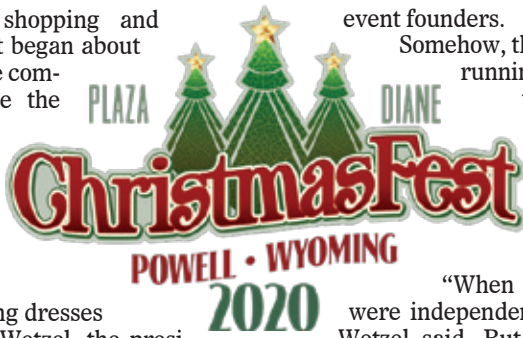
"We want to play up the community center identity," Wetzel said. So with the rebranding and new name, plans are to refresh the holiday activities, using food and entertainment in a festival atmosphere.

This year, of course, is a tough go of it, because of the limitations set in place to keep residents safe from the novel coronavirus. But that is not slowing the Plaza Diane board of directors down one bit.

"We have the vision for new activities that won't come to pass this year," Wetzel said. But those activities aren't just relegated to the end-of-year holidays.

Hopes are to bring back the Octoberfest that was once a mainstay of downtown Powell calendars in addition to rebooting ChristmasFest.

"If we can put our energy into the rebranding and rebuilding, we can revitalize the holiday activities for the community," Wetzel said.



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How many abortions are performed in Wyoming?

LAWMAKERS AND ACTIVISTS QUESTION IF THEY'RE GETTING COMPLETE DATA

BY CJ BAKER
Tribune Deputy Editor

In the second half of 2019, medical providers in Wyoming performed a total of 31 abortions, according to a recent report from the state Department of Health, indicating that slightly more than 60 such procedures took place last year.

However, during a legislative meeting earlier this month, some skeptical state lawmakers and pro-life advocates questioned if abortions are going uncounted; a pro-choice nonprofit has estimated roughly twice as many procedures took place in Wyoming in past years.

The State of Wyoming has long required doctors to report any abortions they perform. However, up until 2019, “we were not getting the data from providers as far as how many abortions were actually taking place in the state,” state Rep. Scott Clem, R-Gillette, said at a Nov. 5 meeting of the Legislature’s Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee.

To change that, Clem sponsored — and the House and Senate passed — a 2019 bill that created penalties for doctors who fail to report the information to the Wyoming Department of Health. It also requires the department to issue an annual public report on in-state abortions.

The first report, issued last summer, covered data from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2019. During those six months, providers reported 26 abortions among Wyoming residents and another five among women from out-of-state. The majority of the women (61%) were undergoing an abortion for the first time, according to the data, while three of the 31 women reported three or more previous abortions.

All of the abortions came in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy and involved “the early medical abortion procedure,” the report says, a category that would include the so-called abortion pill.

But during the Nov. 5 meeting, Rep. Sue Wilson, R-Cheyenne, the co-chair of the committee, expressed doubt about the data contained in the June report. Wilson said she found it “hard to believe” that zero surgical abortions were performed in Wyoming in the second half of 2019.

Deputy State Registrar Guy Beaudoin told the committee any late-term abortions “are potentially being sought out of state,” but noted that was only speculation on his part. Beaudoin added that the data provided to the department is somewhat limited, because certain personal information about the patients remains confidential.

For their part, legislators expressed varying degrees of concern about whether the data being reported to the Department of Health is capturing the full picture.

“In order to ensure that we have good public policy, we need to make sure that we have good data,” said Clem. “[I’m] still a little bit concerned.”

Hanging over the conversation was the discrepancy between the

31 abortions reported to the department — which would indicate 62 abortions over the course of a full year — and past data from the Guttmacher Institute, which has estimated far more annual abortions in Wyoming.

A WIDE GAP IN THE DATA

The pro-choice institute surveys a couple thousand facilities and gathers other information to compile annual estimates — and its reports are regarded as perhaps the most comprehensive accounting of abortions in the U.S. Between 2014 and 2017, the Guttmacher Institute logged anywhere between 110 and 140 annual abortions in Wyoming.

The Guttmacher Institute’s estimates of in-state abortions indicate that Wyoming has consistently had the fewest number of in-state abortions in the U.S. by a long ways, both in terms of sheer numbers and on a per capita basis. (A much larger number of Wyoming women seek abortions out of state, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that 493 women did so in 2016.) However, the institute’s figures are still significantly higher than those being reported to the state government.

At the same time the Guttmacher Institute was getting reports of more than 110 annual abortions in Wyoming, the state was only receiving notice of about one per year.

