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Warning? Or a ticket?

By Stephanie Wilson
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WHEATLAND — A hot button topic on the streets of Wheatland recently is wrong-way parking in mainly residential areas; but not just that. The red-hot button is: “Why are warnings being issued for vehicles parked against the flow of traffic?”

Some believe that wrong-way parking is not illegal. Some believe warnings or tickets have never, historically, been issued for this “non-offense.” Others say the police are “sneaking around issuing tickets in the middle of the night,” and police officers must have nothing “better to do.”

Wheatland Chief of Police Doug Willadsen contends these theories simply have no basis.

“Part of our duty to the public is to alert citizens of wrong-doing or violations. Issuing a warning, not a ticket, is a courtesy to our residents,” Willadsen said. “The warning gives the vehicle owner the opportunity to make a change without a cost or punitive consequence.” Willadsen and his officers have observed several violations all over town in which vehicle operators are parking on the wrong side of the street, or against the flow of traffic.

“It is a law that we drive on the right side of the street,” Willadsen said. “Everyone knows that. When parking, operators also park so that the right side of the vehicle’s tires or wheels are along the right side of the street; within 18” of the curb.”

In addition, pulling over to park on the “left” side of the street, means crossing the center line and moving into what would be oncoming traffic.

According to Universal Citation: WY Stat § 31-5-512 (2022) “every vehicle stopped or parked upon on a two-way roadway shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 18” of the right-hand curb or as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.” Willadsen explained these are not new laws and the idea these laws have not been violated is a fallacy. “It’s possible that laws of this kind were not enforced, historically,” Willadsen said. “It does not mean that it is OK. It is still considered a traffic violation.”

The first law of this kind was put into place in 1945 (§ 92; C.S. 1945).

“We consider issuing the warnings as a courtesy to residents, as we do not really want to punish them or take their money,” the chief added. The red warning tickets found on windshields lately do not carry with them a financial penalty. “Patrolling neighborhoods is a part of the job of a police officer,” he said. “If there is a police presence in your neighborhood, your neighborhood is safe. However, if we see a vehicle parked along the wrong side of the street, or without current tags, we are going to issue a warning whether it is at 3 a.m. or 4 p.m. There is nothing sneaky about it,” Willadsen added.

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Water contamination concerns around subdivision

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WHEATLAND — Wheatland resident John Bauder came before the commissioners with concerns regarding the Houdek & Wittrock simple subdivisions, stating that the properties in question were currently submerged. Bauder presented a map describing the areas that were “in the footprint of the lake.”

“It’s lower ground here. The whole area is submerged; this is what we talked about a year ago. This map is actually a footprint of the lake, not floodwater. This is what people are buying. Last year we were told if someone wanted to put in a 10-acre horse pasture there, we couldn’t stop them,” Bauder explained. “At the time, I did not know that it was going to be residential. Now people are going to try and build houses there under feet of water?” Bauder went on to describe the photo saying it was from 2010 and at that time it was under so much water that he could not even use the road. “This has been under that much water five times,” he added.

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School board reviews policies

Graduation requirements to change

By Lisa Phelps
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WHEATLAND — A letter from the Department of Revenue, stating Platte County School District (PCSD) No. 1 is currently in compliance with a recent tax review had school board members happy at the beginning of the regular school board meeting last Monday.

Finance manager Jamie Wilson explained the revenue department prefers the school district to do several reviews a year, rather than once a year, as PCSD No. 1 has done in the past. She and the board agreed regular reviews of compliance is a better method.

A donation from Simply Creative to the school lunch program was able to help pay students’ outstanding lunch balances. Principal Josh Sandlian said the \$240 was distributed evenly among the unpaid balances. Also, a donation of \$300 was made by Jackie Witt for the boys basketball program for the help the athletes gave in unloading her family’s moving trailer.

Wilson gave a power point and explained the financial breakdown of funding of activities in the district. There is a general budget of \$18,548,538; of that \$465,958.50 is allocated for activities (which includes academic, performance and sports groups in all PCSD No. 1 schools). Expenditures as of January was 82-percent of the budgeted amount with \$233,641.78 spent and another \$157,700.81 encumbered for contracts with coaches that still need to be paid. The remaining amount available is \$81,614.81 that will be spent on officials, new positions, supplies, food and hotel rooms for traveling teams, and the dues and fees necessary to participate in events.

Information on the custodial fund was also explained by Wilson. The Custodial fund tracks the purchases made by student activities with their fundraising. Though she said she doesn’t have to break down every item, it documents how much fundraising money was spent on supplies. This year there has been \$169,008.99 spent so far (as of January).

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USAFA senior Luke Anderson slated for jet pilot program as 2nd Lieutenant

COLORADO SPRINGS — The United States Air Force Academy recently celebrated their 100th Night Class of 2024, where Wheatland native Luke Anderson, son of Dr. Mark and Sherri Anderson, was notified of his assignment to the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program (ENJJPT). First degree (senior) cadets enjoyed a formal dinner with the Legacy Class (Class of 1974) to celebrate 100 days to graduation and commissioning as 2nd Lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force and Space Force.

According to USAFA, the members of the Class of 2024 were notified of the location of their Air Force bases following graduation. The Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program, established in the spirit of NATO, is conducted by the 80th Flying Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. ENJJPT is the world’s only multi-nationally manned and managed flying training program chartered to produce combat pilots for NATO. The 80th FTW is the official U.S. Air Force designation of this flying training organization, but it is better known as ENJJPT by its members.

The ENJJPT is a uniquely manned multi-national organization with a USAF wing commander and vice commander and an operations group commander in the top three leadership positions. The OG commander is based on country participation. Command and operations officers’ positions in the flying training squadrons rotate among the



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United States Air Force Academy senior Luke Anderson poses with his new base assignment certificate at the 100th Night Class of 2024 ceremony.

participating nations, while the commander of the 80th Operations Support Squadron is always from the USAF. Additionally, officers from all 14 participating nations fill subordinate leadership positions throughout the wing. Five nations -- Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway and the United States -- provide instructor pilots based on their number of student pilots.

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The Grotto

BJ and Jodie Axford, owners of Thrifty Foods and the newly opened Grotto liquor store cut the ribbon at their official grand opening Saturday.

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DEATH NOTICE

BARBARA ANN “BARB” BLANTON

WHEATLAND – Funeral service for Barbara Ann “Barb” Blanton, 76, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2024 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Casey Schroeder officiating. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Barb Blanton passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at her home near Wheatland. The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland are in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com

OBITUARY

GERRY L DAYTON

1944 – 2024



Gerry L Dayton passed away peacefully at home with his beloved wife Barbara at his side. He passed on Monday February 19, 2024 at the age of 79. Gerry was born on July 3, 1944 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He married the love of his life Barbara Clark on December 6, 1964.

Gerry loved hunting and fishing and Wyoming. He enjoyed spending time with his friends.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Dayton of Chugwater; three daughters Deborah Chapman of Chugwater, Jennifer Graul of Republic, Missouri, and Amy Dyba of Cheyenne. He is

also survived by a sister Betty Ash of Arthur Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his parents Gerald and Gunda Dayton and a daughter Laura Goettl. A funeral service will be held Saturday March 2, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Chugwater Valley Church located at 120 3rd Street in Chugwater. There will be a reception beginning at 11 a.m. prior to the service. The reception will be held at the Community Center in Chugwater with lunch provided. An interment will take place after the service for family only.

Gerry worked as a farm and ranch hand right out of High School in the Wheatland and Burns areas. He moved to Wheatland and worked at Drube’s Machine Shop, then worked on the construction crew helping build the Basin Electric Power Plant. He was one of the first mechanics hired for maintenance of the plant. His final position there was lead mechanic. After 27 years he retired to his ranch south of Chugwater. He and his loving wife moved into Chugwater about 3 years ago. He lived at that residence until his death.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	VIN INSPECTIONS	7
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PROPERTY LOST/FOUND	0	LOCAL INMATES	24
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Parking

FROM A1

“We want to really emphasize that parking according to the law is a safety issue. Of course, if we see suspicious activity or criminal activity, we will be taking care of that as a priority, but criminals don’t usually call ahead letting us know they will be breaking into homes or stealing vehicles. So, while we are out keeping the community safe, we are also noticing certain violations of this kind. If there is a violation, it is our job to correct it. We mainly want to educate people, not penalize them,” he said.

The going rate for a traffic violation ticket is \$100.00, and according to the police chief, the department is genuinely trying to avoid financial penalties.

“It is such an easy thing to correct,” he said. “The second ‘warning’ comes in the form of verbal contact,” Willadsen added. “We are trying to be as cooperative as possible. We realize it’s not the crime of the century. But it is a law, and it is for [their] safety. If you have questions about a warning or about other laws, please call our department. We would much rather have a good conversation about it, than to issue a ticket.”

And as far as ‘fighting crime’ goes, Chief Willadsen reiterated “the biggest deterrent to crime is a police presence.”

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OBITUARY

SUSAN ‘SUE’ MARIE COCHRAN

1958 – 2024

Susan ‘Sue’ Marie Cochran passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones at Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix, Arizona, on February 6, 2024.

