

The Sundance Times

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Guardians of the flame



Sarah Pridgeon photo

Young runners escort the Flame of Hope along Cleveland St., flanked by numerous law enforcement vehicles.

BY SARAH PRIDGEON

Guardians of the Flame ran proudly through town on Thursday morning carrying the Special Olympics torch on its way through Crook County.

The Flame of Hope started out in Hullett before moving on to Sundance and finally traveling through Moorcroft, where it was handed over to Gillette for the next leg of its journey to Laramie for the state's Special Olympic Games

on May 9.

The spectacle was part of the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, a nationwide initiative in which law enforcement and Special Olympics athletes carry the flame into opening ceremonies for local, state, provincial, national, regional and even world games.

An estimated 97,000 law enforcement members carry the flame each year to symbolize courage and celebration of di-

versity. The tradition began in Kansas in 1981 and has since raised \$600 million for Special Olympics programs.

Sundance's youth were flanked by an honor guard representing every law enforcement agency on Thursday, from city police departments and Crook County Sheriff's Office to Wyoming Highway Patrol and State Parks. The event was arranged by Kassie Clements, Special Olympics coordinator.

Johnson trial begins

Jury seated despite concerns over limited population

BY SARAH PRIDGEON

The trial of Jessie Johnson began as scheduled on Monday morning for charges related to the death of local man Doug Haar. Contrary to concerns expressed by defense attorney Don Fuller that it might not be possible, given the limited population in the local community, to find a fresh pool of potential jurors "untainted" by involvement in the Marty Smith trial, the selection process was successful and a jury was seated on Monday morning.

Opening statements from the prosecution suggested that Deputy County Attorney Linda Black would focus on the fact that the incident at Sundance Travel Center in the early hours of August 1, 2018 was entirely captured on camera, allowing the jury to see for themselves what happened. She told the jury that testimony for the prosecution would aim to support what can be seen in the video footage.

Fuller provided a considerably longer opening statement on Monday afternoon that appeared to center on the idea that many people were responsible for Haar's death,

including Haar himself.

Praising Johnson's character, Fuller described Haar as having a "head full of jealousy and a belly full of booze" and called him a bully. He stated that Smith was "no peach" either and suggested her flirtatious behavior was partly to blame.

Fuller also called into question the response time of law enforcement and EMS and stated that this case is about a man's right to defend himself and his loved ones.

As the trial is higher profile than most experienced in Crook County over recent years, the procedure was altered to accommodate. Safety rules and changes to jury selection reflected those instituted for the trial of Smith in February as an accessory to the alleged crime.

A total of 100 members of the community were called to serve for this week's trial. Of that pool, 60 people went through the jury process on Monday morning with 40 held back in reserve in case a jury of 12 could not be selected.

Sheriff Jeff Hodge, at the request of Judge Michael Deegan, once again enforced rules for the benefit of the trial participants and general public. As of Monday morning, anyone wishing to enter the courtroom was asked to submit to screening, while the

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Emergency department tops state rankings



Jeff Moberg photo

Warren Shaulis, Heith Waddell and Bob Hart in CCMSD's recently revamped emergency department.

CCMSD invited to national conference

BY SARAH PRIDGEON

When the state's surveyors ask you to speak at a national conference to teach other small hospitals how to emulate your emergency department, it's a good sign your efforts are bearing fruit.

"Five years ago, we were basically a band aid station," says Bob Hart, RN, who heads up the trauma department at Crook County Memorial Hospital. "Now, we can recognize, stabilize and rapidly transfer out critically ill and injured people."

Hart, along with emergency room nurse practitioner War-

ren Shaulis and Heith Waddell, MD, has been asked by the Wyoming Trauma Program to attend the Rural EMS and Care Conference in April, 2020 to explain how the drastic improvements in the hospital's ER have been achieved. Crook County Medical Services District is now a gold-star example of getting things right according to the survey crew's standards and that example will be used to help critical access hospitals around the nation do the same.

"They were very impressed with how much we had improved our patient care," says Hart.

"Not only that, the facility has improved a lot as well. We have a new ER and education has been brought up a lot. It's been about a five-year process

working to get to this point."

Improving an emergency department is all about minimizing the amount of time between a patient getting injured and reaching a surgeon who can provide definitive care, says Shaulis.

"There is an old saying that trauma is a disease of bright lights and cold steel. In other words, it's a disease of surgery," he says.

"Anything that we do on an ambulance or in an ER is temporizing the patient. In other words, we're just trying to keep them alive long enough to get them to a surgeon - to definitive care."

This has been the overall goal in America's hospitals for over half a century, he adds.

"There was a paper written back in the 1960s by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It said basically that a soldier in Vietnam had a better chance of surviving than somebody who was injured in a car accident on the highway in the United States," Shaulis explains.

"The military had a better evolved trauma care system developed, they had helicopters to fly people. That's where this all came from, is that very seminal paper."

The state surveyors have certified Crook County's emergency department for another three years, says Hart, and the staff are proud of the statistics on which that was based. Accreditation is judged on a list of criteria, he says; for example,

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Turkey hunter suffers gunshot wound

BY SARAH PRIDGEON

A hunting expedition narrowly avoided tragedy at the weekend when a young member of the party struck his grandfather with a bullet intended for a turkey.

According to reports from the Crook County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched on May 4 at around 11:38 p.m. along with Sundance EMS to Douglas Road to respond to reports of a gunshot wound to the head while turkey hunting.

A 69-year-old male was transported in a personal vehicle to meet up with Sundance EMS,

who took him to the emergency room. He was subsequently flown by life flight to Rapid City Regional Hospital and is reported to be recovering from his injuries.

The Sheriff's Office reports that the case is still under investigation. At this time, it has been determined that a small group of individuals was hunting turkeys and the male victim was attempting to call in a turkey for the party while changing his locations.

A 14-year-old male fired a .20 gauge shotgun round at a turkey. However, the round partially struck the victim in the head.

Bringing down the house



Jeff Moberg photo

A Timberline Services crew made short work of taking down - and cleaning up - the old buildings on the lot at the intersection of 8th and Main streets. The lot will reportedly be home to a new residence in the future.

Area
Weather

46/30
Partly cloudy
Thu 5/9



58/39
Partly cloudy
Fri 5/10



58/36
Mostly sunny
Sat 5/11



70/43
Mostly sunny
Sun 5/12



71/45
Mostly sunny
Mon 5/13



Obituaries

DeMaris Ann Middleton



our lineage clear back to the revolutionary war. Her greatest joy was her

family. She loved spending time with her children, 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren with another due in August. DeMaris was preceded in death by her parents; nine brothers and sisters; grandson, Jordan Gose; great-grandchildren, Sam Elder-McFarland and Morgan Billingsley.

Left to celebrate her life are her husband of almost 61 years; children, Terri Smith of Douglas, Shari (Kevin) Gose of Sundance, Casey (Tammy) Middleton of Mills and Corey (Kim) Middleton of Sundance; 12 grandchildren and

18 great-grandchildren; her sister, Patricia (Dan) Kelly of Casper; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019, at the Sundance United Methodist Church with burial to follow at Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Sundance. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Crook County Senior Services.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburg-funeralchapels.com

Churches

Sundance Community Church (SBC)

10th and Cleveland, Pastor Bill Barton, 307-391-0135, on Facebook: Sundance Community Church of Wyoming; Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., Fellowship - 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Chapel of Faith

116 S. 3rd, Pastor Dave Jagemann, Chapeloffaith.org, Non Denominational - Simply teaching the Bible, verse by verse. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10 a.m.; Wednesday Royal Rangers and M'Pact: Girls - after school, Dinner - 5:30-6:30, Boys - 6:30-8 p.m.

Sundance United Methodist Church

306 Ryan Street, 283-1954, Pastor Kathy Makus; Sunday Worship - 10 a.m., Children's Church during Worship; Handicap parking and stairlift

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

4th and Ryan, Pastor Norman Wacker, 281-2622; Sunday Worship Service - 9 a.m., Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd - Episcopal

602 Main, Gayle Ryan; Worship Service - Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

702 S. 7th St.; Sacrament starts at 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Catholic Church

805 Oak, Sundance, Father Timothy Martinson, Pastor;

Oshoto Community Bible Church

Pastor John Baldwin; one mile east of Oshoto on Cabin Creek Rd.;

Pine Ridge Ministries

Pine Ridge Community Church, Carille, WY, Pastor Shayla Graham,

Calvary Temple Assembly of God

240 W. Hwy. 14, Spearfish, (605) 642-3844,

Church of Christ

369 W. Highway 14; Bible Study - 10 a.m., Worship - 11 a.m.

Gateway Baptist Church

6 Antelope Lane, off Frontage Road East, Phone: 283-1756, www.gatewaybaptistsundance.com; Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship - 10:45 a.m., Evening - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study and prayer - 6:30 p.m. Handicap parking available with easy access. Nursery available.

Countryside Church

625 Woodland Drive, Spearfish, (605) 642-0585; Saturday - 6 p.m., Sunday - 9 and 10:40 a.m.

Mountain View Baptist Church

Exit 12, Spearfish, (605) 642-4036, mvbc@rushmore.com, www.spearfishchurch.com;

Hope Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod

9135 34th St., Spearfish, (605) 722-3857, Pastor Mark Schutz;

Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church

3 Industrial Drive, Pine Haven, (307) 756-3211, Pastor Duke Tabor;

Sunday Morning Worship

- 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Kinship Groups - Call for info.

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Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m., Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.

Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church

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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Kinship Groups - Call for info.

Freida Wilma Dent



week for the Belle Fourche Radio Station.

In addition to the boards she served on, she and her husband Roger owned and operated the Amoco gas station on Main Street, the Hulett Motel and Café and, after Roger's passing, Freida continue to operate the Motel and Café.

After selling that business she bought the Wishy-Washy Laundromat which she owned for several years. In her later years, she worked for the Hu-

lett Public Library until the fall of 2018.

Freida remained very active and independent even in her 90s; in fact, most people couldn't believe she was that age. She never complained and always had a positive outlook on every situation.

She loved to have fun and post jokes on Facebook for everyone to enjoy. She was devoted to Hulett and did everything possible to promote it and be a part of it. She even received a key to the town, which she was very proud of.

She is survived by her son Lee (Lolly) Dent of Arizona, a brother Fred Gali of Arizona, 10 grandchildren, 21 great-

grandchildren, 28 great-great grandchildren, five great-great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and of course many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, twelve siblings and her husband Roger.