In an abortion surveillance report published last year, the CDC noted that the 2016 figures collected by the Wyoming Department of Health represented less than 5% of those tallied by Guttmacher Institute. That yawning gap was a clear outlier: In the other 49 states and the District of Columbia, health agencies’ abortion counts added up to at least half of the numbers compiled by the Guttmacher’s — and most states’ figures were within 10% of the institute’s count.

‘IT IS NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS’

At least part of the discrepancy appears to have been the result of two Jackson area doctors who made an intentional decision to only report abortions to the Guttmacher Institute.

Although reporting the information to the state was required by law, “I do not report to the state because it is none of their business,” abortion provider Dr. Brent Blue told Rewire.News in 2018; Dr. Giovannina Anthony, the state’s other primary abortion provider, told the publication she was doing the same thing.

The Legislature’s passage of House Bill 103, Reporting of Abortions, followed in early 2019, after being pushed by pro-life lawmakers and activists. It gave teeth to the existing requirements, saying that any physician who fails to submit an abortion reporting form to the State Office of Vital Records Services within 110 days may be subject to disci-

pline from the Wyoming Board of Medicine.

With a jump from a single reported abortion per year to 31 in six months, the law appears to have made an impact.

But lawmakers pressed Beaudoin, of vital records services, on whether the state is capturing all of the abortion data.

“I guess I can only comment on the data that we get,” he said, but “the confidence level is that previously we weren’t receiving reports like we are today. So I’m confident that the providers understand the requirements that have been put into law and I’m confident they’re following it, because we are getting those reports to us.”

Beaudoin added that the department had a couple providers — who he did not name — search their records for certain medical codes as a kind of quality assurance. Rep. Wilson, however, went back to the Guttmacher Institute’s higher numbers

and her disbelief about no surgical procedures being performed in Wyoming.

“I guess I don’t have quite your confidence. That doesn’t seem to make sense to me,” Wilson told Beaudoin. “But I guess you only know what you’ve got.”

MORE DATA REQUESTED

Meanwhile, a couple of members of the public said they want the state to release more information in the annual public reports.

Former Republican state Rep. Marti Halverson of Right to Life Wyoming said her group is seeking data from prior years and wants the Department of Health to go beyond the “ cursory and minimal” information presented in the recent report. For instance, Halverson wants to know if any of the patients who received an abortion were minors.

“It is unsatisfactory on many levels; this report raises more questions than it answers,” she said.

Mike Leman, the legislative liaison for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cheyenne, openly questioned the completeness of the data reported to the state. While he’s long heard that only two providers offer abortions in Wyoming and that most are per-

formed out-of-state, “we wonder where the evidence is,” Leman said.

Noting that doctors have openly admitted to failing to follow Wyoming’s abortion reporting requirements in the past, he wondered if they might also be performing prohibited late-term abortions by exploiting an exception for the mother’s health.

“... if there’s been no correction for noncompliance these last 40-plus years, are we very sure that they’re all in compliance now?” Leman said. “My concern is that most Wyomingites aren’t aware of the possibility that human rights violations could be happening in their very own communities.”

Laramie businessman Greg Hunter, a Democrat who ran for Wyoming’s U.S. House seat in 2018, also made a case for a more complete report.

While containing some information about how each abortion was performed, who underwent the procedures, when and where, “this report really needs some work on the why,” Hunter said. Without knowing the reasons that women are seeking abortions, “we cannot make decisions to prevent or learn to live with these personal decisions,” he said. For example, Hunter wondered if any of those 31 women sought to terminate their pregnancies after being raped, or if any made the decision because of financial hardship.

“When only a partial story is told, and the one that leaves out the why, it gives oxygen to conspiracy theories — and/or we go looking for why the why was left out,” he said.

The committee ultimately took no action, though Rep. Wilson raised the possibility of an individual lawmaker bringing a bill to “clean up” some of the language from the 2019 reporting legislation.

Across the country, the abortion rate has been dropping, according to data from the Guttmacher Institute. In 2017 — the most recent year for which data is available — there were 13.5 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age, “the lowest rate recorded since abortion was legalized in 1973,” the institute found.

The data indicates that not quite one in five pregnancies — 18.4% — ended in abortion in 2017, with an estimated total of 862,320 abortions provided in clinical settings.

