

Nine beagles rescued from a research lab in the Midwest find a new lease on life at Kindness Ranch Animal Sanctuary

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HARTVILLE – New beginnings is what it’s all about at Kindness Ranch Animal Sanctuary. Recently, nine beagles were brought “home” from a research facility in Kansas. The pups, all less than a year old, were born in captivity for the purpose of clinical research. Their only identity is a tattoo applied to the inside of an ear. Today, they got new identities, as each beagle was individually named by the loving staff at Kindness Ranch. Not only new names, but a brand new life where the dogs will be exposed to natural daylight for the first time ever, according to Director John Ramer. “We are getting the beagles ready to touch foot on grass for the first time today as well. We have a theme for this group of beagles, and that is New Beginnings. We are choosing their names with that in mind.” The two youngest beagles were aptly named “Nova”, meaning new, and “Asha” which means dawn, stated Ramer. This is the first release to a sanctuary that the lab has conducted. “We hope this is just the first of many releases to us,” said Ramer.



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Newly rescued beagle pup, Nova, gets her first ever experience of natural daylight, grass, and fresh air at Kindness Ranch Animal Sanctuary in Hartville.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Stephanie Wilson's article (GG, Sept. 5) on the sixth penny tax ballot for November 7th was interesting, but there's more to the story, especially in regards to Proposition 2 – the Platte County Recreation District Board's desire for ten and one half millions of dollars for a recreational facility.

Some facts:

The Recreation District Board ("RDB") members want the voters (who did not vote them onto the Board) to acquiesce in the Board's desire to extract \$10,500,000.00 from them to pay for the Board's project.

The RDB "surveyed" fifteen recreation facilities "in the area" and got three responses (all out-of-state). They failed to ask questions like, "as a raw number and as a percentage, how many people out of your population base use your facility on a daily, weekly, monthly basis?", or "how much money, as a percentage of your total annual revenue, do you take in

from membership fees?"

Bottom line: where is the feasibility study that should have been done for a project like this? Is simply doesn't exist; *why not?*

The RDB is apparently unaware that building a recreational center is not part of the proper role of government. By virtue of collecting and distributing the taxes to pay for said center, Platte County would, in reality, both own and operate it, lock, stock, and barrel, as stated in the proposition.

It belongs to private entrepreneurs, not the government, to develop a business idea and do the necessary research to determine whether they have resources (facility, equipment, customer base, staff, money) to make it feasible.

The RDB has already signed on to purchase a piece of land – *contingent on the passage of Prop. 2*. Who will profit from the sale of the land? Is there a conflict of interest here? We need to know *before* we vote.

The proposed recreational facility is being touted as benefitting "all Platte County residence." That is simply false/ It will not benefit the home-bound. Nor will it benefit anyone having no interest in using it; *au contraire*, they would still have to help foot the bill for it!

For these and many other reasons, Vote NO in NOvember on Proposition 2!

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Beagles:

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These beagles in particular were housed in a basement lab with a medically regulated environment. They have never been exposed to natural light. Nor have they run around free on grass and soil. However, new stimuli can be overwhelming to animals who have spent their life in captivity. They are being flooded with new experiences, so the transition to acclimate to new people, new scents and sounds, and an open environment is tender and patient. The highly trained staff take special care to transition the new arrivals. "These dogs are used to being handled in a very different way," added Ramer. "We get very excited when it is time to introduce them to the outdoor

world that is now theirs. We can typically have the dogs totally ready for adoption into a forever home in about a month's time."

When Nova and Asha were taken outside into an enclosed but spacious area, it only took them a few minutes to bound away with what can only be described as glee as they chased each other; playing a sort of leapfrog; or leap-beagle as the case may be. Nova and Asha were housed together at the research lab, which is not always a common practice. "It does make it easier when the dogs have a friend that they have learned to socialize with. Look at them. They love each other," Ramer said. "There is a lot we can learn from these special animals about living in the moment."



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This beagle pup bears an ID tattoo on the inside of her ear since her birth in captivity. She is now named "Asha".

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Platte County Commissioners address a variety of impactful issues

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WHEATLAND – There is never a dull moment at a Platte County Commissioners meeting. These sessions are held twice monthly (aside from Executive Sessions) and are open to the public.