Sue was born June 17, 1958, in Wheatland, the second daughter of Glendal and Betty (Wright) Cochran. Sue and her three siblings began school in Platte County before moving to Goshen County, where Sue graduated from Torrington High School in 1976. She graduated from Chadron State College in 1980, earning her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and Biological Sciences. Sue began her 41-year career as a public educator as a junior high science and high school psychology teacher in Gordon, Nebraska, for four years before returning to Wyoming. In July 1984, Sue welcomed her life’s greatest pride and joy, her daughter, Erin, stepping into her most important role as a single working mother. Through the generous support of Sue’s friends and family, she was able to resume her career in public education in 1987 as a special educator at St. Joseph’s Children’s Home in Torrington, a residential psychiatric treatment facility for youth. Sue remarked many times over the years how indelible this experience was. It lead her to pursue a Master’s in Special Education, and work as a high-needs special educator for the remainder of her career, working at Libbey Elementary and Wheatland High School in Wheatland, before retiring from Platte County Public School District after 22 years of service. Upon early retirement in Wyoming, Sue moved to the southwest desert to enjoy warmer winters as she finished her career in public education, working with high-needs high school students in the Tolleson and Glendale Union High School districts in Arizona. Sue was a diehard member of the Democratic Party and a proud lifelong member of the National Education Association, recounting her time as a leader with the Platte County Education Association and the Wyoming Education Association as some of the most memorable years of her career. Sue was passionate about ensuring the success of all students and equally as passionate about ensuring the success of her colleagues in public education.

There were few things Sue loved more than spending time with her family and friends, especially playing card games, chatting over iced tea on the cabin porch swing, and enjoying various arts and crafts together. Despite her obstinate objections, Sue was an artist. She had calligraphy-like penmanship and a keen artistic eye, inherited from her mother, bringing her unique flair to all projects she set her sights on. Through the curiosity and passion for lifelong learning instilled by her father, Sue explored many hobbies and interests, including pottery, cross stitching, woodworking, crocheting, scrapbooking, ceramic painting, and many other odd arts and crafts in between. She loved tending to her gardens and many indoor plants and spent most summers and weekends at the family cabin near Laramie Peak. As a biology teacher, she loved all living creatures, including a wide variety of classroom pets ranging from guinea pigs to iguanas, and she had the pleasure of enjoying time spent with many beloved family pets throughout the decades.

Left to share the memories of her quick wit, generous spirit, endless talents, and incomparable humor are her daughter, Erin Cochran, of Phoenix, Arizona, sister Marilyn (Bob) Shoemaker of Wheatland, brother Steven Cochran of Yuma, Arizona, brother Michael Cochran of Riverton, niece Becky Boersma (Scott), niece Anne Petroski (Gregory “Bubba”) all of Wheatland, nephew Ryan Shoemaker (Sahala) of Laramie, niece Laura Faulkner (Daryl) of Mobile, Alabama, and niece April Cochran of Casper, as well as her “adopted sister” Joni Burd (Valen) of Phoenix, Arizona; and many beloved cousins, great niece, great nephews, and wonderful friends she cherished along the way.

After several years of health complications, Sue joins in heaven her parents, grandparents, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of life will be planned for this June in Wheatland. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory be sent to the NEA Foundation to improve public education (neafoundation.org/donate/), to Laramie Peak Fire Zone #9 (laramiepeakfirezone.org), or that you invest in experiences with loved ones to build lasting memories.

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A special thank you goes to Reverends Tom and Jennie Ketner for the beautiful service, and to the family speakers, Darrel Sanborn, Jody Sanborn, David Clement, and Robert Stout. Also thank you to Ross Gorman for his kindness, care, and consideration taken with Don and our family, and for providing the special music requests chosen by a family member. Thank you to the Episcopal and Glendo Community Churches, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15, and all of our family and friends who contributed to the reception, the Glendo School for use of the auditorium and Mary McQuisten for helping to set up for the service and reception, and the Douglas Hospice staff, and the two Rainbow Ladies who came to help care for Don during his last days at home, and a heartfelt thank you to the Wyoming Army National Guard for providing our veteran with his final military honors which meant so much to us. We are grateful to all of you for your kindness, prayers, and support during this time.

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Jet pilot

FROM A1



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Luke Anderson (L) is joined in celebration by younger brother John Paul (R) who is a freshman at the United States Air Force Academy.

Canada, Greece, Portugal, Spain and Turkey do not have student pilots in training, but do provide one instructor pilot. As an example of this totally integrated structure, an American student pilot may have a Belgian instructor pilot, a Dutch flight commander, a Turkish section commander, an Italian operations office, and a German squadron commander.

ENJJPT is also unique with its four distinct training programs. In addition to Undergraduate Pilot Training, ENJJPT also provides for its own Pilot Instructor Training (a program that teaches pilots to be instructor pilots), Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, and IFF Upgrade Instructor Pilot training. About 200 student pilots earn their wings at ENJJPT annually after a 55-week, three-phased training regimen. About 80 new instructor pilots are trained annually and up to 150 pilots transition through IFF each year. All this training is supported by a staff of more than 1,400 military, civilian and contract personnel employing 201 T-6A, and T-38C training aircraft.

Anderson was joined by his family for the occasion, including his younger brother John Paul Anderson, who is a freshman at the Academy.

“There are so many local military people

“There are so many local military people that have helped both of our boys get to the Academy. The boys are so appreciative of all the support that has been given to them.”

— Sherri Anderson

that have helped both of our boys get to the Academy,” said Luke’s mother, Sherri Anderson. “The boys are so appreciative of all the support that has been given to them.” Andersons came to Wheatland in 1995 when Dr. Mark Anderson opened Anderson Dental. Sherri is the office manager, but also has her Master’s Degree in Speech Pathology. The Andersons have five children.

School board

FROM A1

In the past five years, there has been as much as \$387,702 in 2022, and as little as \$229,459 in 2021.

Sandlian shared information on the strategic plan review after the committee met recently. The Strategic Plan Review committee consists of 15 members, including certified and classified staff, a Wheatland parent, a Glendo parent and two community members.

The meeting focus was on setting normal procedures for the group and getting the groundwork to guide the committee as they delve into the district’s procedures, policies, and academic goals from the perspective of an overall plan that cohesively works together. The process usually takes from three to five years to complete. Sandlian said some of the members of the committee shared they think some district procedures are probably too technical for them to personally make decisions on, but agreed they had the same goals. “They want happy employees and a positive business culture. Their focus isn’t the day-to-day operations, but a safe place to learn,” he explained.

“That’s good feedback,” Superintendent John Weigel responded, “That’s what we want too: we want our kids safe, and we want them to learn.”

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— Diane Haroldson, Trustee

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In committee reports, Trustee Dustin Kafka and Chairman Lu Lay said the Onboarding Committee is working on creating a packet of “onboarding” information for new board members to help new board members “get ready to run” at their first meeting.

Trustee Diane Haroldson added, there is a lot of information in the learning curve for new members, and the committee would also want to use the information to inform people running for election to the board as well.

The policy committee met for a workshop February 12, and according to Weigel, the committee is on schedule to review a little over one-fifth of the board’s policies this year. Some of those deemed necessary to change will be brought before the board for review, amendment, revision or repeal in the March and April board meetings.

The one-fifth policy being utilized by

the district is a method of review every board policy every five years, by setting the bar to look at one-fifth of them each year, hence the name of the policy.

“There’s a lot [of policies] to look at and I’m glad we have a plan to tackle them,” Haroldson said, “It also is saving us money; the Wyoming School Board Association offers the service for a fee, but I’m glad we are doing it ourselves.”

Following a 30-minute executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations, a quorum of the board unanimously approved several action items. Trustee Chase Irvine was absent from the meeting.

The board approved personnel hiring, resignations, terminations, administrator contracts, bank depositories, cyber insurance coverage, a contract with Specialty Counseling, a Memorandum of Understanding with the Platte County Sheriff’s Department

for a full-time school resource officer in the district, a federal budget amendment that changes designations of funding categories to align with requirements for federal funds, the food service bid for food and paper products and an early graduation request.

The board also voted to approve a policy titled “IKF” on the first of two readings. IKF will change graduation requirements to gradually reduce by two the number of elective credits required to get a diploma from PCSD No. 1: In a period of four years there will be 12 elective credits required instead of the current 14. Core curriculum credit requirements will remain the same (13 credits). IKF will also change the wording to clarify the requirements for a Certificate of Recognition or a Certification of Completion; and clarifies what subjects must be studied in Social Studies.

Finally, the board gave authorization for the school attorney to investigate and revise specific details on the real estate contract of the Old Chugwater School.

Weigel explained in the title research, there were errors in the recording of information on Lot 3 in the township of Chugwater many years ago, and they need to be corrected for the contract to correctly reflect the sale as agreed by the school board.

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Commissioners

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“Is there any way we can rescind this and say ‘No, you can’t build there?’ We have wells within a quarter mile of there. Who is responsible for ground water contamination? I’m wondering if we can stop it here.” Bauder, being visibly and audibly upset reiterated the issue surrounding water contamination.

When asked if Bauder had a problem with people owning land by the lake, he explained that people had previously been bringing in campers and temporary boat houses, and staying out there. “I don’t have a problem with that. But if someone is going to contaminate the water, I do have a problem with that.”

Jolovich, while agreeing with contamination concerns, explained that the state of Wyoming controls permitting around water. “If we try to do anything with water, we would be taken to court. We don’t have anything to do with water or sewer. The DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) does all the work with septic systems. We do not go there at all. The problem is how you allow someone to buy property without stepping into the middle of their whole deal.”

Shockley supported Jolovich’s explanation saying, “If someone wants to build there, they need a septic permit from the state of Wyoming.”