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Humans and canines alike, including Tim Baxter and his pup, got up on Thanksgiving morning for the annual Turkey Trot, which serves as a benefit for the Powell High School Robotics Club. Organizers were pleased with the turnout in this COVID-19-disrupted year. Tribune photos by CJ Baker

PANTHER ROBOTICS TEAM HOSTS 'TURKEY TROT' RACE FUNDRAISER

BY CARSON FIELD
Tribune Sports Reporter

On Thanksgiving morning, the Powell High School commons hosted the “Turkey Trot: Run for the Robots,” raising money for the PHS robotics program. The event had two races: a 5K and a 1 mile run.

Roughly 50 people participated, with men and women of all ages competing. With the pandemic, turnout was slightly lower than in past years, but PHS robotics club sponsor Joel Hayano said he’s still thankful for everyone who showed up.

“For all that is happening, this is a pretty good turnout,” Hayano said. “Most of the runners were people who have run it in the past, so it was nice to see them running again this year.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many races and fundraisers across the country have gone virtual. But Hayano said he’s thankful for getting to hold the Turkey Trot in person. Runners

started at the high school and ran north along Panther Boulevard/Road 8 before retracing their steps and finishing back at PHS.

“We were happy with the turnout and thankful that the administration at school allowed us to host the event,” Hayano said. “With everything being shut down lately, it was nice to be able to host the run.”

The money raised from the event goes directly to the robotics club, which it will use to buy equipment for competitions. This and a rubber duck race held in the spring provide much of the funding for the team as it prepares for the state competition in April.

In the mile race, Ethan Bartholomew posted the best men’s time (6:04), and Kenna Jacobsen ran the fastest women’s time (6:40). Kevin Pfefferle’s time of 19:52 was the fastest in the 5K on the men’s side, and Michela Morrissey had the best women’s time of 23:00.

‘For all that is happening, this is a pretty good turnout.’

Joel Hayano
PHS Robotics Club

FULL RESULTS:

Mile race:
Men 13 and under: Lucas Miller 16:49
Men 14-19: Ethan Bartholomew 6:04, Shawn Evelo 16:49
Men 40-49: Thomas Evelo 17:23, Dean Bartholomew 22:11
Men 50-59: Rusty McKeen 16:57, Tim Miller 17:24
Men 70 and up: Ralph Bartholomew 22:15

Women 13 and under: Kenna Jacobsen 6:40, Melissa Merritt 6:52, Veronica Kovach 9:21, Jasmine Clark 9:21
Women 14-19: Meaghan McKeen 16:17, Gabi Gernhart 16:57
Women 40-49: Jamie Jacobsen 12:51, Ashley Lauritzen 16:30, Julie Miller 18:25, Tonya Bartholomew 22:16

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Participants in the 2020 Turkey Trot ran north up Panther Boulevard/Road 8 before heading back south to the finish line at Powell High School. Breaton Clark posted the top time among those 13 and under who ran the 5K.

Powell Swim Club begins 2020-21 winter season

BY CARSON FIELD
Tribune Sports Reporter

The Powell Swim Club has begun its 2020-21 season, competing in two events already.

The Piranhas participated in the Spook Splash in Lander on Oct. 31 and then a Powell vs. Cody dual meet at the Powell Aquatic Center. Eight swimmers competed in the Lander event, while 29 competed in the Powell event.

Powell Swim Club posted 343.5 points as a team in Lander, finishing fifth in the competition. The Piranhas notched eight first-place finishes at the event. Karee Cooley, Kinley Cooley, Kaitlin Diver and Nate Johnston each won two events.

Against Cody, Powell finished second. The 29 swimmers combined for 14 first-place finishes and posted 1,846 points as a team.

The team’s next event is scheduled for the Snowball Crawl in Worland on Sunday.

RESULTS:

Spook Splash:
Lynea Christensen: 5. 50 back 53.55, 5. 50 free 43.63, 5. 50 breast 1:01.01, 3. 100 free 1:40.00
Patricia Christensen: 2. 100 back 1:22.06, 5. 50 free 33.73, 8. 100 breast 1:42.01, 6. 100 free 1:18.13, 2. 100 fly 1:52.63
Karee Cooley: 2. 50 back 36.55, 1. 200 free 2:40.22, 4. 50 free 33.28, 2. 100 breast 1:34.12, 1. 50 fly 36.58
Kinley Cooley: 2. 100 back 1:13.85, 1. 200

back 2:39.84, 2. 50 free 31.39, 1. 100 breast 1:22.13, 2. 100 free 1:09.29
Kaitlin Diver: 1. 500 free 7:02.6, 8. 50 back 41.84, 1. 50 free 31.31, 7. 100 breast 1:41.81, 2. 100 free 1:10.15
Kobus Diver: 2. 500 free 6:09.59, 7. 200 free 2:20.11, 10. 50 free 27.96, 5. 100 breast 1:22.49, 8. 100 free 1:03.25
Kaylen Greenwald: 3. 50 back 38.32, 3. 100 back 1:25.21, 12. 50 free 36.79, 9. 50 breast 47.78, 3. 100 breast 1:38.89
Nate Johnston: 4. 100 back 1:01.50, 3. 200 free 2:04.43, 1. 100 breast 1:04.52, 1. 200 breast 2:34.74, 4. 100 fly 1:03.72