To open up the meeting, Beal Angle gave a report on city maintenance. “We are trying to keep the mowers moving,” he said. “We have a lot of grass this year that has stayed green, so we are keeping up with that. The roads in town are being mowed, as well as some back-country roads around Glendo. We hope the snow stays back for a bit, as we are about two weeks behind, and are currently still using temporary employees to make progress.” Angle also stated that his department will begin chip seal soon, and that there are cattle guards to replace, and one more to install. Additionally, salt/sand has arrived for winter use and the department is getting the “shed” stocked. “We have some personnel out due to illness or hunting, but we are getting there; getting snow equipment ready, making sure all the lights on the

sanders are working.” An application was denied for a high risk safety program for a guard rail project, however this denial was offset by a paint-striping project. “We can begin striping in late winter or early spring,” said Angle. “We want to go ahead and re-stripe before the existing stripes completely fade away, we can use permanent markings if weather gets too cold to stripe in certain areas, such as Palmer Canyon Road,” Angle added.

Some discussion commenced regarding a private action to vacate a road. The road in question being Cherry Knoll, which is a “high spot” near county line E, and is not maintained to the right-of-way at the Antelope Gap Road junction. The proposal was to abandon the small portion of Cherry Knoll Road that is currently not being maintained. The commissioners studied an aerial map that represented the area in question; provided on behalf of landowner, Sherri Cullen. The proposal is to abandon a certain small portion of the road, then assign a county easement that would be maintained by the county if all landowners agree to an easement while preserving access to private land. “There are areas that are inac-

cessible, and it makes sense to abandon those areas and grant an easement after conducting appropriate surveying,” said Platte County commissioner, Steve Shockley.

Platte County Economic Development Director Tracy DeRyk reported that the 6th Penny Tax issues were keeping them busy and were able to hand out brochures and answer a lot of questions from the public during Oktoberfest last week. “Many people are still confused about how the 6th Penny Tax works, and believe it is somehow tied to property tax, which it isn’t. We were able to field several questions about the permanence of the tax as well as voting on individual propositions. Overall it has been a fairly positive experience,” said DeRyk. “The Lock Trucking building has been sold, and that is a work in progress with the city. I have also been in touch with Tran Hoa with Wyoming Intertie regarding the direct- and indirect impact grants that could be available to Platte County as there is a short timeline for the first concept paper due in October.”

A question was brought up from the floor regarding additional but possibly erroneous information regard-

ing the 6th Penny Propositions. It was revealed that a pamphlet was being distributed at Oktoberfest which did not align with official printed materials and official ballot explanations regarding this subject. Platte County Commissioner Kayla Mantle reviewed the proffered pamphlet and stated that she was not sure there was any legitimacy attached to it. “The approved and official brochure is the one that is being distributed by Tracy DeRyk,” said Mantle. This approved brochure also includes a “paid for by” statement printed on the back page, which the unofficial pamphlet did not include.

County Planner Doug Dumont gave a brief overview of ongoing projects

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Legacy Home resident, Jeanie McDermott donates Battle of the Bulge era flag to the Guernsey VFW Post #4471

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WHEATLAND – Memories of World War II were resurrected during a solemn and emotional, but inspirational presentation of a 48-star flag in memory of US Army Private 1st Class Michael J. McDermott. McDermott's last surviving relative, sister-in-law, Jeanie McDermott, a resident at Legacy Home in Wheatland, has been in possession of the flag for many years and wished to donate this symbol of values and freedoms so gallantly fought for.

McDermott recently connected with Kelly "Preacher" Mixson, member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, and they came up with a plan. Mixson and other veterans of the CVMA visit Legacy Home weekly and it was there that McDermott inquired about donating the

flag and giving it a permanent home at the Guernsey VFW Post #4471. Social Services Director Randy Chesser assisted in making arrangements for a presentation ceremony on the "front steps" of Legacy Home on Saturday, September 30. Chesser presented a description of Private McDermott's US Army career and ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Private McDermott was a member of the US Army 346th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division. Private McDermott's division was fighting in the largest and bloodiest single battle fought by the US in World War II in the Ardennes Offensive, also known as the Battle of the Bulge. McDermott gave his life to this campaign on January 10, 1945.