A burial service for Freida will be held May 18 at the Moore Hill Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. for family and close friends, followed by a Celebration of Life at 10 a.m. at the Greater Hulett Community Center. Lunch to follow served by the Buttons and Bows.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Hulett EMS.

Nancy A. Powell



Nancy A. Powell, 97 of Spearfish, South Dakota, passed away on April 30, 2019 at Regional Health Senior Care in Sturgis.

She was born to John and Maude Garhart on March 23, 1922 in Denver, Colorado. Growing up in Spearfish, she graduated from Spearfish High and Black Hills State with a BA in Education.

Nancy married Harry Orem of Belle Fourche. Two children were born to the couple: Eunice "Mimi" Stillger of New Mexico and John Marshall Orem of Texas.

She later married Keith Powell of Broadus, Montana. They had a cattle ranch on the Tongue River in Montana.

Nancy is survived by her two children, three stepchildren, three grandchildren, three great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Nancy was an accomplished teacher. In her 30-plus years of teaching, she taught in a country school in Wyoming, public schools in Belle Fourche, an Apache Indian reservation in Arizona and

a one-room country school house on the Tongue River in Montana. She was an ace bridge player, a dog lover and a socialite who loved a party and laughter.

A graveside service was at Valley View Cemetery in Broadus, Montana on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com

Dorothy "Dottie" Soule

Dorothy "Dottie" (Dennis, Fall) Soule, 82 years old, of Gillette, Wyoming, passed away peacefully at the Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center, after a short battle with cancer, with family by her side on Wednesday May 1, 2019.

She was born Sunday August 16, 1936, in Gillette, Wyoming to Lewis F. and Marjorie B. (Frisbee) Dennis. She attended Radford School in El Paso, Texas. Dottie was a graduate of Sundance High School in Sundance, Wyoming. After High School she attended Black Hills Teachers College now, Black Hills State University.

Dottie taught school for one year, before marrying Kenneth M. Fall in June of 1954; together they had five children from this union. They later divorced after 22 years of marriage. She worked for Wyoming State Employment office in Gillette for many years, and also was the

Manager of Ben Franklin Store in Gillette. Dottie had a short marriage to George Soule. She worked for Campbell County Public Works Building Division before retiring.

Dottie is survived by her five children, Perry (Charlotte) Fall of Evanston, Wyoming, Brian (Linda) Fall of Gillette, Audrey Tudahl of Federal Way, Washington, Lewis (Velvet) Fall of Rock Springs, Wyoming and Scott (Vicki) Fall of Kansas City, Missouri; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Barbara (Dennis) Porter and her brother, Raymond L. Dennis.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date for family and friends. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at www.gillette Memorial Chapel.com

DeMaris Ann (Doyle) Middleton passed away with family around her on May 4, 2019, at the Crook County Hospital in Sundance, Wyoming.

DeMaris was born July 19, 1941, in Rapid City, South Dakota, to Robert and Iris (Howie) Doyle, the eighth out of 11 children. They moved to Sundance, Wyoming, while she was a young child. She attended Roosevelt Elementary, Dean Morgan Jr. High and Natrona County High School.

She met the love of her life, Lee Middleton, at the Wagon Wheel skate rink when she was only 14 years old. They

married two years later and begun their lives together on May 16, 1958. They soon started adding to their family with their four children, Terri, Shari, Casey and Corey.

In May of 1974, they moved the family to Sundance, Wyoming when Lee and two partners started Energy Electric Company. She worked at Decker's Food Center and Crook County Senior Center as the outreach worker, retiring in 2007.

She enjoyed researching genealogy with her brother Mike. Even when her mind was slipping, she could tell us about

Freida Wilma Dent, 94, was granted her angel wings on April 19, 2019, at the Crook County Medical Facility after complications from a surgery on March 12, 2019.

Freida was born September 26, 1924, to Olga T (Gall) Gali and Anton Gali in Powder River County, Montana. One of 14 children, she grew up around the Broadus, Montana area.

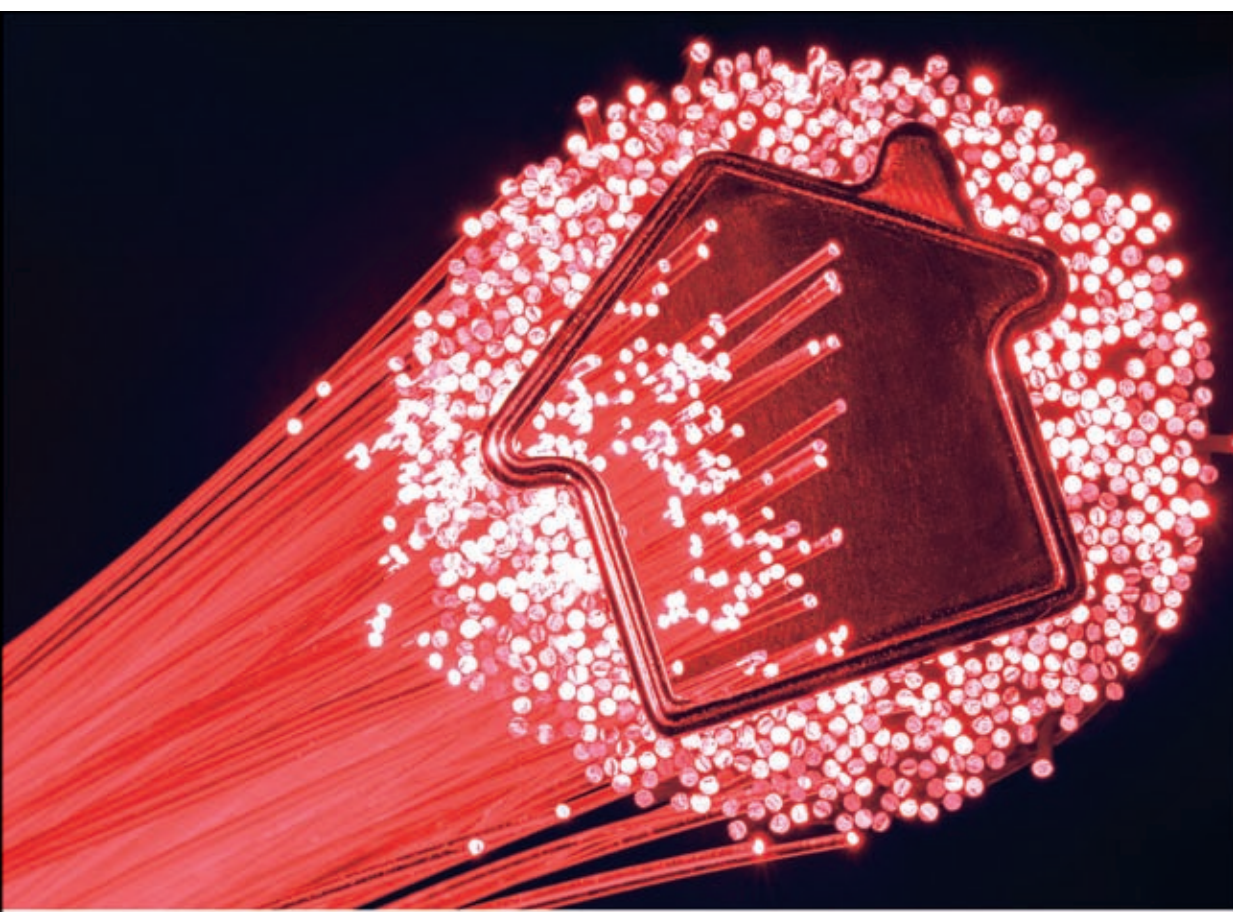
On August 25, 1945, she married Roger Dent, who had a son, Lee, and shortly thereafter they moved to the Buttes. Freida received her teaching permit in 1943 at Campbell County High School in Gillette, WY. She taught one year at a country school outside of Gillette, four years in Montana and in 1950 moved to Hulett, where she would teach four more years and they would spend the rest of their years.

Freida loved Hulett and showed it by participating in almost every organization in Hulett and Crook County.

She was one of the founding board members for the Hulett Bank (Summit National Bank) and served on the Centennial Board for the Hulett Civic Center.

Throughout her years she served on the Summit National Bank Board, Hulett Civic Center Board, Hulett Airport Board, Crook County Promotion Board, Devils Tower Natural History Association, Devils Tower Tourism, Hulett Chamber of Commerce, Hulett Friends of the Library, Crook County Medical Services Board and the Relay for Life Committee. She was also a member of Roy Montgomery American Legion Auxiliary Unit 80 since 1961 and was the chairwoman for the Girl's State Delegates.

For many years she was the coordinator for the Relay for Life, Hulett Rodeo Parade, Hulett Rabies Clinic and the Community Blood Drives. She was also the voice of Hulett, giving the radio report every



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Newsbox items are limited to informational, nonprofit, service and social group meeting and event notices for the purpose of notifying the public of upcoming events. Please confine to basic information (name of event/meeting, day, date, time, place).

Caregivers Support Group

Thurs., May 9, 10-11 a.m., Hospital Conference Room – For info call Bonnie Wacker, 283-2725 X261.

Sundance Main Street Meeting

Thurs., May 9, 11:30 a.m., Longhorn – No-host luncheon meeting.

Crook County Republican Women

Thurs., May 9, noon, SSB Meeting Room at Post Office – Lunch will be served. New women are welcome.

Crook County Farm Bureau Federation

Thurs., May 9, 5:30 p.m., Farm Bureau Office

Town Hall With Tyler Lindholm and Ogden Driskill

Fri., May 10, 3-4:30 p.m., Devils Tower Gulch and 5:30-7 p.m., SSB Meeting Room at Sundance Post Office

Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission

Mon., May 13, 7 p.m., Court-house Basement Community Room – The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Genealogy

Tues., May 14, 6:30 p.m., LDS Church

Sundance Community Blood Drive

Thurs., May 16, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., CCSD Central Office Gym – Call 283-2011 for info.

Sundance Food Pantry

Fri., May 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., CCSD Central Office

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 8 p.m., Senior Citizens Center

Morning Glories Weight Loss Group

Every Thursday, 9 a.m. weigh-in, 9:30 meeting – For more information call Mona at 283-2129.

Al-Anon

Every Thursday, 8 p.m., Senior Citizens Center

Veteran's Outreach & Advocacy Program

Available to veterans and their families. Call 307-630-3230.