Powell vs. Cody Dual

Baylee Brence: 4. 100 free 1:11.39, 6. 100 fly 1:32.84, 5. 100 back 1:26.45, 5. 100 breast 1:36.78, 4. 50 free 1:36.78
Charlee Brence: 5. 100 free 1:11.95, 3. 100 fly 1:24.74, 7. 100 back 1:33.26, 7. 100 breast 1:45.64, 5. 50 free 33.48
Emma Brence: 6. 100 free 1:14.37, 4. 100 fly 1:26.89, 4. 100 back 1:25.74, 4. 100 breast 1:36.57, 6. 50 free 34.72
Kathryn Brence: 7. 100 free 1:17.50, 7. 100 fly 1:36.46, 6. 100 back 1:29.59, 3. 100 breast 1:27.74, 7. 50 free 35.32
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UW Cowboys run over UNLV in 45-14 road win

The Cowboys football team rushed for nearly 400 yards in a 45-14 road win over UNLV on Friday afternoon in Las Vegas. Wyoming (2-2 in the Mountain West) scored six touchdowns on the ground.

“We talked at halftime about our execution and UNLV’s good players and we had to make them work hard,” UW head coach Craig Bohl said. A defensive stop early in the second half — followed by a UW touchdown — got the team rolling, Bohl said, while “our point of attack on the defensive and offensive line were well up to par.”

Senior Trey Smith rushed for a career-high 156 yards with one touchdown. He recorded 6.8 yards per carry for the game with a long of 28 yards. Junior Xazavian Valla-day added 94 yards — including a 78-yard TD run on the

second play of the game.

“Our offensive line did a great job of opening up holes,” Bohl said. “Trey [Smith] kept his feet moving and made some great runs, it was very heartwarming to see him out there and execute at such a high level.”

Freshman quarterback Levi Williams had three rushing touchdowns, running for 44 yards and passing for 99.

The Wyoming offense averaged 7 yards per play and held onto the ball for over 35 minutes. Wyoming finished the game with 498 yards of total offense.

The Pokes defense, meanwhile, allowed UNLV only 290 yards. Wyoming recorded two turnovers and turned those into points. Wyoming recorded five sacks in the contest, in-

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Northwest Trapper athletes head home after ‘successful’ fall

BY CARSON FIELD
Tribune Sports Reporter

After a few months of practicing and training, Northwest College student-athletes have left campus for the start of their six-week break from school.

Multiple NJCAA Region IX programs were unable to hold many practices or scrimmages, due to high numbers of positive coronavirus cases. With very few COVID-19-related pauses at Northwest, it was a successful fall for the college’s athletic program.

“It was really successful if you look at teams that we compete against,” NWC athletic director

Brian Erickson said. “We had a lot of practices and scrimmages compared to most.”

Erickson said he thinks the school’s diligent pandemic plan — released in August — helped keep the college from a serious outbreak. For Erickson and the various coaches at NWC, it came down to practicing what they preached.

“Just emphasizing that from the top down was important,” Erickson said. “If student-athletes saw me without a mask, they might not want to put theirs on. As a group, everybody did a really good job.”

Between daily temperature checks and mask requirements

at almost all times, it was a new reality for Trapper student-athletes. But just as the faculty was persistent in minimizing the virus’ effects at NWC, the student-athletes also did their part.

“They adjusted so well, understanding to wear a mask wherever they’re at,” Erickson said. “You’d think you might see pushback, but there was none of it. They understood protocol and were all for it.”

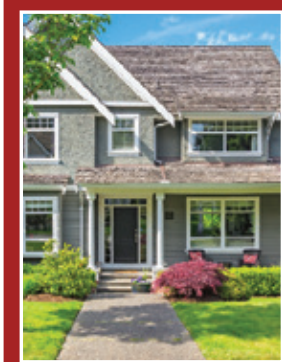
Almost every NWC program played multiple scrimmages this fall, and every team had ample practice time as a result of safe social distancing practices.