Private 1st Class Michael J. McDermott was honored with the WWII

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Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association members Kelly "Preacher" Mixson, Shane "Whit" Whitworth, and Erik "Controller" Wacker formally fold a 48-Star American Flag for donor Jeanie McDermott.

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Commissioners:

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including improvements to six buildings in the county; one being a large ranch along with a few private residences. The Prairie View Subdivision near Glendo is requesting street signs and addresses, according to Dumont.

Jeanie:

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Victory Medal, the Purple Heart, the American Campaign Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Private McDermott is interred at Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial along with General George S. Patton whose final wish was to be buried with his men at Luxembourg.

In attendance for this patriotic moment were 31 members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, the Patriot Guard Riders, and the American Legion. Kelly "Preacher" Mixson, Shane "Whit" Whitworth, and Erik "Controller" Wacker, members of the Combat Vet-

"We are also reviewing rules and regulations regarding aggregate mining and a wireless tower is being reviewed for Twin Bison Ranch."

Some debate arose regarding a heretofore unsolved (but still active) case of shooting that resulted in property damages amounting to about 750,000

dollars. A statement from the floor addressed the issue of investigatory methods which was hotly questioned, alongside accusations coming against the sheriff's department and the county attorney. While intense conversation ensued about where weapons were being held, and what evidence

was in the hands of law enforcement, commissioners Steve Shockley and Ian Jolovich steadfastly recommended an appointment with the county attorney, Doug Weaver and present any information or evidence to get a better understanding of what is going on with the case.

erans Motorcycle Association, honored Private McDermott's memory by formally and traditionally folding Private McDermott's flag for Jeanie.

Also in attendance were Lega-

cy Home residents, staff, family, friends, the Wyoming Highway State Patrol, and Veterans' spouses and/or friends.

With the State Patrol leading the

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OPINION

Fishing in the Dark

BY VICKI HOOD

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As has often been the case in my lifetime, news like we've seen this weekend about the surprise attacks against Israel seem to be so common that we have become numb to the horror and terror that so many Middle-East families have had to live with.

I cannot help but think about our own collective reaction to the events of September 11, 2001 when we watched 19 extreme terrorists take the lives of 2,977 people who were

doing nothing more than working for a paycheck in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

But those figures don't really tell the full story of that day because we also lost 343 firefighters and paramedics, 60 NYPD and Port Authority officers, 184 souls at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and 40 passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 when their plane was deliberately crashed as passengers fought back for control of the plane—and that was only Day One. In the months and years since, we've lost nearly as many more lives as the original death toll due to ill-

nesses related to the toxic chemicals released in the explosions that day. The cost in terms of ongoing related health issues such as post traumatic stress disorder have been difficult to measure.

Most Americans who were at least upper elementary age and older remember that day vividly. It was one of those times when nothing else mattered—our country was under attack on our own soil and we were indignant and unified. Enlistments in our military swelled as 181,510 Americans enlisted in the ranks of active duty service, and 72,908 joined the enlisted reserves in the year following September 11. Many said it was 9/11 that inspired them to enlist.

It was reminiscent of the days following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 when 30 days after the attack, 134,000 Americans enlisted. Less than a year later, 50 million of 132 million Americans were employed in the war movement, working for the government.

The people of what NBC's news anchor Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation" answered the call to war then unconditionally. Young men barely out of high school found themselves at places called Omaha Beach, Dunkirk, Iwo Jima, and Midway. As U.S. troops joined allies in Europe to defeat Hitler's Nazi regime that exterminated over six million Jewish people, the young women of America went to work to help filling manufacturing and agricultural positions on the homefront. Others provided support on the front lines as nurses, doctors, ambulance drivers, translators and, in rare cases, on the battlefield.

When Congress declared war on Japan right after the attacks at Pearl Harbor, everyday people stepped up the help. In addition to setting aside personal ambitions, they joined together to fight for freedom. They recognized the threat that Hitler pre-

sented and poured their hearts and souls into winning. They sacrificed to see that soldiers would have what they needed to make sure victory was achieved. Rations were imposed on supplies such as gasoline, butter, sugar, canned milk and vegetables. The war also disrupted trade, limiting the availability of some goods. Americans grew "victory gardens" to help feed their own families to make sure the troops would have adequate nutrition. Americans supported each other and supported their troops. The effects of those efforts and their dedication made a great contribution to the ultimate defeat of Hitler and the Nazi party, securing freedom for thousands in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. In the Pacific side of the conflict, Japan would also eventually surrender to the U.S. in 1945 following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The war that would bring victory over Hitler's Nazis also helped create the United Nations and the U.S. emerged a much wealthier nation which led to the "baby boomer" generation—my generation. A college education, better housing and unemployment insurance came about thanks to a law known as the G. I. Bill, signed by President Roosevelt in June, 1944.