Bauder informed the commissioners that the septic was already in place and was situated 400 feet from the lake shore. “This DEQ guy blamed you commissioners for allowing this, saying that it’s residential. But they are actually on the footprint of this lake,” Bauder repeated. “I don’t know what the heck is going on here! The DEQ said they dug 10 feet down and did not hit water.”

“If we were to regulate every single septic system that was in a floodplain, we wouldn’t have one ranch on any of these rivers anywhere in the county,” Shockley said.

“I find that hard to believe,” Bauder rejoined.

“I had my very first bank account because of fair.”

— Commissioner Ian Jolovich

of giving land ownership privilege to everybody, what Bauder suggested the commissioners could do differently.

Bauder felt that future permits could only be given if there was no septic or wells that could potentially contaminate the ground water. Jolovich reminded Bauder of the limited permitting authority held by the county.

“I agree, but our toolbox does not include tools that control that. The state is very protective and they do not consult us when they permit a septic, so that is outside our control. I may give the DEQ a call and see what they are doing. There are things in play without our involvement. We do not control water, sewer, or insurance,” Jolovich said. Bauder responded by implying that building permits were just an ‘automatic’ rubber stamp.

“But if someone is going to contaminate the water, I do have a problem with that.”

— John Bauder

“We are not in the business of regulating that. If they get a septic permit, they can get a building permit. If they meet the building requirements, then we give the permit,” Shockley explained. Shockley also asked if Bauder’s property was part of an area that had been subdivided before, to which Bauder admitted, that yes, it probably had. “So how can we tell you that you can build, but we can’t tell this owner that they can?” Shockley asked.

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— Commissioner Ian Jolovich

cycle will be complete in about four months’ time after which the next cycle will begin. Commissioner chairman Steve Shockley inquired about the monies rolling over once current projects are paid off.

“If there are any overages collected, can we use it for the next project?” he asked.

“Yes, we would collect through that month. We don’t split the month,” Rietz said. “We usually hold it [overages] for a year in case there are any requests for refunds, and if there is nothing after the 12-month period, we send the overage

merchant then turns in the used Chamber Bucks and the merchant is then paid by the Chamber of Commerce. “The Chamber Bucks [certificates] look like checks,” she said. It was also noted that the Chamber Bucks come in \$5.00 increments up to \$25.00 or more; whatever the amount was requested.

“In my experience, this is how they have worked in the past,” Utter added. “The Fair Board has to buy the Chamber Bucks for fair county fair premiums, then hand those out.”

“This seems like a win-win,” Jolovich said. “We don’t have to cut a check, and we don’t have any printed materials to purchase. “The accounting side might be simpler as well; how do you account for 100 or more different checks? This way there is one thing going out and one thing coming in. It seems like it simplifies the process.” Jolovich also added that the thing he did really love about participating in the county fair as a child or youth, was that it taught money management and good stewardship. “I had my very first bank account because of fair,” he said.

Shockley suggested that the Fair Board visit with the Chamber of Commerce and see exactly how the Chamber Bucks are purchased, distributed, and processed; including what denominations they can provide. Jolovich added that while he thought the financial side of the proposal was attractive, he didn’t want to give an opinion about whether they should do it this way or not. “This will have to be up to the Fair Board and the Chamber, not the commissioners,” he said.

Planning & Zoning director Doug Dumont reported that the subdivision of five acres on Judy and Troy Hefner’s Cole Road address had gotten approval from Wheatland Irrigation and from the Town Council. “The plat map meets all rules and regulations for simple subdivision,” Dumont said, “and it is within a mile of a municipality. The long-term goal is to annex into the town, but that is a different matter; the annex is not happening right now; we are just doing the simple subdivision.”

The land in question is the 20 block of Y-O at the pivot corner. “I am communicating with the county engineer about any changes he may foresee or require, but have not heard from him,” Dumont added. Shockley suggested following up with the engineer just to be sure.

The next commissioner meeting will be held March 5, at 9:00 a.m.

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“The place I grew up on has been underwater every few years since I’ve been alive,” Shockley answered. Bauder asked if old wells were capped, but answered his own question by saying, “No, the new ones are. One hundred years ago you could do a lot of things. But this is terrible that they or you would allow this. I didn’t know it was going to go this far.”

Jolovich asked, knowing what the commissioners were able to do, in light

An issue of fuel tanks on the property was also brought to light, but Shockley reminded Bauder that they were also not in the business of regulating fuel tanks, and that that was regulated by yet another agency.

Jolovich sincerely thanked Bauder for addressing the commissioners. “Thank you for taking the time to voice your opinion,” Jolovich said. “It is not an easy thing to do, so we appreciate it.”

According to Platte County Treasurer Kristi Rietz, the sales tax collections

through, but it has to be used for the specific project.”

Shockley also asked what Rietz may have been hearing about property tax bills in Wyoming.

“I have listened to quite a bit of testimony, and one of the bills was to raise state sales tax to backfill property tax, which I thought could be bad, but all the testimony was good on selling the idea,” Rietz explained. “But sales and property tax are not distributed the same, and I thought it could cause a shortfall.” Rietz commented that under this proposal, 97% of individual residential property tax would be wiped out, but also reasoned that if the sales tax rises, consumer spending could be affected.

Commissioner Ian Jolovich quipped, “I foresee another voter resolution coming.”

During open comment, Sharon Utter proposed the idea of using Chamber Bucks for fair credits instead of checks or cash. “I think it’s a fabulous idea, and keeps all the money right here.”

Shockley stated that his understanding of Chamber Bucks use was that they were to be used at local merchants only in Platte County, to which Utter agreed, and added that the Fair Board could just purchase the Chamber Bucks “certificates” from the Chamber of Commerce. “That way you are not writing all these checks.”

Commissioner Kayla Mantle explained that the Fair Board would buy a certain number of Chamber Bucks and when they are used for spending at a merchant, that

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Youth Travel Annual Basketball Bonanza. This tournament bracketed 33 boys' games and 30 girls' games. A huge endeavor for the Parks & Recreation staff, board, and volunteers.



PHOTOS STEPHANIE WILSON

Graduating WHS senior Lola Philo referees a game between Douglas and the NOCO (Northern Colorado) Wolves during the Parks & Recreation's Platte County Youth Travel Annual Basketball Bonanza. This is one of the biggest annual weekend tournaments hosted by Platte County Parks & Recreation in Wheatland featuring upwards of 45 girls' and boys' teams from Southeast Wyoming and Northern Colorado

Application due for Girls' State and Boys' State

For the Record-Times

CHEYENNE – An assembly was held for the Junior class on Wednesday, February 28 at 3 p.m. to explain the Boys' State and Girls' State programs sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. This is a leadership camp to give students from all over the state a "hands on" training in city and state government.

Students gain college credit to the University of Wyoming or any Wyoming community college and other scholarship opportunities as well as leadership experience and an understanding of U.S. and state government.

The session of the program is from June 9 to the 15, 2024. The girls attend in Cheyenne at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) and the boys at the University of Wyoming in Laramie and are housed in the dorms.

Applications are available from Wheatland High School counselor, Matt Beckhamer, and are due to the chairpersons Lynda Lenz and Darrel Curry by March 15. There is a fee of \$30 but the program tuition is paid for by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

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Don't Waste Your Pain



Over the years, I've spoken with a lot of people who have gotten stuck in their place of pain. Whether they were abused as a child or suffered from other disappointments in life, they allowed it to keep them from moving forward.

Painful experiences can leave us bitter, offended and focused on the people who have harmed us. However, just because someone treated us wrong, it doesn't give us the license to treat them wrong.

In fact, when we decide to "pay people back" in this way, we're doing the exact opposite of what God's Word says to do. Making progress means giving up all offense, hatred, pain, and unforgiveness.

The Lord has used Psalm 37:1-3 (AMP) to literally change my life. It says, "Do not worry because of evildoers, nor be envious toward wrongdoers; for they will wither quickly like the grass, and fade like the green herb. Trust [rely on and have confidence] in the Lord and do good..."

When someone harms or treats us unfairly in some way, our first inclination is to want to get revenge. But if we continue to focus on the injustice and the person who wronged us, it will eat us up on the inside.

I often say that holding a grudge and staying bitter is like taking poison and hoping your enemy will die. It is useless!

I really want you to remember this: Life is not fair, and everything that happens to you is not fair, but God is fair. And if you place your trust in Him and do things His way, He will make it up to you (many times over!) and use what happened for your good.

So, what is "God's way"? Psalm 37:3 holds the key: trust God and do good....

First, we must trust God with our situation. In the midst of the pain, in the midst of betrayal, rejection, or disappointment, we need to say: "God, I don't understand everything that's happened, but I know You are good. Your Word says You are my Vindicator and that You will make wrong things right. I give my situation to You, asking You to fight on my behalf as I continue to seek You and go about helping other people."

Now, the second part is just as important: do good.

I really believe this is our secret weapon. Romans 12:21 says that we "overcome evil with good." In fact, we will never move beyond our pain if we repay evil for evil.

The enemy's goal is for us to feel sorry for ourselves and get consumed with our own problems. But during these times, the greatest thing we can do is turn our focus outward and help others with their needs.

I believe when we continue to trust God and remain determined to be good to others even while we're hurting, there's nothing the enemy can do to stop us.

The truth is, life isn't always going to turn out the way we want. Jesus Himself said that we will have tribulation. However, even when bad things happen—even when we suffer disappointments and setbacks we didn't see coming—God wants to use it for our good.