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Although nearly the entire fall sports season was moved to the spring, Northwest College was able to get in multiple practices and scrimmages — including this Oct. 30 men’s soccer matchup in Riverton. NWC student-athletes will return to campus in January, when teams are permitted to begin official competitions for winter sports.

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Northwest's rodeo program even completed a full fall season without any delays or postponements. Erickson admitted that the student-athletes may be rusty when they return from their six-week break. But with how successful the fall semester was, the Trappers should be better prepared than most athletic programs. "It's going to help them," Erickson said. "The break is a little longer than usual, but not having to start from scratch is going to be huge."



University of Wyoming freshman Levi Williams celebrates in the UNLV end zone after scoring one of his three rushing touchdowns on Friday. The Pokes blew out the Rebels, 45-14. Photo courtesy UNLV

UW FB: 'Our offensive line did a great job of opening up holes'

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cluding three from junior linebacker Chad Muma. "We knew that UNLV had some weakness and the blitzes our coaches dialed up really allowed Chad [Muma] to make plays," Bohl said. "It is encouraging to see the development from our coaches with our defensive line." The Cowboys wasted little time getting on the board with Valladay finding paydirt on a 78-yard scamper for the longest rush of the season for the Cowboys and longest of his career. The Pokes added to their lead with a 36-yard field goal by John Hoyland with

6:52 left in the opening frame. Wyoming made it a 17-0 contest with eight minutes remaining in the second quarter on a 15-yard scamper from Williams. The Rebels got on the board in the final seconds of the first half on a 2-yard touchdown run by Max Gillam. The 98-yard TD drive made it a 17-7 game at the half. However, UW safety Esaias Gandy stopped UNLV on fourth down to open the second half. UW then made it a 24-7 game on a 1-yard rush from Williams with 8:27 left in the third quarter. The Cowboy defense then made another big play, as freshman defensive

end Cameron Smith hopped on a fumble inside UNLV territory. Williams' third touchdown run of the day, this time from a yard out, put UW up 31-7 with 5:27 left in the third period. A pick from UW senior safety Braden Smith set up another score from the Pokes, a 28-yard run from Trey Smith. Wyoming added to its lead in the fourth quarter on a 19-yard run from Brett Brenton to make it 45-7. UNLV (0-5 in the MW) added a touchdown late. Wyoming returns to Las Vegas on Saturday, facing New Mexico at 8:30 p.m.

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 Notice is hereby given that Northwest College will open sealed bids at 2 P.M., local time December 17, 2020 at the at Physical Plant Office, 839 Road 9½, Powell, WY, for materials, labor, services, transportation, and complete construction of ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES–PHASE 2. Mail or deliver to Northwest College, 231 West Sixth Street, Powell, WY, 82435, Attention Deb Jacobs. Northwest College will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost ranges from \$100,000 to \$200,000. This work includes replacing transformers, sectionalizing cabinets, and installing new 15 KV EPR cable at various locations serving up to nine existing buildings. All bids publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com and at www.eaengineers.com under PROJECTS OUT TO BID. Interested Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$25 by inputting Quest project #7417926 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Optional paper copies of bidding documents are available at: Engineering Associates, 130 N. Bent Street, Powell, WY 82435 for \$100 non-refundable. Northwest College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owner. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price. A Mandatory Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for 2 P.M., local time, on December 3, 2020, at Physical Plant Office, 839 Road 9½, Powell, WY. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the bid which will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2020.
 NORTHWEST COLLEGE
 /s/ owner
 First Publ., Thurs., Nov. 19, 2020
 Second Publ., Tues., Dec. 1, 2020

Dusenberry probate

STATE OF WYOMING)
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT) SS
 COUNTY OF PARK)
 FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Probate No. 10134
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
 MICHAEL R. DUSENBERRY,)
 Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE
 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 2nd day of November, 2020, Amanda Glen Conner was appointed by the above-named Court as administrator of the estate of Michael R. Dusenberry.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all persons indebted to the decedent or to his estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned c/o Copenhaver, Kath, Kitchen & Kolpitcke, LLC, P.O. Box 839, Powell, WY 82435.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of said Court on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, and serve a copy on the personal representative c/o Copenhaver, Kath, Kitchen & Kolpitcke, LLC, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 12th day of November, 2020
 /s/Amanda Glen Conner
 Personal Representative
 First Publ., Tues., Nov. 17, 2020
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Cabre Gym project bids