The United States earned worldwide respect in the years following the war as a home to freedom and opportunity. Suburban neighborhoods grew like wildfire; the interstate highways were built and America was in love with cars. Elvis was king and Rock and Roll music was all over the radio. Little girls emulated adult life with Barbie and Ken dolls and boys played Little League baseball and loved Roy Rogers. People were patriotic and supported the military. Mothers stayed home and dads went to work. Families went to church

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and people helped each other.

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The 1960s brought turmoil and the Viet Nam war, which became a huge point of contention, particularly with young people. The military draft sent many young men to a country most of us couldn't find on a map. Racism was rampant in the South and the Civil Rights movement was marching toward equality for black people. President Kennedy represented a much-needed younger face in the White House but his assassination on November 22, 1963 left the country stunned and sad.

As the war in Viet Nam raged on, protesters began demanding an end. Confrontations on college campuses were common and contentious but boiled over one day in early May of 1970 when four students were killed by National Guard personnel who had been sent to the campus at Kent State in Ohio. By 1973, President Richard Nixon announced that all American soldiers had been withdrawn from Southeast Asia and the U. S. signed an agreement with North Viet Nam to end the war.

As the troops came home, the hostility that had built up throughout the years was incorrectly directed at the returning Vets. Disrespected and shamed, it created a resentment that would take 20 years to be resolved. Finally, when Saddam Hussein sent his Iraqi troops to occupy the tiny country of Kuwait, President George Bush had the full support of the American people when he promised that "we will bring freedom to others and we will prevail."

Though the reasons aren't expressly clear, the situation resonated with Americans and they responded with a patriotic show of support the country hadn't seen in many years. Yellow ribbons began to show up everywhere, a symbol of support and the hope for soldiers to return to their families safely.

So tonight, as I watch the awful footage of the attacks in Israel, I wonder how close we may be to something like that happening in our country. The events in Congress in the past week concern me greatly and they should concern you.

Less than a month ago, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York, then met with lawmakers and President Biden in Washington, D.C. Zelenskyy told both groups that his country needs the support of the United States and other allied nations in Europe to defeat Vladimir Putin's attempt to overtake his country. The United States has provided financial support through military equipment that Zelenskyy's troops must have in order to put down Putin's attempt to seize control of Ukraine. The war has raged since March of 2022 and

although Putin thought he could easily overrun Ukraine's democracy, the Ukrainian people have fought back valiantly and held Putin's soldiers off and have actually driven them back in some key areas. But ultimately, the success of Ukraine's fight is fully dependent on the support the U.S. and other countries give them.

After there was an initial agreement to give Ukraine more aid, the chaotic actions of MAGA Republicans in the House of Representatives has put that aid in jeopardy now and it may be withheld.

If there was ever a time that we have needed to support a country in a war, it is NOW. I believe we are at a point where it is critical to every democracy in the European block of countries, including Ukraine, that Putin be defeated. This is the "Pearl Harbor"

moment of our generation. I know there are many who feel there are too many other issues we should address in the United States before we hand over money to another country for "their war." This is NOT just "their war." If Putin not defeated now and takes over the country of Ukraine, he will be empowered to continue his campaign to assault every other democracy in Eastern Europe and we may very well find ourselves looking down the barrel of World War III.

Putin is all about power and dominance. He has the most sophisticated nuclear missile arsenal in the world. I don't believe he is above using it at all.

I fully realize that many of my fellow Americans, especially in Wyoming, are Trump supporters

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and they have the right to be. But we are at a crisis point with Putin and frankly, if we don't stop him now, are you prepared to send your sons and daughters into yet another world war? When people go to war, many don't come home.