Senior Menu

May 13 – Hot turkey sandwich, California blend vegetables, Caesar salad, cranapple salad, oatmeal raisin cookie

May 14 – Ham and pasta salad on leaf lettuce, harvest blend vegetables, ambrosia fruit cup, lemon cornmeal cookie

May 15 – Chili, mozzarella cheese stick, garden bounty salad, cinnamon roll, California fruit

May 16 – BIG DINNER: Oven fried chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy, Pacific blend vegetables, sunshine salad, gingerbread cake

May 17 – Baked breaded fish and home fries, balsamic glazed green beans, creamy coleslaw, pineapple chunks, tapioca pudding

Local ladies to perform in Belle Fourche

"The Amigas" (lady friends) will be performing as a part of the Northern Hills Connection at noon on Tues., May 12 at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Room, 1804 7th Ave., Belle Fourche. The group of ladies, who enjoy playing and making music, is comprised of Susan Rice, Peggy Howard, Jean Quaal and Pat Liebsack. Reservations are required for this event. Please call Dorothy 605-645-8542 or Marlene 605-722-5307 or email maridelspr@yahoo.com. Come and hear a beautiful message in the Word of God and enjoy nice music by The Amigas.

Peek at the Past

100 Years Ago

The Times

May 7, 1919

The caucus called by Mr. Roberts to be held at the city hall last Saturday evening for the nomination of candidates for city officers resulted in the nomination of **M.C. Roberts** for mayor, **W.J. Williamson, D.W. Fawkes and J.T. Farrell** for alderman, the first named two for two years and the latter for the unexpired term of one year.

Rev. Barnes and family are guests at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. L. Mauch** and expect to move their household effects from Upton and occupy the Methodist parsonage in Sundance within the next three weeks.

75 Years Ago

May 11, 1944

Walt Tracy, as president of the Commercial club, has announced appointment of the following committees for the current year: Theater committee - **Billy Roberts, Jay Durfee and Elmer Frank**. Entertainment Committee - **J. Binney, John Lindsey and Fred Good**. Road committee - **Edwin Rounds, Harry Johnson and**

Duke Olds. Club finances - **A.B. Durfee, Joe Allread and Andy Policky**. Advertising committee - **C. D. Roberts, Velma Butterfield and Herb Stech**.

The grandfather of all trout, the big one that got away so many times, didn't get away from **Mrs. E. Nevin** of Belle Fourche yesterday morning. While fishing near her cabin on Sand Creek early Friday, Mrs. Nevin caught an eight-pound trout. The fish measured 26 inches from stem to stern eight hours after it was caught and had a waistline that would measure better than 14 inches.

50 Years Ago

May 8, 1969

An estimated 15,000-20,000 head of sheep are believed to have perished in Crook County during the savage spring storm of April 24-26. County FHA Supervisor **Francis Morris** and ASCS office manager **Bob Sherrard**, who started a survey Tuesday, estimated that one-third of the county's sheep population had been wiped out. The storm took its greatest toll among sheep but Sherrard said that almost everyone lost some stock includ-

ing some calves, cows and horses. The two said the greatest losses were concentrated in the west third and north third of the county.

A Hulett man has recently received his second Air Medal for combat flight operations in Vietnam. He is Aviation Electrician's Mate First Class **Lee A. Dent**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Dent**, Hulett.

25 Years Ago
May 12, 1994

Billie L. (Bill) Barton, Weston County Commissioner, Tuesday announced his candidacy for Wyoming State Senate. **Jerry Dixon**, President of the Wyoming State Senate, currently holds the seat for this district and has announced he will retire at the end of his term this year.

Cliff Symonds of Sundance has moved back into first place in the Wyoming High School Bronc riding. Cliff was leading the event at the end of the fall season. On April 30 and May 1, Cliff won both performances at Rock Springs and both performances at Riverton on May 7 and 8. These wins moved Cliff back into first place in the standings.

Library hosts "Yellowstone Horse Ranger" program

Crook County Library will host the program "Yellowstone Horse Ranger" by Bob Richard on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room in Sundance. The program is free and open to the public.

With the question "Young man, can you ride a horse?" Bob Richard embarked on his adventure as a Yellowstone Horse Ranger in the mid 1950s. Bob was stationed at Yellowstone's Lake District as a Law Enforcement Seasonal Ranger with three horses, a horse trailer and related equipment.

His duties were numerous, including assisting tourists, road patrol, naturalist lectures, banding geese, occasionally staffing the East Gate, as well as patrolling Yellowstone Lake by boat.

Bob Richard is a gifted storyteller who imparts his love of Yellowstone country any chance he gets. He boasts an unusual array of life experiences.

He has been a rancher and businessman, Yellowstone horse ranger, naval aviator,

school teacher, photographer and published author. He was born and raised on a ranch on the North Fork of the Shoshone River, where his grandfather showed him "every mountain and stream" and how they got their names.

His father Jack Richard, a well-known photojournalist in the area, passed on his love of the high country and taught Bob skills he uses today as a professional photographer. He was educated at the Universities of Wyoming, Arizona, and California (Fresno).

For 37 years, he owned and operated Grub Steak Expeditions, personally touring thousands of visitors from around the world through Yellowstone and its ecosystem. At age 81, he remains an active outdoor and wildlife photographer, fishing guide, hiking guide, historian, and member of many service and business organizations in the Cody area.

For more information please call Jill Mackey at (307) 283-1006 or email crookcountylib@rangeweb.net.

This Week at Your Library

We have a large paper shredder available for public use. Call the library at 283-1008 to schedule a time to come in and shred away!

Library Programming: STORYTIME: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. May's themes: "Dance/Music/Motion", "In the Garden", "Owls/Birds with the Black Hills Raptor Rescue Center" and "Play to Learn Stations". BLACK HILLS RAPTOR RESCUE will be visiting the library during Storytime on Wednesday, May 15. The public is welcome to come and learn about these fascinating creatures! COWBOY CARNEGIES: WYOMING'S HISTORIC LIBRARIES traveling exhibit on display in the library through the middle of May. YELLOWSTONE HORSE RANGER BOB RICHARD will present a program on his experiences on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. He will also be selling and signing books. ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: stay tuned! UFOs AT THE LIBRARY: the 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Bring any UnFinished Object to the library and work on it here. We have lots of space, outlets and camaraderie! Call the library for more information. LUNCH BUNCH BOOK

DISCUSSION GROUP meeting Thursday, May 23, at 11 a.m. at the library. They are reading "Wine to Water" by Doc Handley. Always on the lookout for new members! CROOK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD meeting Thursday, May 9, at 1 p.m. in Sundance. CROOK COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD meeting Wednesday, July 17, at 5:30 p.m. in Hulett. SUNDANCE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. at the library. Tell your friends so they can become our Friends!

New Fiction: CRASHING HEAT, Nikki Heat #10, by Richard Caste. CEMETERY ROAD by Greg Iles. CELTIC EMPIRE, Dirk Pitt #25, by Clive Cussler. RUN AWAY by Harlan Coben. ROBERT B. PARKER'S COLORBLIND, Jesse Stone #17, by Reed Farrel Coleman. WILD CARD, Stone Barrington #49, by Stuart Woods.

New Non-Fiction: MICRO LIVING: 40 Innovative Tiny Houses Equipped for Full-Time Living, in 400 Square Feet or Less by Derek Diedricksen. FIRST: SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR, An Intimate Portrait of the First Woman Supreme Court Justice by Evan Thomas. GRATEFUL AMERICAN: A Journey

From Self to Service by Gary Sinise.

New Young Adult: THE DH by John Feinstein. WONDER WOMAN: WARBRINGER by Leigh Bardugo.

New Young Adult Non-Fiction: IRENA'S CHILDREN by Tilar J. Mazzeo.

New Junior Fiction: THE LAST KIDS ON EARTH by Max Brallier. THE LAST KIDS ON EARTH AND THE NIGHTMARE KING by Max Brallier. THE LAST KIDS ON EARTH AND THE ZOMBIE PARADE by Max Brallier. NIGHTFALL, Keeper of the Lost Cities #6, by Shannon Messenger.

New Junior Bible Books: WHEN GOD MADE LIGHT by Matthew Paul Turner. WHEN GOD MADE YOU by Matthew Paul Turner.

New Picture Books: THE ADVENTURES OF EGG BOX DRAGON by Richard Adams. WE ARE THE GARDENERS by Joanna Gaines and Kids. MONSTERS ON MACHINES by Deb Lund.

New Puzzle Books: LOOK AND FIND: SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE adapted by Derek Harmening. LOOK AND FIND: SHIMMER AND SHINE by Emily Skwish.

Submitted by Kim Heaster



Mother's Day Lunch
Ham, Scalloped Potatoes & Dessert
Wyoming Treasure Chest and Eatery

YARD SALES



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Wyoming News Briefs

Police shoot man after high-speed chase through downtown Cheyenne

CHEYENNE (WNE) — A high-speed chase through downtown Cheyenne that included multiple shots fired at pursuing officers ended Friday evening with the driver being shot and taken to the local hospital.

According to a news release from the Wyoming Highway Patrol, the chase began outside city limits when troopers tried unsuccessfully to stop a stolen vehicle. After winding its way through downtown at speeds close to 65 mph, the chase ended around 6:30 p.m. near the Veterans Affairs Medical Center on East Pershing Boulevard.

No information was available by press time about the suspect or his condition, but police scanner traffic indicated a 20-year-old male had been shot twice by a Cheyenne Police officer.

CPD Sgt. Dan Long confirmed the man had two gunshot wounds and was taken to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, but he didn't know the man's name or his age.

Both Highway Patrol and Long confirmed that no law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

Long said the chase began on Interstate 25 north of town when Wyoming Highway Patrol troopers tried to stop the vehicle, described on police radio as a black Toyota Camry. Long said it's unclear exactly which path the chase took, but once the pursuit entered city limits, police were asked to help stop the car.

The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation has taken the lead over the case, since it includes an officer-involved shooting.

Jackson man to be nominated to oversee parks, wildlife

JACKSON (WNE) — A Jackson man who started his career as a Grand Teton National Park ranger has been nominated for a high-ranking federal job overseeing the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

President Trump announced Friday that he had nominated Teton Village resident Rob Wallace to assume the U.S. Department of the Interior post of assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks. The U.S. Senate still must confirm the Evanston native, but Wyoming's congressional delegation and U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt quickly supported the nomination.

"Rob Wallace has a long track record of leadership on National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service issues," Bernhardt said in a statement. "He will be a fantastic asset to the Department of the Interior, and I urge the Senate to confirm him quickly."

Wallace has resided in the valley since 2014. He worked for the 17 years before as a manager of government relations for the energy division of General Electric. Most recently, he has presided over the Upper Green River Conservancy, a Jackson-based group that describes itself as an "innovative partnership of ranchers, energy companies, conservation stakeholders and impact investors working together to ensure the protection of core sage grouse habitat" in the Upper Green River watershed.