Northwest College
 Cabre Gym Air Handler Replacement
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate Sealed Bids for the Cabre Gym Air Handler Replacement will be received by Northwest College, the OWNER, at NWC Physical Plant, located at 935 Road 9 1/2, Powell, Wyoming 82435 until 10:00 a.m., prevailing local time, on January 12, 2021 (Point Architects and Northwest College, will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail). Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work includes and consists of: furnishing all labor, operations, materials, accessories, incidentals, services, and equipment for work on the specific aforementioned project. The specific Work includes: furnishing all labor, means and methods, materials for owner supplied RTU, curb, services and equipment required for the removal of existing ceiling units, and abandon and cover relief air duct in ceiling Penthouse removal, located at 860 North Beckham Street, Powell, Wyoming 82435. Materials and/or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the Bid and shall conform to all Local, State, and Federal requirements in accordance with the requirements, terms, specifications, conditions, and provisions hereinafter contained. Disruptive work shall not commence no sooner than May 10, 2021 and shall be “substantially completed” no later than July 23, 2021, final completion by August 6, 2021. The sealed bids shall reference: Cabre Gym Air Handler Replacement.

The Plans and Project Manual for the work may be reviewed and obtained at the office of Point Architects, P.O. Box 1001, 1203 Sheridan Ave, Cody, Wyoming 82414. No partial sets will be issued. Hard copies of the Plans and Project Manual will be issued at a non-refundable cost of

\$30.00 per set. Contact Kane Morris at 307-272-4006 or kane@pointarchitects.com to request hard copy plans.

Questions regarding the technical aspects or requirements of the Contract Documents are to be referred to the Project Manager, Kane Morris, Point Architects, Cody, Wyoming, 307-272-4006.

MANDATORY PRE-BID at NWC Physical Plant, 935 Road 9 1/2, Powell, Wyoming 82435, December 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., prevailing local time. Bidders and subcontractors or Bidder's representative are required to attend and participate in the conference. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the bid which will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

In determining the lowest responsive proposal, The Owner will consider cost as a primary criterion in addition to whether the bidder is a responsible bidder. Northwest College, reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid will be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount. The bid guarantee amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owner. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price.

Dated this 16 day of November, 2020
 Northwest College
 /s/ owner

The college shall reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities and informalities in the bidding process or to accept any bid which in its sole and absolute judgment, under the circumstance, best serves the district's interest.

Where applicable, preference will be given to Wyoming contractors as provided in Wyoming Statute 9-8-301 (1977) et seq.

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Beata Wamhoff marks a century

Can you imagine what life was like 100 years ago, when Beata Korell was born? World War I had just ended, as had the Spanish flu pandemic that claimed 50 million lives worldwide. There were no microwaves, many homes still did not have electricity and telephones were a novelty in rural areas.

But the party that would normally mark such a milestone has been put on hold because of the 2020 version of a pandemic. Instead, hugs and well wishes will need to wait for the Powell resident who celebrated her 100th birthday Nov. 28 at Powell Valley Care Center.

A celebration was planned by her daughters, Karen Schutte of Windsor, Colorado, Sharleen Rogers of Billings, Montana, Laura Gwinn of Powell and Linda Woods of San Diego. The original party was to have been a gathering at Beata's church, with about 30 of her closest family and friends. But the recent spike in COVID cases put an end to that. Because of restrictions put in place at the care center to keep its residents safe from the virus, no gathering could be held there. Instead, there was a drive by caravan of about 25 cars. Beata sat outside under the awning in the wonderful weather on her birthday and the caravan members all offered their greetings.

Gwinn said the well-wishers stayed at least 6 feet from her mother, but spoke with her and, because of Beata's limited eyesight, made sure to identify themselves.

"She felt really blessed," Gwinn said. "It was a very good turnout."

GROWING UP

Beata Korell Wamhoff was born Esther Beata Korell to Jacob and Rosie Schmidt Korell on Nov. 28, 1920, in Lovell at the beginning of the Roaring '20s. Four years later, she was joined by her only sibling and beloved brother, Arnold Korell. They were very close throughout their lives. Arnold would go on to serve in World War II and Korea. He passed away in 2002.

Around 1925 the family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, hoping Rosie's relatives could help Jacob find work. He got a job at Ford Motor Co. and for a while they were doing very well; Beata started first grade. But the family of four returned to Wyoming as soup lines formed in Michigan.

Beata grew up in the Great Depression, not expecting much of anything because that's what they had — hard times. She has many memories of the hardships of those days. Beata's family says she always appreciated anything she had and anything folks did for her. New clothes were scarce, but her mother cut down or altered hand-me-downs. No matter how old the clothing, it was always pressed and clean.