Trump is not who he wants you to believe and he has disrespected our military people on many occasions. Three of his top military people his administration have confirmed the fact that he called the brave young men I described earlier at Omaha Beach as "suckers and losers." He

refused to acknowledge and visit their graves in France at a D-Day remembrance while he was in office. He told General Mark Milley "not to ever have another wounded Veteran at his events again because they don't look good for me." His first Secretary of Defense, James Mattis, recently described him as "more dangerous than anyone could ever imagine." Every day we have more people who worked directly in his administration telling us he is a serious danger to our democracy and why. These aren't Democrats—these are Republicans who know the real person behind the bluster and

lies. They worked with him every day and they have nothing to gain. Believe them—they are sounding the alarm. This is not a man who should be our Commander in Chief. What happened on September 11, 2001 was devastating for us. Now, think about how that felt and then imagine that happening every day, because it's exactly what the people of Ukraine are experiencing now. If we don't help stop Putin now, it could also easily be what happens right here again as well. I am asking my fellow Wyoming residents as well as all Americans, to please—think long and hard about who you trust


to make decisions for this country when you vote in the upcoming elections at the state and federal levels. Simply put, we need people in office who will support the funding to aid Ukraine because we have a lot to lose if we don't. We will essentially be risking several generation's well-being if we don't put a stop to Putin and the people in this country who are working against democracy. We need trustworthy leaders who will put the country before themselves. If we don't start putting serious people in Congress who will put our country before their interests, this next election may very well be our last.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

September 19, 2023
Town of Guernsey
Regular Meeting
Platte County, Wyoming

PRESENT: Mayor Delgado, CW Wells. CM Michaels, CM Augustyn, CM Harris
STAFF: Hillary Dawson, Jay Harrison, Chuck Porter, Mike Fronapfel, Jeff Thomas
CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Delgado called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and was welcomed to the meeting.
REGISTERED GUESTS: Bob Case, Ron & Elle

Behrmann, Dana Sanborn, Charlie Walker
AGENDA: CW Wells moved to approve the agenda. CM Harris seconded. The motion carried.

MINUTES: CM Harris moved to approve the September 05, 2023; minutes as presented. CW Wells seconded. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS: Mayor Delgado presented the vouchers for approval. CM Michaels moved to approve the Considerations of Claims in the amount of \$219,886.45, seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried. Vouchers follow in their entirety: Amazon Capital Services, \$1653.28; Ballard, Lester, \$145.48; Bob Ruwart Motors, \$83.89; Capital Business Systems, \$338.96; Caselle, \$618.00; Century Link, \$977.33; Contractors materials,

INC. \$89.82; Croell Redi-mix, \$910.00, Dad's Septic, \$600.00; Eckhardt, Robbin, \$175.00; First State Bank, \$58.77; Guernsey Gazette, \$980.20; Howshar Hardware, \$594.78; JLL Rail Practice Group, \$14,819.00; Lay, Darin, \$38.12; Mountain States Pipe and Supply, \$6088.94; Northwest Pipe Fittings, \$147.42; One-call of Wyoming, \$9.75; O'Reilly Automotive, \$117.14; Productivity Plus, \$372.95; Reserve Account, \$150.00; Sam's Club, \$1,010.31; Spic and Span Cleaners \$1204.75; Stotz, Equipment, \$116.85; TDS, \$19,860.75; Torrington Beverage, \$473.00; Van Diest Supply, \$2,795.40; Verizon \$495.97; Vistabeam, \$449.40; Wear Parts, \$1,586.43; WEX Bank, \$3,831.95; Wheatland ACE, \$63.98; Wheatland REA, \$61.97; Wyoming First AID Supply, \$255.39; WMPA, \$109,849.62; Wyoming State Fireman Assoc. \$75.00; WYO Pots, \$450.00; Wyrulec, \$400.92; Y2 Consultants, \$10,528.00; Zell Heating & Cooling, \$393.00; Total Invoices, \$182,687.77; Payroll, \$27,656.40 Taxes/Benefits Payable, \$9,542.28. TOTAL CLAIMS: \$219,886.45.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AMBULANCE-GLENDO: Dana Sanborn gave a rundown on the situation with Glendo's ambulance.

Glendo would like to borrow Town's Ambulance #265 while theirs is being worked on. Mr. Charlie Walker mentioned Guernsey's ambulance #265 has some mechanical issues he is currently working on.