Wallace has also served on the boards of Teton Science Schools, the Jackson Hole Historical Society, the Jackson Hole Land Trust and the University of Wyoming's School of Energy Resources, according to a biography posted by the Grand Teton National Park Foundation, where he is also a board member.

No public defense for Campbell Co. misdemeanors

GILLETTE (WNE) — The Wyoming Public Defenders Office notified Circuit Court judges Wednesday that its attorneys will no longer represent people charged with misdemeanors

in Campbell County until more attorneys are hired.

The action was effective Wednesday even before a letter of notification was delivered to judges at the end of the business day.

Public defenders represent people who can't otherwise afford an attorney to represent them in court.

State Public Defender Diane M. Lozano said public defenders in Campbell County can no longer represent those charged with misdemeanors because of the heavy workload those attorneys now carry.

The decision has put local judges and county officials in a quandary because defendants have a constitutional right to an attorney. It means that if a defendant asks for an attorney, judges must now appoint one from among local private attorneys — a cost Lozano warned could be significant.

"I have informed Governor [Mark] Gordon of this possibility as well as the possibility that paying for private attorneys in Campbell County may well 'bankrupt' the entire Public Defender budget," Lozano wrote.

Lozano said it was a decision that she did not take lightly, but that "I do not believe there is another option."

Lozano said the public defenders in Gillette are overworked and underpaid. The local office employs 4.5 attorneys who handle the workload of 7.5 attorneys.

The Public Defenders Office will accept misdemeanor cases once it has enough staff to handle the workload, Lozano wrote. But the office is having trouble hiring and keeping attorneys.

Riverton takes first step to reduce deer numbers

RIVERTON (WNE) — The City of Riverton is moving forward with a plan to reduce the urban deer population, beginning with a law against feeding the animals.

Riverton City Council members have directed staff draft an ordinance barring the feeding of certain wild animals in city limits.

Once the ordinance is in place, the city can apply for a permit from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to allow deer reduction to take place outside of the normal hunting season.

Six residents spoke in favor of the plan initially during a council meeting April 16, detailing their own experiences with nuisance deer in town.

One man mentioned diseases deer carry, while another said traveling on Riverview Road at night is "like driving through a mine field." Michael Gard, who lives on Monroe Avenue across from Willow Creek Elementary School, said the animals make it difficult to maintain a garden.

"There were 20 deer in my yard two weeks ago," he said, adding, "What they leave and deposit is substantial."

Another local gardener, Bart Ringer, who lives on Washington Avenue, said the problem has worsened in the past several years.

"Anything that sticks out of a tomato cage is chewed off," he said.

Councilman Tim Hancock noted that Ringer's property is close to downtown Riverton, and in the past deer have mostly been an issue on the outskirts of town.

"They've really been moving up," Hancock said.

"I have them up near my house even, which is very residential. (It's) gotten, I think, worse lately. ... I do think it's something we need to get moving on."

Man sentenced to prison for sex abuse in Yellowstone

POWELL (WNE) — A Texas man has been ordered to serve a year in federal prison for sexually abusing a woman in Yellowstone National Park in June, 2018.

Paul W. Wills III, 33, was sentenced last week on a felony count of abusive sexual contact. Federal prosecutors say Wills sexually touched the woman while she was "extremely intoxicated." The elements of the crime say the woman was "incapable of appraising the nature of the conduct and was physically incapable of declining participation and communicating her unwillingness to engage in" the sexual contact.

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

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

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

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

The National Park Service investigated the case.

Woman who led Highway Patrol on high-speed chase appears in court

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The woman who led Wyoming Highway Patrol on a high-speed chase along Interstate 80 that injured two troopers was arraigned Thursday in Laramie County District Court.

Nicole Montano of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, is currently facing two felony counts of aggravated assault and battery with a deadly weapon, along with five misdemeanors related to her April 2 arrest in Laramie County.

Her trial date for those charges was set for Sept. 16. Altogether, Montano is facing a maximum prison sentence of a little more than 23 years, if convicted.

According to court documents, Montano and Uong refused to stop the morning of April 2 when an Albany County Sheriff's deputy attempted to pull them over on eastbound I-80 for a registration violation. As the two fled, a state trooper joined the chase and tried to get them to pull over.

Montano, who was driving, allegedly hit speeds of up to 137 mph while weaving in and out of traffic, trying to avoid the state trooper. She was able to avoid two spike strips laid out on the roadway, but when trying to avoid the third, the car skidded off the road at 100 mph and spun out on the grass.

While trying to get back on the road, Montano struck two Highway Patrol vehicles, injuring those officers before being boxed in.

State troopers found more than \$1000 worth of electronic items in the vehicle, including multiple video games that still had security devices attached to them, according to court documents.

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Getting smart but acting foolishly: there is a solution

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We communicate on smart phones, drive smart cars, make purchases using smart cards and even drink smart water. But, really, how smart are we?

Between college admission and internet privacy scandals, sexual misconduct investigations, stolen trade secrets and the growing concern about how we communicate and connect with each other, technology seems to be outpacing our capacity to understand the most responsible way to use it.

In other words, how are tomorrow's leaders being groomed to make decisions that provide the perspective, balance and strength of character that today's ad-

vanced world needs?

The answer is by participating in high school sports like the ones offered by the high schools in Wyoming.

Most researchers agree that leaders are made, not born, through relationships with others. Human interaction and life experiences enable young men and women to develop leadership characteristics such as trust, mutual respect, integrity and accountability. These are the same values that are learned as a result of playing on a high school sports team.

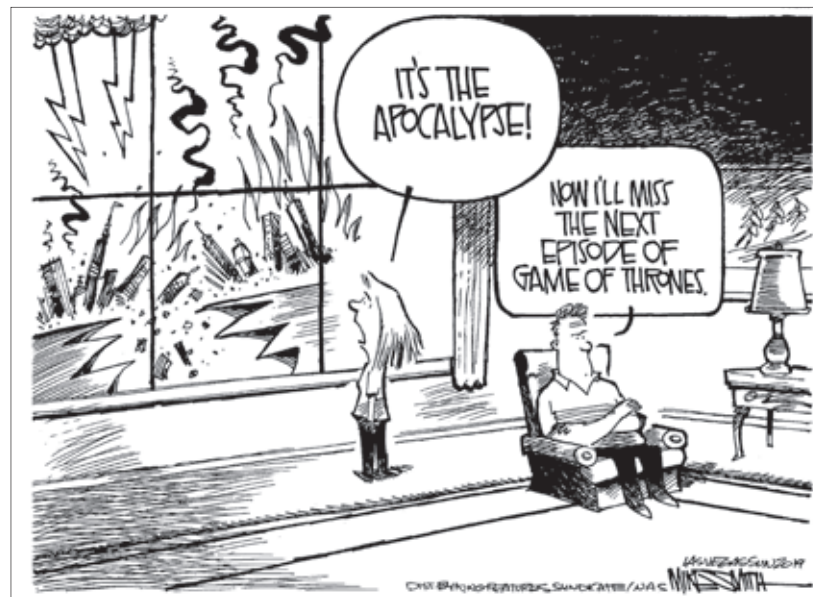
And while club sports often have only a singular focus (the participant's athletic abilities), research documents that high school sports programs have an unparalleled positive effect on the physical, academic and emotional growth of teens, including a more mature level of character development.

In other words, high school sports have a more profound role to play in society today than you may realize.

The high school sports and activity programs in Wyoming – including music, speech, theatre and debate – typically account for only about one to three percent of a school's overall budget, making them one of the wisest investments your community makes. You can help by attending as many games and events as possible, donating to the booster club and volunteering to work in the concession stand.

Most of all, encourage your children to participate in as many sports and activities as they can. Because when they do, they will be joining a new generation of leaders who are both technologically smart and ethically responsible.

And that's exactly the kind of leadership our hyper-intelligent world needs.



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This Side of the Pond

Notes from an Uprooted Englishwoman

BY SARAH PRIDGEON



My home town is abuzz with excitement to welcome a new eatery just in time for summer. Considering the town center is littered with fish and chip shops, kebab joints and burger takeouts, you wouldn't have thought yet another food outlet would cause a fuss – but this one is different. This one...is American.

Sure, we've always had Burger King®, KFC® and McDonalds®, but those have been around for long enough that the shine has worn off. I can remember wanting nothing in this world more than I wanted a Happy Meal® with a He-Man toy when I was a tiny tyke, and that was quite a while ago.

(I didn't get one, in case you were wondering. I don't think my parents believed in the concept of fast food back then, unless it was from the inferior British version called Wimpy®, which served your burger with a knife, fork and linen serviette because it didn't really get the concept either.)

This brand is new, which means it's a slice of "American Cool" we haven't gotten to try yet. This is cause for significant celebration back in the motherland, where we all grew up wishing we knew the Fonz.

Nathan's Famous® is apparently a hot dog chain born on Coney Island. I haven't tried it since I've been on this side of the pond because I managed to miss it while I was in New York and even I won't commute that far for my lunch, but apparently it has longstanding royal approval: when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth dined with President Roosevelt in 1936, hot dogs from Nathan's Famous were the feature of the menu.

I suppose we all enjoy a taste of the exotic, though this might be truer of the UK's fascination with America than many other places. It all comes back to the fact that we are raised on an entertainment diet that contains a lavish dollop of U.S. culture.

When my brother visited Wyoming, he refused to speak of anything else until we let him try a Twinkie®, because he'd spent most of his life watching other people eat Twinkies on the television. Sadly, that meant he didn't talk about much of interest for the entire vacation, because this was the brief period during which Twinkies were not available in this region.

My mother was similarly preoccupied with Krispy Kremes® when they first crossed the ocean. Before that, a donut was either full of jam or covered in frosting – those were your choices, take it or leave it.

Glazing was a revelation for all of us, so it didn't take long for every bakery in the land to hop on board the bandwagon. But in those early days, you could really only find Krispy Kremes in the largest supermarkets in the biggest cities.

For my mum, this meant stocking up on sticky delights every time she made the trip to London. She would leave the capital city with four trays and arrive home with three, because it's a long drive and Krispy Kremes are more than her willpower can take.

She would then freeze the remaining trays and ration out donuts for as long as the stash lasted. My brother, who has never been known for doing things in the most obvious way, developed a taste for frozen donut (I suspect this was partly so he could scoff one down before anyone noticed it was gone.)

We don't always know that we have America to thank for our favorite brands. Not everyone was given notice when Walmart® bought one of our biggest supermarket chains, for example.