In fact, the Lord wants us to let Him use our challenges and difficulties as opportunities to help us grow strong in Him. Look what it says in Habakkuk 3:19 (AMPC):

The Lord God is my strength [my source of courage, my invincible army]; He has made my feet [steady and sure] like hinds' feet and makes me walk [forward with spiritual confidence] on my high places [of challenge and responsibility].



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I believe God is saying, "Don't waste your pain!" If you allow Him, He will use your challenging times to "make your feet steady and sure" and trust Him like never before.

Each thing we go through helps equip us for our next challenge. Having experience and going through things also help us live courageously. We learn that we can endure difficulties, and that knowledge helps us not to fear the future.

Maybe you've been hanging on to some deep emotional wounds that occurred years ago, and it's preventing you from taking that next step forward. Or maybe some recent disappointments have caused you to want to throw in the towel and give up on the process.

I'm not sure where you are today, but I do know this: If you will put your trust in God and do things His way, He can take even the worst things that have happened and work them out for your good.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *Burnt But Not Bitter*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Young members of the Wheatland Kiwanis K-Club will participate in an exciting science mission coming up on March 16th.

Wheatland Kiwanis K-Kids Adventure into Space

By Gail A. Thompson

For the Record Times

WHEATLAND — On March 16, experiments of the 14 members of the Wheatland Kiwanis K-Kids Club will go into the stratosphere via a very large weather balloon. The students, K - 6, have been learning about conditions in the stratosphere so they can target their experiments to demonstrate the effects of extreme cold and no air pressure.

The program is part of the Edge of Space Science (EOSS) Mission, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association and locally by the Kiwanis Club of

Wheatland. Students from several states submit their test samples which are placed in to a "payload" package. The payload is then attached to a hydrogen filled weather balloon. This year, the launch will be from Deer Trail, Colorado. Depending on weather conditions, it may rise to approximately 100,000 feet into the earth's stratosphere. While in flight, the balloon will emit signals to enable tracking and provide a camera view so the students and sponsors can also enjoy the trip with a view of the edge of earth. After flying and rising for many miles to eastern Colorado, the balloon will burst, and the payload will gently parachute to

earth.

About two weeks after the launch, the test samples will be returned to the students for examination. The students will then compare the test sample to the control sample which stayed on earth. They will be able to evaluate the effects of space travel on their test sample.

To learn more about the Edge of Space

Mission and Beyond, visit the "Edge of Space Mission & Beyond" Facebook page. If you wish to track the flight on March 16, visit <https://track.eoss.org>. The flight number is EOSS-354 at 8 AM, weather permitting. To learn more about opportunities for this program, contact the Kiwanis Club of Wheatland or call Gail Thompson, 307-331-3610.

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People traveled to Hartville last week to hear a presentation about the area's history from local archaeologist George Zeimens.

Southeast Wyoming: a mecca of unexplored historic record

Archaeologist shares lifetime summary of research

By Lisa Phelps
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HARTVILLE – Red Cloud, Crazy Horse, two million teepee rings, fire pits, burial grounds, mines, trading posts, pioneer trails, stage stations, and farming. Mix all that together, add a little research of the written historical record, and place it in one small corner of southeast Wyoming and you have the subject of last week's public meeting with archaeologist George Zeimens.

"I wanted to give you an idea how rich in history this area is, and the variety of sites," he said to a packed crowd at the Hartville Town Hall on Thursday evening.

Zeimens grew up in Torrington, spending his free time wandering around these hills, finding interesting objects and features along the way. "There are more gates and fences these days," he said, and after a chuckle from the crowd, added how appreciative he has been of the cooperation of landowners with his research over the years.

He said he always knew this area was special, but didn't realize how significant, from the historical and archaeological perspective, until he went to college.

Since that time, he worked for the State of Wyoming as an archaeologist and is currently the principal investor in the Powars II, Sunrise Historic and Prehistoric Preservation Society. He and his wife, Geri, have spent a lifetime dedicated to bringing fellow archaeologists and students together to learn and preserve what they can of our area's history before it is erased by time and, all-too-often, storms and erosion.

Over the years he's investigated "very interesting" sites uncovered by construction activities, one of which was a burial ground from 1,900 years ago just outside of Torrington. The men, women and children did not die of disease or battle, nothing dramatic, but in puzzling out why so many died all at the same time – and knowing the weather extremes in the region – he holds the theory they were killed from freezing to death in a blizzard.

Zeimens has been part of several teams uncovering historical evidence surrounding the many trading posts in the area, and solved one curiosity of why there are so many buttons found near them. Reading a record of a historic traveler's disgust at the piles of clothes around one local

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trading post, Zeimens put two and two together.

"By the time people on the Oregon Trail had come this far, everything was worn out. Their animals, their shoes, their clothes, etc. The trading post offered these things, so people would discard their old stuff," he said.

There were many trading posts throughout the area, and sometimes, every five miles along the Oregon Trail. The Indians tended to be near many of the trading posts, and there have been some burial sites of Indians, like those at Bordeaux's trading post, where the Indians were in red cloth-lined caskets. Since the Indian tradition is to bury them with their possessions, there were many interesting discoveries – beads, women's tools, etc. that were documented by the Smithsonian. Then, because the law in the State of Wyoming says any archaeological find belongs to the landowner, the items went back to the landowner, "which they should," Zeimens said.

He explained the lined coffins most likely came from Fort Laramie. "In the 1860s, there was a sawmill that made caskets lined with red velvet... The Indians must have liked that," Zeimens surmised.

He also shared some other pre-historic artifacts at that trading post also dated back more than 1,000 years, probably related to more eastern people groups.

Fort Bernard (5.5 miles southeast of Fort Laramie) was the site where goods from the U.S. Government were stored for the Indians under the treaty of 1851 in which the Indians were promised "gratuities" from the U.S. Government in exchange for safe travel on the Oregon Trail. "It was a real elaborate building," Zeimens said.

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Pulling from his years of research as both a state archaeologist and hobby historian, George Zeimens gave the local community insights to the national significance of archaeological finds along the North Platte River.

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It was here during 1854 when a sick cow from a Mormon wagon train wandered into the Indian's camp as they were awaiting a delayed distribution of their gratuities. They killed the cow and butchered it. Per government policy, the offended party filed a claim with Fort Laramie, and with the post commander gone, the paperwork went to a Lt. Grattan who took soldiers to arrest the Indian who shot the cow.

"The soldiers went, all right, but they got liquored up at Fort Bernard. They argued with the Indians for a couple hours, then fired a warning shot from the cannon over the top of the camp. It hit the top of a teepee and killed a chief. The Indians fought back and wiped out all the soldiers. It is known as the Grattan Massacre," Zeimens said. "One Indian boy saw the injustice that was done: Red Cloud ... he never forgot what happened there."

Then, Zeimens said, the Indians broke into Fort Bernard, took all their gratuities and left. In retaliation and from strong opinions of populations back east, the soldiers went to what is now the Wyoming state line near Blue Creek in Nebraska and found an Indian camp that was under a truce. "The men were out buffalo hunting, and only old men, women and children were there. The soldiers killed many of them, and arrested some of them and took them back to Fort Laramie where they hanged them. One young man saw what had happened at that camp: Crazy Horse," Zeimens said.

"This is where the Indian war started in this part of the country, and it lasted 20 years," Zeimens said. "There's a lot of interesting information we can document with these sites."

There has been evidence in some of the digs in the Hartville Uplift and Cottonwood Draw that have proven the Eastern Shoshone woodland Indians and the Plains Apache were both in this area, possibly trading, in more than one instance. "That is so evidence of the furthest east traveled by the Apache and the furthest west for the woodland tribes," Zeimens shared.

Cottonwood draw is 10 miles north of Fort Laramie and has stratified Indian camps from prehistoric to 1,000 years ago. The draw, with all its trees, breaks and lush country with reliable water, is also where the Texas cattle trail headed north, the Cheyenne-Deadwood stage ran its line, settlers on the Oregon Trail traveled, trappers had a trail, and the river "floods regularly, and bad," adding to the archaeological challenges of the area.