CM Augustyn moved to approve. Seconded by CM Michaels. The Motion carried.

CATERING PERMIT BEN'S BAR- Anniversary at VFW-CM Michaels motioned to approve. Seconded by CM Augustyn. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS: Mayor asked CM Michaels how the meals of Hope went on Saturday Sept. 16. CM Michaels says it was great, roughly 1.5 hours and over 9000 meals packed. Over 40 volunteers showed up to help and it was very well organized. CM Michaels gave a brief overview of the day.

BEAUTIFY GUERNSEY WINNER: Roberta Harris at 340 Platte River Drive won \$30.00 in chamber bucks and can apply that to the utility bill!

ADJOURNMENT- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. CW Wells motioned that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by CM Michaels. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Attest:

Edward Delgado, Mayor
Hillary Dawson, Clerk/Treasurer

Public Notice No. 2044 published in the Guernsey Gazette on October 10, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS W.S. §22-12-101(a)

Notice is hereby given that Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk, has designated the following polling places to be utilized for the Countywide Bond Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Agriplex (4-H Building) 59 Antelope Gap Rd., Wheatland, WY 82201 for precincts 1-1 (1F); 1-2 (2F); 1-3 (Antelope Gap); 1-6 (Wheatland Town).

Guernsey VFW 42 S. Idaho Ave., Guernsey, WY 82214 for precincts 2-1 (Guernsey Town); 2-2 (Sunrise).

Glendo Town Hall 114 S. Yellowstone Hwy., Glendo, WY 82213 for precinct 3-1 (Glendo).

Chugwater Community Center 311 2nd St., Chugwater, WY 82210 for precinct 4-1 (Chugwater Town & Rural).

Absentee ballots for all precincts listed above will be accepted, processed and counted on Election Day (November 7, 2023) at the Agriplex (4-H Building) 59 Antelope Gap Rd., Wheatland, WY 82201.

Public Notice No. 2042 published in the Guernsey Gazette on October 3 and 10, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

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BALLOT PROPOSITIONS	BALLOT PROPOSITIONS
<p>TAX PROPOSITION</p> <p>Shall Platte County, State of Wyoming, be authorized to continue to impose a one percent (1%) Specific Purpose Sales and Use excise tax within the County for the purpose of raising and collecting the amounts set forth below, the proceeds from which and the interest earned thereon to be used and applied for the following specific projects, and to the extent necessary and allowed by law, the pledge to or payment of debt service and/or lease payments thereon:</p>	<p>PROPOSITION NO. 3 MUNICIPAL PROJECTS</p> <p>\$10,150,000 to be collected, together with interest earned thereon to be used for the following specified purposes:</p> <p>A. \$1,300,000 to the Town of Chugwater to be used for the planning, design, construction, renovation or upgrades to the Town's street, water, and sewer systems?</p> <p>B. \$400,000 to the Town of Glendo to be used for the planning, design, construction and renovation of the public works shop and other town facilities?</p> <p>C. \$2,500,000 to the Town of Guernsey to be used for the planning, design, and construction for upgrades to the Town's water and electric systems, the planning, design and construction of camp sites at the rodeo grounds, and the purchase of equipment for the Town's sewer system?</p> <p>D. \$200,000 to the Town of Hartville to be used for the planning, design, construction or renovation of the Town's sewer collection system to include the Wastewater Treatment Plant?</p> <p>E. \$5,750,000 to the Town of Wheatland to be used for the planning, design, construction, renovation or upgrades to the Town's street, electrical, water, and sewer systems?</p>
<p>PROPOSITION NO. 1 PLATTE COUNTY PROJECT</p> <p>\$4,250,000 to be collected, together with interest earned thereon to be used by Platte County for the exterior preservation, roof replacement and landscaping of the Platte County Courthouse and maintenance of other county-owned facilities?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR THE PROPOSITION</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AGAINST THE PROPOSITION</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> FOR THE PROPOSITION</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AGAINST THE PROPOSITION</p>
<p>PROPOSITION NO. 2 PLATTE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT PROJECT</p> <p>\$10,500,000 to be collected, together with interest earned thereon to be used by the Platte County Parks & Recreation District for the planning, design, construction, and equipping of a facility to provide recreation, wellness, fitness and a healthy lifestyle and the establishment of a fund for the purpose of future supplemental maintenance, upkeep and operations of the facility?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR THE PROPOSITION</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AGAINST THE PROPOSITION</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> FOR THE PROPOSITION</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AGAINST THE PROPOSITION</p>