Asda® was always the place to go if you fancied a four-mile hike while picking up your groceries, but it became even bigger once Walmart got involved. While I still had my own vehicle in London, my housemate and I would wait for 11 p.m. to visit our local Asda because that was when the deli counters closed and put out meats of every conceivable variety for less than a dollar, while the bakery discarded its loaves for a meager ten cents. It meant a very late night indeed, but our bank accounts, still bogged down in student loans, were thankful for it.

I didn't know Claire's Accessories® was an American brand either, though I've been filling the gaps in my jewelry box there since I was a teenager and at least one of the holes in my ears was their doing. I also didn't know T.J.Maxx® originated on these shores, though for no reason I can think of they've changed it to T.K.Maxx in Britain.

But for the most part, we know exactly when a new American opportunity arises and we're quick to make the most of it. Unlike many other cultures, British taste seems to align perfectly with yours.

When Abercrombie & Fitch® attempted to infiltrate Japan, it didn't work very well because the Japanese culture prefers reserved and polite service to the half-naked beefy models the brand is known for and, apparently, also found the cologne scents almost toxic because they are sensitive to perfumes. Hollister's models didn't last long in Britain, either (probably because of all the rain), but we couldn't get enough of the clothing.

Victoria's Secret is the latest brand to be making a splash on British high streets, and its international president explained why that is: "What sells here, sells there. What sells there, sells here".

So it seems the British love of anything Americana comes down to two things: first, the novelty appeal of items we've long since seen on our screens but never had the chance to try; and second, the fact we like a lot of the same things.

This is why, if you ever visit my homeland, you won't have much issue in finding the familiar to spend your vacation cash – but it will be very slightly different to what you're expecting. To paraphrase an American business journalist, in the parallel universe where I grew up, you can eat pulled pork, buy Oreos and shop at the Gap®, but we'll insist you form an orderly queue to do it.

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Proposed Budget
 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

	Monthly July 2019	Monthly June 2020	Annual Fiscal Year Total
Accounting	\$466.67	\$466.67	\$5,600.00
Snow Plow Expense & Fuel	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$2,000.00
Electric Street Lights	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$2,000.00
Insurance	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,500.00
Internet/Website	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$1,000.00
Lawn Mowing & Park Maintenance	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,500.00
Legal Fees	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$1,000.00
Legal Notices	\$41.67	\$41.67	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$41.67	\$41.67	\$500.00
Office Expenses	\$41.67	\$41.67	\$500.00
Payroll Expenses & Wages	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$2,000.00
Printing & Postage	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$360.00
Street & Sidewalk Maintenance	\$41.67	\$41.67	\$500.00
Snow Removal - Contracted Services	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$1,000.00
Travel & Schools	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$300.00
Garbage Service	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
Repairs - Sewer System	\$291.67	\$291.67	\$3,500.00
Sewer Operator	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
Chlorine	\$108.33	\$108.33	\$1,300.00
Electricity - Well/Chlorinator	\$416.67	\$416.67	\$5,000.00
Forest Service Lease	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$150.00
Repairs - Water System	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$4,500.00
Water Maint/Tests	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$1,000.00
Water Operator	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$8,400.00
WY Water Loan Debt Retirement	\$947.50	\$947.50	\$11,370.00
Water System Sinking Fund	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$5,400.00
Waste Water Sinking Fund	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$3,000.00
Street Sinking Fund	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
Emergency Fund	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$600.00
Total Expenses			81,280.00
2019-2020 Income Budget Difference			81,292.00
			\$12.00

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note (the "Note") dated 08/26/2015 executed and delivered by Gerald L. Scouten and Nancy A. Scouten to Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Gerald L. Scouten and Nancy A. Scouten, Husband and Wife. (the "Mortgagors"), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc., and which Mortgage was recorded on 09/04/2015, as Rec. No. 639487, Photo Book 555 Page 769 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Crook County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
 Assignment dated: 10/19/2018
 Assignment recorded: 10/31/2018
 Assignment recording information: Rec. No. 657165, Photo Book 591 Page 457

All in the records of the County clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Crook County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$ 249,194.29 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$232,414.56 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$10,014.86 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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 Section 33: A Parcel of land located in the SE1/4 and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection point of the New Haven County Road and a thirty foot private access easement, from which point the SE corner of Section 33 bears S. 46° 48' 53" E. a distance of 221.95', the SE corner being a G.L.O. brass cap stamped 1918;
 Thence N. 86° 08' 13" W. along the centerline of the thirty foot private access easement for a distance of 404.17' to the SW corner of this parcel, this point is witnessed by a plastic survey cap stamped LS2079 which bears N. 08° 21' 34" E. a distance of 30'00";
 Thence N. 08° 21' 34" E. for a distance of 502.87' to a plastic survey cap stamped LS2079;
 Thence N. 17° 57' 21" E. for a distance of 205.31' to a point being the NW corner of this parcel, this point is witnessed by

a plastic survey cap stamped LS2079 that bears S. 17° 57' 21" W. a distance of 32.38'; Thence S. 49° 56' 52" E. for a distance of 425.17' to a point located on the centerline of the New Haven County Road;
 Thence along the centerline of the New Haven County Road for the following four courses and distances, Thence S. 18° 21' 53" W. for 180.00 feet;
 Thence S. 17° 31' 43" W. for 75.72 feet;
 Thence S. 00° 56' 23" W. for 135.34 feet;
 Thence S. 18° 45' 27" E. for 71.93 feet to the point of beginning.

and
 Township 55 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., Crook County, Wyoming
 Section 33: A tract of land in the SE1/4 SE1/4 being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning a U.S.G.L.O. brass cap marking the SE Corner of said Section 33 from which bears S. 00° 01' 13" E. 2641.52 feet from a U.S.G.L.O. brass cap marking the 1/4 corner between Section 33 and Section 34, the basis of bearing for this description;

Thence N. 46° 48' 48" W. 221.95 feet to a "cap" stamped "JN 3" marking the Southeastly corner of Parcel-B as recorded in Book 356 of Photos, page 234, in the office of the Crook County Clerk, and the true point of beginning;
 Thence N. 18° 45' 27" W. 71.93 feet along the Easterly boundary of said Parcel-B to a "cap" stamped "JN 4";
 Thence N. 00° 56' 23" E. 135.34 feet along said Easterly boundary of Parcel-B to a "cap" stamped "JN 5";
 Thence N. 17° 31' 43" E. 75.72 feet along said Easterly boundary of Parcel-B to a "cap" stamped "JN 6";
 Thence N. 18° 21' 53" E. 180.00 feet along said Easterly boundary of Parcel-B to a point on the centerline of Crook County Highway No. 105, said point witnessed by a "cap" stamped "CC 105 33.14" set N. 72° 18' 59" W. 33.14 feet on the Westerly right-of-way line of said Crook County Highway No. 105 and by a "cap" stamped "CC 105 33.14" set S. 72° 18' 59" E. 33.14 feet on the Easterly right-of-way of said Crook County Highway No. 105;

Thence S. 12° 28' 06" W. 175.81 feet to a point of curvature of a curve to the left on Crook County Highway No. 105 centerline, said point witnessed by a "cap." stamped "CC 105 33 L" set N. 77° 31' 54" W. 33.00 feet on said Westerly right-of-way line and a "cap" stamped "CC 105 33 R" set S. 77° 31' 54" E. 33.00 feet on said Easterly right-of-way line;
 Thence along said curve to the left an Arc length of 253.50 feet (Radius is 320.00 feet, Chord bears S. 10° 13' 36" E. 246.93 feet) to a point witnessed by a "cap" stamped "JN 7 33" set N. 57° 04' 43" E. 33.00 feet on said Easterly right-of-way line of Crook County Highway No. 105;
 Thence S. 63° 44' 59" W. 71.91 feet along an extended centerline of said Crook County Highway No. 105, to the true point of beginning.

and
 A tract of land lying in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 55 North, Range 65 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Crook County, Wyoming said tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a U.S.G.L.O. Brass Cap marking the Southeast corner of said Section 33 which bears N. 89° 35' 01" E. 2605.50 feet along the South line of said Section 33, the basis of bearing for this description;
 Thence N. 72° 24' 00" W. 593.07 feet to a "cap" stamped TG32 marking a common tract corner; Thence N. 08° 21' 23" E. 30.00 feet along a tract boundary of a tract of land recorded in Book 491 of Photos, page 1 in the Office of the Crook County Clerk to a plastic cap stamped 2079 and the true point of beginning;

Thence N. 08° 21' 23" E. 472.85 feet along said recorded tract boundary to a plastic cap stamped 2079; Thence S. 13° 04' 00" W. 198.30 feet to a "Cap" stamped Scout 2;
 Thence S. 10° 14' 14 W. 83.73 feet to a "Cap" stamped Scout 1;
 Thence S. 03° 23' 30" W. 212.31 feet to the point of beginning.

With an address of : 7 Shady Lane Hulet, WY 82720-9672.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Date: 04/17/2019

/s/ Brian G. Sayer
 Brian G. Sayer
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Publish: April 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2019

REAL ESTATE AUCTION SALE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

1,815 acres, more or less, which includes a 2000+ square foot house and other buildings/improvements, located in Crook County, Wyoming will be offered for sale at an unreserved public auction to be held June 10, 2019 at the Sundance Community Room located in the basement of the Crook County Courthouse, 309 Cleveland, Sundance, Wyoming beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The legal description of the property to be offered is as follows:

Twp. 52 North, Range 66 West, of the 6th P.M. Crook Co., WY

Sec. 5: N½SE¼, SW¼SE¼, SE¼SW¼
 Sec. 7: S½SE¼, SE¼SW¼
 Sec. 8: NE¼NW¼, NE¼NE¼, S½NW¼, W½E½, SW¼
 Sec. 17: N¼NW¼, NW¼NE¼, S½N½, N½SE¼, SW¼SE¼
 Sec. 18: Lots 2, 3, 4, NE¼, W½SE¼, E½W½
 Sec. 19: Lots 1, 2, NE¼NW¼, NW¼NE¼

To be eligible to bid a bidder must submit a \$20,000.00 certified check payable to First American Title, 211 E. Cleveland Street, Sundance, WY 82729. The successful bidder will be required to sign a contract following the auction for the successful bid price. Within one business day, the successful bidder will be required to wire transfer to the First American Title one-half of the successful bid less the \$20,000.00 eligible bid deposit. Physical address of subject property is 180 Cabin Creek Road, Carlie, WY 82721.

For terms and conditions of sale, proposed contract to be executed by successful bidder and title commitment contact John H. Skavdahl, attorney at law at 308-668-2466 or selaw@qwestoffice.net, or James Edwards, attorney at law at 307-283-2535 or jmedwards@newyolaw.com.