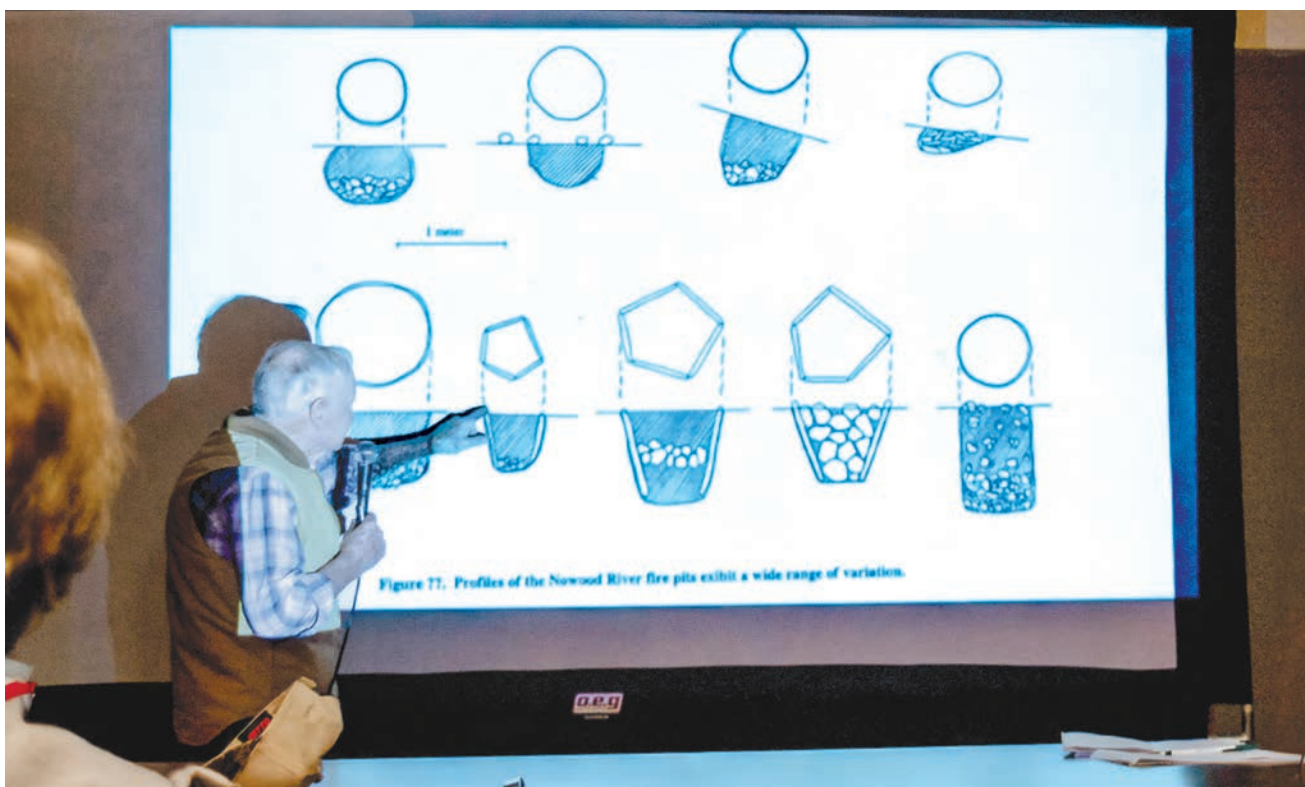
"For instance, in a flood in 1954 the water was 30 feet across the highway, so it eroded many sites," Zeimens recalled.

Hell's Gap is a Paleoindian archaeological site that over the years has had generous donations by landowners and interested parties, resulting in the University of Wyoming having possession of the property. The university does field schools and continues to learn much from the artifacts, some of which date from historic times to more than 14,000 years ago.

Additionally, there have been many different types of fire pits found in this part of the country, Zeimens said. With the differences, archaeologists have determined some of those pits were used during a period of climate change across the country, from 8,000 – 10,000 years ago. "There was more moisture, so there was a lot of vegetable processing fire pits that were designed to be streamlined in that process."

"We've only scratched the surface, so much land has not been explored yet," Zeimen said.

He said he is a big advocate of not only the history and science benefit, but also the economic benefits of



George Zeimens shows examples of the many different fire pits uncovered and studied by professionals in local archaeology sites, revealing new information on ancient peoples and how they lived.

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the area. For instance, at one time the Spanish Diggings was significant enough nationally that it was on the list to become a National Park, but the world war put a stop to that. Zeimens said the Indians' rock-mining site for premium stone-working material, checks all the boxes to be a great historical site. Not to mention the Native American red ochre mine and evidence of the early Clovis man at the Powers II site in Sunrise.

He said there are plans to have classes at the old Sunrise YMCA building, as well as it being a repository of artifacts and history in the region to educate and share with the public the many, many things that have been learned over the years. Even some pieces that have been lost. Zeimens once helped uncover a Bison Antiquus skull, and had a photograph of it, but hail destroyed it before it could be preserved. Several stratified digs have found archaeological material from the surface down to the water table, where they find artifacts from as far back as 14,000 years ago. Zeimens says he knows there is more, but the water table prohibits digging further.

"We can go back and learn more about some of these sites. Someday someone will. We need to have new, young blood, like Steve Howard," Zeimens said.

Howard is professor of archaeology and anthropology at Eastern Wyoming Community College in Torrington. Howard said anyone with questions can contact him at EWC by phone or email; and the public is welcome to an "open archaeology lab" every Friday at room 208 in the Lab Science wing. "People can come visit, ask questions, volunteer, etc., as they watch lab workers process artifacts and get them ready for curation," he said.

Among several other discoveries in his wandering around the Hartville uplift and the North Platte River country, Zeimens has seen an ancient butchered camel, mammoths, a murdered southern slave, a mysteriously

murdered rider on horseback from England, a suspected Indian vision quest site, a high rock wall built to possibly protect against buffalo stampedes, 2,500-year old pit houses (dugouts with a roof of grass), huge pits that were lined with (possibly) hides and rocks to boil a large quantity of bones – and built-in drains for those pits, a suspected irrigation project that had evidence of corn and eastern woodland pottery.

"Maybe southeast Wyoming's first irrigated farming project?" Zeimens posed.

The overview of history along the North Platte River was "great" according to Mark and Kay Walker. "I grew up here and knew there was a lot, but I never realized there was so much," Mark said.

"It was a very nice presentation," Hugh Hageman said. "There are a lot of archaeology sites on our place that George has excavated; he liked to come and walk through a lot."

Hageman added he's very interested at the archaeology that has been done in this area, and he's glad Zeimens has been doing so much to preserve details before they are lost.

"There's a lot of information there (in the region)," said Mary Houser of the historical society in Torrington. "I know George and heard a lot of his work with the historic society, but I find it all very fascinating."

Perhaps Zeimens would appreciate this summary of his work: Archaeology and its untangling of mysteries satisfies the curiosity, then ubiquitously creates more questions than it answers.

Last week's program highlighting archaeology along the North Platte River and Hartville uplift was arranged by Sunrise Historic and Prehistoric Preservation Society (SHAPPS). For more information about local history and archaeology, including oral histories, see their website: www.shapps.org or call 307-331-8810.

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Evening Low 43° Real Feel 31°	Partly cloudy and breezy	Precipitation 4%
Friday 3/1	Partly sunny and mild; breezy in the afternoon	Precipitation 4%
High 61° Real Feel 57°		
Evening Low 36° Real Feel 25°	Partly cloudy and increasingly windy	Precipitation 5%
Saturday 3/2	Very windy; partly sunny and mild	Precipitation 4%
High 62° Real Feel 57°		
Evening Low 31° Real Feel 25°	Partly cloudy	Precipitation 13%
Sunday 3/3	Cloudy and turning sharply colder; a little snow at times in the afternoon	Precipitation 55%
High 37° Real Feel 31°		
Evening Low 21° Real Feel 2°	Partly cloudy	Precipitation 24%
Monday 3/4	Windy and cold with sunshine and patchy clouds	Precipitation 0%
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(L-R) Chad Guthrie, Rachael Moyte (Grotto manager), Paula Hamilton (Thrifty Foods manager), Michelle Birkle, Braxton Bitner, Jodie Axford, BJ Axford, (Thrifty Foods & Grotto owners) and Bruce Wilson toast with champagne during the grand opening of the Grotto liquor store inside Thrifty Foods.

The Grotto enjoys busy grand opening

By Stephanie Wilson
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Jodie Axford, owner of the Grotto liquor store inside Thrifty Foods, pours champagne in celebration at their grand opening.

WHEATLAND — The newly opened Grotto liquor store enjoyed a grand opening and ribbon cutting Saturday, February 24. Shawna Reichardt, Platte County Chamber of Commerce director was in attendance with the classic red ribbon and oversized scissors as Thrifty Food owners Jodie and BJ Axford celebrated with staff and the public.

“We are so grateful to our staff and this community for making this happen,” Jodie Axford said.

The Grotto is located inside Thrifty Foods with two separate entrances: one inside the grocery store, and one on the exterior that faces Gilchrist Street. The Grotto features a cold Beer Cave and two slushie machines that dispense pina colodas and margaritas. Not only that, but Axford is making sure to stock the shelves with a wide array of wines and spirits.

The Grotto was crowded and people were buzzing with goodwill and congratulations. Snacks and samples were provided, as well as special giveaways and a chance to win a grill and other prizes.