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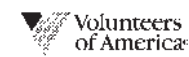
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OPINION

Out in Left Field

Over the course of the last 10 years, the Wyoming High School Activities Association has made a concentrated effort to get messages out regarding sportsmanship. Anytime we're involved at the regional or state level, the announcers are asked to read a short piece dealing with the subject. While it's certainly fine that it's being done, I have to admit – it bothers me that we have reached a point that we need to be reminded.

Guernsey has opted to begin an award program this year that I think is a great idea. We are selecting a player from each team in every varsity contest that will receive a certificate and t-shirt that designates them as the winner who has displayed good sportsmanship throughout the contest.

In general, I feel that issues with sportsmanship have been a collective result of too much tolerance of poor sportsmanship over the years.

With respect to our school, I think in general, we do handle sportsmanship issues much better than we did for awhile. Anyone involved in sports sponsored by our schools has a responsibility to the program. It doesn't matter if you're a player, a parent, a fan or a coach – we are all accountable for our actions because in the end, any one of those factions that lower their standards do so at a cost we all must pay.

If you're a player, you have a responsibility to know and play within the rules. You have a responsibility to accept the referee's decisions and those of your coaches. Your uniform may or may not have your own name on it, but it always has your community's name on it. Everything you do is a reflection on you and all of the people that support your team. They deserve no less than your very best in the way you conduct yourself, on and off the playing fields. You also owe your teammates the willingness to keep your commitment as a player for the season. When you do something that prevents you from playing, everyone pays the price because you aren't there to fulfill your role. It doesn't matter what position you play or whether you start or play occasionally. Your role on the team is important and you need to be there for everything. Anything less hurts the entire team. Don't argue with officials – you won't change their minds and they remember players who question calls. They're not perfect and you have to understand that once in a while, you're going to be on the short end. Sooner or later, it evens out – use your energy to improve your game. Arguing with officials lowers everyone's overall impression of you as a player. You can be the sharpest player on the court or field but as soon as you whine to an official, react to a call or

another player, your stock drops in the eyes of all watching – and that might include college scouts. And don't ever forget that you are also being watched by younger players – if you're going to set an example, set a good one. One of the greatest compliments you can get is when someone else wants to "be like you" but only if you're respectable.

If you're a parent, you owe your athlete a positive support system at home and at the games. Belittling coaches or complaining about team rules helps no one and destroys team dynamics. Constant second-guessing a coach's actions results in a lack of respect for that coach. Are coaches perfect? Of course not – but if you have an issue, make an appointment and discuss it with the coach and only the coach. When your kids sign on to play for a team, both of you have to be willing to let the coach run the show. When coaches have to spend time appeasing parents, they have less time to work for benefit of the team. Keep sports in perspective – the odds of a high school player going to play in a Division I school are extremely low. Put academics first – even if they make it in sports, they will still need an education. Every player is just one injury away from the end of their career – at any level.

If you are a fan, you have an obligation to support your team in a positive way. Attending a game is a privilege

and does not give you the right to harass players, coaches, officials or other fans. The game is about the players, not you. Everything fans do reflects on the entire program and it doesn't take long to get a bad reputation. It's not fair to players who are putting in the time and effort to practice for their fans to brand their program in a negative way. If you can't act like a responsible adult at a game, stay home and yell at something on ESPN where your actions won't reflect on anyone but you.

If you are a coach, you owe your players the best experience you can give them. Be fair – don't pick favorites and give everyone a chance to shine. Be clear about your expectations – what you will and won't tolerate – and follow through. Don't allow players to get by with unsportsmanlike behavior – it reflects on the entire program. Have some consequences that back up your convictions. Be willing to discuss issues with parents – when it comes down to it, you all want the same thing in the long run. Give everyone a chance to play – you might be surprised at who performs under pressure. Don't put winning ahead of everything else – losing can be a valuable tool too.

And above all, we all need to remember that these are kids – not professional athletes.

Keep it fun – keep it fair and keep it honorable.

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