Publish: May 9, 16 and 23, 2019

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp or the Company), for authority to implement a new non-residential heat rate tariff.

PRECorp is a public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a) (vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On April 30, 2019, PRECorp filed its Application requesting authority to implement a new non-residential heat rate tariff.

PRECorp is requesting authority to implement a new non-residential heat rate tariff applicable to all non-residential customers. The non-residential heat rate tariff will be applicable only to qualifying and separately-metered resistant space heating loads. PRECorp states in its Application that there are no proposed changes to the load served under the standard existing tariff. The Company also states its Member customers will be able to participate in the tariff on a voluntary basis.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at any PRECorp Wyoming business

office, or at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application can also be viewed at www.precorp.coop.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must so file with the Commission in writing on or before June 3, 2019. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing, which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 10014-199-CT-19 (Record No. 15252) in your communications.

Publish: May 9 and 16, 2019

BIDS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Sundance does hereby provide notice of its intent to sell the following described building owned by the City of Sundance:

1940 building (1,202 square feet) located at 110 N. 8th Street

The City of Sundance does hereby request bids from interested parties who may wish to purchase the building and remove the building from the real property owned by the City of Sundance. The underlying real property shall not be considered a part of this sale and bidders should be aware this advertisement for bids includes only the building which the bidder will be required to remove should the City of Sundance accept the bid.

The above described building shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder. However, the City of Sundance reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities in the bidding. The successful bidder will also be required to remove the building from City of Sundance property prior to September 1, 2019 and be responsible for hauling the building away from its current location.

Bids will be opened following the required three (3) week publication period and must be received prior to **3:00 p.m. on May 23, 2019**. If a bidder is successful, the City of Sundance will notify the successful bidder at its June City Council meeting. Bidders shall prepare a bid and submit the bid in a sealed envelope to the Sundance City Hall.

Paul Brooks, Mayor
 City of Sundance

Publish: May 2, 9 and 16, 2019

TOWER NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway proposes to install six 50-ft-tall communications poles along its railroad right-of-way in Crook County, WY at (listed by tower name: latitude, longitude) BLACK HILLS_4_560.2.PTC: 44.186616, -104.817324; BLACK HILLS_4_562.07.PTC: 44.193407, -104.849892; BLACK HILLS_4_568.9.PTC: 44.258947, -104.94784; BLACK HILLS_4_570.9.PTC: 44.275753, -104.982521; BLACK HILLS_4_572.8.PTC: 44.278572, -105.017743; and BLACK HILLS_4_574.6.PTC: 44.282701, -105.056236. These poles will be licensed through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As part of its responsibilities assigned by FCC for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), BNSF invites the public to notify BNSF of any effects the placement of these towers may have on properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or any concerns the public may have with regard to the potential impact the towers may have on natural and cultural resources subject to NEPA or NHPA review and consideration. Please direct your comments to Aubyn Bell at HDR, 76 S. Laura Street Suite 1600, Jacksonville, FL 32202 or Aubyn.bell@hdrinc.com. Comments must be received within 10 days of this notice.

Publish: May 9, 2019

PROBATE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF CROOK, STATE OF WYOMING

Docket No. PR5765

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR DECREE ESTABLISHING RIGHT AND TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY OF: CHARLES J. WILLIAMS, Deceased.

PURSUANT TO Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE

TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY:

You are hereby notified that on April 19, 2019, an Application for Decree Establishing Right and Title to Property Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205 for the real property described below was filed in the Sixth Judicial District Court for Crook County, Wyoming:

The decedents 1/5th interest in the real property more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBER ONE OF TRACT NUMBER ONE OF THE HENDERSON ADDITION TO MOORCROFT, WYOMING, IN CROOK COUNTY, THIS PROPERTY

IS ALSO SOMETIMES DESCRIBED AS THE LOT NUMBER ONE OF BLOCK NUMBER ONE OF THE HENDERSON ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING, CROOK COUNTY, AS SURVEYED, PLATTED AND RECORDED, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON OR THEREUNTO APPERTAINING OR BELONGING.

Any action to dispute the facts contained in said Application shall be filed in said Court on or before two weeks after the date that this notice is first published.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2019.

ESTATE OF GARY STARR PENFIELD
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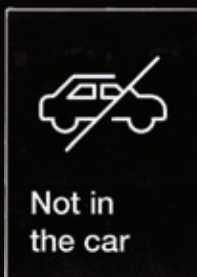
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WEED MANAGEMENT MEETING

Crook County Weed and Pest, Crook County Natural Resource District, State Forestry, and Corteva Ag Science are holding an educational meeting covering general weed management practices and forestry weed control. The meeting will be held at the Sundance State Bank meeting room (at the post office), on Thursday, May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!



School to host active shooter drill

The Crook County Sheriff's Office would like to make the public aware that it will be partnering with Sundance High School to conduct an active shooter drill on May 16.

This will be the first practical ALICE drill, a culmination of the last few years of training that has been provided to district students and staff to aid them in dealing with an active shooter situation. It will not involve weapons of any kind.

As this is the first drill, the intention is to focus on procedures and policies as well as the communications practices that are in place and how they work. It will involve real-world scenarios to better facilitate the success of this type of exercise.

The Sheriff's Office will also be evaluating how law enforcement responds to this type of situation and looking to see if any updates to its plans and procedures are necessary.

Minnesota woman faces drug charges

BY SARAH PRIDGEON

A Minnesota woman faces two felony charges of possession after the person she was traveling with called law enforcement when she became upset at an interstate parking area and asked to be left behind.

On April 5, a Wyoming Highway Patrol trooper was dispatched to the parking area at milepost 163 on I-90 to respond to a possible domestic disturbance. The reporting party allegedly informed dispatch he was traveling from Minnesota to Montana with a friend who was using drugs, had become extremely upset and wanted to be left on the side of the road.

According to the trooper's affidavit of probable cause, he then overheard Crook County Sheriff's Office advising one of its deputies that the female was using meth and attempting to get into other vehicles. Dispatch further advised that she had

thrown objects in the ditch and was now wanting to leave with the reporting party because she knew law enforcement was on its way.

The trooper arrived on scene and located the female, Katie Johnson, who he describes as being in a very excited state, consistent with someone under the influence of a stimulant such as meth. The reporting party allegedly stated the same thing had happened a couple of weeks ago and she had been arrested on a warrant.

According to the affidavit, the reporting party claimed Johnson had told him she had had meth hidden in her bra during that arrest and it had not been found. He also allegedly informed the trooper that Johnson had walked across both lanes of the interstate and thrown what appeared to have been a meth pipe in the ditch.

The reporting party allegedly stated he had been watching Johnson through

his binoculars to see what she was doing when she threw the pipe. The trooper checked the indicated area and reports that he located a uniquely shaped smoking pipe with meth residue inside it; the reporting party allegedly confirmed it was the pipe in question.

Johnson was placed under arrest and allegedly admitted to possessing some meth in her bra. Four bags of the substance removed at the Crook County Detention Center with a total weight of 2.2 grams, as well as three bags of marijuana with a total weight of 5.5 grams.

Johnson has been charged with felony counts of possession of marijuana, third or subsequent offense, and possession of meth, third or subsequent offense. She has known prior convictions in Waseca, MN in 2004, 2015, February 2018 and April 2018 and one prior conviction in Blue Earth, MN from 2006.

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Circuit Court

Speeding - Antonio A. Souza, Brazil, 75/65, \$125; Jane S. Materi, Upton, 82/70, \$105; Robert C. Scull, SD, 86/75, \$100; Anthony Thomas Jay Delfino, Moorcroft, 85/75, \$90; Mark W. Wold, ND, 78/70, \$86; Michael T. Divis, Gillette, 90/80, \$90; Lars J. Koivukangas, AZ, 87/80, \$84

Fail to Provide Proof of Liability Insurance - Sarah Taylor Owen, TX, \$555

No Registration and Improper Display of Tabs - Michael John Anderson, Sundance, \$75

No Seat Belt (driver) - Devin M. Hatzenbuehler, CO, \$25

Drive While License Suspended (2nd+ offense) - Sarah Taylor Owen, TX, \$255, 20 days jail

Fail to Drive Vehicle Within Single Lane - Benjamin G. White, MT, \$75; Jordan Lee Cowley, Gillette, \$30, unsupervised probation through April 29, 2020

Fail Duty Upon Colliding with Unattended Vehicle or Property - Jordan Lee Cowley, Gillette, \$180, unsupervised probation through April 29, 2020

Operate Watercraft While Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs - Benjamin J. Frazier, Gillette, \$355, 60 days jail/59 days suspended, unsupervised probation through Oct. 29, 2019; Michael S. Cunningham, Gillette, \$355, 60 days jail/57 days suspended, unsupervised probation through Oct. 29, 2019

DUI Alcohol - Incapable of Safely Driving - Jordan Lee Cowley, Gillette, \$555, 30 days jail/28 days suspended, unsupervised probation through April 29, 2020

Possess Controlled Substance (plant 3 oz. or less) - Aaron W. Carstens, Gillette, \$555, 30 days jail/24 days suspended, unsupervised probation through April 29, 2020; Danielle M. Leonard, Casper, \$805, 30 days jail suspended, unsupervised probation through April 30, 2020

Possess Controlled Substance (pill or cap 3 gram or less); Use Controlled Substance (sch. I, II or III) - John Lewis Dealy, Hulett, \$905, 30 days jail/26 days suspended, unsupervised probation through April 29, 2020

Crook County Sheriff's Office

Apr. 29 - Five VIN checks. Detention Deputy booked in subject arrested by Wyoming Highway Patrol on Campbell County warrant. Detention Deputy did fingerprints for outside employment. Detention Deputy booked in subject brought over from Court.

Apr. 30 - Three VIN checks. Traffic stop. Paper service. Deputy assisted Wyoming Highway Patrol on traffic stop. Deputy investigated animal complaint. Detention Deputy did fingerprints for outside employment. Detention Deputy booked in subject with time to serve from Court.

May 1 - Four VIN checks. Three paper service. Deputy assisted Wyoming Highway Patrol with crash report; no injuries. Deputy investigated crash. Deputy investigated animal complaint. Detention Deputy transported inmate to Sundance Clinic. Detention Deputy did fingerprints x2 for outside employment. Deputy assisted stalled motorist. Deputy assisted Unigap Police Department with stolen property theft.