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Who: Adults age 19 or older

- COVID-19**
Who: Adults age 19 and older
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Kumelos: two-time state champion

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Girls State Championships Results for Wheatland

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Nichole Biggs (15-16) scored 3.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Kaiana Garlough (Central) 31-10 won by fall over Nichole Biggs (Wheatland) 15-16 (Fall 1:49)

Cons. Round 1 - Nichole Biggs (Wheatland) 15-16 won by fall over Allison Kissack (Kelly Walsh) 18-14 (Fall 2:52)

Cons. Round 2 - Kyonna Gustafson (Hulett) 20-14 won by fall over Nichole Biggs (Wheatland) 15-16 (Fall 0:35)

130

Ariel Kumelos (30-2) placed 1st and scored 30.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Ariel Kumelos (Wheatland) 30-2 won by fall over Malari Craig (Pinedale) 28-22 (Fall 2:37)

Quarterfinal - Ariel Kumelos (Wheatland) 30-2 won by fall over Tawny Bertolini (Greybull/Riverside) 23-10 (Fall 1:26)

Semifinal - Ariel Kumelos (Wheatland) 30-2 won by fall over Johana Saavedra (Evanston) 38-12 (Fall 1:56)

1st Place Match - Ariel Kumelos (Wheatland) 30-2 won by fall over McKenna Barham (Laramie) 32-3 (Fall 3:45)

155

Audrey Davis (10-15) scored 3.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Sarah Eddy (Rock Springs) 15-5 won by injury default over Audrey Davis (Wheatland) 10-15 (Inj. 1:33)

Cons. Round 1 - Audrey Davis (Wheatland) 10-15 won by fall over Kodee Johnson (Star Valley) 1-7 (Fall 4:23)

Cons. Round 2 - Brooke Schwab (Star Valley) 18-15 won by fall over Audrey Davis (Wheatland) 10-15 (Fall 0:40)

190

Jessie Graves (15-14) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Jessie Graves (Wheatland) 15-14 won by fall over

Hayden Hanoum (Central) 1-11 (Fall 1:29)

Quarterfinal - Jessie Graves (Wheatland) 15-14 won by decision over Seriah Lamb (Evanston) 22-21 (Dec 4-3)

Semifinal - Gracin Goff (Cheyenne East) 29-10 won by fall over Jessie Graves (Wheatland) 15-14 (Fall 2:29)

Cons. Semi - Jessie Graves (Wheatland) 15-14 won by fall over Ella Kalenberg (Campbell County) 6-16 (Fall 2:21)

3rd Place Match - Autiana Tolayo (Natrona County) 14-8 won by fall over Jessie Graves (Wheatland) 15-14 (Fall 3:18)

See State Wrestling on B3



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Wheatland High School sophomore wrestler Alex (Ariel) Kumelos (center) makes it all the way to the top, garnering State Champion status for the second year in a row. After defeating McKenna Barham of Laramie (left), her record stands at 30-2.

Bulldogs claim big win at last home game

By Stephanie Wilson
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WHEATLAND - At the last home game of the season, and the last home game ever for Bulldog seniors, the visiting Moorcroft Wolves were unable to keep up with consistent scoring and intense defense by the Bulldogs. This contest was also the only meeting of the two teams during regular season.

The starting lineup looked slightly different

on this night, as seniors Brock Peasley, Tagg Mickelsen, Lee Raser, Cole Goertz, and Bryce Stenson led the Bulldogs into their final home appearance.

The first half was physical and appeared that the Wolves were showing up as an even match as the Bulldogs and Wolves traded baskets as well as turnovers. Stenson and Peasley were on fire in the scoring column and the first half ended 35-24, Bulldogs.

By the end of the third

quarter, the Bulldogs had run quite a way ahead of the Wolves and prevented them from scoring as they had in the first half.

Stenson and freshman Jacob Miller were both good for three buckets from the arc at this point, and the third quarter ended with a much greater gap, 47-26. The Wolves were only able to score two points in that period.

As fourth quarter play wound down, both Brock Peasley and Tagg Mickelsen fouled out with mere

minutes left in the game. In spite of losing two key seniors in the last quarter, the Bulldogs never let up and trounced the Wolves 66-37.

Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Peasley with 12 points, junior Jacob Hyche with 12 points, Stenson with 12 points, freshman Jacob Miller with 10, Raser put in nine points, Tate Nichols added five points, Mickelsen contributed four points, and Cole Goertz added four.



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Seniors Tagg Mickelsen (No.10), and Bryce Stenson (No. 4) reach for a loose ball while Cole Goertz (No. 40) moves in.



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Senior Kacey Otero (No. 12) puts up a short jump shot through a crowd of Moorcroft defenders.

Lady 'Dawgs sweep Moorcroft in last home game

By Stephanie Wilson
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WHEATLAND - It was the last night on the home court, and the last night playing as this specific team for the Lady Bulldog seniors as they faced Moorcroft Friday and came away with a 60-23 victory.

The starting lineup featured all five seniors as Lily Nichols, Kacey Otero, Lola Philo, Macy Jones and Laynie Goertz took command of the floor.

The Bulldogs established a very early lead and it seemed there was a magic circle over the Wheatland basket as the

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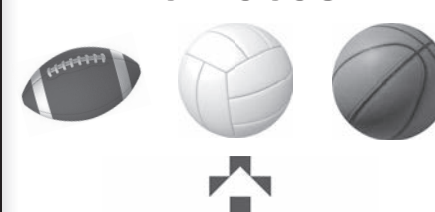


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WHS wrestler Cooper Meyer competed in the 120-pound weight class at the State Tournament.



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WHS sophomore State Champion wrestler Alex (Ariel) Kumelos (above) celebrates with a cartwheel after her championship match.

State Wrestling

FROM B1

WHSAA Boys State Championships Results for Wheatland

3A-106
Gabe Hagen (14-17) scored 0.0 team points.
 Champ. Round 1 - Kade Garcia (Worland) 33-10 won by fall over Gabe Hagen (Wheatland) 14-17 (Fall 0:36)
 Cons. Round 1 - Cortley Briggs (Riverton) 7-13 won by injury default over Gabe Hagen (Wheatland) 14-17 (Inj. 2:14)

3A-120
Cooper Meyer (27-19) scored 7.0 team points.
 Champ. Round 1 - Cooper Meyer (Wheatland) 27-19 won by fall over Konner Frost (Riverton) 12-23 (Fall 4:45)
 Quarterfinal - Ty Peterson (Cody) 37-10 won by fall over Cooper Meyer (Wheatland) 27-19 (Fall 1:33)
 Cons. Round 2 - Cooper Meyer (Wheatland) 27-19 won by fall over Jacob Jewell (Worland) 9-22 (Fall 2:13)
 Cons. Round 3 - William Wood (Cody) 33-18 won by major decision over Cooper Meyer (Wheatland) 27-19 (MD 11-1)

3A-120
Austin Brennan (6-19)
 Champ. Round 1 - Kaleb Gunter (Green River) 22-16 won by fall over Austin Brennan (Wheatland) 6-19 (Fall 1:55)
 Cons. Round 1 - Jacob Jewell (Worland) 9-22 won by fall over Austin Brennan (Wheatland) 6-19 (Fall 3:56)

3A-126
Kael Gudahl (20-16) scored 3.0 team points.
 Champ. Round 1 - Kael Gudahl (Wheatland) 20-16 received a bye () (Bye)
 Quarterfinal - Wylee Willson (Pinedale) 37-4 won by fall over Kael Gudahl (Wheatland) 20-16 (Fall 1:46)
 Cons. Round 2 - Kael Gudahl (Wheatland) 20-16 won by fall over Branden Strong (Rawlins) 7-14 (Fall

0:51)
 Cons. Round 3 - Kort Sorensen (Cody) 18-16 won by fall over Kael Gudahl (Wheatland) 20-16 (Fall 3:59)

3A-126
George Kontour (5-19)
 Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Dickinson (Worland) 29-14 won by fall over George Kontour (Wheatland) 5-19 (Fall 1:36)
 Cons. Round 1 - Brayden McMullan (Green River) 4-4 won by fall over George Kontour (Wheatland) 5-19 (Fall 0:31)

3A-132
Waylon Milnes (29-14) scored 7.0 team points
 Champ. Round 1 - Waylon Milnes (Wheatland) 29-14 won by fall over Nate Johnson (Worland) 26-15 (Fall 5:14)
 Quarterfinal - Taylor Baggs (Cody) 24-10 won by fall over Waylon Milnes (Wheatland) 29-14 (Fall 1:22)
 Cons. Round 2 - Waylon Milnes (Wheatland) 29-14 won by fall over Eagan Morales (Buffalo) 16-16 (Fall 3:24)
 Cons. Round 3 - Casey Matthews (Newcastle) 29-15 won by fall over Waylon Milnes (Wheatland) 29-14 (Fall 3:46)

3A-144
Colby Milnes (9-24) scored 3.0 team points.
 Champ. Round 1 - Kyson Hamilton (Evanston) 40-14 won by fall over Colby Milnes (Wheatland) 9-24 (Fall 0:19)
 Cons. Round 1 - Colby Milnes (Wheatland) 9-24 won by fall over Jayce Joss (Douglas) 9-25 (Fall 1:47)
 Cons. Round 2 - Joseph Connors (Buffalo) 29-12 won by fall over Colby Milnes (Wheatland) 9-24 (Fall 0:21)

3A-150
Mauriccio Grimaldo (15-14) scored 4.0 team points.
 Champ. Round 1 - Mauriccio Grimaldo (Wheatland) 15-14 won by fall over Brody Behrend (Buffalo) 17-15 (Fall 1:40)
 Quarterfinal - Hunter Velarde (Lander Valley) 37-10 won by fall over Mauriccio Grimaldo (Wheatland)

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FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 1, 2024

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Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.
The purpose of the meeting is to elect one director for the position of Director District #2 and one position for the position of Director District #2, approve reports covering the calendar year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the "Note") dated July 26, 2017, executed and delivered by Amanda Fox ("Mortgagor") to First State Bank, Division of Glacier Bank, and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as nominee for First State Bank, Division of Glacier Bank, its successors and assigns as Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on July 27, 2017, at Reception No. 652392, in Book 512, at Page 690 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Platte County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation Assignment dated: October 20, 2021 Assignment recorded: October 20, 2021 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 693638, in Book 551, at Page 126 All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Platte 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 as of February 9, 2024 being the total sum of \$178,662.02, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorneys' fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

WHEREAS, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of his/her/its money paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Mortgagor, Servicer or their attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE Freedom Mortgage Corporation, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Platte County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 21, 2024 on the courthouse steps for the Platte County Courthouse located at 2020 South Street, Wheatland, WY 82201, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Tract 13, Rick Tracts, according to the Plat recorded January 14, 1975 in Plat Cabinet No. 1, Slot 93.