Beata went to school in Port Huron, Kane, Lovell and Cowley, graduating from Cowley High School. She worked as a counter clerk at Lovell Drug Store and noticed one of her customers, Arnold "Jimmy" Wamhoff from out at Emblem Bench.

The Korell/Schmidt families were large — averaging eight or nine children, so Beata always had someone to play with. Later on, in high school, her slightly older uncles taught her to dance. She would walk to a dance when she was in high school if she couldn't get a ride. Beata formally met Arnold Wamhoff at a Lutheran youth party in Lovell. They began dating and were married in St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell on Sept. 28, 1941.

MARRIED LIFE

They started married life at Emblem in a large white farmhouse, where Arnold's widowed mother still lived. She was running the telephone switchboard and helped Beata learn how to keep such a big house. Beata and Arnold would live there for the next 60 years.

Their first daughter, Karen, was born in 1942, followed by Sharleen in 1946, then twins Linda and Laura. Mrs. Wamhoff moved to Greybull, leaving Beata in charge of the farmhouse. She always had large gardens from which she canned or froze the produce to feed her family

during the winter.

Gardening was a special gift and beloved endeavor. Beata loved her flowers, especially roses and dahlias and won many awards with them at the county fair.

Favorite memories of the family include the typical Sunday dinner of fried chicken, fluffy mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh vegetables from the gardens and wonderful strawberry shortcake. Those gatherings finished up with the girls washing, drying and putting away the dishes, all by hand.

Beata was active in community and church women's groups, helped with the elections, and never missed an opportunity to take something baked to her friends who were ill or in need. Her flower gardens were beautiful and

she entered several of her prize dahlias in the county fair. She sewed clothes for her daughters, including roller skating outfits and matching Western 49ers outfits to wear when they rode their horses in area parades.

The family took many trips to Yellowstone, California, Washington state and Montana. Beata didn't go out into the field unless it was to take Arnold a cool Mason jar of ice tea and a slice of cake on a hot summer day. The exception was during beet harvest. If an extra truck driver was needed, she volunteered.

Holidays were the occasion for huge family gatherings and cooking began a week in advance. After the meal, dishes were washed by the women, then they got the cards out and a rowdy game of pinochle ensued.

Arnold and Beata didn't miss many area dances. They were usually the first on and the last to leave the dance floor, especially if the tunes played were polkas. Arnold taught his daughters to dance by letting them stand on his shoes as he danced to the songs on the phonograph while Beata was getting dressed for the dance.

A MOVE TO POWELL

In 2000, the couple left the farm and moved to Powell for their retirement home on Beartooth Drive. Even then, they stayed tremendously busy, traveling to Alaska, Hawaii, through the South, and down the Mississippi River on a river boat and to New Orleans. There were frequent trips to San Diego and Tennessee where their daughters lived. Pinochle remained a great favorite and they often played with friends. Snowmobiling filled the winter months.

They enjoyed living in "town" for three years, before Arnold passed away on Feb. 14, 2003. Beata remained in their home and stayed busy with her raspberry patch and small garden. There were just enough vegetables for herself and some neighbors, who she made a point to know.

Beata treasured having her youngest daughter Laura and her children living around the corner. Beata loved to have company, enjoyed lunches with her many friends and was active in quilting, serving as a pink lady at the hospital and church groups. The light of her life was her Lord and savior, her family, friends and little black poodle, Nocka. She always set the table for dinner and no one left her house hungry.

Always thinking of others, Beata was one of the first to offer help or visit the sick, usually with a fresh baked treat in hand.

Around 2010 Beata decided to sell her home and move to the Rocky Mountain Manor where she made many friends and enjoyed her apartment for the next several years. Her next move was to Powell Valley Care Center where she bloomed with the care the staff gave her. They soon learned that Beata was very social and loved to play cards, Wii bowl and any other entertainment that was available. She still enjoys cards and traveling on the bus when possible, as well as interacting with the staff and other residents.

PANDEMIC DISRUPTIONS

Visits from friends and family and her pastor were highlights of her day until the COVID pandemic. It hit her hard because

it cramps her social style. She hates being shut-in, but appreciates the fact the staff is trying to keep the residents safe. Her daughters call her often and soon learned to keep track of what they told her because she would remind them that they told her the same thing two days ago. As her eyesight becomes worse as a result of macular degeneration, she has sought larger print magazines and playing cards. Even with diminished hearing and eyesight, she is not deterred. If there was a way to do something, she dives right in.

"Mom has been such a shining example of Christian living and attitude to all of us. She rarely complains and has the best attitude—she finds the best in everything. She is showing us the way to grow old and retain your humor and dignity! She is

loved dearly by her daughters and immediate family as well as all who know her," said her daughter Karen Schutte.