May 2 - Seven VIN checks. Traffic stop. Two paper services. Detention Deputy did fingerprints x4 for outside employment. Detention Deputy transported inmate from Crook County to Campbell County jail. Deputy assisted Game

and Fish with injured deer complaint. Deputy assisted Sundance Police Department with Special Olympics torch run. Detention Deputy transported inmate from Campbell County jail to Crook County jail. Detention Deputy booked in subject brought back from Campbell County. Deputy assisted Moorcroft Police Department with Special Olympics torch run. Deputy assisted Wyoming Highway Patrol with traffic stop.

May 3 - Eight VIN checks. Six traffic stops. Three paper services. Detention Deputy did prisoner transport. Deputies did multiple agency assists. Deputy assisted Wyoming Highway Patrol.

May 4 - Four traffic stops. Deputy assisted motorist. Deputy assisted another agency. Deputy assisted Wyoming Highway Patrol. Deputy investigated animal complaint call. Deputy investigated call regarding gun. Deputy removed traffic hazard off road.

May 5 - Traffic stop. Deputy investigated suspicious circumstances. Deputies assisted Wyoming Highway Patrol on two separate occasions. K-9 deputy did vehicle sniff for Wyoming Highway Patrol.

Inmates - Nine males, three females.

Sundance Police Report

Apr. 27 - House watch and business checks. Officer hosted drug take-back event at the health fair. Three bar checks. Nine traffic stops.

Apr. 28 - House watch and business checks. VIN inspection. Two traffic stops.

Apr. 29 - House watch and business checks. Officer assisted DFS. Traffic stop.

Apr. 30 - House watch and business checks. VIN inspection. Two traffic stops.

May 1 - House watch and business checks. Three bar checks. Three traffic stops.

May 2 - House watch and business checks. Three bar checks. Six traffic stops. Officer utilized three hours of Highway Safety grant overtime to specifically target occupant restraint violations resulting in five traffic stops.

May 3 - House watch and business checks. Officer assisted motorist with vehicle lock out. Officer answered dog at large complaint. Three bar checks. Six traffic stops. Officer utilized three hours of Highway Safety grant overtime to specifically target occupant restraint violations resulting in five traffic stops.

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Trial:

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area immediately outside was blocked off.

Johnson was arrested on several felony counts after the suspected homicide last August. The jury will consider his guilt on charges of murder in the second degree, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault and battery.

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Trauma: *continued from page 1*

turnaround times. "We've drastically decreased our emergency department dwell time. That's the time the patient spends here. We accomplish what needs to be done in a much shorter period of time now," Hart says.

In fact, the ER has one of the fastest turnarounds in the state, well above the average.

"For our trauma team activations that are inter-facility transfers, we're at 105 minutes and the state benchmark is 120 minutes or less," says Hart.

Another criteria is for the entire trauma team to arrive on scene and be ready to go within 20 minutes, even at night. The average for Crook County's ER is 15 minutes, Hart says.

The state also requires the department to be able to properly determine when the trauma team needs to be activated. If, for example, a young and healthy person trips over the sidewalk and is brought in for a minor twisted ankle, calling in the trauma team would be an overreaction - or 'over-triage'.

"If you were to call the trauma team every time the ambulance goes out on some type of an injury, that would be considered over-triage - in other words, you're activating the system too often," Shaulis says.

Over-triage is not, of course, nearly so serious an error as under-triage, which is considered to have happened when the trauma team fails to react to a serious situation.

"Their criterion is that over-triage should not exceed 50 percent and under-triage should not exceed five percent," says Hart. "We are at 32 percent over-triage and zero percent under-triage."

All criteria are adapted for the type of emergency department in question. Crook County's hospital does not have a resident surgeon, so its staff is tasked with stabilizing and transferring patients.

This places it at a lower rung on the hierarchy than some of the bigger state facilities and impacts the goals the ER is expected to achieve. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the hospital is considered 'level four frontier'.

"That means we have a population assessed by the U.S. Census Bureau of less than 2.5 people per square mile for the whole county. We also have a distance from any larger suburban areas, so we're providing exceptional care in a very frontier area with minimal resources," says Shaulis.

Not every injury requires surgery, of course, and some patients no longer need to be transferred, largely thanks to the presence of Dr. Waddell. This is figured out during the in-depth evaluation process.

The drastic improvements that have taken place over the last five years are centered around two big changes: a new, updated trauma department built to streamline the process of treating a patient during an emergency, and the staff-run ambulance service.

"We have advanced life support staff here in the hospital 24/7, so they work side by side with the critically trained nurses and the ER. It's really gives quite a bit of bench strength in the ER," says Hart.

Around and between these changes, much work has been done to stitch the whole system together.

"The new facility is nice, but this is really geared more towards patient care: the staff that takes care of the patients," says Hart. "Education and training and we do a lot of drills to make sure we're prepared, and a lot of putting policies and processes in place."

Hart himself has taken the lead on most of this work, Shaulis points out. The support structure assisting his efforts run through the entire organization, from the Board of Trustees and CEO through areas such as IT, purchasing, billing and the emergency healthcare providers themselves.

"We're also trying to build some partnerships externally with our local EMS partners who aren't here in town - Hulett, Pine Haven, Moorcroft, Upton - as well as building relationships with the referral centers we end up sending patients to," he says.

"We're getting much better information back from them now, so we're able to do quality improvement and evaluate our care based on those numbers and that information as well."

While the department is satisfied with its progress, says Hart, that doesn't mean the work is complete.

"We can't let up. If you let up, you're going to backslide, so you keep pushing forward, especially in the areas of education, staff and to start branching out into the community a little," he says.

The community aspect will include such things as Stop the Bleed, a national initiative that the State of Wyoming has embraced to teach people what to do if someone is bleeding heavily. Public involvement in a person's care can make them part of the chain of survival.

However, all three are keen to point out that good statistics have never been the true goal.

"We're really proud of the numbers and what the state has had to say, but in the grand scheme of things...our goal is to protect the community," says Waddell. "Whether it's somebody gets hurt in the street or a rancher from 27 miles out who comes to our facility, if they're in trouble, we think we have the capacity to help them and at least stabilize them and get them to a bigger center efficiently."

Waddell points out that a better indication of success for the team is that trauma patients often come back to the hospital for rehab. That tells the department that they are doing the right thing by the patients, he says, because otherwise they would prefer to go somewhere else.

"It's critical that we garner trust from the community and they feel comfortable coming here. There are critical access hospitals all across the country that are struggling and closing, quite frankly, because of either consolidations or lack of support from the local community," Shaulis says.

"We're very fortunate that the community here is supporting us by trusting us and coming to the clinic and emergency department, seeking out providers within our system."

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Answers

- 1. "Great Expectations" 2. Linda Lavin 3. Hypothalamus 4. Olympia 5. Venus 6. Carbon 7. Boston 8. "Funny Girl" 9. Color sequence of the rainbow (Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet) 10. Type of Italian bread

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Boys take first at Wright and Lusk

The Sundance-Hulett boys golf team came out on top at the Wright Spring Invitational last Friday. The girls team took second place. Individually, Gage Leveque tied for fourth and Logan Kromarek tied for eighth. For the girls, Sherry Negaard came in third place with Aubrey Shelling-Hoard taking tenth.

Boys Teams:
Sundance- Hulett – 380
Thunder Basin – 386
Lusk – 389
Wright – 427
Midwest – 507

Girls Teams:
Lusk – 330
Sundance-Hulett – 390
Upton – 395
Tongue River – 481

Individual Boys:
Gage Leveque – 86
Logan Kromarek – 92
Aaron Kanode – 101
Christian velder – 101
Tyler Kromarek – 101
Tyson Bjornestad – 118
Micah Kammerer – 128

Individual Girls:
Sherry Negaard – 107
Aubrey Schelling-Hoard – 141
Ashlynn Fowler – 142
Tairyn Richards – 144

The Sundance-Hulett boys golf team again was the winner at the Tiger Invitational held Saturday in Lusk, with the girls claiming the third-place spot. Individually Tyler Kromarek tied for seventh for the boys, Aaron Kanode took ninth and Logan Kromarek came in tenth. Sherry Negaard placed fourth for the girls.

Boys Teams:
Sundance-Hulett – 388
Lusk – 391
Tongue River – 408
Wright – 421
Sundance Hulett JV – 510
Midwest – 535

Girls Teams:
Lusk – 336
Tongue River – 337
Sundance-Hulett – 392

Individual Boys:
Tyler Kromarek – 93
Aaron Kanode – 96
Logan Kromarek – 97
Christian Velder – 102
Gage Leveque – 104
Nate Schommer – 119
Peyton Ewing – 121
Kiel Johnson – 130
Gavin Robinson – 140
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The Sundance-Hulett golf team at the Tiger Invitational held last Saturday in Lusk.

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SHS hosts Bulldog Invite

BY REBECCA MAUPIN

The Sundance track and field team hosted the Bulldog Invite on Friday in Sundance and fared well in many of the events.

The Bulldog boys had four different athletes place in the top three for the day. Hunter Skeens took first place in the 1600 and 3200 meters while Josiah Rudloff finished third in the 110m and 300m hurdles. Jayden Davis also took home a 3rd place finish in the 3200 and Tanner Hofland finished 2nd in the discus.

The Bulldog girls' relay teams continue to find themselves in the top finishers as the 4x400 relay won the race with a time of 4:42.35.

The Sundance Bulldogs will travel to Sheridan on Friday and Saturday to com-

pete in the regional track meet.

- Top eight finishers:
- Boys 100M: 6. Tanner Hofland 12.20
 - Boys 200M: 7. Tanner Hofland 24.96
 - Boys 800M: 4. Jaydan Davis 2:20.50
 - Boys 1600M: 1. Hunter Skeens 5:01.24, 3. Jaydan Davis 5:11.47
 - Boys 3200M: 1. Hunter Seens 11:12.39
 - Boys 110M Hurdles: 3. Josiah Rudloff 19.25
 - Boys 300M Hurdles: 3. Josiah Rudloff 46.64
 - Boys Shot Put: 6. Tanner Hofland 41-08.50, 8. Jarret Schloredt 40-02.00
 - Boys Discus: 2. Tanner Hofland 136-04, 9. Brandon Davis 109-02
 - Boys High Jump: 5. Josiah Rudloff 5-06
 - Boys Triple Jump: 2. Josiah Rudloff 36-



Brook Hofland in the Discus Throw.



Jarret Schloredt throws the Shot Put.



Jeff Moberg photos

Tanner Hofland in the Shot Put.