With an address of 26 Washington Road, Wheatland, WY 82201 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

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

Mortgagee shall have the exclusive right to rescind the foreclosure sale during the redemption period. In the event that the sale is rescinded or

vacated for any reason, the successful purchaser shall only be entitled to a refund of their purchase price and/or statutory interest rate.

Dated: February 9, 2024 Freedom Mortgage Corporation

By: Shelly M Casares Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 376 East 400 South, Suite 300 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 801-355-2886 HWM File # WY-20037

Public Notice No. 11599. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 21, 28, March 6 and 13, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WYOMING) COUNTY OF PLATTE)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Probate No. 2024-09

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) DOLORES TERESA NEIFERT A/K/A) DOLORES T. NEIFERT) Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE;

You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of February, 2024, a Petition was filed in the above-named Court requesting Letters Testamentary for the estate of the above-named decedent, that an Order Appointing Administrator was filed on February 14, 2024, and that Anthony Neifert was appointed Personal Representative thereof.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to her estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the offices of Sherard, Sherard, Artery & Johnson at 602 10th Street, P.O. Box 69, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201.

Creditors having claims against the decedent, or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

Dated this 15th day of February 2024.

Anthony Neifert Personal Representative

Public Notice No. 11600. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 21, 28 and March 6, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR PLATTE COUNTY CASE NO. 2024-CV-11

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) FRANK RICHARD ELLIOTT,) Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION UNDER W.S. § 2-1-205

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Application for

Decree of Distribution Under W.S. § 2-1-205 has been filed in the above-named Court alleging that Frank Richard Elliott, at the time of his death, owned an undivided one-half tenancy in common interest in and to the following described real property located in Platte County, Wyoming: Lot 1, Block 6, Town of Glendo, Platte County, Wyoming,

and requesting that the real property be distributed to his widow, Kathleen Ann Elliott. Any objection to said Application must be filed in said Court within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication or within twenty (20) days after the mailing required by W.S. § 2-1-205(d), whichever is later. If no timely objections are filed, the Court shall enter the requested Decree establishing the right and title to said property. Dated: February 28, 2024. KATHLEEN ANN ELLIOTT, Applicant

Hathaway & Kunz, LLP 2515 Warren Ave., Suite 400 (82001) P.O. Box 1208 Cheyenne, WY 82003-1208

Public Notice No. 11601. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 28 and March 6, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNAPPROVED RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF WHEATLAND A regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Wheatland, Platte County, and State of Wyoming was held on February 12, 2024, pursuant to the law. Mayor Graves called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following were present at roll call: Montoya, Madsen, and Allison. Clerk/Treasurer Candy Wright and Attorney Doug Weaver were also present. Mayor Graves amended the agenda to include Airport SRE under New Business and an Executive Session. Councilman Madsen motioned, seconded by Councilman Montoya, to accept the agenda with noted changes. Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Allison, to accept the consent agenda and place it on file. Motion passed 3-0. January vouchers approved by the Council are as follows: 406 Safety and Consulting LLC, 1,000.00, safety training, AED Everywhere, 635.50, battery for AED, Air Burners Inc., 3,414.85, front left side engine cover, Allison, William, 300.00, Council Meeting, AlSCO, 245.14, mat rentals, Amped Electrical Solutions LLC, 666.17, PAPI light project, Ardurra, 25,284.85, apron reconstruction, Ardurra, 28,507.10, snow removal equipment, AT&T Mobility, 259.44, mobile internet for PD, Black Hills Energy, 8,041.29, Heat, Bloedorn Lumber, 38.82, supplies, Bob Ruwart Motors, 669.88, tires, Bomgaars, 2,331.25, supplies, Border States Industries, 4,195.04, supplies, C & S Trailer Supplies, 1,219.67, cutting edge, Capital Business System INC., 535.42, copier, Capital Business Systems Inc., 45.53, transfer station, Caselle, 1,700.00, module for taxes, CenturyLink, 466.30, phones, Centurylink, 11,629.90, damage, City of Torrington, 20,406.40, Tipping Fees, Civil Engineering Professional, Inc., 23,578.50, Black Mtn, Code Publishing Company, 301.00, municipal code, Connecting Point, 6,502.74, IT, Dana Kepner Co, 7,375.91, meters, DWT Transportation Services LLC, 1,940.31, A/BOS repairs, Deep Rock Water, 98.91, PD Water, Eastern Wyoming College, 5,100.00, CDL training, Energy Labs Inc., 166.00, waste water testing, Engineering Associates, 2,451.25, engineering, Engineering Associates, 3,699.05, engineering, Fat Boys Tire & Repair, 740.21, tires, Fired Up, 1,972.82, supplies, First Bankcard, 1,266.83, Admin computer program, First Bankcard, 3,578.33, electric supplies, Frenchman Valley Coop, 2,987.50, propane, GoTo Communications 570.56, phones, Graves, Brandon, 750.00, Town Council, Hawkins INC, 40.00, cylinder rentals, Horton Fuels LLC, 9,688.34, fuel, Ideal, 147.09, Coveralls, Indoff LLC, 1,250.00, 10, series task chair, John Deere Financial, 93.99, Mower blades, Kaufman, Joshua, 300.00, Council Meeting, Kinsco, 664.35, PD uniform supplies, KYCN Radio, 200.00, K9 exam/vaccines, Lawson Products, 507.37, supplies, Lingo Communications, 250.84, phones, Madsen, Alan, 300.00, Town Council, MAS Modern Marketing, 394.51, PD pencils for community, McElmurry, Jeanie R, 325.00, Cleaning Town Hall, Meritain Health, 24,145.21, health insurance premiums, MES - Rocky Mountains, 4,083.97, Scba flow test, Montoya, Anthony, 300.00, Council Meetings, Motorola Solutions, 8,750.63, annual device license and support, Mountain West Technologies, 194.90, internet, Oliver, Zachariah, 1,305.00, ICC commercial electrical inspector test, One Call of Wyoming, 79.00, one call tickets, One Stop Safety, 150.00, drug screen, O'Reilly Automotive Inc, 164.63, truck battery, Orr, Ryan, 300.00, Shop Cleaning, P.C. Chamber of Commerce, 150.00, chamber bucks, P.C. Chamber of Commerce 6,750.00, charges for services, Pinneo, Ken, 243.75, Called out 3.25 hours, Platte County, 50.00, YO ranch estates 3rd filing, Platte Valley Bank, 600.00, easter eggs, Pocket Press LLC, 108.90, wyoming criminal/traffic laws, Pullen Services, 675.00, wastewater OSHA class, Quill Corporation, 621.55, electric supplies, Ramkota Hotel, 206.00, schooling, Record Times & PC Merchant, 2,253.45, advertisement, Skarshaug Testing Laboratory, Inc, 1,013.75, supply testing, Smith Psychological Services, 400.00, Evaluation, Snyder Industries, 8,128.93, Trash Cans, State of Wyoming, 19,063.33, Utility Sales Tax, Stone Welding LLC, 5,775.00, materials and young guns deposit, Superior Contracting LLC, 3,197.07, Tank overflow project, Superior Contracting LLC, 7,700.00, trash hauling, Symbiosa, 1,000.00, gis and mapping, TDS Collection Service Inc., 4,564.20, rolloff c&d, Team Laboratory Chemical Corp, 133.50, liquid ice melt, The Print Shop, 685.31, shipping The Tire Shop, 1,757.74, vehicle maintenance, Thrifty Foods, 671.51, supplies, Town Web, 25.00, Fillable form for website, Travelers, 84,057.00, Commercial Insurance, Trihydro Corporation, 3,828.69, Engineering, Valli Information System INC, 2,212.45, mailing of bills, Verizon Wireless, 333.10, cell phone, Western Bldg, 136.80, supplies, Western United Elect. Supply, 813.86, supplies, Wheatland Automotive, 1,629.31, supply, Wheatland Garage Door LLC, 1,587.34, garage door repairs, streets, Wheatland R.E.A., 3,628.70, Transfer Station Electric, WY Assoc of Sheriffs & Chiefs, 150.00, 2024 dues, Wyoming Assn of Municipalities, 300.00, WAM registration, Wyoming Machinery Co, 494.48, cutting edge, Wyoming Municipal Power, 498,214.06, 2 power bills, Wyoming Retirement System, 375.00, firemens retirement, Wyoming Workers Compensation, 870.38, fire workers comp SPET-Barr Engineering, 13,048.40, Engineering, Electrical connections, 65,458.12, Black Mt. underground, Capital, Amped Electrical 5,745.00 LED