This 100-year-old lady is loved by so many; she has a special way of lighting up a room when she comes in and she is appreciative of anything done for her, perhaps a hold over from the earliest years of her life during the Great Depression.

Beata is cherished by her four daughters, loves spoiling her 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter, along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

The family is working on an in-person celebration — perhaps hosting the postponed gathering at the church when the virus is no longer a threat or there is a vaccine.



Beata Korell married Arthur Wamhoff Sept. 28, 1941 in Lovell. Beata turned 100 years old on Nov. 28. Arthur passed away in 2003. Courtesy photos

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BED BATH & BEYOND
SEPHORA

STARBUCKS
BARNES & NOBLE

Uber
MEGAPLEX

**Bursting
with
Flavor!**

Fresh Bosc
or D'Anjou
Pears

\$1.29
lb.



Large Hass
Avocados

4/\$5



Fresh
**Red Seedless
Grapes**

\$1.89
lb.

1 lb. pkg.
**Baby Carrots or
Carrot Chips**

4/\$5



Fresh Whole
Pineapple

99¢
lb.



Fresh Whole
Honeydew

69¢
lb.



Fresh
**Organic Kiwi,
Avocados or
Lemons**

99¢
ea.



Bunches Red or Rainbow
Organic Chard

2/\$5



Earthbound Farm
6.8 oz. Honey Mustard
or 7.8 oz. Classic Caesar
**Organic
Salad Kits**

\$3.99
ea.



Tasty & Trendy

Organic Rainbow Baby Carrots - These colorful carrots are packed with nutrition! Beta-carotene, vitamin A, and lycopene are just a few of the important nutrients you need. Did you know that carrots were originally yellow and purple? Get back to your "roots" with rainbow carrots!

Fresh 12 oz. pkg.
**Organic Rainbow
Baby Carrots**

2/\$4



Bakery



Beehive 18 ct.
Assorted
Cookies

Buy One pkg. Get One
FREE
Ad Retail \$4.99 ea.



Olson Baking 16 oz.
Select Varieties
Sliced Loaf Cakes

\$3.99
ea.

Deli



Birchberry
Mild Cheddar Cheese

\$4.99
lb.



Deli Craft Select Varieties
Turkey

\$5.99
lb.



Family Pack
St. Louis Style
Pork Spareribs

\$2.99
lb.



Boneless
Pork Loin Roast

\$1.99
lb.

Family Pack
Boneless Beef
**London Broil
Steaks**

\$3.49
lb.



Boneless
**Pork
Tenderloin**

\$2.99
lb.



Willamette Valley Beef Bacon Wrapped
Tenderloin Steaks or
**Tenderloin
Steaks**

\$9.99
lb.



Family Pack
Boneless Beef
**New York
Steaks**

\$5.99
lb.



Family Pack
Boneless Beef
Cubed Steaks

\$4.99
lb.



Just Bare 14-16 oz.
Select Varieties
Chicken

\$4.99
ea.



Jennie-O 24 oz. Select Varieties
**Turkey
Tenderloin**

\$5.99
ea.



Family Pack
Boneless Beef
**Petite Sirloin
Steaks**

\$3.49
lb.



Fresh
Tilapia Fillets

\$6.99
lb.



Wild Caught Fresh
Cod Fillets

\$7.99
lb.



40 Knots 2 lb. pkg.
Pollock Fillets

\$7.99
ea.



40 Knots 1 lb. pkg. 51-60 ct.
**Cooked
Shrimp**

\$7.99
ea.



Don Julio 8 in. 10 ct.
or 10 in. 8 ct.
Select Varieties
Tortillas

99¢



Oscar Mayer 3.2-4.4 oz.
Select Varieties
Lunchables

4/\$5



Buitoni 9 oz.
Select Varieties
Pasta

\$1.89
ea.



Oscar Mayer
15-16 oz.
Select Varieties
Franks

\$3.49
ea.



Land O' Frost 20 oz.
Select Varieties
Lunch Meat

\$4.99
ea.



Food Club 6-8 oz.
Block or Shredded
Select Varieties
Cheese

\$1.99
ea.



Swagerty's 16 oz.
Select Varieties
Sausage

2/\$5



Bar-S 16 ct.
Classic
Corn Dogs

\$4.99
ea.



Carando 1 lb.
Select Varieties
Meatballs

\$3.99
ea.



Johnsonville 12 oz.
Select Varieties
**Breakfast
Sausage**

\$2.99
ea.

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