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- Girls 100M: 4. Aftyn Marchant 13.95, 7. Brook Hofland 14.40
 - Girls 200M: 2. Aftyn Marchant 28.75, 3. Joleen Pollat 29.08, 5. Brook Hofland 29.56
 - Girls 800M: 5. Tori Wheeler 2:47.21
 - Girls 1600M: 3. Tori Wheeler 6:15.72, 7. Darcy Flahaven 3:10.29
 - Girls 4x400: 1st 4:42.35
 - Girls Shot Put: 2. Joleen Pollat 34-00.50, 4. Bailey Hofland 31-04.00
 - Girls Discus: 3. Teddi Marchant 100-07, 7. Joleen Pollat 90-09
 - Girls Triple Jump: 3. Teddi Marchant 28-01.5

SHS at Wyoming Art Symposium

Below are Sundance Students bringing home awards at the recent Wyoming Art Symposium. Results were printed in last week's paper.



Photos courtesy Tobi Miller

Josh Pridgeon, Marcus Meisner, Janessa Wilen, Teagan Marchant.



Aftyn Marchant



Brook Hofland



Josh Pridgeon



Aaron Kanode



Tairyn Richards



Janessa Wilen



Bailee Heaster, Aftyn Marchant, Brook Hofland, Bailey Hofland.

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Public surveys underway on Black Hills National Forest

The public will encounter contract employees working on the Black Hills National Forest in developed and dispersed recreation sites and along forest service roads. They will be out in all types of weather conditions, wearing bright orange vests and near a sign that says "Traffic Survey Ahead".

The National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) survey is being conducted on the Black Hills National Forest that began in October of 2018 and will go through Sept 30, 2019. The information gathered is useful for forest planning as well as local community tourism planning.

It provides National Forest managers with an estimate of how many people actually recreate on the National Forest, what activities they engage in while there and how satisfied people were with their visit. Economic impact to the local economy is also captured in the survey.

The survey gathers basic visitor information. Surveys are voluntary and all responses are confidential; names are not included. Interviews last about 10 minutes.

Questions asked include: where you recreated on the forest, how many people traveled with you, how long you were on the forest, what other recreation sites you visited while on the forest and how satisfied you are with the facilities and services provided. About a third of the visitors will be asked to complete a confidential survey on recreation spending during their trip.

"Although the survey is entirely voluntary, participation is extremely important so we can assess visitor experiences on the Forest and strive to make it a better place to visit," said Annie Apodaca, Forest Recreation Program Manager on the Black Hills National Forest.

"We would appreciate it if visitors would pull over and answer a few questions. It's important for interviewers to talk with local people using the forest, as well as out-of-area visitors, so all types of visitors are represented in the study."

Information about the National Visitor Use Monitoring program can be found at <https://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum/>

"Camp Wild" registrations still open

BY SARAH PRIDGEON

The deadline to sign up your kids for Camp Wild day camps this June has been extended because there are still plenty of places left to fill. The Game & Fish youth summer camp will be held in Washington Park in Sundance from June 4 to 6 and is open to kids across the county.

"Kids from all over are welcome to participate," says Janet Milek, Public Information Specialist. "The deadline for registration will be one week before camp occurs, or when it is full, whichever happens first."

The three-day camp is for students entering fifth and sixth grade and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Activities will include hands-on learning about wildlife, habitats, aquatic ecology, basic survival, spincasting, archery and more.

The camp is intended to provide quality time in the outdoors and plenty of fun while learning about Wyoming's wildlife and outdoor recreation activities. Campers should bring a water bottle and lunch each day.

The camp is open to a total of 25 kids. To register, visit wgfd.wyo.gov/store/store/conservation-camps.



Photo courtesy Wyoming Game & Fish

The Game & Fish "Camp Wild" youth summer camp.

BeefChain receives USDA certification

BeefChain, a Wyoming-based blockchain company, has now been certified by the United States Department of Agriculture's Process Verified Program. Software created by BeefChain is now sanctioned by the USDA and provides the highest level of assurance for cattle buyers globally that their Wyoming beef is premium.

BeefChain uses blockchain technology to provide immutable proof of source, age and health of individual cattle. The software creates a digital trail of records that are tamper-proof and transparent all the way through the supply chain, creating a digital identity for each animal and all participants and aiming to guarantee proof of value-added attributes, ownership and change of ownership.

"This is all about giving the best Wyoming beef producers the tools to better market their

Wyoming beef," said Tyler Lindholm, Crook County's House Representative and also BeefChain's program manager. "Customer demand for naturally-raised beef has never been higher and now producers can market their cattle with this USDA-certified program."

Lindholm said BeefChain is the first company in the State of Wyoming and the first blockchain company in the world to receive USDA certification.

"This is a big deal," Lindholm said. "The USDA recognizes that our products are sound. This means that Wyoming cattle producers can provide proof to buyers all over the world about where the cattle was born, how they were raised, where they were raised, and the overall health of the cattle."

Cattle producers can enroll in four different programs, each providing digital proof of cattle identity and how the animal was raised. These programs include Non-Hormone Treated Cattle for producers who do not use hormones at any time during the animal's lifespan; BeefChain Natural for cattle that have been on natural forage for 90 percent of the first six months of life; BeefChain Wyoming+ for cattle producers in Wyoming who ensure their cattle are pasture-raised; and Age and Source Verification to provide immutable proof of individual cattle age and where the animal was born and raised.

Tax valuations increase on ag and commercial land

BY SARAH PRIDGEON

Property owners may have experienced a moment of surprise when opening their valuation statements this year. County Assessor Theresa Curren says increases have occurred for two distinct reasons and urges anyone unsure about their valuation to visit her before the May 13 deadline.

The first of the two causes relates to agricultural land, she says, and is a result of legislation that passed in 2018. Senate File 148 essentially proscribed that, for each habitable structure on ag property, one acre must be assessed as residential land.

"That went through the legislature in 2018, then the Wyoming Department of Revenue (WDR) rules changed to compensate for that," Curren says.

"For 2019's tax, we had to basically look at the aeriels of every single ranch that we have and we had to actually measure out how many acres compensate all of the buildings."

The new rule applies to any structure that could be inhabited, including mobile homes, houses and ranch hand houses. If an ag property only has one house, she says, then just a single acre of residential land would be assessed, "Unless you have that area fenced off and you're not using that area for agricultural purposes - your cows can't come up to your porch and graze. Then, whatever you've fenced off is what I'm going to measure."

Similarly, if several habitable buildings are encompassed in one area, the assessor says she would simply measure that area. However, if the buildings are spread out across a large swath of land, each would need to be assessed individually.

Agricultural buildings are also affected; however, these are not evaluated as residential.

"We have to look at how much of the acres encompass your agricultural buildings - your barns and things. When we measure those out, we put them on what's called 'farmstead', which means that that acreage is going to value at your highest acreage of soil type on your property," she says.

For example, if you have two acres of barns and silos and 60 percent of your land is considered irrigated, those two acres will be valued at the rate for irrigated land.

This represents a significant change for Crook County, where farmstead was not previously counted, each property was automatically allotted two acres for a house and that acreage was valued at what the average agricultural acre was selling for, she says. Residential land is assigned much higher values.

"Now the rules have changed so every habitable structure has to be valued at residential value, I've had to change the Land and Economic Area (LEA) that it pertains to," she says.

"You're going to be valuing just like every other residential property [in that LEA], except you're only going to be at that one acre while they're valuing at 30 or five acres, or whatever it happens to be."

This change had to be implemented for all 2000 of Crook County's agricultural properties, says Curren, which in turn forced a reevaluation of the 'neighborhoods' against which valuations are made.

"In order to value a house, it has to be in a neighborhood, which is comparable properties. On ag, it wasn't that way - it was replacement cost new less depreciation," she says.

The State Board of Equalization (SBE) stressed to all 23 counties this year that every house has to have a neighborhood and the assessor must use at least five sales to value it.

"Since I was touching every single account anyway, I had to make sure that every single house had a neighborhood that was associated with it," she says. "In doing that, I found a lot that weren't being assessed at market value. In turn, agricultural properties have increased in assessment because of that."

All of this, Curren says, has led to sharp increases for some agricultural property owners.

Commercial land

"Commercial land all over Crook County has increased and that is due to not having enough vacant commercial sales to value them," she says.

It's a problem the SBE and WDR has identified all across Wyoming, she says: all counties have their commercial values undervalued due to not having enough sales and, without sales, it's not possible to make regular adjustments to valuations.

Curren says she took her cue from peers in other counties to find a solution, because the SBE essentially informs assessors that a problem exists and then leaves the assessor to figure out how best to handle it.

Curren opted to view all vacant land sales the same, whether it is commercial or residential. "It doesn't matter if it's residential or commercial, it's still vacant and I'm still going to use that sale," she says.

"A lot of places went down, but a lot went up too because they were being over-assessed from having sales I don't know how long ago. I have the sales now to defend my values by combining residential vacant land with commercial vacant land."

Future changes

The changes to agricultural land that have appeared on this year's valuations come from a legislative decision made a year ago, because assessors must work from what was in place on January 1 each year. A more recent change, however, was voters' decision to allow Crook County Senior Services District to request mill levy funding.

"Your estimate of taxes is off the last year's mill levy, that's a statute we have to go by even though we know there's going to be an increase because of the new Crook County Senior Services District," she says.

The district will hold board hearings in May and June to determine how many mills to request and this will be brought before the county commissioners in August. After that date, the mill levy for the new district will be reflected on property tax bills.

Individual cases

Speaking from his own experience, that of friends and family and a number of calls he has received from constituents, Representative Tyler Lindholm says the increases appear to have affected quite a few property owners.

"There are a lot of people who saw a lot of increase on their tax roll that doesn't come from any extra mill levies or any action from the state," he says.

"The best advice I've given people is to call their assessor and find out what's going on with their property and what's going on with the valuation change."

Curren agrees and strongly encourages anyone who has questions about their valuation to contact the Assessor's Office. If, for example, a property owner feels measurements made are incorrect or a building has been misidentified as residential, these can be adjusted accordingly.

"We had to do what we had to do because of our rules, but if we are wrong then we can change it," she says.

Curren notes that it may not be possible for people to figure out whether their tax valuation is correct using just the information available to them. In the Assessor's Office, she explains, there are other rules that need to be followed to make sure valuations are in compliance.

"I also have to be in compliance with the State Board of Equalization and the Department of Revenue concerning way more than just the median. I'm looking at the coefficient of dispersion, I'm looking at the price-related differential - all of these things have to be in compliance with their ranges," she says.

"I cannot change a valuation unless I'm in compliance. It's complicated, for sure, and that's why it's good for each person to come in because everybody's house and situation is different."

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