replacement, Amped Electrical, 7,175.22, LED replacement, Total Payroll, \$180,854.65 Total Vouchers, \$1,166,231.24.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Reports were given by PCED and the Chamber of Commerce. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Darren Casey with Electrical Connections Inc. gave an update on the Black Mountain Electric Phase II project. At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Graves adjourned into a public hearing. Mayor Graves asked for public comment on the approval of two Restaurant Liquor License renewals. Hearing none Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Madsen, to approve the Restaurant Liquor License renewals for Los Dominguez and Tasty Treats. Motion passed 3-0. Mayor Graves asked for public comment on the approval of two Club Liquor License renewals. Hearing none Councilman Allison motioned, seconded by Councilman Montoya, to approve the Club Liquor License renewals for the Moose Lodge and the Wheatland Golf Club. Motion passed 3-0. Mayor Graves asked for public comment on the approval of eight Retail Liquor License renewals. Hearing none Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Madsen, to approve the Retail Liquor License renewals for the Landmark Bar, the Commodore Bar, 125 Pit Stop, Safeway, Thrifty Foods, Big Dog's Lanes, Vimbo's Restaurant & Bar and Guadalajara's. Motion passed 3-0. Mayor Graves asked for public comment on the approval of two Bar and Grill Liquor Licenses. Discussion was held regarding the condition of Nessie's Restaurant & Whiskey Bar. Clerk Wright commented that Nessie's was not renewing their bar and grill license. Councilman Madsen motioned, seconded by Councilman Montoya, to approve the Bar and Grill Liquor License for Windy Peaks Brewery Steakhouse & Brewery and Skipper Lounge. Motion passed 4-0. Mayor Graves asked for public comment on the approval of a Microbrewery License. Hearing none Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Madsen, to approve the Microbrewery License for Windy Peaks Brewery & Steakhouse. Motion passed 3-0. The public hearing was adjourned, and the regular meeting reconvened at 7:39 pm. Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Madsen, to approve Ordinance 848 on second reading with noted changes. Motion passed 3-0. An Ordinance to Add New Development Code to Wheatland Municipal Code (WMC) 18.10, Regulations Applicable to all Zoning Districts; Update WMC 18.35.020 and 18.40.020, Permitted Uses in a General Business District and Highway Business District; WMC 18.35.030 and 18.40.030, Side Yard Setbacks in a General Business District and Highway Business District, WMC 18.95.100, Action by Planning Commission. NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Allison motioned, seconded by Councilman Montoya, to approve Hefner's simple subdivision (subdivision within one mile of the town limits). Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Allison, to approve the re-plat of lots within High-Density Residential District (Headgate Apartments). Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Madsen motioned, seconded by Councilman Montoya, to approve the purchase and lease agreements for the Steinhausen hangar property and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Allison motioned, seconded by Councilman Madsen, to approve the bid from Superior Contracting LLC for solid waste transportation services. Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Allison, to approve Resolution #2-2024. Motion passed 3-0. A resolution authorizing submission of a federal mineral royalty capital construction account grant application to the State Loan and Investment Board on behalf of the governing body for the Town of Wheatland for the purpose of Wheatland Black Mountain Water Tank. Councilman Madsen motioned, seconded by Councilman Montoya, to approve the Trihydro 2024 Cost Proposal for Landfill Monitoring. Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Allison motioned, seconded by Councilman Madsen, to reject the bid for the airport SRE. Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Montoya motioned, seconded by Councilman Allison to adjourn into executive session at 8:15pm for the purpose of a discussion on personnel. Motion passed 3-0. The council adjourned out of Executive Session at 8:51pm. With nothing further to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. S/N: Mayor Brandon Graves Attest: S/N: Clerk Candy Wright

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Unapproved Record - The Board of County Commissioners, Platte County, Wyoming, met on the 20th day of February 2024 in the county seat of Wheatland. Those present for the meeting were Steve Shockley, Commission Chairman; Ian Jolovich, Commissioner; Kayla Mantle, Commissioner; and Cary Shubert, Deputy County Clerk. Chairman Shockley called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mantle, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. Commissioner Mantle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the February 6th meeting minutes. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mantle, to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion carried. Vouchers Approved for Payment: 911 Phones AT & T 91.34 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE 406.61 Ag. Ext. New Equipment PLATTE COUNTY EXTENSION 76.99 Postage PLATTE COUNTY EXTENSION 11.60 Travel Expenses WEX 10.58 American Rescue Plan (ARPA) TOWN OF WHEATLAND 12,120.96 WYOLOGIC INC 3,730.00 Assessor Postage FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA 126.78 Supplies FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA 783.45 Clerk of Court Supplies INDOFF INCORPORATED 69.75 RECORD TIMES 53.55 Commissioner Dues & Continuing Ed. WCCA 100.00 Court-house Renovation HIGH POINTE ELECTRIC INC 5,708.62 KRISTI RIETZ 500.00 Detention Board of Prisoners CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 16,599.11 FARMER BROTHERS CO 648.00 GENE DAVIS DISTRIBUTING 645.12 THRIFTY FOODS INC 22.52 Fuel WEX 1,003.38 Medical Care AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 26.56 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY 439.26 Supplies CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING INC 46.25 ULINE 4,565.11 VISA 455.61 Vehicle Repair BOB RUWART MOTORS 5,934.25 Dispatch Supplies ONE STOP SAFETY SOLUTIONS 30.00 Election Supplies ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 831.33 Training WEX 38.02 Emergency Mgt. Supplies ANTHONY KROTZ 124.08 Travel Expenses ANTHONY KROTZ 95.14 Emergency Preparedness Grant PLATTE COUNTY 350.00 VERIZON WIRELESS 40.01 Facilities Building Maintenance AGGREGATES BY SUPERIOR LLC 152.69 TERMINIX OF WY-

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\$258,652.77. Collections: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from February 1 through February 15, 2024, which totaled \$877,746.08. Designation of Depository of Public Funds: Commissioner Mantle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to designate Banner Capital Bank as a Depository of Public Funds for the County of Platte. The motion carried. Public Hearing: Chairman Shockley called a public hearing to order at 9:30 AM for the purpose of accepting public comment on liquor license applications. Clerk Ervin presented six retail liquor license applications and three county malt beverage applications, all of which were renewals. Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comment, but none was received. Commissioner Mantle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the retail liquor licenses and county malt beverage permits as presented. The motion carried. Public Hearing: Chairman Shockley called a public hearing to order at 10:00 AM for the purpose of accepting public comment on a Simple Subdivision request made by Troy and Judy Hefner. Doug Dumont, County Planner, presented the request made by Troy and Judy Hefner to separate and subdivide five acres – the property for the request is described as part of the SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 18, Township 24 North, Range 67 West, Platte County, Wyoming. Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comments, but none was received. Commissioner Mantle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the Simple Subdivision request made by

Troy and Judy Hefner. The motion carried. Planner Dumont then presented Planning & Zoning rules and regulation changes. Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comments. Dan Melcher questioned the acreage requirement for a subdivision. Commissioner Mantle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve Planning & Zoning rules and regulation changes. The motion carried. Executive Session: At 11:06 AM, Commissioner Mantle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to call for an executive session for personnel reasons, pursuant to Wyoming State Statute §16-4-405(a)(ii). The motion carried. At 11:13 AM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Mantle, to leave executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried. Election Equipment Discussion: Chloe Butler, Platte County Republican Party, met with the Board to present a Resolution: Workshop for Alternatives to Election Machines. There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:44 PM. A regular meeting of the Board, which is open to the public, will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the County Courthouse, located 800 9th St., Wheatland, WY. Further County information, and public notices, can be obtained at www.plattecountywyo.com or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 322-2315.

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Sweep

FROM B1

Lady 'Dawgs scored bucket-after-bucket unanswered. Some rough play resulted in quite a few turnovers and fouls which slowed down the game at times, but for the majority of minutes, the Bulldogs went full-speed ahead and never looked back. With less than three seconds remaining on the clock at the end of the first half, the Bulldogs had run

away with a dominant lead. Great shooting from the three-point line by Nichols, and superior defense by the team held the Moorcroft Wolves to only eight points, and the lead was set in stone by half-time, 43-8. Moorcroft seemed to come alive in the fourth quarter, but it was a case of too little too late, and the Wolves fell to the Bulldogs by 37

points. Leading scoring for the Lady 'Dawgs was Nichols with 25 points, 12 of those from three-point land. Freshman Lily Anderson put up 15 points, Otero added six, junior Karly Jones put in four points, Philo added three, while Jones and Goertz added two points each. Otero was named sportsman of the game.



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A buzzer-beater shot in the third quarter clears the bench during Friday's game against Moorcroft.



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Senior Lily Nichols (No. 22) grabs a big rebound against Moorcroft in Friday's last home game of regular season play.



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Wheatland High School senior Lee Raser (No. 3) applies intense pressure to his Moorcroft opponent.

State Wrestling

FROM B3

- 15-14 (Fall 1:56)
Cons. Round 2 - Jaxon Haider (Evanston) 27-15 won by fall over Mauricio Grimaldo (Wheatland) 15-14 (Fall 2:40)
- 3A-175
Tyrell Weber (15-20)
Champ. Round 1 - Logan Bauers (Green River) 13-9 won by fall over Tyrell Weber (Wheatland) 15-20 (Fall 1:43)
Cons. Round 1 - Dusty Carter (Powell) 24-16 won by major decision over Tyrell Weber (Wheatland) 15-20 (MD 13-3)
- 3A-285
Lorenzo Rojo (8-20)
Champ. Round 1 - Daniel Lopez (Worland) 17-9 won by fall over Lorenzo Rojo (Wheatland) 8-20 (Fall 2:22)
Cons. Round 1 - Johnathan Harms (Powell) 15-19 won by fall over Lorenzo Rojo (Wheatland) 8-20 (Fall 0:3)



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WHS senior wrestler Jessie Graves placed 4th at the State Tournament. Graves is a first-year wrestler and made it all the way to the Wyoming State Finals. The WHS girls team placed 10th overall out of 26 teams.

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